

**ROTARY MELB. UN PEACE DAY EVENT - INDUCTION
RESPONSE
18 SEPTEMBER, 2024**

THANK YOU PRESIDENT CATHERINE AND I AM PRIVILEGED AND HONORED TO BE INDUCTED INTO THE ROTARY CLUB OF MELBOURNE AND WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE THANK YOU AND APPRECIATION TO DR CHRIS SOTIROPOULOS AND STEPHEN RANDO FOR THEIR SUPPORT WITH MY APPLICATION AND FOR INTRODUCING ME TO THIS ESTEEMED ORGANISATION.



EVER SINCE MY INTRODUCTION TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF MELBOURNE, I MUST SAY THE CONSISTENT WARM RECEPTIONS, PLEASANT ENGAGEMENTS AND PROFESSIONALISM THAT I EXPERIENCED HERE WITH THE TEAM IS TRULY NEXT LEVEL. THANK YOU FOR SEAMLESSLY INTEGRATING ME INTO YOUR FAMILY, I AM TRULY GRATEFUL AND LOOKING FORWARD TO TAKING THIS MODEL OF EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE WORLD FURTHER WITH YOU TO ACHIEVE A MORE HARMONIOUS, PROSPEROUS AND PEACEFUL WORLD.

I AM HONOURED TO BE WITH YOU HERE ON THIS IMPORTANT OCCASION OF COMMEMORATING THE UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE WITH OUR SPECIAL GUEST FROM THE UNITED NATIONS MR DAMIAN CARDONA.

ALLOW ME TO BE REALLY HONEST FOR A MINUTE HERE BUT I DON'T WANT TO EMBARRASS OR HUMBLE ANYBODY.. IT IS JUST A QUESTION?

IF WE WERE TO COLLECTIVELY AS A HUMANITY STEP BACK A LITTLE AND ASK OUR PLANET, HOW ARE YOU? WE CAN EXPECT IT TO RESPOND "I AM NOT DOING WELL".

INDEED ALL EXPERT OPINIONS INDICATES THAT THIS IS THE CASE.. SUSTAINABILITY CHALLENGES, CONSTANT ARMED CONFLICTS, INEQUALITY, GLOBAL WARMING, RISING SEA LEVELS, TRANSNATIONAL DRUG TRAFFICKING, GEOPOLITICAL COMPETITIONS, EXTREMISM, REFUGEES, TERRORISM, ETC.

WITH ALL THESE ISSUES GOING ON, WHAT IF OUR PLANET DECIDES IT WANTS A DIVORCE? WHERE DO WE GO?

IT BEGS THE QUESTION ON OUR ETHICAL RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR PLANET AND INDEED WITH EACH OTHER?

IT'S HIGH TIME WE STARTED COLLECTIVELY WORKING PERHAPS ON OUR PLANET RATHER THAN IN OUR PLANET.

I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU ON ADDRESSING THE CHALLENGES ON HAND AND TO MAKING OUR PLANET A MORE PEACEFUL AND HAPPIER HOME FOR ALL. THANK YOU AGAIN.