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## Proud to be President of Rotary Keilor East

by President Deb Sloggett

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## President Deb Sloggett



Above: President Deb chose Past President Patrick Honeyborne as the MC for the evening.



District 9800 Governor Dale Hoy presented the toast to Rotary International.



Above: Phil O'Brien gave an excellent presentation on the history of the Moonee Valley Art Show.



President 2021-2022, Yvonne Osborn passed the chains of office to Deb Sloggett at her Monday 27th June Induction at the Premiers Room, Windy Hill, Essendon.



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Above: President Deb took the Presidential chains and made her acceptance speech.  
Left: Deb introduced her Board Members and those with special roles.



Above: District Governor Dale Hoy and his wife Maureen are pictured with Paul Perrottet.  
Right: Dale was one of the Lucky Door Prize Winners.





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Above: Yvonne Watson with Ginny Billson. Below: Ginny Billson with Marianne Potgieter.



Above: President Deb with her friends L to R: Rochelle, Robyn, Janice and Helen



Above: Tina Ballos and her husband John Young. Right: Immediate Past President Yvonne Osborn and Rayssa Coimbra.



Above: The two Yvonne's, Yvonne Watson and Yvonne Osborn.



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Left L to R: Aviv Palti, Maria Hicks, Jess Palti, Helen Penna and Cherrie Osborn were among the many supporters of Rotary Keilor East. Aviv will be inducted as Rotary Passport Melbourne on Sunday, July 3 at 7.00pm via Zoom.



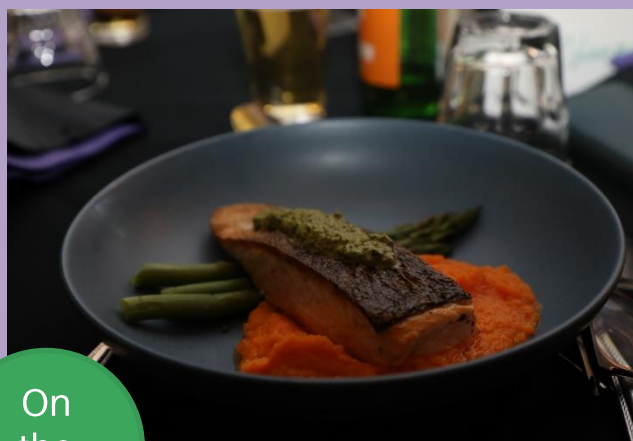
Above: Windy Hill Manager for the evening was Melanie Ayers. She is pictured here with Helen Penna (right) who was her Prep Teacher.



Above: Immediate Past President Yvonne with her husband Greg.



Our Vocational Director, Bob McMartin, and his wife Janet.



On  
the  
Menu





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Above:.. President Yvonne Osborn presented The Year that was 2021-2022. The slide show on the TV in the background was, coincidentally, showing a photo of Yvonne with her sister Cheryl at Yvonne's Induction as President last November.

Above: Yvonne Osborn was Duty Manager Melanie Ayers' Visual Arts Teacher at Taylors Lakes Primary School many years ago.



Above. Three great Raffle prizes were put together by Ginny Billson and Cherrie Osborn. Assisting with the Raffle Draw were Assistant Governor (Gateway West) Domenic Chicello and incoming Assistant Governor (Gateway West) Justin Wibrow.



Above L to R: Deb's Family , her father Len Sloggett, her sister Lisa Persegati, Deb Sloggett and her mother Margaret.

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I was asked a question by my dear friend Robyn – Why did I want to become president of our Rotary Club of Keilor East. I had to stop and reflect on this. I could say it was for the lofty reason of being a leader of a wonderful club with a prestigious organisation (and this isn't wrong or bad) but, quite simply, it was because I just wanted to. I want to learn more of our Rotary and be more connected with the culture of Keilor East and be with other like-minded people. I also knew the International Rotary Convention was being held in Melbourne in 2023 and thought it would be fun to be President for this exciting time.

Rotary Keilor East is special, we care about each other and really want to help our local and global community. We are also not alone in our 'passion' for caring. I heard someone talk about Rotary being a jigsaw puzzle, every piece of the puzzle is unique and valuable and has a role to play. If one piece is missing the puzzle can't be completed. I don't want us to be a missing piece. And just listening to Yvonne and what has been achieved this past year even with all the challenges has been amazing.

I want to thank Yvonne, she has done an incredible job and I can see her passion for Rotary shine through and I hope even a little of this passion, knowledge and flexibility falls on me. The last 2 years have been disruptive and unlike any other time. Community groups like Rotary have been so important to keep us connected. The spirit of collaboration with our community is strong and the value of this cannot be trivialized.

I want to imagine that we will continue to strengthen our connections. I'm hoping that imagining creates the reality. We have some wonderful projects that we have been part of and are part of. I'm excited by this and so looking forward to seeing them evolve.

I'm glad we are a fruitful club and I'm sure I'm not alone in wanting our club to keep growing. New people means new ideas, added enthusiasm. We can't always do it alone; we shouldn't do it alone and Jennifer Jones our new RI President has even asked us to partner with others. I find this exciting. Everyone should have an imagine if and a let's dream big, let's see what we can achieve together.

I would like to see us all to have a role, join a service interest not just for another meeting but to make those dreams reality. Bring ideas, let's action them, let's join with others. Can we attract new members by showing more of us? I think we can. It's okay if we are at different levels of imagining and doing, let's continue to include, support, listen to and connect.

This is what makes the Rotary family so much fun. What I can't do, others can, what I find hard, others find easy, what I didn't picture others did.

[I am thankful for the people in my life who have allowed me to imagine or at times brought me back to reality, have questioned my intentions but allowed me to be me. Thankyou to my parents Len and Margaret who are sitting over there, I think I got my love of being part of a 'group' from my dad who is a joiner, belonged to a number of groups, was a great committee man and always seemed to have genuine pleasure from going to meetings and spending time with people. My mum is not much of a joiner, but she is incredibly supportive. My sister Lisa just impresses me with her great skill and energy in being an action person.



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Thank you to my friends who have come tonight to support my Imagine madness and join in, I love this quote "it is one of the blessings of old friends that you can afford to be stupid with them" so thank you for being here Helen who had to, my Robyn, Leon, Robyn, Rochelle (thank you Rochelle for preparing the music you have all been enjoying tonight), Janice, Jane, Aviv, Jess, Maria, Brendan and Sue and I could keep going with everyone else in the room because you are all friends – Rotary friends.]

I want to especially thank Cherrie for being my mentor and being so encouraging and always welcoming me into her home. I just have to ring Cherrie and she tells me I am amazing; I might have been amazingly stupid but it's nice to know I am amazing.

It is time now to thank those who are going to be part of our Rotary Club's 2022-2023 Leadership Team. It does take a team to help turn the Imagine into Action and I am very grateful to have such enthusiastic and mightily gifted people help me and I would ask them to come forward to be acknowledged and accept a little gift from me.

### 2022-2023 Leadership Team

President – Deb Sloggett

President Elect – David Dippie

Immediate Past President – Yvonne Osborn

Secretary – Helen Penna

Treasurer Paul Perrottet

Community – Gerard Mahoney

International – Cherrie Osborn

Vocational – Bob McMartin

Youth – Michael Donnelly

Foundation – John Rafter

Environment and Sustainability – Phil O'Brien

Welfare – "Care Bear" – Marianne Potgieter

Social Connections – Ginny Billson





## The Year that was 2021-2022 – President 2021-22 - Yvonne Osborn



Good Evening everyone. It is my pleasure to report upon the “Year that Was 2021-2022 ” for Keilor East Rotary. In late June last year Michael Donnelly passed this zippered pouch to me, and I became President of KERC for the second time in my almost 20 years in this fantastic Club. We had been forced to postpone our proposed President Changeover and this happened four more times until I finally received the chains on 29th November last year in a ceremony at the Starlight Room, Taylors Lakes Hotel. It was a wonderful evening attended by members we hadn't seen for a long time.

From early July we held fortnightly Rotary Meetings via Zoom. With the help of our super program organizer, Annie Webb, we managed to find great Guest Speakers and host our District Governor, Dale Hoy's visit.

We inducted 5 great new members, David Dippie, David Bennett, Tony Thomas, Robyn Soffe and Elvira Tarrant. Eventually, as Covid Restrictions eased, we were able to meet face to face at the Keilor East RSL, where we had met for over 20 years. When staffing shortages were cited my management as a reason for the RSL not being to provide meals on Mondays, we were faced with the quest to find a new meeting venue.

This was a long, drawn-out procedure of trying different venues and surveying Members until we finally decided on The Legends Room at Windy Hill, a smaller meeting room, with a fabulous view of the City, upstairs from where we are meeting tonight.

Despite these difficulties, we have had lots of positives (more than we would have liked with several members testing Positive to Covid 19) during the year and have stuck together. It didn't seem to matter where we met, we still maintained our cooperation, welcoming atmosphere, care, service, dedication and friendships.

Our fantastic Secretary Helen Penna has kept us informed and our records up to date, Treasurer Steve Pennicott kept the finances in order and our wonderful Directors in David Bennett for Youth, Gerard Mahoney for Community, Bob McMartin for Vocational, Ginny Billson for Social Connections and Cherrie Osborn for the International field continued to provide the great services traditionally offered by Keilor East Rotary. Phil O'Brien led a team with the new Rotary focus of Environment and Sustainability and our incredibly talented President Elect Deb Sloggett oversaw numerous grant applications as well as attending President training sessions while holding a demanding full-time job coordinating the Covid Testing Centre at the Showgrounds for Western Health. Our amazing Care Bear Marianne Potgieter has played a fantastic role, always caring for our welfare. I cannot thank her enough for this enormous support to us all.

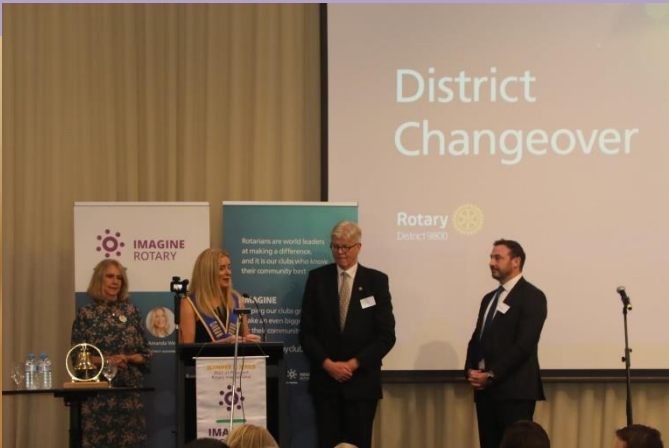
This brilliant team has kept the Club running through challenging times. It has been my pleasure to have been able to fill Club Newsletters with our activities, even during lockdowns. I'd like to thank my husband Greg and my family for their ongoing support of my passion for Rotary.

I am sure that as we near our Club's 39th Birthday we will resolve to maintain our warmth, friendships, caring and our commitment to Service above Self.

It will be pleasure to induct Deb Sloggett as our President for the 2022-2023 Rotary Year. We will all help you Deb, and we will try better to promote our projects and services and attract new members. Our 8th Moonee Valley Art Show is an example of our cooperation with another Rotary group, Essendon Rotary, and of highlighting our work, locally and overseas.

Thank you to you all for giving me the opportunity to be President of Rotary Keilor East. If we care for each other, use the opportunities provided for service and spread the word about the great work of Rotary Keilor East Rotary, it is my fervent hope that we will move Forever Forward.

# Saturday 25th June - District Governor's Changeover at Hyatt Place Essendon Fields



Above: President Elect Deb Sloggett with District Governor Amanda Wendt.



There were three Royce Abbey Champions of Change awards. There were Sandi Fulcher, Heather Watson and Donna Martin.



Above: DG Gateway West Justin Wibrow with Nilda Escalante from Caroline Springs Rotary.



L to R: President Elect Deb Sloggett, President Yvonne Osborn and President nominee David Dippie.



L to R: President Elect Deb Sloggett, Lesley McCarthy ( Kensington/Flemington) and President Nominee David Dippie.



# Monday 20th June - Part 1 of Planning for 2022-2023 Rotary Year - Imagine Rotary

Members were asked to contribute ideas for distribution of funds and for possible projects in the next year.

## Funding Ideas

MSA Multi Systems Atrophy in memory of Yew Kong Lye.  
SMA Spinal Muscular Atrophy – in support of people with our member, Elvira Tarrant's condition.  
Support of Community gardens  
Huntington's Victoria – in memory of Judith Maddocks  
Latitude – A youth homelessness charity - Directions for young people. Donate pantry items.  
WERN Western Emergency Relief Network  
Donations in Kind DIK  
I'm Still Learning – Maintenance Courses MVCC  
Western Chances  
Project W – Our WASH project in Cambodia.  
Smith Family – Support one or two children  
Food Bank – support of the Food Bank bus  
Domestic Violence Packs  
Friendship Club Essendon  
MS support  
ShelterBox -  
Guide Dogs  
Assistance Dogs Australia

## Project Ideas from Keilor East Rotary Members June 20 2022

Homeless People Support  
Mental Health Support  
Rotary Clocks in Shopping Centres  
Water and Sanitation e.g. our Project W in Cambodia  
Smith Family – Sponsor a child or two  
Planting – with Council and encourage people to plant trees in their own gardens  
Partner with a country Community  
A dog for an aged care facility  
Support for Fiji – school equipment, uniforms clean water  
Local Community Projects  
Gardening and Maintenance in people's homes e.g. those with a disabled or sick child.  
ShelterBox – International Disaster Response  
Carbon Neutral Rotary  
Medical Goods for Vietnam  
Working on a District Team to send Containers of equipment etc. to countries in need.  
Story Telling – imagine us telling our stories and encouraging others to get involved in partnerships with Rotary  
Fun activities to maintain Club morale e.g. outings for wine tasting, brewery tours, Chinese meal, vocational visits e.g. Vision Australia dog training.  
Promote Community businesses  
Continue Bunnings BBQs  
Support Community Gardens  
Set up an Interact Club at St Bernard's College  
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Assist Holloway Hostel  
Zero Carbon Footprint Rotary Club  
National Tree Day Planting  
Latitude – Youth Mentoring  
Moonee Valley Art Show 2023  
One to one engagement of disengaged Members  
Community Needs assessment – MVCV  
Seeding grants for VCAL students at three schools where we have good contacts  
Another Writing Competition with an Environment Topic  
Blood Pressure Mobile testing van in Centerway Shopping precinct – free testing for all.

**Gala  
Opening  
Night**

**Fri 8 July 7pm**

**Rotary**  
Keilor East & Essendon



PRESENT

**MOONEE  
VALLEY  
ART  
SHOW**

**8-10 July 2022**

St Bernard's College, 41 Rosehill Road, Essendon West

Open to the Public with all proceeds going towards  
Rotary Community Projects

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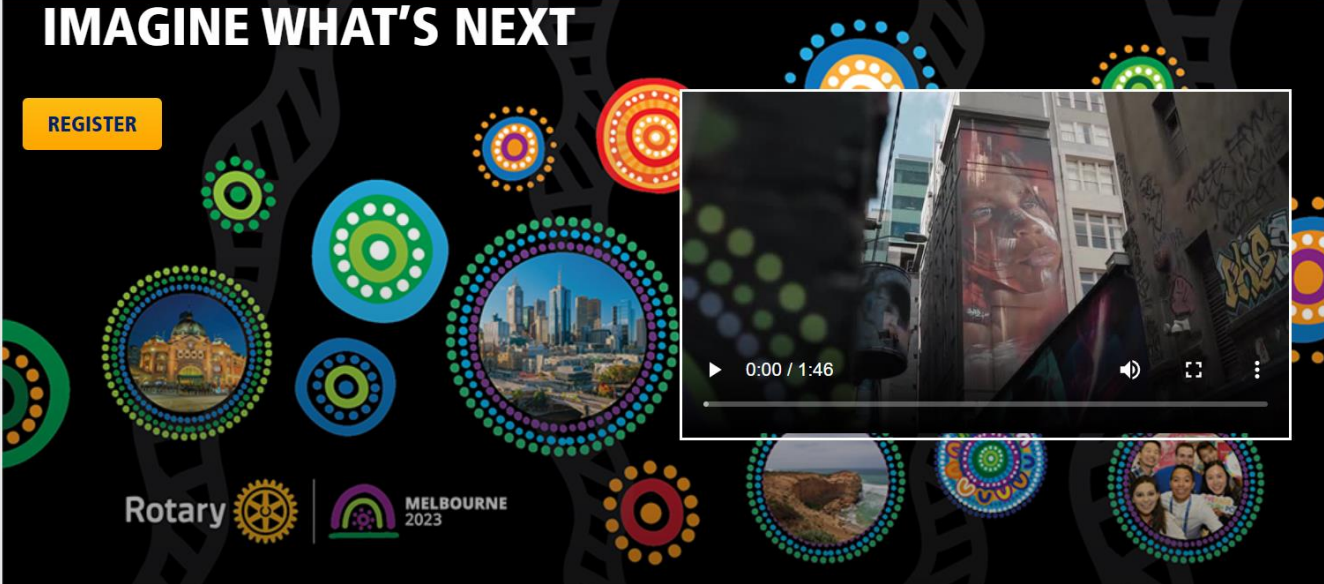
**27-31 May 2023**  
**MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA**



**4-8 June 2022**  
**HOUSTON, TEXAS, USA**

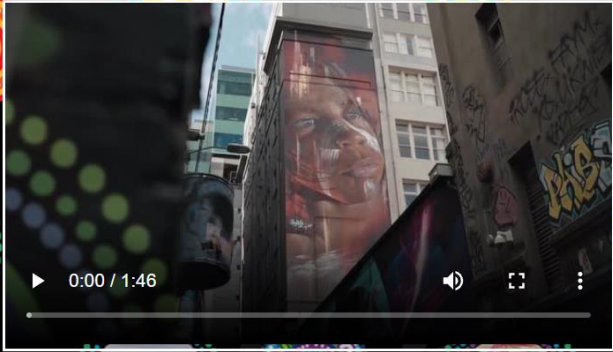
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## HOV Service Workshop Hands on Volunteering

# Save the Date

Calling all Presidents, Community Service Chairs, Vocational Service Chairs and any other interested Rotarians

Please ensure your club chairs are updated in ClubRunner for the 2022-2023 year so they don't miss out on receiving more information

## Saturday 23 July 2022

Time: 9.00am – 2.45pm (including lunch)

Booking details to follow soon.....

  GROW MY CLUB ACTION PLAN 2022-2023 [resources: greenhousemyclub.org](#) [newsletter: letsgrow](#)

Our Next Keilor East Rotary Meeting is on Monday 4th July at Legends Room Windy Hill. We order a meal from 6.00pm at the Bistro before the 7.00pm Meeting in The Legends Room on the second floor (there is a lift).



### A Message from our Secretary

Thanks to everyone who contributed to last Monday's Changeover Dinner. It was a terrific night.

We will be meeting this Monday 4th July to begin our NEW Rotary Year. The Bistro will be open for meals from 6pm.

After that we will move upstairs to begin our meeting at 7pm. Come for a meal and meeting or just the meeting. Zoom details below.

We will follow up with Part 2 on what was discussed last meeting about our imaginings, visions and dreaming for the year ahead. Bring along any other dreams, ideas, speaker options and thoughts for the year.

Looking forward to seeing you there on Monday.  
Helen Penna

Join Zoom Meeting  
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Legends Room will be the setting for our July 4th Meeting after dinner in the Windy Hill Bistro.

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



| Date    | Day      | Speaker/ Event                                                                                      | Contact                         |
|---------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| July 4  | Monday   | Part 2 of Imagining, visions and dreaming for the Rotary Year ahead.                                | Deb Sloggett<br>David Dippie    |
| July 8  | Friday   | 7.00 Gala Opening of Moonee Valley Art Show at St Bernard's College Hampton Street, Keilor East     | Phil O'Brien and MVAS Committee |
| July 9  | Saturday | Moonee Valley Art Show at St Bernard's College                                                      | Phil O'Brien and MVAS Committee |
| July 10 | Sunday   | Moonee Valley Art Show at St Bernard's College                                                      | Phil O'Brien and MVAS Committee |
| July 11 | Monday   | TBA - Possible Social Night at Bistro Windy Hill with Essendon Rotary to celebrate the MVAS success |                                 |
| July 18 | Monday   | TBA                                                                                                 |                                 |
| July 19 | Tuesday  | Board Meeting - Zoom 7.30pm                                                                         | Club Board                      |
| July 25 | Monday   | TBA                                                                                                 |                                 |

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

June 30: John Walsh.  
July 4: David Bennett  
July 12: Heather Honeyborne  
July 12: Ben Carroll  
July 19: Joe Albioli  
July 19: Stephanie Hewish  
July 23: Janice Allan  
July 31: John Bergbauer



### Wedding Anniversaries

July 11: Patrick and Heather Honeyborne  
July 14: Joe and Liz Albioli  
July 15: Daryl and Sonja Cornish



### Rotary Anniversaries

July 9: Ben Carroll 2012





## Member News

Vanda Mullen sent us these great photos from her June Collection.



Happy Days for 2-year-old Anna Billson - Out and about in Perth



Holidays Rock - Lou and Nonie Gionfriddo



Sunrise at Uluru



Sunset at Uluru

Welcome Baby April



Keilor East Rotarians send their warmest congratulations to Joe and Liz Albioli upon the arrival of their new granddaughter, April Lee O'Keeffe. She was born on Monday 27th June at 3.32am weighing 3kg. She is the first child for Bree and Conor. Welcome to the world April.

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)