



The Weekly Bulletin of the

Rotary Club of Essendon North

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This Week: Laila Patel

"Run To Better Days", Chair: Rhys Maggs

The Run to Better Days would like to make sure people donate to the very best charities and do as much good as possible per dollar donated.

The Against Malaria Foundation distributes insecticide treated nets throughout Sub-Saharan Africa, to prevent parasite ridden mosquitoes from biting their victims. AMF educates people on the correct use of the nets, follows up to ensure they're being used appropriately via home visits and data collection from local hospitals, and then publishes these results online.

High quality independent evaluation has determined that a donation to AMF of \$2000 will likely save the life of one child under the age of 5. On top of this, the lives of adults (especially pregnant women) may also be saved and in addition there will be economic and educational benefits from roughly 300 people avoiding a case of malaria.

Unfortunately AMF has not yet been listed as a tax deductible charity by the Australian government. While it's likely that a smaller donation to AMF will do more good than a larger donation to a less stringently evaluated charity, if you require your donation to be tax deductible then we encourage you to donate to our second nominated charity – Doctors Without Borders, who are tax deductible.

From the Oval Office

David Ursic, IL Presidente.

Greetings Fellow Rotarians.

What a great speaker we had last week in Barbara Woodberry from the RC of Richmond. She, together with Trevor Pang, gave an insight into their Club's special

project in supplying children's books to kindergartens within the Timor Lecce precinct. Club members were extremely focused and most impressed with her dedication to improving the education of the deprived in that area. As our members know, International Chairperson Rosa Pereira has the improvement of that country close to her heart as her husband, David, is a tribal leader in Timor. The RC of Richmond, through Trevor Pang who Rosa and I met and spoke with at District Assembly, is requiring ongoing financial assistance in the production and supply of books and Rosa will be putting a proposition to the Club Board for an ongoing financial relationship. Many thanks to Rosa for bringing this important project to our attention and I'm sure the Club will be able to assist.

The first of our major Fundraising events for the year is scheduled on Saturday 06 September.

It appears Trivia Nights have a great following and are generally very successful financially so the Board have decided to run with such a night. The Club "war chest" needs a major top immediately as the Board have earmarked two special projects this financial year, so what better way to do so in a fun night. I'm calling on all members to rally behind this night. It is not difficult ask for each member to get a table of 10 together and if so, a capacity of 100+ would be easily achievable. So get cracking everyone, spread the word and get your tables together.

Finally, I draw your attention to our Secretary's column and in particular Membership fees. It is a major help to Club cash flow if fees are received in the shortest possible time frame That said, the Board has decided credit card payments will be accepted on the attendance table at weekly meetings for Membership Fees Only. Invoices for fees will be issued in due course.

Thanks everyone for your support and remember to "Light Up Rotary".

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy birthday to David Dobney: August 1st and Di Pennisi: August 3rd.



- 20th August: Senior Constable Courtney Nichols “Safety Presentation, Moonee Ponds Police”, Chair: Barry Harvey
- 27th August: Scot Mullen (Principal) Essendon North Primary School, Chair: Himanshu Kaushik
- 3rd September: Aldo, Christmas Tree Suppliers, Chair: David Ursic
- 6th September: RCEN Trivia Night

Club Duties Roster: August

- Cashier: TBA, Fellowship: TBA, Sergeant: TBA

Ingrid’s Best Friend:

- 6th August: David Ursic
- 13th August: Judy Whelan

If you are unable to fulfil your role, please organise a replacement.

East Timor Connection

Rosa Pereira (International Chair)

On Wednesday 30th of July, we had a visit from Barbara Woodberry and Trevor Pang from Rotary Club of Richmond.

They delivered a very informative presentation and talked about their aspirations to help improve Kindergarten Education, through the translation of picture story books from English to Tetum.



They are seeking sponsorship and support for their books. Teachers in East Timor are involved in training and Professional development, in order to deliver the program. ATPE runs Short courses for Pre-school to grade 3 students.

We presented them with a donation of \$250 and they have offered us 10 books to take to children in Fohoran.

Hopefully I will be able to see the program first hand, when I visit East Timor, during the next couple of weeks.

Coming Soon...

- 9th August: Pennisi Trivia Night
- 13th August: Field trip to DIK

Treasurers Report: Your Sub’s!

Terry Daffey: Treasurer

Subscriptions budget 2114-15:

District dues	\$3,115.20
R.I. dues	1,560.68
R.D.U. Magazine	1,020.00
Rotary Supplies	226.20
Printing and stationary	1,188.85
Flowers and cards	718.68
Repairs (Bins)	50.00
Filing fee	51.40
Website	939.40
Postage	170.50
Total:	\$8,322.23

Members: 24 @ \$346 required to cover above costs based on 2013-14 accounts.

2014-15 Subs are \$350 payable by cheque or card through Fredricks. Half-yearly option is available if required.



We gratefully acknowledge sponsorship by the Strathmore Community Branch of the Bendigo Bank.

Rotary Club of Essendon North meets every Wednesday at 6.00pm for 6.30pm at Fredricks, Mt. Alexander Road, Essendon. www.home.vicnet.net.au/~rcessnth/

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