



Guest Speaker John Walker gave a moving presentation about "The Coward Punch".



NEWSLETTER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KEILOR EAST INC.



Rotary Club: 21222 Charter granted 10th August 1983

December 4th, 2017 Volume 35 Number 19

CLUB MOTTO – "Fun and Fellowship whilst helping others"

Club Website - www.keiloreastrotary.org



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Meeting Report December 4th, 2017.

Non perishable Food items were collected for Foodbank during the month of November. Thank you to all members who contributed.



- Welcome to all members and visitors on this rather soggy afternoon. I hope everyone managed to dodge the worst of the deluge. It was such a change from last Monday's lovely afternoon at the Legends Bistro. We even had to turn on our heaters at home.
- A special welcome to Marisa who will be inducted as a Club member next week and Jon Walker, our Guest Speaker for the evening.
- ❖ Wednesday afternoon was the final sew in for the year at the Essendon Baptist Church and it was another great success with the manager of the Soufflé Sisters choir handing over a nice cheque to help in purchasing the required needs to make up the hygiene kits for Balibo. Cherrie and or Marianne will enlighten us to their great grant news.
- ❖ Thursday afternoon saw our spare room that was filled with bags of food and grocery items collected by the Foodbank truck with many thanks for all the kind donors over the past month.
-
- ❖ The Days for Girls team was looking forward to a work party with the emphasis on the party, week end at Jenny Foster's farm at Broadford over the weekend. The potential and in the end actual rain event made the organising committee re-evaluate the risks of country travel and it was postponed to early next year. Never to let an opportunity to have a bit of fun pass by, the group was kindly hosted at Jenny Foster's home for a Christmas breakup party on Saturday where much food wine and frivolity followed. The work was then completed at Cherrie's home on Sunday afternoon when over 100 kits were packed and boxed ready for delivery to DIK. Cherrie to give more details.
-
- ❖ The Rotary rum and brandy fruit cakes are very yummy and make a lovely Christmas gift for those who are difficult to buy for and have no need of more "stuff". Tina could take some orders for other members to purchase them as the club gets a bit of a "kick-back" for each tin that is sold.
-
- ❖ There will be a short Board Meeting tonight after the meeting and a reminder to all directors that I will need help to think about the Club Board positions for the 2018 -2019 year.
- ❖ Ginny Introduced the Chairperson for the evening, Past Assistant Governor, Vanda Mullen.

OTHER REPORTS

L to R: Marianne Potgieter, Paula Curotte and Cherrie Osborn at the Nov 29th Days for Girls Sewing Day.



Secretary- Chris Rundell - enjoyed the Great Victorian Bike Ride until it finished two days early due to the heavy rains throughout the state. The police resources had to return to their own districts to deal with the emergencies created by the once-in-ten-years weather, hence the cancellation.

Attendance – Lloyd Lancaster - we have 32 Members in attendance tonight which is a recent record. Attendance for November was 71.1% and the year to date 76.3%.

Treasurer – Steve Pennicott - Members planning on attending the Christmas Dinner on Monday 18th December should pay ahead. Prices are \$25 per adult and \$9 per child under 12 years old. Details are on page 5 of this Newsletter.

Care Bear – Marianne Potgieter – On November 24th Marianne went with Liz Gibbs to visit David in [Lynch's Bridge](#). She reported that David seemed well, considering his recent fall. On Friday 22nd December a gathering will be held at Lynch's Bridge to celebrate Liz and David's 50th Wedding Anniversary. Club members are invited to attend.

Birthdays - Phil O'Brien on November 30th, Steve Pennicott on Dec 6th. **Anniversaries** – Tina and John Ballos celebrate their 20th Wedding Anniversary on Dec 6th and Ian and Cathy Wright celebrate theirs on December 8th.

Club Service – Joe Albioli – We have been given approval to hold a BBQ stall at the Moonee Valley Festival in February next year and previous notice is given of a Diabetes 1 BBQ in November 2018. Dates TBA.

Social Director - Annie Webb – Our Annual Christmas dinner for friends and families will be held on Monday 18th December. Details are on Page 5 of this Newsletter.

Sewing Day for 2017, Paula Curotte of the Souffle Sisters Choir presented a cheque from their recent Concert Afternoon. On Saturday, with the Broadford weekend being cancelled due to the stormy weather, the Days for Girls Christmas Lunch was held at Jenny Foster's home in Essendon. On Sunday Days for Girls volunteers packed 134 kits at Cherrie Osborn's home. 437 kits have been packed this half year with many heading to Timor Leste for the Balibo Project in January.

Marianne Potgieter – Days for Girls - announced some great financial statistics. Donation \$250, Souffle Sisters cheque \$400, Sale of jams and relishes etc. \$134.50, Donation Cans \$94.50. In total \$879.00 for Days for Girls. A super effort.

Youth – Mark Tognon – announced that Jeremy caught the bus from International House to the weeklong RYLA camp on Sunday. He will visit us and report on his experience in the new year.

Community Services - Minh Nguyen – the Dan Murphy's BBQ was successful but not profitable last weekend. He thanked the wonderful volunteers for their great support. This Sunday will be another Woolworths BBQ day. Minh asked for different volunteers this time.

Gerard Mahoney – There is still a need for more sponsors for the Moonee Valley Art Show. Many volunteers will be required and they need not be Rotarians.

Some cheeky Member announced that PP Steve Pennicott is being awarded an OBE – Over Bloody Eighty on his December 6th Birthday. Congratulations Steve!

GUEST SPEAKER - JON WALKER- THE COWARD PUNCH

Past President Gerard Mahoney is pictured with Jon Walker after Monday's meeting.



Post from our [Keilor East Rotary Inc. Facebook page](#):

At last night's Keilor East Rotary Meeting we heard a heart-wrenching message from a very brave father. Still grieving, after the unthinkable happened, Jon Walker from Werribee told us how his beloved 22 year old son, Jaiden, died days after a "Coward Punch" attack in Melbourne's CBD back in May 2017. His family has been shattered by the tragedy but, in order to keep going, Jon is telling his story so that the message that one punch can kill might reach as many people as possible. We thank Jon for his courageous presentation and assure him that we will spread the word so that other families may be spared a similar experience.



Our Rotary Club is the second one to have heard Jon's message. He showed us Channel 9 footage of Jaiden's funeral and told of the family's decision to honor his wish to be an organ donor, thus saving six other lives. Jon read out one of the many messages which were received after Jaiden's death in answer to the question "Why is this type of attack happening in today's society?" The message spoke of a general lack of respect which we should do everything in our power to rectify. He urged us to share his story as widely as possible.

Chairperson, Vanda Mullen thanked Jon for his thought provoking presentation and presented him with a Club memory stick as a token of our appreciation.



CLUB EVENTS –



Welcome to our Rotary Christmas Dinner

This is a Members and family, friends affair - so please ask them to join the night.

They are most welcome

Date: Monday, 18th December 2017

Location: RSL - Hoffmans Road, Essendon

Time: 6:30pm for a 6:45pm start

Cost: Main Course and Sweets \$25:00 per adult
\$9:00 per child under 12

After discussion with President Ginny, we require those who are to attend, to

pay prior to the 18th December for themselves and family/friends.

The final numbers are to be given by:

Friday, 15th December - 12 midday.

Payment:

Please could you:

either bring your **cash payment** on Monday, 11th or Monday 18th December OR
you are welcome to pay via **internet banking:**

BSB: 633108

Account: 117310292

Reference: "Xmas" (then your name- so Treasurer Steve knows who has paid)

Annie Webb

Social Director

Rotary Club of Keilor East Inc.

0409147685

KK for the Homeless:

There will be no KK giving within the Club - however, if you would like to bring something for the Homeless, I'm sure those folk would be very grateful. These items include - Toiletries for men, socks or jocks, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap or deodorant etc.

Adult Menu

- 1) Turkey & Ham & Vegetables or
- 2) Roast Beef & Vegetables

Child Menu

- 1) Turkey & Ham & Vegetables or
- 2) Roast Beef & Vegetables or
- 3) Nuggets or
- 4) Pizza

Dessert Menu for Adult or Child

- 1) Plum Pudding & Custard or
- 2) Fruit Salad or
- 3) Ice Cream

Please let me know of any family/friends with a dietary request.

🎁 Child Santa Gift:

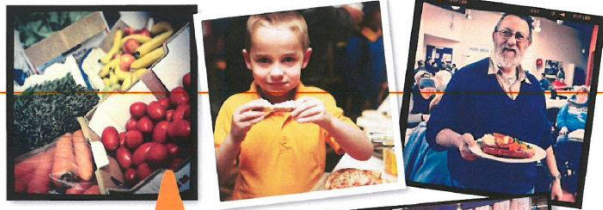
Please bring a gift to the value of \$5 for each child - and ensure the child's name is clearly labelled - Santa always does such a wonderful job.
(Thanks Santa) 🙌 X

If any of you have something I could put into a Christmas Raffle, I would be very grateful (biscuits, mini plum pudding, relishes, bottle wine etc.) There will be 2 -3 Raffles.

FOODBANK SAYS THANKS

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

ROTARY KEILOR EAST



YOU DONATED
120
KILOGRAMS
OF FOOD
=
240
MEALS


CEO Foodbank Victoria
Dave McNamara



**FIGHTING HUNGER
IN AUSTRALIA**

1 December 2017

Foodbank Victoria Ltd
ABN 94 117 688 829
4/2 Somerville Rd Yarraville VIC 3013
P 03 9362 8300
E info@foodbankvictoria.org.au
W foodbankvictoria.org.au

Virginia Billson
Rotary of Keilor East

Dear Virginia and all at Rotary of Keilor East,

I'm writing to you today to thank you for your generous support of Foodbank Victoria. Thank you and to all those that participated and donated to the food drive. The food weighed in at 120kgs of non-perishable items or the equivalent of 240 meals for people in need in Victoria.

Since your food drive has played such an important role in our work, I wanted to let you know just how much of a difference you made. The food that was collected was packed into mixed grocery hamper packs and will be distributed to people in need through our 451 community agencies.

Last financial year Foodbank Victoria distributed over 17 million meals. This food went to families in need and we couldn't do it without your support.

It was an amazing effort and we really appreciate all your support. Please find included with this letter a certificate of appreciation.

Once again, I'd like to convey our thanks to you for your ongoing support of Foodbank Victoria, and know that this thanks is not just from me, but from all the people that rely on your generous support.

I look forward to working with you again.

Yours sincerely,


David McNamara
Chief Executive Officer

DISTRICT CONFERENCE MARCH 16-18, 2018 - WARRNAMBOOL, VICTORIA.

Our Club's "On to Conference" contact is Past president Bob McMartin. Please contact Bob if you would like to attend the conference as he is able to assist with accommodation, bookings etc.



WE ARE ON THE MOVE
from Shed 40 & need
your help on **TUESDAYS**
& **FRIDAYS** until the end of
December

7TH DECEMBER
pick up of school
equipment in
Lancefield - able
hands needed.

Help with other pick ups
needed too.



CONTACT US TO VOLUNTEER

Call Bob on 0418 102 702 or
Laurie on 0428 550 574
e: dik.vic.rotary@gmail.com

THE POWER TO MAKE
A DIFFERENCE
2018 DISTRICT 9800 CONFERENCE
16-18 March / Warrnambool / Victoria



Save \$50 by registering before
Thursday November 30th

CHECK OUT FIRST TIME ATTENDEE'S DISCOUNT

<http://www.rotaryconference.org.au/>

SPEAKERS

MC



STAN GRANT, well known as a presenter for the ABC will share his personal story and the story of his family which illustrates the dispossession and hardship shared by indigenous people



SONJA DAWSON, a nurse with experience in many fields has a passion to volunteer in the global health area and has spent over a decade volunteering with Mercy Ships.



MICHAEL CROSSLAND is an extraordinary young man who has defied the odds of a life threatening cancer to build a life of exceptional achievements. His story is Inspirational



MANDY DRURY has moderated conferences for many organisations and charities. Rotex President in 1993, she continues to be part of Rotary through family connections

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION ON OTHER SPEAKERS AND ACTIVITIES



ATTEND THE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHT
FUNCTIONS FOR ONLY \$120

THE CONFERENCE PROGRAM WILL INCLUDE A WIDE RANGE OF SPEAKERS, INFORMATIVE
BREAKOUT SESSIONS, ACTIVITIES AROUND WARRNAMBOOL AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE
INVOLVED IN A HANDS ON VOLUNTEERING PROJECT



Find us on
Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/D9800Conference/>

A message from our District Governor Peter Frueh

WHAT'S NEXT?

1	Updated 05/12/17	
2	DECEMBER	Disease & Prevention Month
3	3RD, SUNDAY	BOARD MEETING 2:30PM
4	4TH	JON WALKER - The Coward Punch
5	10TH, SUNDAY	WOOLWORTHS MOONEE PONDS BBQ
6	11TH	PERSON BEHIND THE BADGE - New member Joy
7	18TH	CLUB CHRISTMAS BREAKUP AT RSL
8	25TH	CHRISTMAS DAY - NO MEETING
9	JANUARY	Vocational Month
10	1ST	NEW YEARS DAY - NO MEETING
11	8TH	NO MEETING
12	15TH	FIRST CLUB MEETING - Informal BBQ or progressive dinner - (TBC)
13	21ST, SUNDAY	WOOLWORTHS MOONEE PONDS BBQ
14	22ND	PERSONS BEHIND THE BADGE - New members Barbara and Jo (First night back at RSL)
15	29TH	CLUB REVIEW OF YEAR SO FAR / Fellowship night at RSL
16		JANUARY BOARD MEETING DATE TBC - SUNDAY
17	FEBRUARY	Peace & Conflict Prevention /Resolution Month
18	4TH, SUNDAY	BOARD MEETING - 2:30PM
19	5TH	LUKI YANTONO - POLICE CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER - Cyber security & scams (TBC)
20	9th FRIDAY	CLUSTER BOWLS (TBC)
21	12TH	JEREMY OATES (Chairman of Consultative Council on Obstetric & Paediatric Mortality & Morbidity) - VTT in Timor Leste
22	16th,17th,18th	ECHUCA - MOAMA

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 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.



PROUDLY SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY
Keilor East Community Bank® Branch
53 Wyong Street Keilor East | Phone 9331 5811
 Bendigo Bank

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER - BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

November 30th - Phil O'Brien
December 6th - Steve Pennicott
December 11th - Liz Albioli
December 29th - Patrick Honeyborne
December 31st - Vanda Mullen



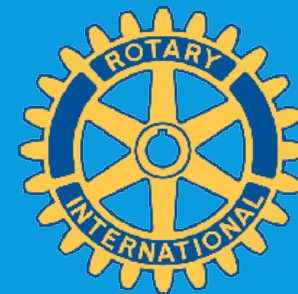
Wedding Anniversaries

December 6th – Tina and John Ballos
December 8th - Ian and Cathy Wright
December 11th – Joy and Stephen Ryan
December 19th - Peter and Rachel Tomlinson
December 23rd - David and Liz Gibbs



Rotary Anniversaries

November 24th - Daryl Cornish 2007
December 1st - Brett Bedson
December 13th - Annie Webb



MEMBER NEWS



Tina Ballos and her husband John enjoyed dinner at the Hyatt, Essendon Fields to celebrate their 20th Wedding Anniversary on Wednesday 6th December. Congratulations from your friends at Keilor East Rotary.

Christmas Parties for the families and friends of Members have been held each year since the Club's charter in 1983. Many took the form of picnics at Lagoon Reserve in Keilor or dinners at William Angliss in the CBD.

