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others"

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## President's Report

by President Deb Sloggett

Hello everyone,

Our final meeting for the year was a festive Christmas time. We were joined by special guest Steve Pennicott and welcomed back members we hadn't seen in a while - Barbara M and Deb A. A big welcome to guests Aviv from Rotary Passport Melbourne and Paul's wife Alison. It was also great to have some members join us on zoom so we could all sing together "I wish you a Merry Christmas". We remembered members and friends who are unwell and struggling at this time of year

Our end of year act of service, collecting food for the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre has been a success and Helen and I will deliver 10 bags of goodies. I have been thinking of Rotary as a Service club this week and how each and every one of our club's members dig deep constantly. It was gratifying to hear a snippet of Rotarians in action on ABC radio on the Australia all over program. 2 Rotarians from the Rochester Club and Bendigo Sandhurst telling radio land about the generosity and service of their Rotarians collecting goods and then transporting them to flood affected people. What was even more impressive was when the clubs they delivered to rang them a week later and offered to bring it all back to help them as their areas were now flood affected and they wanted to help them. Wonderful!

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## Report by President Deb Sloggett (continued)



Last week I had the pleasure of attending a Christmas party at Donations in Kind (DIK) with delicious food and good company. Laurie told us a bit about the year's work at DIK. Even though there was fewer sending containers of goods and equipment to projects overseas than previous years it was still impressive. COVID has affected shipping not only in attaining transport ships but the cost of sending containers is enormous. The work of volunteers at DIK sorting and packing should not be underestimated and we as a club have great representation with Paul, David D and myself and all those who have participated in working bees. Thankyou.

Helen and I represented Rotary Keilor East at the graduation ceremony for year 6 students at Keilor Heights Primary. For me, it was fascinating – I have never attended one of these before. I looked around at the proud parents and how excited and encouraging the teachers were. The words of wisdom and care they shared with the students should have inspired them. I hope the students drank them in. The students seemed happy and clapped and cheered each other. We presented 4 students (well 3 as one had already left on holidays) with citizenship scholarship awards. Thankyou to the Community bank Keilor East- Bendigo Bank and thankyou Helen for promoting Rotary and why we as a club support these scholarships to all those present.

Not forgetting our final act of service to the community this year and that is acting as car park helpers at Milleara Mall the 3 days before Christmas. A number of us will be "Keilor East little helpers" being cheerful and directing people to car spots, helping with trollies and hopefully spreading the Christmas cheer so shoppers can have a stress-free time in the car park.

Till next year, have a Happy and Safe Christmas and New Year

President Deb



Above: Barbara Rafter braved the rain to help with the Milleara Mall Christmas Parking assistance. Our thanks go to everyone who helped with that fundraiser. Left: Rotary Passport Melbourne held their end of year celebrations at The Hyatt, Essendon Fields.



## Guest Speaker – District Governor Amanda Wendt's Official Visit to our Cluster

Right: District Governor Amanda Wendt helped pack sunflower seeds into envelopes to raise funds to support the citizens of Ukraine.



Above Left: Ken Allan, Barbara and John Rafter. Above Right: Deb Akers, Lou Gionfriddo and Robert Chessell.



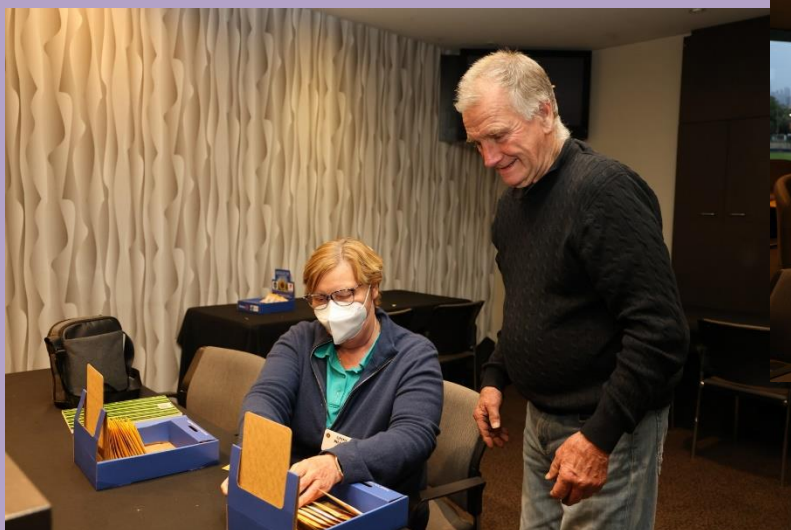
Above Left: Assistant Governor of our Cluster, Justin Wibrow. Above Right: Cherrie Osborn and Luke Corson. Left: Evelyn Perera, Marianne Potgieter and Evelyn's mother Dawn.



## Guest Speaker – District Governor Amanda Wendt



Above: John Compton, Paul Perrottet. Below: Ginny Billson and Harold Simpson (President of Keilor Rotary). Right: Arnold, Joe, Deb and Lou hard at work, packing sunflower seeds.



Above: Luke Corson with his fantastic Prep Teacher, Helen Penna. Yvonne Osborn was his Art Teacher at Taylors Lakes Primary School. He is a former recipient of our Keilor East Rotary's generous support. We helped him raise money to attend a United Nations Youth Australia tour and in return he helped us by hosting our Trivia Night at Aberfeldie Sporting Club in October 2015. Luke is studying for his masters of Economics while working in 2023. Below L to R : Luke's family, his Mum Pauline, sister Katie, brother Ben and Luke.



Above : Ginny packed the seed packets into donation boxes for three venues, one for each of the Cluster Clubs. Our Club's is at Senserrick's Fruit and Flowers in Keilor Village.





## Food Drive for [Asylum Seekers Resource Centre](#) in Footscray



A special thank you to everyone who contributed to our food drive this Christmas. Today Deb and I took all the donations to the Asylum Seekers Resource Centre in Footscray. They were very appreciative of all the donations. I have attached a few photos of what our club members shared.

THANK YOU from us and from all those who will receive the food gifts this Christmas. Best wishes to everyone for a safe, healthy and happy Christmas time. Whoever you get to spend time with make sure it is treasured.

Helen Penna



Above: Examples of the foods collected for this year's Food Drive. Our thanks go to Helen and Deb for delivering it at such a busy time of year prior to Christmas.



## Our Christmas Celebration at Windy Hill on Monday 12th December 2022



Thank you to President Deb, Secretary Helen and to all who helped decorate the room, make up the great Christmas Quiz and provide chocolates for prizes. The singing of We Wish you a Merry Christmas, with gusto, finished off a great Calendar year for Rotary Keilor East.





## Our Christmas Celebration at Windy Hill on Monday 12th December 2022

Ginny and Alex have this quirky Nativity Scene with Australian animals portraying the characters in the stable at Bethlehem. May peace be with us all this Christmas and during 2023.



Left: Aviv Palti and our President, Deb Sloggett.  
Below :L to R: Deb Akers, Phil O'Brien and Steve Pennicott

Aviv Palti, President of Rotary Passport Melbourne and founder of CRST (Cambodia Rural Students Trust) was our guest for our last meeting for 2022. He thanked us for our support for Project W and gave us a progress report on the provision of fresh water to secondary schools in rural Cambodia.





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**Keilor East Rotarians and  
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We will hold our Meeting at  
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A variety of Pizzas will  
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BYO Chair (Cherrie has  
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*Please confirm by  
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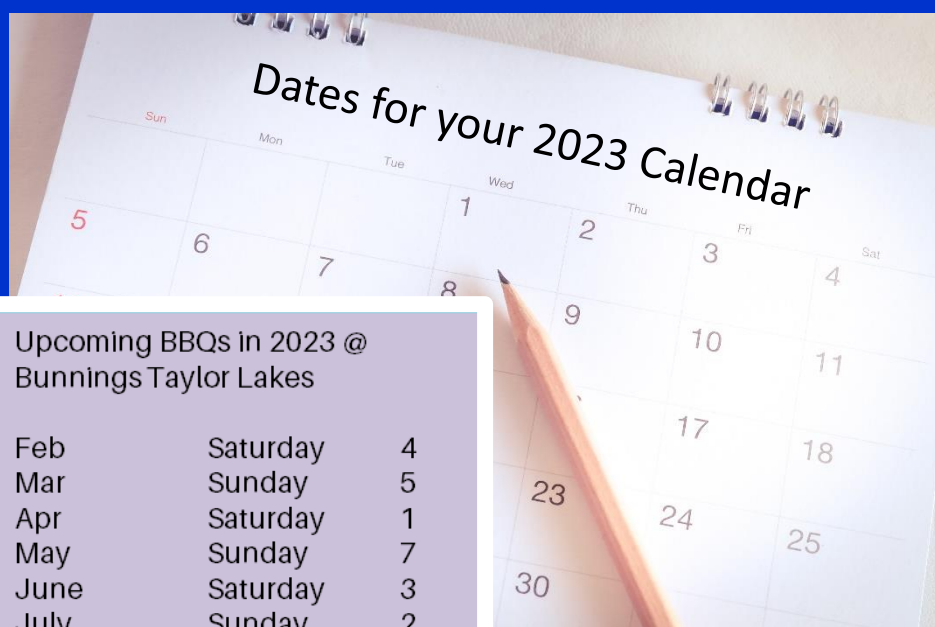
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Windy Hill Bistro is the venue for our dinner, (order from the menu), before our 7.00pm Monday Rotary Meeting in the Legends Room on Level 2.



We welcome your suggestions for future Guest Speakers. Email [keiloreastroty@gmail.com](mailto:keiloreastroty@gmail.com)



#### Upcoming BBQs in 2023 @ Bunnings Taylor Lakes

Feb	Saturday	4
Mar	Sunday	5
Apr	Saturday	1
May	Sunday	7
June	Saturday	3
July	Sunday	2
Aug	Saturday	5
Sep	Sunday	10
Nov	Saturday	4
Dec	Sunday	3



Date	Day	Speaker/ Event	Contact
January 16	Monday	Pizza Night at Cherrie Osborn's	Cherrie Osborn
January 23	Monday	First Meeting at Windy Hill for 2023	Deb Sloggett David Dippie
January 30	Monday	TBA	Deb Sloggett
February 4	Saturday	Bunnings BBQ at Watergardens	Gerard Mahoney
<div>Save the Date for 2023 Moonee Valley Art Show</div>			
May 18	Thursday	Set Up for Moonee Valley Art Show <b>Volunteers Required</b>	Keilor East Rotary members of MVAS Committee  Gerard Mahoney Phil O'Brien Chris Rundell Tina Ballos David Dippie Yvonne Osborn  Sponsors and /or Volunteers welcome at <a href="mailto:keiloreastrotary@gmail.com">keiloreastrotary@gmail.com</a>
May 19	Friday	Gala Opening of Moonee Valley Art Show at St Bernard's College Keilor East <b>Volunteers Required</b>	
May 20	Saturday	Moonee Valley Art Show <b>Volunteers Required</b>	
May 21	Sunday	Moonee Valley Art Show <b>Volunteers Required</b>	

Our new Program Director, David Bennett, assisted by President Nominee David Dippie, will be coordinating a program of Guest Speakers and activities for the 2022-2023 Rotary Year.  
Your ideas are welcome [keiloreastrotary@gmail.com](mailto:keiloreastrotary@gmail.com)



## Club Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Birthdays

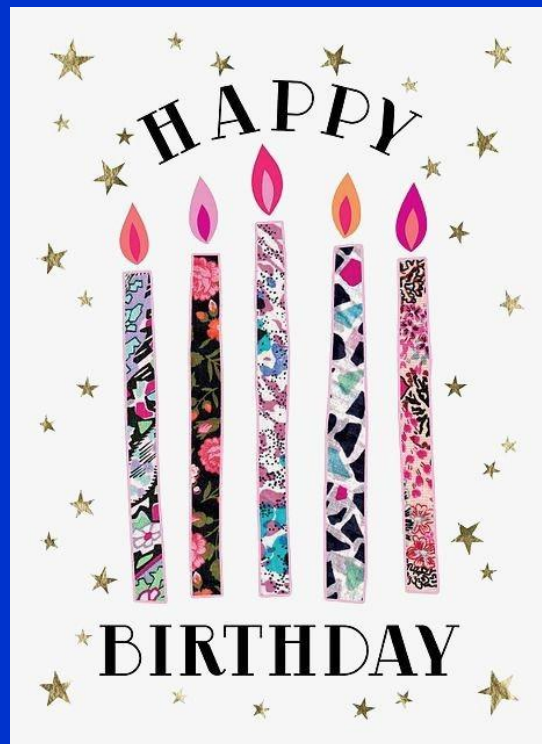
December 6: Steve Pennicott  
December 10: Alison Perrottet  
December 11: Liz Albioli  
December 15: Emma Ebrahim  
December 21: Howe Tan  
December 28: Don Tucker  
December 29: Patrick Honeyborne  
December 31: Vanda Mullen  
January 1: Cherrie Osborn  
January 8: Margaret Thomas  
January 9: Tricia Smith  
January 16: Silvana Dinatale  
January 17: John Cowl  
January 18: Gail Bouchaud (supportive past member)  
January 27: Chris Rundell and Lou Gionfriddo  
January 31: Raj Vytilingam (past member)

### Wedding Anniversaries

December 6: Tina Ballos and John Young  
December 8: Ian and Cathy Wright  
December 9: Deb and Colin Akers  
December 10: Tony and Margaret Thomas  
December 19: Peter and Rachel Tomlinson  
January 6: Phil and Trish O'Brien  
January 10: Vanda and Barry Mullen  
January 20: Yvonne and Greg Osborn (50th)  
January 31: Mark and Melissa Tognon

### Rotary Anniversaries

December 1: Brett Bedson 1993  
December 1: Steve Pennicott 1991





## Member News

*In Loving memory of  
Lois Barbara Cameron  
3/4/1937 - 26/12/2022*



Keilor East Rotarians and families extend their deepest sympathy to Lois's husband Bruce, their daughters Robyn, Sandra and Julie, their partners, their grandchildren and great grandchildren. They are all in our thoughts at this difficult time.

Lois was a wonderful support to Keilor East Rotary for over 30 years. She will be sadly missed by us all as we remember her commitment to the value "Service Above Self".

It would be great to get more photos of our members and families for our next Newsletter. Send to my phone 0411773360 or email to [keiloreastrotary@gmail.com](mailto:keiloreastrotary@gmail.com)



Above: Two years can make such a difference. Anna Billson really appreciates Santa and his gifts now. Below: The Gionfriddo family wished everyone a Happy New Year via Facebook.

Merry  
Christmas and  
a Happy New  
Year  
Everyone





## We thank our Generous Sponsors



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**Keilor East Community Bank® Branch**  
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**Bendigo Bank**

Keilor East Community Bank has been an outstanding sponsor of our Club projects over many years. We are very appreciative of their generosity and support and urge Members, family and friends to use the bank which supports its local community. Tina Ballos who is a member of the Rotary Club of Keilor East, is the Branch Manager. Our Past President, Gerard Mahoney is Chairman of the Bank Board.

We are also very grateful to have the sponsorship of Smart Storage World in Keilor East for the storage of our Club trailer. We appreciate their support for us and urge Club Members and friends to make use of this local business.

For all your Home or Business Storage, including Boats, Caravans and Cars, call 0408 KEILOR or 0408 534 567. The business can be found on the Web at <http://smartstorageworld.com.au/>

