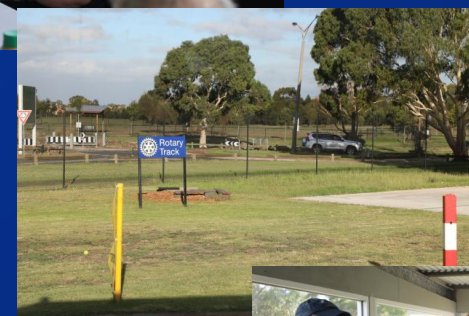




Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Keilor East Inc.

Rotary Club 21222 - Charter granted 10th August 1983
January 18th, 2021 - Volume 38 Number 11
Club Motto - "Fun and fellowship whilst helping others"
Club Website - www.keiloreastrotary.org

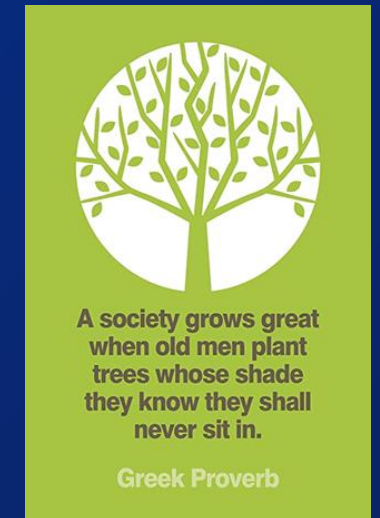
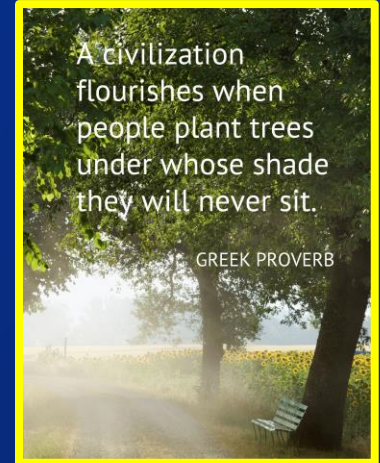


On Monday 18th January Keilor East Rotary held our first meeting for 2021. It was an indoor picnic at Brimbank Bicycle Education Centre at Green Gully Reserve. It was a great opportunity to catch up with each other again after so long. The venue is an incredible tribute to its founders and to the many volunteers who provide this wonderful resource.



President's Report - President Michael Donnelly

December 18th 2020



Fellow RCKE Rotarians

Happy New Year to you all. I tend to think of January as being National Sanity Month when the world as we know it has slowed down sufficiently that we have the opportunity to recharge our batteries. We also have enough time to reflect on what we are grateful for in our lives as well as about that which we would like to do differently in the coming year.

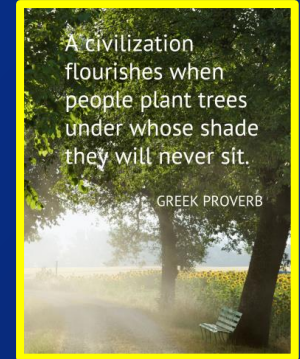
My grateful thoughts in January have been about how important 'family and friends' have been in enabling me to 'manage' the isolation resulting from the public health measures taken to contain the COVID Pandemic. As it was in our personal and family lives so it was with Rotary. Having opportunities available for shared Rotary service and virtual fellowship provided a source of meaning and purpose during those restricted times. I was grateful that technology was such a boon in overcoming that imposed isolation. We are now however feeling the relief, as well as possibly a mild level of initial trepidation, as we were able to move from virtual or technological contact to real face to face contact again in our gathering at KERSL for a Christmas function in December last year and then again for a picnic/BBQ at the Bicycle Education Centre just ten days ago.

NEXT CLUB MEETING:

We are scheduled to meet again next Monday (1 February) and we will be reconvening back at KERSL for that meeting at our usual time. As I advised those attending the Bike Centre ten days ago, there was some unease expressed by both Board Directors and Club members about the adequacy of the implementation of a socially-distant COVID-safe Plan at KERSL during our December gathering and, following our Board meeting earlier this week, Joe Albioli has just advised me that he has met and discussed those concerns with KERSL management and been given reassurance about the adequacy of their arrangements for our return to KERSL. Next Monday's meeting content will be 'traditional' in the sense that there will be meals, Reports, and fellowship etc. but instead of an external guest speaker we will have the opportunity to hear from our own members whose 'essential service' vocations have seen them continue working with the public during the pandemic. They will each have 3-5 mins to share that experience with us.

President's Report - President Michael Donnelly

continued



BOARD MEETING held on MONDAY 25 JANUARY 2021:

Items of business at this meeting, other than updates given in Director's specific portfolio reports, were as follow:

1. Out of an abundance of caution until vaccination programs have become a reality for all of the community, we would maintain our current fortnightly meeting pattern but only in a manner which implements COVID-safe practices. We remain alert to the possibility that, at some stage in 2021, we may again need to revert to Zoom meetings, alternative 'in person' venues or a hybrid of both.
2. A suggestion about purchasing a new set of BBQ aprons for those working at our Bunnings BBQs etc. led to an impromptu review of our 'BBQ marketing' strategy. Considered in that review were the following:
 - that the set of 12 RCKE branded aprons purchased by RCKE a few years ago needs to be located;
 - that having a variety of marketing sources which include our brand/logo/name will showcase Rotary as a professional and worthwhile community service organisation and have the potential to attract new members;
 - that there are already sandwich boards available in the Club which can be covered with corflutes detailing some of the community projects that we support and fund;
 - that there are also 'tear drop' flag poles available which, with either the addition or replacement of RCKE club name on the flag, could be displayed at our BBQs
3. The issue of managing and storing our Club 'assets' in a central and accessible location was also addressed. Phil had first started work on this challenge about a year ago and has done some research about possible solutions. 'Commercial' solutions would be quite expensive, so he is suggesting that we attempt to think of 'freebie' options or options which only have an initial set up cost rather than being an ongoing 'rental' expense for the Club. In the near future, Phil will be sending an email to all Club members about the asset stocktake that is needed as well as canvassing possible storage options, so please give some thought now to where or with whom such options may exist.
4. Our major fundraiser, the Moonee Valley Art Show (to be held May 14-16), will be upon us before we know so now is the time to be seeking New Sponsors for the event. While we are aware that many businesses have been greatly challenged by the pandemic, we are also aware that there are some industries and businesses (eg financial planning, grocery and liquor retail to name a couple) that have done quite well. Also please think about any businesses within your sphere of influence that could have done well during 2020 and who could be approached as sponsors.
5. There may exist a possibility of a joint environmentally-themed project with RC Essendon related to the local Men's Shed constructing beehives for community placement.

I look forward to seeing many of you at KERSL on Monday.

Regards

Michael

Michael Donnelly

President RC Keilor East

Assistant Governor (Gateway East Cluster)

Email: michaeldonnelly@me.com

✉ 8/3 Marco Polo St, Essendon VIC 3040

☎ home: +61 (0)3 9374 2791

☎ mobile: + 61 (0)402 307 354



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

Greek Proverb

Our busy Keilor East Rotary Members - Pre- Christmas Parking at Milleara Mall and Bunnings BBQs



Messages from Annie Webb

Not a very busy day...and some nice feedback from public. Luckily, the rain held off for us.

This was the 1.30-4pm Team. Phil was our Captain
We had a nice constant turnover



Just Married - Past President Mark Tognon's Wedding - Photos by Annie Webb



Mark Tognon and Melissa Softley were married at [Marybrooke Manor](#) in Sherbrook on Sunday 31st January 2021. They were blessed with beautiful weather for their special day, the date of which had been changed three times due to Covid restrictions. We send them our warmest congratulations and wish them a long and happy married life together.



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



Brimbank Bicycle Education Centre - Monday 18th January 2021



Above: Soon to be inducted as a Keilor East Rotarian, David Bennett organized the evening for us.
Below: John and Barbara Rafter.



Above: Lou Gionfriddo and Deb Sloggett cook their BBQ meal. Below: Alex and Ginny Billson.



Left: The former Brimbank Central Rotary Club has been a major contributor to the Brimbank Bicycle Education Centre in the past.



On Monday 18th January, we held our first meeting for 2021. It was an indoor picnic at Brimbank Bicycle Education Centre at Green Gully Reserve. It was a great opportunity to catch up with each other again after so long. The venue is an incredible tribute to its founders and to the many volunteers who provide this wonderful resource.

<https://brimbankbicycleled.com>. We thank David Bennett for his work in organising the very successful and Covid safe evening.

What's happening in other local Rotary Clubs ?



Flemington-Kensington Rotary Art Show 2021

The 3rd Annual Rotary Art Show will be held at
The Kensington Town Hall – 30-34 Bellair Street Kensington
March Friday 26th to Sunday 28th 2021

It's on again – looking forward to a great weekend!

Connecting Community – Supporting local artists

2020 was a year like no other. The whole community was adversely affected in so many ways. Social distancing became the norm, and indeed we came together by staying apart. As we tentatively enter 2021, we hope for less distancing and more Covid safe connecting.

The Rotary Art Show, normally held in October, was also a casualty of the lock down and cancellations.

As the world opens up a little more and confidence grows towards a Covid safe normal our Rotary Club wants to once again present the community with opportunities to connect, create, collaborate and celebrate the strength and resilience of our local community through the arts.



Work by Featured Artist – Parul Sen

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)
35	PAGE 1 -Updated 060121				
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

We are meeting for dinner (choose from the menu) at the Keilor East RSL at 6.30 for 6.45pm on Monday 1st February.



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.

January and February Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

January 1: Cherrie Osborn
January 9: Tricia Smith
January 17: John Cowl
January 27: 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

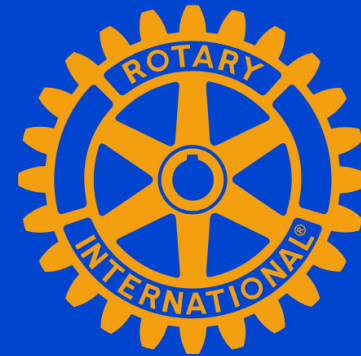
January 6: Phil and Trish O'Brien
January 10: Vanda and Barry Mullen
January 20: Yvonne and Greg Osborn

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



Rotary Anniversaries

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 -

Holiday Time



Minh and Kim Nguyen at Freycinet, Tasmania
December 2020.

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



In Loving Memory of Bert Mom



Our deepest sympathy goes to Angie and the family of Bert Mom. Bert had a stroke last Friday - 22nd January and, sadly, passed away on Saturday 23rd. Bert, and his daughter Melissa, were members of the Rotary Club of Brimbank Central. The photos above were taken at the Farewell to Brimbank Central Dinner held on June 8th, 2018. Twice Past President of the former Brimbank Central Rotary Club, PHF + Sapphire, Bert will be sadly missed.

At Last



This is a pic from last evening when I met Anna and we played peek a boo and clapping and waving of hands for a while before she was put to bed.

I arrived in Perth yesterday about 11am their time, then was tested, interrogated and deposited into my comfortable little "prison" for the next 14 days. Another test is needed on day11 and even if it is negative, I must stay isolated for the full 14 days. They are very strict and the police check if you are where you have nominated to be either by a site visit or text you then you do a selfie and send it back.

So far so good and my incoming test at the airport was not surprisingly negative.