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President's Report

by President Deb Sloggett

Hello everyone,

Monday 6th February, we welcomed Heather Golder as our special speaker. Heather is in the process of retiring from her work life in education. Her last role as assistant principal in a primary school was very demanding and she is welcoming the next phase in her life. Just before Christmas Heather had a trip of a lifetime by going to the Antarctic. Lucky us got to share in the adventure by her presentation. The boat trip with rolling waves and ice floes, the zodiacs taking the adventurous travellers to walk on the icy land, the penguins sliding in their own poo and the immense beauty of the ice were enthralling. Thank you so much Heather.

It did enforce to me how precious our environment is and we can't take it all for granted. I'm looking forward to hearing more from our environmental team in how we can play a role in environmental sustainability. In fact, I believe every action we do should have a sustainable action. As Rotarians we can be role models for our community and beyond.

Helen and I attended Rotary Club of Essendon's Club Night at Maribyrnong Park bowling club on Tuesday 7/2. The speaker was a retired policeman who talked about his role in the 'wipe off 5' campaign back in the 90's and his current role as President of Port Melbourne Lifesaving Club. This week 15/2 I will be attending Rotary Club of Strathmore meeting with Cherrie to hear Jessie Harmon - Rotary International Board member speak.

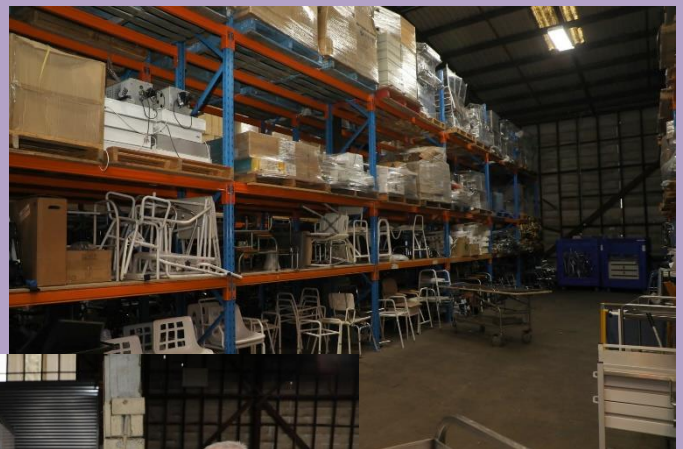
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On Monday night 13/2 we shall be having a Club Service Night focusing on Donations in Kind (DIK). DIK is part of Rotary's Donations in Kind Network, a recycling facility run by volunteers. Goods collected are destined for developing countries and to disadvantaged individuals in the local community. Rotary Keilor East is one of the sponsor clubs supporting this huge facility.

Always a lot happening in Rotary, we are not alone in being busy. There is also a lot to be involved with and participate in. The District 9800 web page is a good one to have on your favourites bar for easy access <https://rotarydistrict9800.org.au/>



A selection of photos from our visits to [Donations In Kind](#) (DIK) over many years.

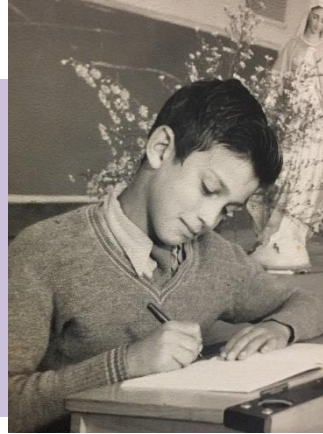


DIK is situated in Shed 39, 400 Somerville Road West Footscray

Monday January 30th - Rotarian Behind the Badge - Domenic Cichello



Right: Domenic with his younger sister Elizabeth. Centre: Domenic as a schoolboy. Below Left: His induction to Rotary Keilor East.



Domenic Cichello – A life and a journey in real life.

1. I am the culmination of a healthy robust upbringing.
 - a. Born Bairnsdale and raised in East Gippsland Victoria,
 - b. Raised initially at Nungurner on the Gippsland Lakes and then at Bunga Creek via Lakes Entrance.

2. To understand me you need to understand my family, its faith, culture and its origins.
 - a. Italian migrants from Province of Vibo Valentia [then named Catanzaro], Calabria in Southern Italy.
 - b. Raised in the Catholic [Christian] life values.
 - c. The Cichello family history originates from town called Zungri in the same Province.
 - d. The area is rich in its early culture and has very colourful folklore festa's and parades annually in august.
 - e. Refer to the Zungri Commune caves early settlement which is a now tourist point of interest.
3. My life was cast for me in my childhood.
 - a. Migrant parents adopting a new land to call home didn't give me much option for a childhood.
 - b. The family needed to be a part of the new society and so no scope for idle play.
4. My place of birth.
 - a. I was born at Bairnsdale district Hospital
5. My parents instilled the adventurer "No Limits" spirit in me.
6. My preschool days.
7. My early school days and its handicaps.
8. Sacrifices made for basic education.
9. My education and my choices.
10. My teenage decision to discontinue education.
11. Offered a football scholarship by South Melbourne Football Club 1967.
12. Introduction to aboriginal [first nation] life, survivals and cultures, via school association and farm employment.
13. Played Basketball with the Lake Tyres aboriginal team in East Gippsland League 1970.
14. Working on the family farm from age 16-20 years.
15. Community service with Apex of Lakes Entrance; Secretary at 18 years of age.
16. I also worked at Lakes Entrance Fisherman's Cooperative for approx. one year.
17. Attempts to study accountancy "off campus", very challenging whilst working on a farm.
18. National Service Duty [A National Disaster]
19. Post National Service [The black hole]. No farm operation left to return to; so took option to study leaving/orientation year.
20. Back to studies to up skill and studied Higher Technician Certificate.

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Domenic was conscripted and undertook National Service Duty [A National Disaster]. He narrowly missed being sent to Vietnam. Below: Domenic is pictured with fellow Real Estate Agent Joe Albioli.



21. Traineeship with Dept. Civil Aviation
22. Studies distracted by engagement and marriage. Three children Simon, Yvette and Aaron.
23. Climbing the steps of success in the Australian Public Service.
24. Invited to join an Italian Social Club as President 1977.
25. Joined a major political party in 1978.
26. Stood for Scullin By- election in 1985.
27. 1985 Charter member of a new Rotary Club of Craigieburn.
28. Invited to join an Italian Political Association in 1985.
29. Invited to be a part of key strategy team, leading up to the election of Jeff Kennett in 1992.
30. Resigned from DCA 1989 due to stress of the changes to the Department at that time.
31. Commenced a career in Real Estate Sales 1989; not by plan.
32. Completed my Estate Agent Training 1996 and graded a Real Estate Licence 1998.
33. Having lost 6 months commission [Approx \$20K] in the collapse of Ray White Essendon.
34. Commenced P/T Studies for Bachelor of Business [Property] 2003 -2010.
35. 2006 executed Victoria [Australia's"] largest Englobo land sale, Englobo land is land that is: undeveloped, or has minimal development largely unserviced zoned to allow for subdivision into smaller parcels. [and became very ill].
36. 1992-03 President of Rotary Club of Craigieburn.
37. 2000-01 President of Rotary Club of Craigieburn.
38. 2006-07 President of Rotary Club of Laverton Point Cook; as I was living in Altona Meadows.
39. 2011-12 President of Rotary Club of Craigieburn, as the Club was in difficulty, asking for help..
40. 2013-14 Charter President of Rotary Club of Greenvale; I wanted more than Rotary Club of Craigieburn could offer me in Rotary.
41. 2018-19 Planning the formation and Charter of the Rotary Club of Wyndham Harbour. I wanted a new age Rotary Club approx.
42. 2019 Formation and Charter of the Rotary Club of Wyndham
43. 2020-21 President Rotary Club of Wyndham Harbour, I planned for successful year in Rotary; despite the Covid lockdowns.
44. 2020-2022 Assistant District Governor Gateway West Cluster [x 2 years].
45. 2022 Joined Rotary Club of Keilor East; because it best fits my present Rotary requirements.

Monday February 6th - Heather Golder - A Visit to Antarctica

Heather Golder

- currently on leave and then retiring after 40 years of teaching.
- taught in a range of schools; regional & city schools, small schools & multi campus schools, spent 12 months on an international exchange in Philadelphia USA. Finished career at Aberfeldie PS as Assistant Principal.
- travel is a passion of mine; I have been fortunate to have friends that also like to travel (however I also like to travel by myself) and to be in an occupation that can support my travels. I have volunteered for a month in an orphanage in Kenya with a childhood friend. I also was part of a team that built a house for a family in Cambodia. I have travelled to many places, and I am very grateful for these experiences.
- I love to read and thanks to being part of Deb Sloggett & Helen Penna's Book Club group, I have diversified my reading.
- I have been a subscriber and attend a number of Melbourne Theatre Company (MTC) performances, I have been doing this for many years and enjoy other theatre shows, concerts etc. I am an avid Port Fairy Folk Festival attendee, discovered it early in my teaching career as I was teaching nearby, and it is now a favourite weekend every year.
- I played netball, basketball, tennis and badminton for many years & love to listen to music.
- I grew up in the Wimmera/Mallee on a farm, the family farm has been sold and I still have family who live in the area.
- In my retirement I want to read more, travel more, visit friends and family more, see the parts of Australia that I haven't seen, get back into my craft/sewing and get back to being fitter and healthier.

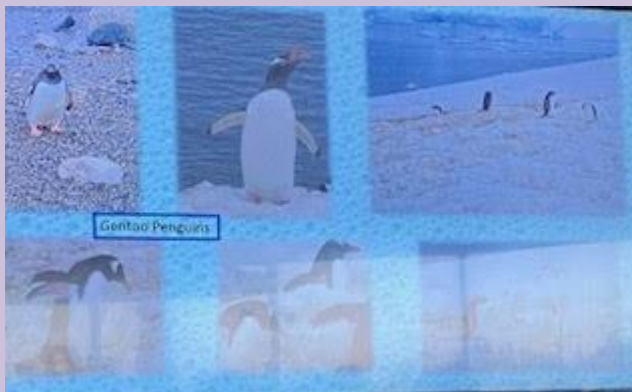


Above: Heather Golder gave an excellent presentation about her recent trip to Antarctic Peninsular which departed from Argentina. Right: Heather with her friend Nola.

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Above: The Tour left from Argentina. The scenery was breathtaking.



Gentoo Penguins are a favored menu item of the leopard seals, sea lions, and orcas that patrol the waters around their colonies.



Weddell seals are animals of the deep south, they live and breed further south than any other mammal.

**Gala
Opening
Night**

Friday 19 May 7pm

Rotary



**Clubs of Keilor East
& Essendon**

PRESENT

**MOONEE
VALLEY
ART
SHOW**

19–21 May 2023

St Bernard's College,
Gate 6 , Hampton Road, Essendon West

Open to the public with all proceeds going
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- Sat 20 May 11am to 5pm
- Sunday 21 May 10am to 4pm

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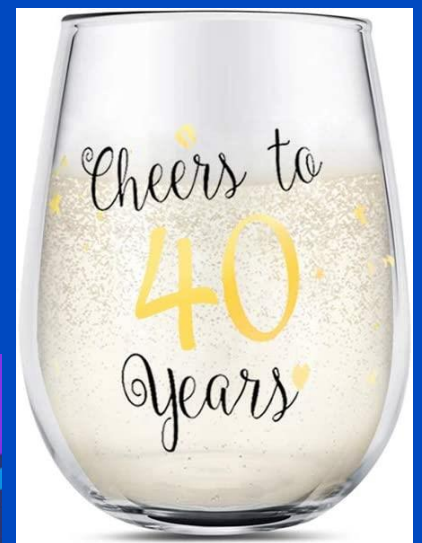
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Rotary Keilor East will celebrate 40 Years in August 2023. The actual date is August 10th but, since that is a weekday, we will probably need to celebrate on Saturday 12th or Sunday 13th August. Stay tuned for a date, venue and time TBA. Ideas welcome.

Our “40th Birthday”, “40th Anniversary”, “Cheers to 40 Years”, whatever we call it, let’s make it a memorable celebration of our great Rotary family over so many years.



Our Next Keilor East Rotary Meeting is on Monday 13th February at Windy Hill. We meet at 6.00pm for dinner if desired before our 7.00pm Meeting in the Legends Room on Level 2.

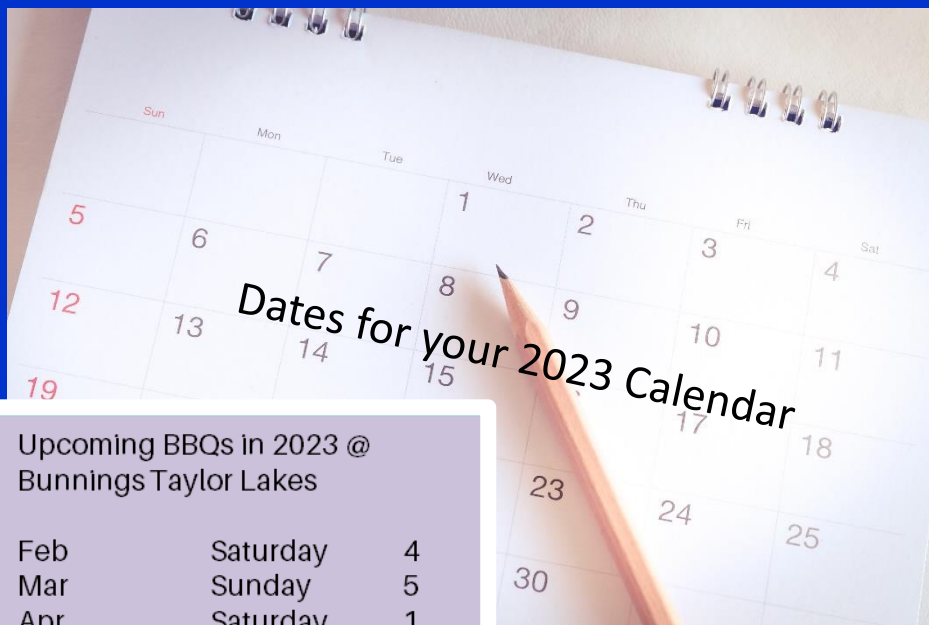
We will be meeting tomorrow night at Windy Hill. 6pm for dinner in the Bistro and then 7pm upstairs in Legends Room.

This week we are having a service night focus on Donations In Kind. There will be some hands-on jobs we need to do and some sharing about what our club members Paul, David D and Deb do out there.

Looking forward to seeing you all there.
Helen Penna



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.



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



We welcome your suggestions for future Guest Speakers. Email keiloreastroty@gmail.com

CALENDAR

Date	Day	Speaker/ Event	Contact
Feb 13th	Monday	Club Reports and Discussions	Deb Sloggett
Feb 20th	Monday	Paul Perrottet - Volunteering for Australian Open Tennis	David Bennett
Feb 27th	Monday	Club Reports and Discussions	Deb Sloggett
March 5th	Sunday	Bunnings BBQ at Watergardens	Gerard Mahoney
March 6th	Monday	Amanda Donohoe Chief Executive Officer Servants Community Housing Limited	David Bennett
<div style="background-color: white; padding: 10px; border-radius: 5px;"> <h2>Save the Date for 2023 Moonee Valley Art Show</h2> </div>			
May 18	Thursday	Set Up for Moonee Valley Art Show Volunteers Required	Keilor East Rotary members of MVAS Committee Gerard Mahoney Phil O'Brien Chris Rundell Tina Ballos David Dippie Yvonne Osborn
May 19	Friday	Gala Opening of Moonee Valley Art Show at St Bernard's College Keilor East Volunteers Required	
May 20	Saturday	Moonee Valley Art Show Volunteers Required	Sponsors and /or Volunteers welcome at keiloreastrotary@gmail.com
May 21	Sunday	Moonee Valley Art Show Volunteers Required	

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

Club Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

February 3: Jeselee Vytilingam (past member)
February 11: John Rafter
February 22: Pauline Badenhope
February 25 Gerard Mahoney
February 25: Les Norton
February 26: John Young (Tina Ballos's husband)
February 28: Debbie Bergbauer (wife of John Bergbauer)
February 29th: Bob McMartin



Wedding Anniversaries

February 12: Ginny and Alex Billson
February 23: Terry and Pauline Badenhope



Rotary Anniversaries

February 1: Bob McMartin 1986
February 10: Ian Wright 1997
February 16: Marianne Potgieter 2004
February 17: Patrick Honeyborne 2003
February 25: Bob Sercombe 2008 (Honorary Member)



Member News



Deborah Sloggett

Oh Deborah Sloggett, the President so fine
 Of Keilor East Rotary, a leader divine,
 Her passion for service, a true work of art
 Inspiring all members, right from the start.
 She leads with her heart, and her spirit so bright
 Guiding the club to make a difference in sight
 With every project, she shines like a star,
 Bringing people together, near and far.
 Her dedication and drive, a force to be seen
 Bringing happiness and hope, to those in need
 Her tireless efforts, a true labor of love
 For her community, she rises above.
 She embodies the ideals, of Rotary's pride,
 With wisdom and grace, she stands by her side
 A true champion of peace, a friend to all
 Deborah Sloggett, the leader who stands tall.
 So, here's to the President, who shines like the sun
 With a heart full of gold, and a will second to none
 We thank you, Deborah, for all that you do
 For Keilor East Rotary, and the community too.

*Suggest you or someone read it next meeting?
 Certainly, a surprise for Deb! Otherwise, print it in next
 Newsletter. NB it is written by a software machine, Chat
 GTP, nothing by me! Tony Thomas.*



Above L to R: Deb Sloggett, Helen Penna, Barbara Mckeon and Marianne Potgieter after our 30th January Meeting.



Above: Great friends, Arnold Vandenharn and our Care Bear, Marianne Potgieter.

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

We thank our Generous Sponsors



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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.

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