



The Weekly Bulletin of the

# Rotary Club of Essendon North

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**This Week: Senior Constable Courtney Nichols**



**VICTORIA POLICE**



**SAFETY PRESENTATION, MOONEE PONDS POLICE**

**Chair: Barry Harvey**

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy birthday to Di Pennisi: August 3<sup>rd</sup> and the editor August 27<sup>th</sup>.

## From the Oval Office

*David Ursic, IL Presidente.*

Greetings Fellow Rotarians.

It was extremely pleasing to have fifteen members attend the tour of the DIK facility in West Footscray last Wednesday night.



Laurie Fisher gave us an informative talk on the history of the facility and the great work the key people and volunteers do in running and organizing the packing of numerous shipping containers of donated goods for the

needy communities overseas. Laurie stated the yearly operational cost was in the vicinity of \$65,000 which is met by the ongoing financial contribution of a number of Melbourne Rotary Clubs. As running costs continue to escalate, DIK is requiring more financial and hands on assistance to keep the great work going. It is, without doubt, a very important part of the Rotary cog and the facility certainly opened my eyes. Our Board will discuss ways to financially assist on an ongoing basis. Thanks for your time Laurie.

All members then went to dinner at Pacino's Restaurant in Flemington. Talk about a great meal! You should have seen the faces of Russel B and Barry C when their parmigiana hit the table. What food lover cuts their parma in half and offers it around? Glad you liked the venue everyone. It topped off a great night out.

I wish to plead (and I hate pleading) to all members to get behind the Trivia Night on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September. I personally have organized 3 tables of 10. If 50% of our membership get a table of 10 together, we will have 120 bums on seats and should raise a minimum of \$4,500.00. It is NOT a big ask so please get behind the Fundraising Committee which will prove to be a fun night out. Watch the footy replay another night, get out of the house and come along.

Have a good week and "Light Up Rotary"

**Rotary Club of  
Essendon North  
Presents...**



**Raising money for Men's Shed Strathmore**  
**\$40 per ticket**  
**Includes finger food**  
**Drinks at Bar Prices**  
**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September**  
**7:00 pm for 7:30 pm Start**  
**Bookings via Barry Coleman (0427 852 062)**  
**Or the Venue Fredricks (9379 3247)**

## 2014 District 9800 Club Survival Workshop

Chris Eggar, Membership Director, Rotary District 9800

This major event will provide interactive workshops, hands on training and tips as well as success stories on how best to recruit and importantly retain members.

There will also be presentations on promoting Cubs effectively to our communities, so that our clubs are representative of our communities and sustainable in the long term.

When: Saturday 30th August 2014, 9:30 - 1:00 PM

Where: Trinity Grammar Kew, Cnr. Charles St. and Cotham Rd. , Kew

Cost: Free (Coffee, Tea and Lunch provided)

Please complete registration on line. For Further Information contact Membership Director, Chris Egger (membership@rotarydistrict9800.org)

### Rotary Exchange Story:

## Matthew McConaughey

A chance meeting in Texas in 1988 was the start of Oscar-winner Matthew McConaughey's love affair with Australia and the Central Coast.

McConaughey — who picked up the Oscar for best actor yesterday for his role in the Dallas Buyers Club — was keen as mustard as a 19-year-old to come to Australia with the Rotary Exchange Program.

His first application was rejected, but then he met a young Noel Crocker, an Australian from Warnervale on the Central Coast, who was staying in Texas as part of the same exchange program.



Actor Matthew McConaughey as a Rotary Exchange student in Australia with Noel Crocker in 1988.

"Never in a million years would I have thought this would happen to him; he always wanted to be a lawyer": Noel Crocker

"He had missed out on coming to Australia and I got a call from my son in Texas," Ray Crocker, of Blue Haven, said. "He told me he had met a young Texan called Matthew who had missed out and asked if there was anything I could do for him. "I said fax me the details and I will see."

He checked with the Toukley Rotary President, Bill Symington, who okayed the exchange as long as the Texan stayed with the Crockers at their Warnervale farm. "Two weeks later he was here," Mr Crocker said.

McConaughey stayed with the Crockers for five months attending Gorokan High School and helping Mr Crocker with his horses before going on to stay with Bill and Val Symington for six months before returning to America.

## Coming Soon...

- 20<sup>th</sup> August: Board Meeting following Club Meeting
- 27<sup>th</sup> August: Scot Mullen (Principal) Essendon North Primary School, Chair: Himanshu Kaushik
- 3<sup>rd</sup> September: Aldo, Christmas Tree Suppliers, Chair: David Ursic
- 6<sup>th</sup> September: RCEN Trivia Night

Club Duties Roster: August

- Attendance/Cashier: John Boundy, Sergeant: Daryl Broadbent

Ingrid's Best Friend:

- 20<sup>th</sup> August: John Boundy
- 27<sup>th</sup> August: David Mott
- 3<sup>rd</sup> September: Terry Daffey
- 10<sup>th</sup> September: Sam Pennisi
- 24<sup>th</sup> September: Daryl Broadbent

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



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/](http://www.home.vicnet.net.au/~rcessnth/)

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