



ROMAC Guest Speaker, Alan Samuel, his wife Dianne and Past President Joe Albioli were pictured after our April 30th Meeting.



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CLUB MOTTO – "Fun and Fellowship whilst helping others"

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Meeting Report April 30th 2018.

• Past President Joe Albioli opened the meeting and introduced our Guest Speaker for the evening Alan Samuel OAM and his wife Dianne. He also welcomed Members and visitor Terri Limisani who will soon be inducted as a new Club Member. He introduced Past President Phil O'Brien as Chairperson for the evening.

May 7th Meeting will be held at the Keilor Hotel as the RSL needs this venue. Meal cost will be \$18.00.

District Assembly will be held on Sunday 20th May at [Tabcorp Park](#), Melton.

Gerard Mahoney – Wed 13th June Keilor East's Bendigo Community Bank will hold its Pitch for Funding evening.

Lloyd Lancaster - Currently we have 39 Club Members. At this time of the year in 1983 we had 15 members already prior to our August 10th Charter.

Care Bear – Marianne Potgieter – Gail Horkings is recovering well. Lois Cameron had surgery on Friday and is going to Rehab at Brunswick Private Hospital soon. Lloyd and Betty Lancaster will celebrate their Wedding Anniversary on May 5th.

Vocational PP Bob McMartin – Our Pride of Workmanship Awards Night will be held on Monday 21st May. It will be a Partners' Night so please bring along Partner and friends. The dinner cost will be \$25 and a two course meal will be served alternately. A booking sheet is going around.

Annie Webb – Food Bank Visit – Wed 16th May.

Bunnings Taylors Lakes BBQ - Sunday 6th May – operated in conjunction with Rotary Club of Brimbank Central.

Phil O'Brien – Space required to house our new large marquee.

Milleara Mall Market Day - Sunday 27th May – We may run a BBQ.

John Walsh – Volunteers are always required at Holloway Aged Care Hostel. See John if you are able to help in any way.


Sadly, Brimbank Central Rotary Club is handing back its Charter at the end of the current Rotary year. We will be welcoming some of their members to our May 14th Meeting.

OUR PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP EVENING MONDAY 21ST MAY 2018

PARTNER'S AND GUESTS WELCOME- BOOKINGS STILL AVAILABLE - \$25 FOR 2 COURSES –
CONTACT BOB MCMARTIN



Above - 2017



Pride of Workmanship

Do it once - do it well!

Pride of Workmanship is a Rotary Vocational Service Project, designed to encourage pride by Australians in their vocations.

The awards provide us with an opportunity to assist local businesses and organisations to celebrate and recognise the efforts of individuals in their place of employment.

The selection criteria for the Rotary Pride of Workmanship Award include:

- Demonstrated pursuit of excellence in work practices.
- Approach to work tasks and fellow workers.
- Customer service or standard of service delivery.
- Quality of personal attributes.



Above - 2013



Right - 2016



Left - 2014

GUEST SPEAKER – ALAN SAMUEL - ROMAC

ROMAC OBJECTIVES:

- To provide hope where there is no hope;
- To restore human dignity to human life;
- To transform a child's life;
- To provide the best medical and surgical expertise;
- To provide an opportunity to mend the broken lives of young people from developing countries.



Article from ROMAC website.

A Tiny Tot From Vanuatu Now has a Future

October 21, 2015

Five months old Linda arrived from Vanuatu with her mother Talia and was operated on three days later to remove an encephalocele (herniated brain) over her eyes. On arrival with her mother, Linda's face was covered with a scarf to hide her baby's appearance.

The neurosurgical team at Starship Hospital had a big challenge but their professionalism and surgical experience was superb. (An encephalocele is a congenital brain hernia with a frontal skull defect – in Linda's case it was in her skull above her nose).

It was a real thrill for Talia to see the growth removed, even though it was not possible to restore sight in Linda's right eye. Linda will need to have reconstructive surgery and the NZ ROMAC team will get her back later for cosmetic work on her face. Dr Peter Heppner, (Paediatric Neurosurgeon) treated Linda. A very uplifting story and a very happy mother and her baby have now returned home to Vanuatu.



Alan Samuel OAM who is the current Chair of ROMAC (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children) spoke about his involvement with the organization which he fell into back in 2012, soon after joining Rotary. ROMAC receives no Government funding and is supported by Rotary Clubs from New Zealand and Australia. Patients are all referred by clinics and, sometimes, travelers. Applications go to ROMAC directors and are assessed by NZ doctors. Visas are often difficult to obtain for the young patients and their parent or carer. Sometimes everything happens quickly and Rotarians are there to meet the patient at every stage of their flights to and from New Zealand or Australia.

ROMAC was founded 30 years ago by a Rotarian from Kangaroo Flat Rotary. Our District is part of ROMAC'S Southern Region. Heart patients are handled by a New Zealand hospital so we receive patients with burns, congenital deformities etc.

The Royal Children's Hospital and the Monash Medical Centre take patients who must be under 15 years unless they have been previously treated here. ROMAC has helped over 400 children so far. Each operation costs ROMAC around \$25,000 even though the medical staff volunteer their time and services.

What's in it for our Doctors? Increased exposure to rare conditions which can lead to the development of ground-breaking procedures. Professor Alan Danks has been awarded a Paul Harris Fellow for his outstanding work for ROMAC. Plastic and reconstructive surgeon Charles Bailleau has also donated his skilled services.

How can we help? Donate – Tax Deductible – individually or as a Rotary Club. Volunteer to become a home host. Hospital visiting. Join the ROMAC Committee. Alan and his wife Dianne have become very close to Failyne and her family. Alan showed us a Channel 9 Video about her amazing transformation.

BUCKLEY PARK SECONDARY STUDENTS – ATHENA VASS

- On May 7, VCAL ambassadors Zara Cardamone and Brandon Cross, presented at the Rotary Club of Keilor East to ask for the club's support with their community project.
- The VCAL students as a whole class from Buckley Park College have partnered with community organization Anglicare to learn about supporting disadvantaged communities. Anglicare volunteer, Garnet Johnson, invited the VCAL class to visit [Anglicare](#) in St Albans to learn about how disadvantaged people are supported in the community. This excursion took place on May 7. The VCAL students are now planning fundraiser projects to support the development of a foodbank in Essendon at St John's church. This is a smaller operation than the foodbank in St Albans, although will run in a similar way. The fundraisers students need support with is a staff car wash, casual clothes day, sausage sizzle, food drive, tampon and pad drive and ice cream day. Support can be in-kind donations. Zara and Brandon can be contacted on croo018@buckleyparkco.vic.edu.au and caroo27@buckleyparkco.vic.edu.au

L to R: Acting President Joe Albioli, Vocational Director PP Bob McMartin, Janet McMartin, President of Essendon Rotary Club, Jenny Foster and Zara Cardamone from Buckley Park Secondary College. Photo by Annie Webb.



WHAT'S NEXT?

Date	Event
Monday 7th May	Buckley Park Students VCAL Project - Athena Vass – 6.30 for 6.45 at the Keilor Hotel, Old Calder Highway, Keilor.
Monday 14th May	Combined Meeting with Gateway Rotaract – Keilor East RSL.
Monday 21st May	Pride of Workmanship Awards – Presented by Ben Carroll, MP for Niddrie.
Monday 28th May	Rotarian behind the Badge - TBC
Monday 4th June	TBA - Board Meeting on Sunday afternoon June 3rd
Monday 11th June	No Meeting - Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Monday 18th June	TBA

Program Director 2017-18
Ian Wright



- Our Club gratefully acknowledges the sponsorship we receive from the [Keilor East Bendigo Community Bank](#) and [Smart Storage World](#) to assist us in providing services to the Community.

Rotary Club of Keilor East meets on
6.30pm for 6.45pm at Keilor East RSL,
Hoffmans Rd, West Essendon
For Club Membership or Sponsorship information
Contact: Immediate President, Joe Albioli (0438133123)
<http://www.keiloreastrotary.org/>

ROTARY GRACES

- o We give thanks for our daily food. May Rotary friends and Rotary ways, help us to serve all our days.
- o For good food, good fellowship, and the privilege to serve, we give thanks.



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APRIL AND MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

April 3rd Lois Cameron
April 4th Cathy Wright
April 15th Yew Kong Lye
April 24th Sonja Cornish

May 4 Linda Lye
May 11 Barry Mullen
May 18th Betty Lancaster and Ginny Billson
May 20 Barbara McKeon
May 24 Maryanne Walsh
May 31st Brett Bedson and Grandma Win Osborn



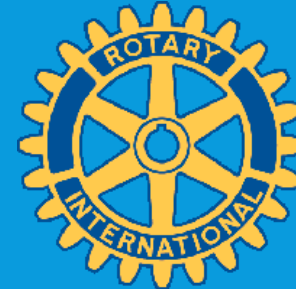
Wedding Anniversaries

April 7th Gerard and Tricia Smith
April 8th Ken and Jan Allan
May 4th David and Laraine Barnes
May 5th Lloyd and Betty Lancaster
May 25th Bruce and Lois Cameron
May 26th Bob and Janet McMartin



Rotary Anniversaries

April 1st Ken Allan 1985
April 1st John Cowl 1985
May 6th Jeselee Vytilingam 2002
May 8th Yew Kong Lye 2000
May 10th Ginny Billson 2004
May 19th Les Norton



MEMBER NEWS



We have spent many nights in different Riads which are small boutique hotels that were once homes for wealthy Arabs. Most are hundreds of years old but have been modernised a bit with comfy bathrooms but are often have quite small/cosy rooms. Just as well as Helen and I get on well.
See you soon.
Ginny



L to R: Our Marianne Potgieter, Joe Albioli and Brimbank Central's Michael Donnelly worked at the very busy May 6th Bunnings BBQ. Photo thanks go to Annie Webb.

Past President Daryl Cornish often joins our Club Meeting via Skype from Abu Dabhi. We look forward to catching up with him soon.



Marianne Potgieter and Marisa Sanna were wonderfully colour coordinated for our April 23rd meeting.