



Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Keilor East Inc.

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Happy 37th Birthday Keilor East Rotary



On Monday 10th August, our Club's 37th Birthday, President Michael Donnelly hosted the third Meeting, via Zoom, of the new Rotary Year, 2020-2021.



President's Report - President Michael Donnelly

August 10th, 2020



Fellow RCKE Rotarians

The attachment of the Greek proverb I quoted at Monday's meeting will remind you of the reason that Rotary has included Supporting the Environment as its 7th Area of Focus which in one sense underpins all the original six Areas of Focus:

- Basic Education and Literacy
- Maternal and Child Health
- Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution
- Disease Prevention and Treatment
- Water and Sanitation and Hygiene
- Economic and Community Development

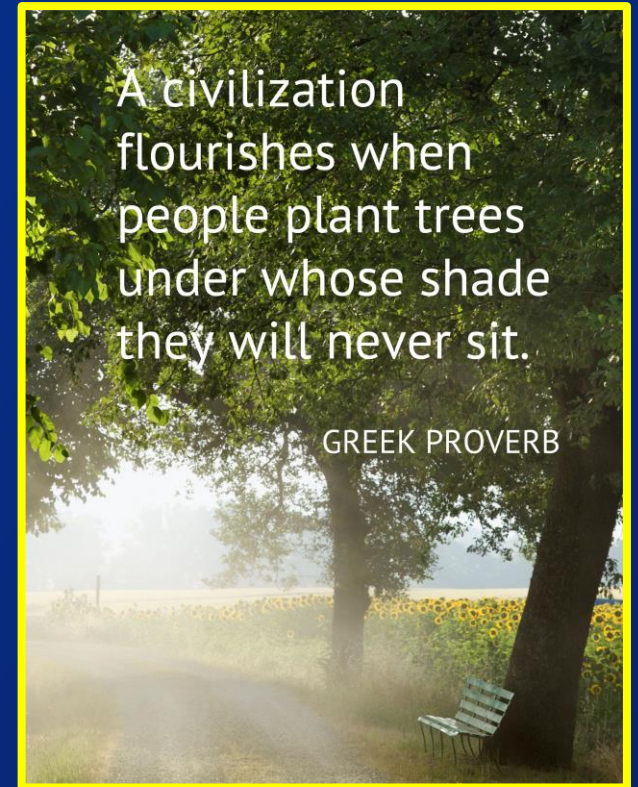
At that meeting I also indicated that I would send out to you all this invitation to choose the Club Committee that most interests you. I indicated that there would initially be four Committees with shared responsibility for the tasks we undertake that require collaborative effort.

Those four Committees as detailed in the 'portfolios' slide in the attached PowerPoint were:

- International Projects: which is self-explanatory
- Local Community Projects: likewise self-explanatory
- Youth: equally self-explanatory
- 'Connections': this however requires a little explanation. This committee will be where members can work together on the tasks and activities that 'connect' us together socially and in Rotary service. They can be 'social' where fun and fellowship activities are organized so that we get to know each other and enjoy fellowship together or 'vocational' where we can specifically learn about each other's work and/or professional life or more generally about what happens when we view 'work' as the means to serve and build a stronger community.

A civilization
flourishes when
people plant trees
under whose shade
they will never sit.

GREEK PROVERB



President's Report - President Michael Donnelly

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There will be an initial opportunity for these Committees to have some time together at our next Zoom meeting on Monday 24 August. That meeting will have the following format:

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks from President
2. An initial 'whip around' where everyone will be given 2/3 minutes (depending on numbers attending) to say:
 - give a Rotary report; and/or
 - how they are faring under stage 4 lockdown; and/or
 - tell a joke; and/or
 - simply say "pass" if they just want to listen to what others have to say

(Alternatively, the above 'whip-round' - apart from the Rotary reports - could take place in the breakout groups if attendance is such that time would be too limited in the large group)

3. Committee Breakout groups - Zoom has the capacity to create four smaller groups, all meeting independently of each other. The Board Directors with portfolio responsibilities covering each of those four Committees will facilitate discussion of the following agenda:
 - a. The preferred future meeting pattern of the Committee (Frequency? In person or via Zoom? To meet during or after club meetings or on a completely different day? Remain as one large committee or have smaller subcommittees? etc.)
 - b. Any plans for a Supporting the Environment Project?
 - c. Any plans for a Centenary Project?
 - d. Fundraising ideas and/or projects that can be done with our 'time' rather than our 'dollars'
4. Quick feedback from the Breakout Groups
5. Reminders about upcoming events

I also indicated that I would use this email as an invitation to you all give me an expression of your interest in taking up the Environmental Sustainability Club Champion role who would not only be a point of contact for the District 9800 Committee, co-chaired by Fabienne and John who were our guest speakers on Monday, but would help keep this new Area of Focus in the spotlight at RCKE. If more than one of you are expressing interest, we may well have a Committee rather than a solitary Club Champion.

To make it easier to reply, please just send a two-word email to me at michaeldonnelly@me.com with only the name of your preferred Committee and either YES or NO regarding the Environmental Sustainability Club Champion Expression of interest request.

Until we next meet,
"Be kind, keep calm and stay safe."
Regards
Michael

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Other Reports-

August 10th, 2020



President Michael thanked Fabienne and John for their informative talk.

Other Reports

Membership - Vanda Mullen - August is Membership Month. Please consider asking any of your friends and family who might like to join us.

Special Projects - Gerard Mahoney - the Bendigo Bank Community Branch at East Keilor will again sponsor us. It is hoped that a Community Shuttle Bus will be sourced and operate in the Keilor East area in the future. It will provide good advertising opportunities and get Rotary's name out into the Community. The Youth Essay Competition is about to launch so stay tuned. If we choose to undertake an environmentally focused project, we may be able to access funds from Bendigo Bank Foundation.

International - Cherrie Osborn - days for Girls sewers have continued to work during Lockdown and are well on track to meeting their goals for 2020. Face masks have also been made and sold, netting over \$4000.

President Michael - WERN - Western Emergency Relief Network is operating one day per week as its service is considered "essential".

Annie Webb - Camp Getaway cancelled for 2020. Dates have been set for September 2021.

Next Meeting - Club Members should decide in which area of Rotary focus they would like to help. Areas are listed on Pages 13 and 14 of this Newsletter.



**A society grows great
when old men plant
trees whose shade
they know they shall
never sit in.**

Greek Proverb

August 10th, 2020 - Guest Speakers - Fabienne Nichola and John McGaskill - Rotary's Sustainability Focus



Annie Webb discovered this spoon garden on her local walk.



Fabienne Nichola explained that Rotary now has a seventh area of focus. She is a member of the Rotary Club of Camberwell and John McGaskill is a member of the Rotary Club of Canterbury and they are the District Directors of this new area. They are here tonight to seek a Club Contact and to explain their role in providing information, resources and support for Clubs in our District. There will be District Awards for Club Projects in this field. There is already a vision that we could provide Nature Strip and Rooftop Gardens to help bees.

She showed a ten-minute video which she and John produced on areas of interest. They had a garden backdrop, filled with birdsongs. [This](#) is another of their videos.

The group would like to encourage recycling, Rotarians for bees, connections with schools to obtain excess furniture and computers etc. for Donations in Kind. They feel that the new environmental focus will possibly provide more incentive for young people to join Rotary.

John McGaskill explained that we were the first Club to hear their presentation. They would like to invite everyone to participate in a Colour Your World Project, providing Spring flowers for colour and to provide pollen for bees and other pollinators. We could publicize this via our website and social media. He noted that we have helped at a local Community garden and tree planting events. He recommended the work of Councilor John Sipek of Moonee Valley City Council in promoting Beehives and environmental projects.

Best from Keilor David Dippie spoke of the need to promote projects via our website and to getting potential younger members, women and children interested in improving local areas and providing habitats for wildlife. This should become easier as Covid 19 virus threats ease.

Volunteers for the Club Champion for the Environment should speak to President Michael ASAP.

Fabienne and John are keen to learn of all existing environmental programs being conducted in District 9800. They would also welcome any interest from Rotarians who would like to be involved in the District Environment Committee. Contact details for Fabienne are 0419 706 206/ fabes.n@bigpond.net.au and for John 0414 477 444/ john@jmcresources.com.au.

What have we been doing during Lockdown 2.0?

Hi Fellow Rotarians,
My daughter quizzed her daughter, little Bridget on the Coronavirus - thought you may like to hear her responses!!
Take care, keep warm and well
Blowing hugs
Annie Webb

🔗 Coronavirus through a child's eyes. 🔗

Ask your child the questions and have a giggle, not only now but in a memory a year from now:

Bridget - age 6

1. What is coronavirus? A bad cough
2. Who is the prime minister? Dan Andrews
3. How many days have we been in lockdown? 26 days
4. Do you want to go back to school? Yes!
5. Who is the first person you are going to hug when lockdown is over? My teacher
6. Where is the first place you want to go? The toys at Target
7. What do you think we can do to get rid of the corona virus? Stay home. Wear a mask
8. How did the Coronavirus start? A bat had a cold, and someone ate it
9. Are you enjoying lockdown? NO



What have we been doing during Lockdown 2.0?

A Message from Chris Rundell.

Still Working From Home (WFH) one day per week. Had planned a couple of months break for touring in Europe during the middle of this year but of course that did not happen. WFH keeps my mind active and busy with interaction with other workmates on the project I am involved with. One photo of my setup of PC and screens for WFH.

As part of my essential shopping (to cope with ISO) a few weeks ago I bought a new 55in LG smart TV so I can stream sports and/or movies. My old TV was not that smart. In fact it did not even have a tuner. Have signed up to Eurosport (to watch pro cycling events) and Kayo sports. The European cycling events have just started again after the suspension due to covid-19.

See photo of 4 channels of Kayo sports on my new TV.

Now having to go on shorter (distance and time) bike rides due to the restrictions (Can no longer ride my 50-70km rides (3-4 hours). Have been using the ABC News website link to show where the 5km radius is from my home (<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-08-04/how-to-measure-whats-within-5km-radius-of-your-home-coronavirus/12517868>).

So I have had to plan new ride routes that keep me within the 5km limit. I now cannot catch up with my regular cycling buddy as he lives too far away.

As an alternate form of exercise, I have also been undertaking some walking around the Flemington area instead of cycling.

Some photos of the city from the bike path on a few of my rides (my commuting bike in the foreground).

My planned bike ride in South Australia in the last week of September has now been cancelled. They may be able to reschedule it for the last week of November.

Please stay safe and well.



Also to keep up with social interaction with my Uni friends who I am currently unable to see face to face I have been involved with Zoom catchup meetings with them - most based in Melbourne (including my cycling companion) but also one based in Germany and one based in England - a truly an international catchup.



Lockdown 2.0 Activities

A message from John Rafter

Hello Yvonne

Another photo cutting squares for Cherrie

We have done just over 3600 so far with another bag to go
John



Lockdown 2.0 Activities

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Dear KHAA members,

For many years, Keilor East Members helped at regular working bees at Holloway, which we helped to establish.

With all the bad news lately, some of you may be wondering how Holloway is faring in the current COVID-19 crisis.

So far, we have had no outbreaks, thanks to the procedures put in place by our Executive Officer Lauren and her team and the tireless work of all staff. We did have a scare recently when a resident who had to go to hospital for treatment brought COVID-19 back with her. This situation was successfully handled by the team with assistance from an Ausmat team who arranged multiple rounds of testing and provided a significant quantity of much appreciated PPE. They also reviewed our procedures and processes and advised we were doing all we could do to keep our residents safe.

During that process, two staff members were also found to be infected and were quarantined along with some close Holloway staff contacts. No transmission to residents or other staff occurred. Our remaining staff stepped up and worked additional shifts to cover for the quarantined staff and others who left earlier in the crisis. Finances have been an issue recently due to significant reduction in government funding, interest rates being at an all-time low and additional expenditure due to COVID-19. Recommendations from a Price Waterhouse Coopers review of our operation early in the year have been of assistance and one of the management team has also undertaken a significant amount of work to increase government funding. The committee has worked on improving returns from our investments and some helpful COVID-19 specific funding has also been received from government.

We had planned to undertake building work to slightly increase our capacity and received council approval in February, but this has been put on hold for the moment due to COVID-19.

We are not sure how we are going to hold our AGM yet. We will advise you further when the situation regarding movement restrictions becomes clearer.

Regards,
Ian Wright
Secretary, KHAA
21 August 2020

Deb Sloggett has received the 14-page Rotary Foundation Newsletter. If you would like to read the whole Newsletter please ask Deb, Yvonne or Secretary Chris to forward it.



The Rotary Foundation

District 9800 Foundation

Winter 2020 edition

Charles Dickens:

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness.

Charles Dickens' famous words appear in the opening paragraph of his novel A Tale of Two Cities. He is referring to two cities, Paris and London, during the tumultuous environment of the French Revolution, a time of controversies and contradictions. It tells of a time of chaos, conflicts, and despair, as well as happiness. His words could apply today as we live in uncertain and challenging times. The highly infectious Covid-19 virus is spreading across the globe, overwhelming healthcare systems, decimating economies and forcing us into lockdown. It is a time of contrasts. Some countries have handled the pandemic well and others have not. Some people infected with the virus have only minor symptoms and for others they are deadly. The economic fallout has left some people without a livelihood and others untouched. And some selfish people believe their individual freedom far outweighs the community good. Fortunately, we Rotarians tend to be positive optimistic, community minded people. People of Action. We have adapted to the coronavirus by staying connected through zoom meetings; we've looked for projects in this time of need and we've sought alternative ways to raise funds. We know the pandemic will pass, and we need to ensure that Rotary remains viable until it does. The District Rotary Foundation Committee remains active and has set the following goals for the year ahead:

1. To encourage every Club to support the Annual Giving program
2. To achieve a club contribution equivalent to at least AUD100 for every club member
3. To achieve a club contribution from each club to the End Polio campaign: AUD1,500.00 per club suggested
4. To promote and encourage Rotarians to be sustaining members of the Every Rotarian Every Year program (ERYY)
5. To encourage membership of the Centurion Club with a personal contribution of at least AUD100
6. To promote and encourage Rotarians to become Benefactors or Bequest Society members
7. To maintain Paul Harris Society membership at more than 135 dedicated people
8. To encourage every Club to include a presentation on the Foundation in their weekly speakers' program, especially during November which is Rotary's Foundation Month
9. To ensure every club is represented at the District Training Assembly's Foundation session and the annual District Grants Seminar
10. To select one or two Post Graduate Global Grant Scholars
11. To nominate at least one successful Rotary World Peace Fellow
12. To encourage support for both the annual Central Melbourne Paul Harris Foundation Breakfast and the annual Goldfields Cluster Foundation event

We urge all clubs to set their own Foundation goals and to enter them on the My Rotary website. Experience tells us that most clubs that set goals achieve them. Despite the worrying times we live in, let us plan and work to make them the "best of times".

PDG Murray Verso
Chair, District 9800
Foundation Committee

Doing Good In The World

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Now would be a great time to look for these and put them aside for the end of Lockdown

PLEASE DONATE YOUR UNWANTED FOREIGN COINS AND NOTES

THEY HELP SUPPORT ROTARY PROJECTS

Contact Barbara Rafter
Rotary Club of Keilor East

You are welcome to join us via Zoom on Monday 24th August at 6.45pm. Meeting ID: 514 079-0305 Password: KERC2020

What's Next?

Club Meetings at Keilor East RSL are suspended for the future (at least, until restrictions on gatherings are lifted).

ZOOM Meetings are held fortnightly.

The next Meeting will be held at 6.45pm on Monday 24th August.

1	Date	Day	Speaker / Event Title	Speaker (If applicable)	Organiser
2	24th Aug 20	Mon	Club Get together - Singly or in Groups	(email 14/8)	Michael
3	31-Aug-20	Mon	NO MEETING		
5	7-Sep-20	Mon	State Trustees Limited (STL) BOARD MEETING	Michael Spiegel (email 17/8)	Chris/ Mark
6	14-Sep-20	Mon	NO MEETING		
7	21-Sep-20	Mon	Mental Health "Prevention United"	Dr. Stephen Carbon (Exect Director / "Prevention United" (email 23/7)	Michael / Mark
8	28-Sep-20	Mon	NO MEETING		
9	5-Oct-20	Mon	Malaria & Covid 19 Vaccine Research BOARD MEETING	Bill Oakley (R/C Sandy Bay) (email 28/7)	
10	7-Oct-20	Wed	Gateway Cluster Clubs / DG - 7-8.00pm	(email 18/8)	Michael
11	12-Oct-20	Mon	NO MEETING		
12	19-Oct-20	Mon	Vietnam / "Farming & Children's Education	Rowan Mc Clean / Club Service (email 23/7 & 14/8 & 15/8)	Mark /Annie
13	26-Oct-20	Mon	Youth Leadership Award Night	(email 27/11/19)	Athena

Meeting ID: 514 079 0305-

Password : KERC2020



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.

For Club Membership or Sponsorship information
Contact: Past President, Joe Albioli (0438133123)

<http://www.keiloreastrotary.org>

Rotary Thanksgivings

*We give thanks for our daily food. May Rotary friends and Rotary ways, help us to serve all our days.

* For good food, good fellowship, and the privilege to serve, we give thanks.

August and September Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

August 7: Wayne Parker
August 10: Our Rotary Club celebrates 37 years
August 11: Trish O'Brien
August 13: Joel Hewish
August 20: David Barnes
August 22: Peter Tomlinson
September 4: Ken Allan
September 7: Khaled Ebrahim..
September 13: Deborah Akers.
September 17: Annie Webb.
September 18: Pamela Vandenharn.
September 21: Bruce Cameron
September 21: Colin Akers
September 22: Helen Penna, Laraine Barnes
and Kim Nguyen.
September 23: Greg Osborn.
September 25: Terry Badenhope.
September 26: Janet McMartin.



Wedding Anniversaries

August 27: Arnold and Pam Vandenharn
September 4: Khaled & Emma Ebrahim.
September 7: John & Marjorie Youings.
September 9: Paul & Alison Perrottet
September 21: Raj & Jeselee Vytilingam



Rotary Anniversaries

August 1: David Barnes 1991
August 1: Bruce Cameron 1984
August 1: Peter Tomlinson 1991
August 10: Yvonne Osborn 2002
August 10: Lloyd Lancaster 1983
August 10: John Walsh 1983
August 22: Vanda Mullen 2011
September 3: Gerard Mahoney 2012
September 5: Mark Tognon 2016
September 7: Tina Ballos 2015
September 19: Joel Hewish 2016
September 30: Phil O'Brien 2002



2020-2021 KERC Board Officers and their Portfolios



2020-2021 KERC Board OFFICERS and their PORTFOLIOS

PRESIDENT

Michael Donnelly
Presiding at Club meeting.
Presiding at Board meeting
Liaison with Program coordinator and assistant
Liaison with Cluster and District

SECRETARY

Chris Rundell
As per Constitution

TREASURER

Steve Pennicott
As per Constitution

PAST PRESIDENT

Mark Tognon
Preside in absence of President
Assisting with Program

PRESIDENT ELECT

Yvonne Osborn
'Internal Services' Liaison: Venue liaison for meeting, forum, Speaker, Sergeant, On to Conference, Care Bear, Membership, Child Protection
Communications
Preside in absence of President

Board directors and their 'PORTFOLIOS'

INTERNATIONAL

Cherrie Osborn
Overseas Projects: initiation & management.
DIK
Overseas Disaster Relief
Rotary Foundation
Events & Fundraising (as appropriate)

LOCAL COMMUNITY

Gerard Mahoney
Local Projects: initiation & management
WERN
Australian Disaster Relief.
Local sponsorship and partnerships
Events & Fundraising (as appropriate)

YOUTH

Athena Vass
Youth Exchange
RYPEN, RYLA, MUNA & NYSF
Schools Liaison
Interact Club

'CONNECTIONS'

Joe Albioli
Social events: fellowship gatherings, weekends away, vocational visits,
Public functions: Awards nights e.g. Pride of Workmanship, Changeover, Club Birthday, Christmas Party

2020-2021 KERC Board Officers and their Portfolios



OTHER ROLES: ‘CLUB CHAMPIONS’

Membership:	Vanda Mullen
Foundation:	Debra Sloggett
Vocational Service ‘revitalisation’:	Paul Perrottet
Care Bear :	Marianne Potgieter
Program:	Lou Gionfriddo, assisted by Annie Webb
On to Conference:	Paul Perrottet
Sourcing & Assisting Grants:	David Bennett
Local Government Area ‘connection’:	David Bennett
Sergeant & Child Protection:	John Walsh
Environmental Sustainability:	TBA
Club Vision Implementation:	TBA

Member News -

A message from Helen Penna



We were doing lockdown poems the other day, and this is one I came up with for the Newsletter

- L** Long lunches no more
- O** Out of school
- C** Curfew between 8-5
- K** Knitting squares
- D** Distancing from everyone
- O** Organizing zoom meetings
- W** Washing hands
- N** New recipes to try



A note of thanks from all at KERC to Rachel Tomlinson who works at Keilor Hostel for the Aged.



Even my 4-Legged grandson, Angus...got a new coat from Nana. Annie Webb

Happy Iso Birthday to Peter Tomlinson from all at KERC



Can't go to a restaurant, bring the restaurant home, cook something for hubby's birthday. Rachel Tomlinson

We would love some of your photos and/or holiday shots for this page. Text to 0411773360 or email keiloreastrotary@gmail.com

