

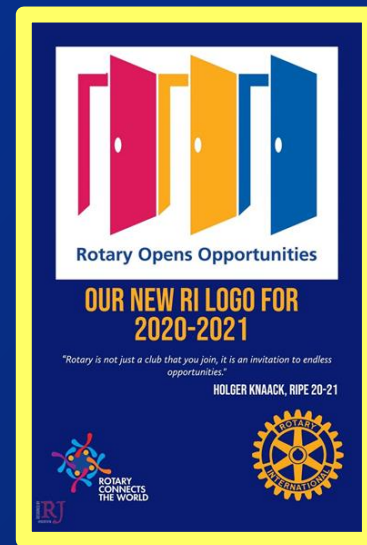


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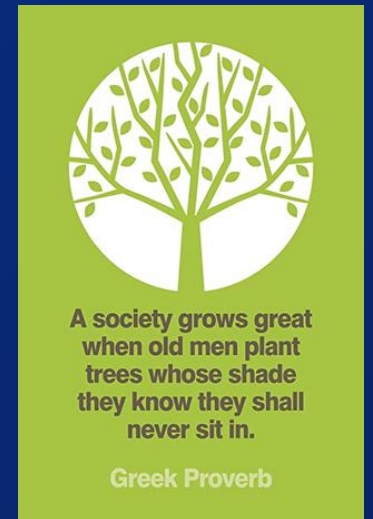
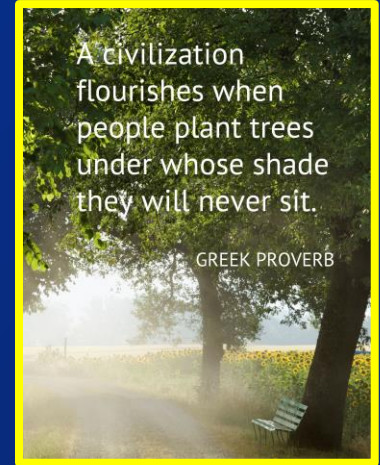


On Monday 14th December 2020 we were finally able to return to Keilor East RSL to meet for a Christmas Dinner. Pictured are President Michael Donnelly and President Nominee, Deb Sloggett.



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Fellow RCKE Rotarians

A final message for the year:

RCKE's First Face to Face (F2F) meeting in 9 months:

It was good to catch up with so many of you in person on Monday and those of you able to attend were obviously appreciative of the opportunity. It would not be inaccurate to say that many had been hanging out for the opportunity to make social contact again in person. Without a guest speaker it was an opportunity to catch up with the kind of one-on-one conversations that cannot happen on Zoom. I thank Maryanne for the Care Bear update that she was able to give in person and which our Secretary Extraordinaire has forwarded via email a few days ago. It was good to have Bruce among us looking extremely well. Marianne's report was the only report possible as another large group booking was about to come into the space where we were meeting. That led me to promise to send out this email instead which contains the other messages and reports/acknowledgements/reminders that our meeting 'circumstances' prevented being made during the evening. I personally received apologies via email or phone call from the following who also wanted their season's greetings extended to all present: Daryl, Athena, David Barnes, Terry, the Comptons and Arnold. There may have been others who apologised via Joe.

Fundraising has recommenced

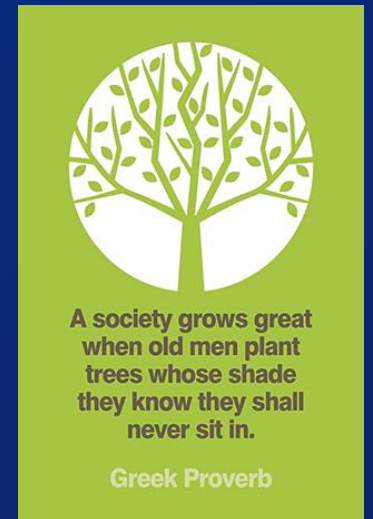
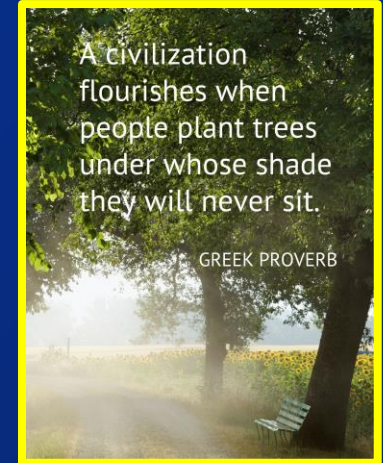
A successful Bunnings BBQ has already taken place and raised over \$1,000 and another is scheduled for tomorrow. Despite the additional staffing roles required by Bunnings there was no problem in oversubscribing the roster. Again, we will be 'parking helpers' at Milleara Mall from Monday onwards. Gerard advised that there were still some gaps in this roster so please offer to help if you can. We were also the recipient of a \$500 CommBank Community donation from their Niddrie branch (we were 'nominated' for the donation by the family of recent RYLA graduate and 'chair yoga' facilitator, Poppy). Details of how this will be used are in the Board Report which follows.

Resignation

I have received an email from IPP Mark submitting his resignation from Rotary. It was not unexpected given that there has been so much of significance happening and still to happen in his personal and professional life since the end of his tenure. In accepting his resignation, I thanked him again for all that he had given to the Club in his time with us and suggested that rather than return his name badge he keep it a memento which, whenever he saw it again, would trigger the thought that he should come back to visit us where he would always be welcome.

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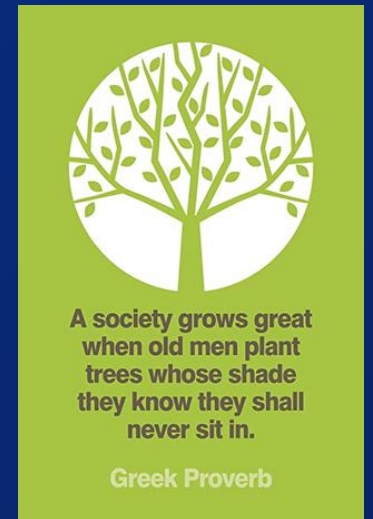
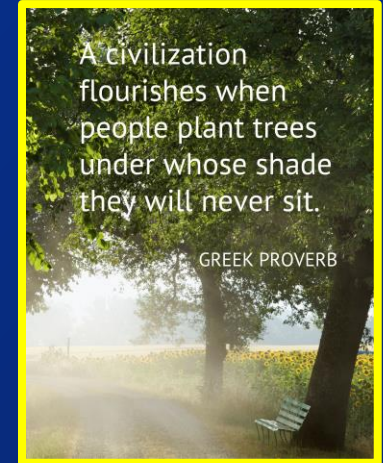
Board Report

The Board has met since my last email to you all and I hope that my distribution list is now 100% accurate. I need to publicly apologise to members who at varying stages somehow came off the list or had never been successfully added to it despite by best, but obviously inadequate, efforts. The following decisions of the Board are relevant:

- All District 9800 'minimum' policies that we were asked to review have now been endorsed. They relate to areas of avoidance of harassment, protection of privacy, guidelines for media use and the protection of young people and other vulnerable groups. Copies have been distributed to you previously and the Protection Policy as amended by the Board will form the basis of a brief presentation to a future club meeting.
- Two donations for people in 'necessitous circumstances' were approved. One was for to meet a six month furniture storage expense of a single father now residing at Ronald McDonald House while supporting his 3 yo son in intensive care at RCH after extensive brain surgery following a series of aneurysms/strokes. The other is for a contribution to non-PBS (and therefore very expensive) breast cancer treatment for a former RC Brimbank Central member whose cancer was discovered during the early stages of her pregnancy with her fourth child, leading to a delay in the commencement of her treatment. The Commbank Community donation will be forwarded to assist these medical expenses.
- RCKE will submit its application for a District Foundation funding for the 'four-school pilot' CRST Sky Hydrant water Project by 31 December 2020. This 'early' submission maximizes the chance of receiving the \$1 for every \$2 raised or pledged to the project up to a maximum grant of \$6000. This time constraint required us to act as 'guarantor' for \$6k of the project funding on the application form. Those associated with the grant application reasonably expect that the guarantee will not be necessary as other Clubs will join the project in the new year after receiving presentations about it and at least three individuals in the Club have already indicated that they would give significant personal donations if required. Additionally, the Club is already committed through its recently endorsed Funds Distribution Guidelines to allocating 25% of funds raised towards International Projects each year. Nevertheless, the Board will revisit and review the Project's funding progress in March/April 2021.
- Endorsement was given for funding half the cost of a memorial plaque for the inaugural St Albans SC Interact Club President who died tragically earlier this year.
- STOP PRESS: Our application for a District Foundation Scholarship (year 11&12) for a St Albans SC student has just been advised as successful.

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Western Emergency Relief Network update:

At WERN's AGM held on Tuesday 24 November, the Financial Report that was presented showed that WERN currently has equity of \$585k, due mainly to a very substantial 'ex gratia' payment from VicTrack that was given at the time it required WERN to vacate its Footscray warehouse early. WERN's Board then began consideration about using that payment to partly pay for the purchase of a warehouse but the opportunity of a joint venture between WERN and the City of Melton for the construction of a greenfield purpose-built facility in Ravenhall (twice the size of the current Derrimut temporary warehouse being rented) at 'peppercorn' rental and a 20-year lease subsequently emerged. That proposal is now awaiting final execution and will require a \$450k contribution from WERN. Construction completion is expected in early 2022 and WERN has sufficient equity to remain cash flow positive until the occupation of the planned new warehouse. In the interim, however, the current temporary premises in Derrimut were sold, consequently necessitating another relocation by WERN. Temporary premises have been found, also in Ravenhall, at a very favourable rent and the move has just been completed.

Thanks, and appreciation go to:

- Those of you volunteering at our recommenced fundraising activities: BBQs, parking and Art Show Committee.
- Gerard - Where would the Club be without all the work; he and Phil have done to get the \$\$\$s coming in again?
- Those who maintained regular contact despite 'Zoom fatigue' from their day jobs
- The Club's Board - always exercising the diligence that is required in their role and complementing that great competence with multiple layers of initiative, pragmatism and common sense.
- Those who worked to ensure that the recent Zoom AGM was as professional as you can get with high quality and comprehensive financial reporting, good recruitment for succession planning etc
- Those who keep us connected - whether through care bear updates, newsletters, baby photos, sharing memes and videos - variously inspiring, funny or anthropomorphic or even by phone calls
- Those who actually read these emails which take considerably more time to prepare than just speaking off note on the back of an envelope!

Christmas Greetings

May I take this opportunity to extend to you all my hope that this time will provide you with 'peace and joy' in whatever form you have come to expect and that it comes either on the day itself and its leadup or in the restorative aftermath that follows or, even better still, both before, during and after Christmas Day.

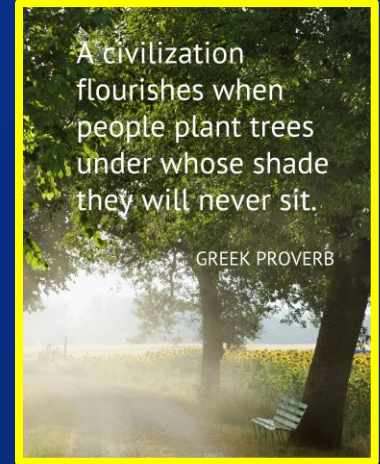
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A civilization flourishes when people plant trees under whose shade they will never sit.

GREEK PROVERB



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

Greek Proverb

NEXT MEETING/S

18 January 2021 - a BYO picnic style gathering at Brimbank Bicycle Education Centre (Green Gully Reserve, 7 Clubhouse Place, Keilor Downs) at 6:30. Tables, chairs, Barbeque (and Cooking tools) are provided. All else is BYO. Hopefully the weather, and everything else, will be better in 2021 than 2020. Dependent on any applicable restrictions.

25 January 2021 - Board meeting via Zoom at 8:00

1 February 2021 - Club meeting - details to be advised and all arrangements are dependent on applicable restrictions

15 February 2021 - Club Meeting - details to be advised and all arrangements are dependent on applicable restrictions

“Be kind, keep calm and stay safe.”

Regards
Michael

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Bunnings BBQs 2021



A Message from Barbara Rafter

Listed below are my requested Taylors Lakes Bunnings BBQ dates for 2021 - which will now be approved on a month-by-month basis by Bunnings Head Office.

Verbally Approved 2021 Bunnings BBQ dates, subject to monthly HO approval by Bunnings

Jan	Saturday	30
Feb	Sunday	28
Mar	Saturday	27
June	Sunday	6
July	Saturday	3
Aug	Sunday	1
Sep	Saturday	4
Oct	Sunday	3
Nov	Saturday	6
Dec	Sunday	5



More News-

December/January 2020



Oh no! Look what happened on December 15th.

Congratulations Barbara



Left: A message and photo from Barbara Rafter.

As the restrictions have now eased, John and I were able to drop off my COVID knitting projects (baby jackets, berets, beanies, gloves, and some kids books (for Christmas presents) and 56 teddies to Caroline Chisholm Society in North Essendon.

Since starting and donating teddies to Caroline Chisholm Society, my total is now 2126 donations.

Best wishes and hope you are all well
Barbara Rafter 🎄👓🌸



Join our Rotary Network in Celebration!

FREE ONLINE EVENT!

For 100 years Rotary in Australia has been bringing communities together through service, goodwill and friendship. Come and join us on Australia Day as we *Reflect, Respect, Celebrate*

Gather your family, friends and community partners for a live ZOOM event being streamed across Australia from 12.30 pm to 2.00 pm AEDT, Tuesday, 26th January 2021

Messages from:

- Rotary International President Holger Knaack
- His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd)
- Professor Patrick McGorry AO
- Past Rotary International President Ian Riseley
- Rotary International Director-elect Dr Jessie Harman
- Rotary Foundation Australia Chairman Maurie Stack

Performances from:

- Marina Prior
- Mike Brady AM
- Josh Piterman
- John Foreman OAM

MCS:
PDG Greg Ross & David Mann AM

R100 Project Presentations:

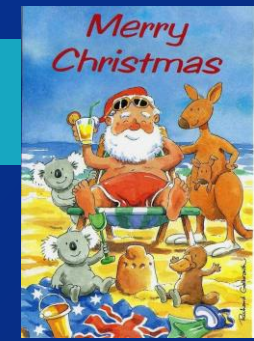
Join in this jam-packed afternoon of free online festivities for the whole family by booking now at: https://events.humanitix.com/rotarydownunder_100_national_australia_day_event

In collaboration with the National Australia Day Council

We're all part of the story.

Christmas at the Keilor East RSL

On December 14th, a Christmas Dinner was held at the Keilor East RSL so that Club Members could catch up with each other after a long separation due to Covid 19 restrictions. Thanks go to President Michael for surveying Members and organizing the evening with the RSL.



International - Daysies Update



A message from Jane Odgers

Hello Daysies

Happy New Year. We are so looking forward to finally getting back on track next month and seeing all your smiling faces. Here's hoping we'll all stay well and COVID-19 stays under control so that we can resume our lives, albeit in a somewhat modified form.

Recently while in Queensland I had the pleasure of finally meeting Michele Rankin who we work with in Balibo. Hopefully while she is still in Australia Michele may be able to join us at a sewing day.

Michele and I had a general chat about DfG, and more specifically about what is needed for the Sewing Centre we are establishing and the Community Health Centre to which it is attached. Below is a list of items that she would love you to start collecting. Some I have mentioned before, but others are new to the list. Please either let me know if you have items or bring them along to sewing days.

- Baby knits and warm clothes (in excellent condition) size 00000 - 0
- Old towels washed and uncut - these will be cut in Balibo to be turned into baby wraps
- Face washers (new or as new)
- Art supplies - paints, pencils, brushes, canvases, art models (the small wooden movable figures artists use to help them draw people in motion), art easels
- Candle holders - as power is either unavailable or unreliable. Op shops might be useful for this.

As you are aware, we ship our kits to Balibo from Donations in Kind in West Footscray. The containers they are packed in arrive in Dili. Once there someone from Balibo makes the long return trip to Dili to collect them and take them back to the Community Centre.

Unfortunately, the van used for these trips, and others associated with the Centre and dental clinic, has passed its use by date. Balibo House Trust is now raising money to try to replace this essential bit of equipment. Below is the email detailing how to donate should you like to help.

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Many of you know of the fabulous work that our dental clinic does in the Balibo Sub-District of Timor Leste, in a country where there are less than 10 public dentists for over 1 million people. Through the work of our visiting volunteer Australian dentists and the two Timorese dental assistants we employ, we have been able to treat serious tooth decay and gum disease as well as run a dental health promotion program with children in the district schools and kindergartens.

Unfortunately, our Trusty Toyota, so vital to our outreach work, is on its last legs. We are fundraising to purchase another vehicle so our dental assistants can visit remote schools, our education mentor can continue to support and develop the skills of more teachers and we can deliver Days for Girls kits to more young women. Please help us reach them.

Our goal is to raise a minimum of \$25,000.

Here is the [MyCause link](#) to where you can donate. All donations are tax deductible and you will receive a receipt.

Spread the joy of Christmas to our friends in Timor Leste. Please pass onto your friends.

With your help we will achieve our goal.

Rob Hudson

Chair

Balibo House Trust

I'll be in touch in the not-too-distant future about plans for this year.

Stay well and cool (it's 37 degrees while I'm writing this)

Regards

Jane Odgers

Co-Leader, Keilor Gateway Cluster

Days for Girls Australia



Spot the Rotarian - Name that Baby



Above : Barbara Rafter.
No winner.
Below: Yvonne Osborn
No winner.



Above: Bob McMartin who was born on February 29th so he's still a relative youngster. No winner.



Thank you to Ginny and Alex Billson and Annie Webb who organized our great "Spot the Rotarian" Competition.

Now would be a great time to look for these and put them aside for our return to Rotary

PLEASE DONATE YOUR UNWANTED
FOREIGN COINS AND NOTES



THEY HELP SUPPORT
ROTARY PROJECTS

Contact Barbara Rafter
Rotary Club of Keilor East

What's Next?

1	Date	Day	Speaker / Event Title	Speaker (if applicable)	Organiser
3	11-Jan-21	Mond	NO MEETING		(E - 13/1) Michael
4	18-Jan-21	Mond	FIRST CLUB MEETING - BRIMBANK BICYCLE EDUCATIONAL CENTRE - BYO 6:30pm		(E 2/12) Michael
5	25-Jan-21	Mond	ZOOM 8pm BOARD MEETING		(E 18/12) Michael
6	26-Jan-21	Tues	Australia Day		
7	30-Jan-21	Sat	Bunnings BBQ - Taylors Lakes -Confirmed		(E5/1) Barb Rafter
9	1-Feb-21	Mond	CLUB MEETING - Details TBC		(E 18/12) Michael
10	8-Feb-21	Mond			
11	15-Feb-21	Mond	The Royal Commission on Institutional Sexual Abuse	Phil O'Donnell	(Ph 1/12/20) Lou
12	22-Feb-21	Mond			
13	24-Feb-21	Wed	DFG (all day re-organising)		Cherrie
14	28-Feb-21	Sund	Bunnings BBQ - Taylors Lakes -TBC		(E 5/1) Barb Rafter
16	1-Mar-21	Mond	8pm BOARD MEETING		
17	8-Mar-21	Mond	LABOUR DAY		
18	15-Mar-21	Mond			
19	22-Mar-21	Mond			
20	27-Mar-21	Sat	Bunnings BBQ - Taylors Lakes -TBC		(E 5/1) Barb Rafter
21	29-Mar-21	Mond			
23	2 - 5 Apr 2021	Fri -Mond	EASTER (2nd April - Good Friday - 5th April Easter Monday)		
24	12-Apr-21	Mond			
25	19-Apr-21	Mond			
26	25-Apr-21	Sund	ANZAC DAY		
27	26-Apr-21	Mond			
29	1 - 2 May 21	Sat /Sund	MULTI DISTRICT CONFERENCE		
30	3-May-21	Mond	8pm BOARD MEETING		
31	9-May-21	Sund	MOTHER'S DAY		
32	10-May-21	Mond			
33	14 - 16 May 21	Fri - Sun	MOONEE VALLEY ART SHOW - TBC		Gerard
34	22-May-21	Sat /Sund	DISTRICT ASSEMBLY		(E 27/11 Barb Rafter)
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36	Date	Day	Speaker / Event Title	Speaker (if applicable)	Organiser
37	24-May-21	Mond			
38	31-May-21	Mond			
40	6-Jun-21	Sund	Bunnings BBQ - Taylors Lakes -TBC		(E 5/1) Barb Rafter
41	7-Jun-21	Mond	8pm BOARD MEETING		
42	14-Jun-21	Mond	(QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY)		
43	21-Jun-21	Mond			
44	28-Jun-21	Mond	PRESIDENTIAL CHANGEOVER		
46	3-Jul-21	Sat	Bunnings BBQ - Taylors Lakes -TBC		(E 5/1) Barb Rafter



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.

December, January and February Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

December 6: Steve Pennicott
December 10: Alison Perrottet
December 11: Liz Albioli
December 15: Emma Ebrahim
December 21: Howe Tan
December 28: Don Tucker
December 29: Patrick Honeyborne
December 31: Vanda Mullen
January 1: Cherrie Osborn
January 9: Tricia Smith
January 17: John Cowl
January 25: Chris Rundell
January 27: Lou Gionfriddo
January 31: Raj Vytilingam
January 31: Jenny Foster
February 3: Jeselee Vytilingam
February 11: John Rafter
February 22: Pauline Badenhope
February 25: Gerard Mahoney and Past Member-
Les Norton
February 26: John Young (Tina Ballos husband) and
Past Member Joy Ryan
February 28: Debbie Bergbauer (wife of Past
Member John)
February 29: Bob McMartin



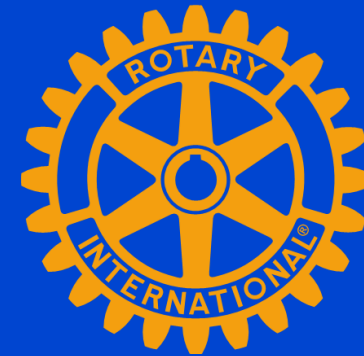
Wedding Anniversaries

December 6: Tina Ballos & John Young
December 8: Ian and Cathy Wright
December 9: Deb & Colin Akers
December 19: Peter & Rachel Tomlinson
January 6: Phil and Trish O'Brien
January 10: Vanda and Barry Mullen
January 20: Yvonne and Greg Osborn
February 12: Ginny and Alex Billson
February 23: Terry and Pauline Badenhope



Rotary Anniversaries

December 1: Brett Bedson 1993
December 1: Steve Pennicott 1991
December 13: Annie Webb 2010
February 1: Bob McMartin 1986
February 10: Ian Wright 1997
February 16: Marianne Potgieter 2004
February 17: Patrick Honeyborne 2003
February 25: Gail Horkings 2002
February 25: Bob Sercombe 2008



Member News -

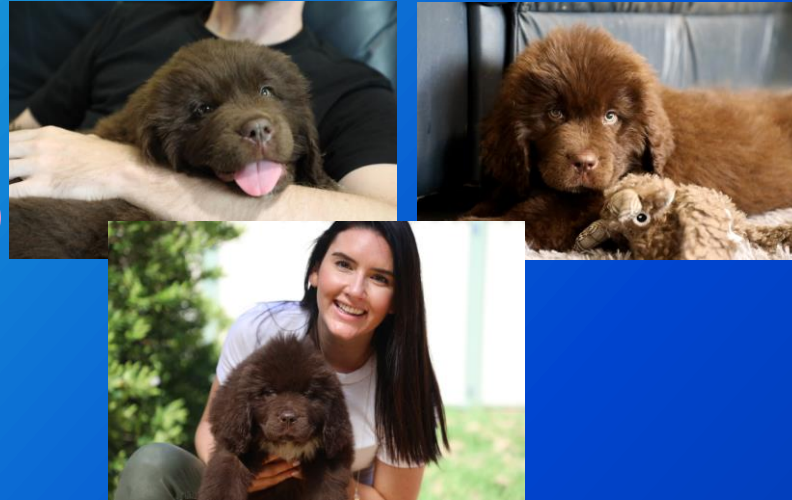
Congratulations Great Grandpa
Lloyd Lancaster



Let me introduce you to our new great grand daughter, Elora Jean who arrived yesterday afternoon (December 18th) and all are well. I was a little sad that Betty wasn't here to greet her but am over the moon for Madeline and Jamie having a sister for Lucas who turns 2 in January.

Lloyd Lancaster

Newfoundland pup, Edward (Eddie) has been stealing hearts in the Osborn household.



Annie Webb had a wonderful Christmas with her family.

Update on Grandma Win Osborn



After a long wait, Ginny and Alex finally have their new table.



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

