



# NEWSLETTER

OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KEILOR EAST INC.



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CLUB MOTTO – "Fun and Fellowship whilst helping others"

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Meeting Report August 28th ,2017.



President Ginny Billson welcomed Members and prospective members, Josephine Scully and Barbara McKeon.

Ginny's Report follows :

Thank you to John Walsh, for penning a lovely report on the funeral of Les Norton's son Mark at Overnewton Castle last Thursday. Sadly, I was booked to present at Monash University together with Australian Rotary Health rep Peter Rogers some months ago at that time and was unable to be with the many club members who did attend the sad occasion.

I hear that Jo and Barbara attended the forum at the Taylors Lakes Hotel last Tuesday. I understand it was very moving and the problems around family violence remain very difficult to solve even though a lot of resources have been allocated to it. I had to take to my bed that evening as a form of flu (I have had the jab) laid me and many in my department low for a few days.

Monday evening was most interesting with an inspiring talk by Jane Odgers. I wonder what she does in her spare time....

Please read the excellent newsletter that Yvonne sent out , especially the bit about sourcing sponsors for the art show. Now is the time to approach any contacts you may have to offer them a "deal they cannot refuse" and a super way to promote their businesses.

By Thursday evening I was just well enough to get to the Gateway West Cluster Meeting and there was some discussion about the importance of all clubs keeping data about total volunteer hours we all put in. Marianne does a sterling job keeping tabs on the sew ins with the number of attendees and hours that are spent. I keep a general summary of time spent but all activities we do should be logged and submitted to a central point. We will discuss this at our next Board Meeting.

On Saturday afternoon, the 26th we were invited to the farm at [Children 1<sup>st</sup> Foundation](#) for a viewing and afternoon tea. We headed off in convoy, Tina had a car full and I was chauffeured by Jenny Foster, with other members of the Essendon club from 1pm at the Essendon Baptist Community Church and the day although cool was not too bad. We had to dodge a family of about 20 kangaroos on the road up to the farm and the rosellas were in full flight. There has been a total change of administration since the days of Moira Kelly and everything is being run much more professionally. The farm takes on major orthopaedic and plastic surgical repairs to these disadvantaged kids and it is all done without government assistance. The hospital and medical care is all pro bono and a team of 50+ volunteers care for the kids before and after their treatments.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT ( CONTINUED)



There were only 5 children currently there but there are plans for up to 24 to be housed in a most beautiful country environment. Kids were on the trampoline whilst we were there and they run about in the open spaces and get plenty of exercise and physiotherapy on the go. After a major bathroom refurbishment, they will need some painting and gardening attended to and we will see what we can offer.

An exciting opportunity was raised by Jeanette Lynch of the Keilor Club who has invited our club to participate in a Rotary friendship exchange from Scotland Next April. There will be 6 couples visiting District 9800 next year and will be arriving on Saturday, 14 April. We have been asked to host them for 3 nights at the end of their tour (26, 27, 28 and flying out 29<sup>th</sup> of April) as the Camberwell club beat us to the punch as first hosts. The visitors cover their own costs, club meals et cetera and any hosts will have priority if they want to travel to Scotland between May and August 2018. The visitors may want to travel together or perhaps separate to do things such as the Victoria market, the zoological Gardens, botanic Gardens or other places of interest in Melbourne or surrounds.

Police mentoring has been requested by male and female Rotarians that are currently in business or recently retired. Bob McMartin has been sent the information and he can discuss the requirements. Joe and Gerard have done this in the past and found it interesting and not too onerous.

Our next Club Board meeting will be held at Annie Webb's home at 2.00pm

Ginny Introduced the Chairperson for the evening, Ian Wright.

# MEETING REPORT

## AUGUST 28TH 2017



- **PP Lloyd Lancaster** - Last week's attendance was 82.9%.
- A gathering to celebrate the life of Matthew Norton who passed away on August 16th was held at Overnewton Castle on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August at 3pm. PP Joe Albioli told us that Dr Les Norton gave an outstanding and moving eulogy for his oldest child, something no parent should have to do. There was a gathering of over 300 people in attendance, including many Keilor East Rotarians and members of the Gisborne SES. The family has asked that anyone wishing to make a tribute to Matthew can do so by donating to Gisborne SES.
- **Arnold Vandenharm**, Joe Albioli and Annie Webb attended the funeral of Dowell Mitchell in Eaglehawk. We remember Dowell from Camp Getaway where he was caretaker with his wife Barbara for many years. Arnold reported that Dowell's family spoke of a sporty young man who was very lively. Sadly, Dowell passed away on August 18<sup>th</sup> after a battle with Leukemia.
- **Care Bear Marianne Potgieter** – Raj Vytilingam is home after his operation. We wish him well for a speedy recovery.
- **Club Service -PP Joe Albioli** –attended the Family Violence night on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August at Taylors Lakes Hotel . Joe said that although there was a disappointing attendance that the guest presenters were excellent and that behavioral changes are beginning to happen as community groups such as the one in [Melton](#) are emerging.
- **Annie Webb – Social Night** – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September at Five Grains Restaurant, Niddrie. Yew Kong Lye is negotiating a special menu and price for our group. Keep Sunday October 8<sup>th</sup> free for our annual Car Rally. Annie also reported that our recent Trivia Night raised the fantastic total of \$2,400.
- **International – PP Cherrie Osborn** – Please consider joining us on a "Shop 'til you Drop" shopping tour on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October. Further details are on promotional poster on page 7 of this newsletter. The coach can only hold 50 people so please book soon.
- **Youth – Mark Tognon**- Our NYSF candidate Sam Zhao was successful in obtaining a place at the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra in January 2018. We will meet Sam at our September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- **Community Service – Minh Nguyen** – Our Club assisted in the sale of badges etc. at Milleara mall for the [Daffodil Day](#) appeal on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August. All products sold out early. Thanks go to Club Members who helped with the stall. Over \$900 was raised for the Cancer Council.
- **Special Projects- PP Gerard Mahoney**- Gerard and the Moonee Valley Art Show committee are seeking sponsors for next years Art Show. Contact Gerard Mahoney [rollston@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rollston@optusnet.com.au)

# GUEST SPEAKER

AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2017 - WE WARMLY WELCOMED KHALED EBRAHIM FOR HIS "ROTARIAN BEHIND THE BADGE" PRESENTATION

Khaled Ebrahim was born in Port Said, Egypt on September 7<sup>th</sup> 1972. His father was a ship's captain who was based in Greece so he was not always at home. Khaled grew up knowing his father as someone who was very heavy handed so he observed and vowed that he would never raise his hand to a woman. He began boxing and was the undefeated Egyptian National Champion in his weight category. He became strong enough to challenge his father. When he finished school he decided to follow his mother's advice to study Physiotherapy at Cairo University. He graduated at age twenty two only to have his world shattered when his adored mother, Fowzia, died suddenly of a stroke at age forty nine. He was at home but he could not save her.

Devastated at her sudden loss, Khaled emigrated to Melbourne where his older sister lived. He didn't speak English but worked at a petrol station in Fawkner during the day while studying English at night. He was told he would need to study Physio all over again in order to practice here in Australia. He ended up studying for twelve years. He did his undergraduate and masters degrees here and worked at the Royal Children's Hospital and at a Jewish aged care facility. There he learnt to speak to the patients in Russian. Since the Israelis had fought the Egyptians, Khaled's employer suggested that he say he was Greek. At age thirty five he met Emma, from New Zealand, in a city club. There was instant chemistry between them and he asked her to marry him after only a week. She said yes, depending on parental approval. Her parents accepted Khaled and the couple married. They have two children, Sami who is six and Zaid who is four.

Khaled worked hard for others ( including at Holloway Hostel) and travelling all over Victoria before opening his own business, [Medwest Health Care](#) based at 60 Wingara Avenue, Keilor East.

The business now services fifty facilities and twenty schools. Khaled is proud of his great team.

His dream is to eventually start a Foundation providing extra assistance for stroke victims. This goal arose from his observation that for a while after a stroke there are many services provided to patients but they are not ongoing for long enough. He will found the organization in memory of his mother. He thanked our Club Members for their warm welcome and for inducting him as a member. Khaled said he looks forward to his future with Keilor East Rotary.





# 2018 MOONEE VALLEY ART SHOW

## Committee Report August 2017

In order to keep all members informed about the Art Show we will be regularly updating you on plans and how you may be able to help. The new committee has been formed and is already busy planning our 2018 show. The committee comprises the following members of the Rotary Clubs of Essendon and Keilor East.

Essendon: Jenny Foster, Stephen Chandler, Grant Sheldon, Veronica O'Sullivan, Maria Kouppas, Shirley Kukk and Jane Odgers.

Keilor East: Gerard Mahoney (Chair), Virginia (Ginny) Billson, Steve Pennicott, Phil O'Brien, Chris Rundell and Annie Webb.

### **Dates:**

#### **Gala opening night**

Friday 23 March 2018 6.30 – 11.00pm

#### **Art show**

Saturday 24 March 11.00 am – 5.00 pm

Sunday 25 March 10.00 am – 4.00pm

### **Venue:**

St Columbans Mission  
North Park Mansion  
69 Woodland St  
Essendon



In order to raise as much money as possible for our projects, the main focus at the moment is to source sponsors. The benefits to sponsors are outlined in the flyer below. If you, a family member or friends are interested in sponsoring the Art Show please speak to a committee member about how to approach the sponsors and the required paperwork. Or if you can suggest a potential sponsor but don't want to approach them yourself, please let us know.

Once again, we will be having stalls on the Sunday. If you know someone who is involved in a fair-trade business or is crafty and would like a stall please let us know. Examples of products that could be sold are scarves, candles, jewellery and so on. In order to have no products competing with our BBQ and other catering, no food products are allowed. Our Days for Girls group will have a stall, so if you are planning to weed your book collection please let us know if you have any appropriate second hand books you are willing to donate.

# "SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP" FUNDRAISER

**Keilor East Rotary Club would like to invite you to:**



Saturday, 21st October 2017

Pick up and drop off at RSL Club, Hoffman's Rd Keilor East

Departure 7:30am – Return 6:00 – 6:30pm approximately.

\$53:00 per person (includes 2-course sit down lunch & a glass of wine)

Grab some friends and family, for a fun filled day of shopping aboard a luxury coach that will take you to some of the best shopping outlets in town. A great way to start your Christmas shopping with no stress or worries, as well as raising funds for our International Projects

Pre-paying your Ticket is essential – or your seat will not be saved.

**PAYMENT:**

DIRECT DEBIT DETAILS: Isabout P/L

BSB: 013706

ACCOUNT NAME: Stacey's Shoppers

BANK: ANZ

ACCOUNT: 4981 20279

BOOKING NO: 2540

Or if preferred, cash payment can be made to Cherrie Osborn 0414 459 487

Places are limited so please get in early.

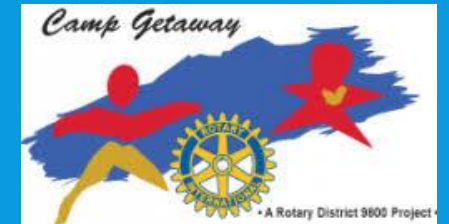
Any queries, please contact Cherrie Osborn 0414 459 487 / Annie Webb 0409 147 685

# WHAT'S NEXT?

Program Director 2017-18  
Ian Wright



- September 4<sup>th</sup> - Social night at [Five Grains Restaurant](#), 401 Keilor Rd, Niddrie.
- Sept 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> [Camp Getaway](#) Working Bee
- Sept 11<sup>th</sup> – Wine Auction - TBC

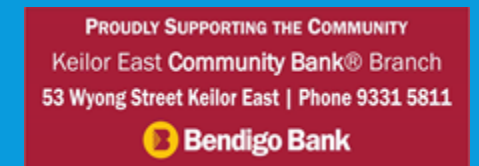


Our Club gratefully acknowledges the sponsorship we receive from the [Keilor East Bendigo Community Bank](#) and [Smart Storage World](#) to assist us in providing services to the Community.

Rotary Club of Keilor East meets on Monday  
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.





# SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

## Birthdays

- 4<sup>th</sup> Ken Allan
- 6<sup>th</sup> Alison Currie
- 7<sup>th</sup> Khaled Ebrahim
- 17<sup>th</sup> Annie Webb
- 18<sup>th</sup> Pam Vandenham
- 21<sup>st</sup> Bruce Cameron
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Laraine Barnes
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Kim Nguyen
- 22<sup>nd</sup> David Gibbs
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Greg Osborn
- 26<sup>th</sup> Janet McMartin

## Anniversaries

21<sup>st</sup> Raj and Jeselee Vytilingam

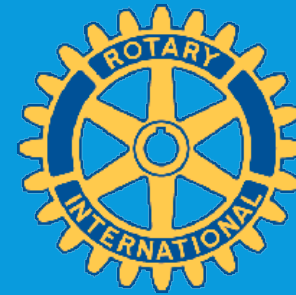


## Rotary Anniversaries

3<sup>rd</sup> Gerard Mahoney 2012

7<sup>th</sup> Tina Ballos 2015

30<sup>th</sup> Phil O'Brien 2002



## MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations to Trish and Phil O'Brien who are proud grandparents again. Finn, who was born on August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 is a son for Mark and Erin O'Brien.



Get Well wishes go to Raj Vytilingam after his recent operation . We hope you are back at Keilor East RC soon Raj.

