

# Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Keilor East Inc.



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Club Motto - "Fun and fellowship whilst helping others"  
Club Website - [www.keiloreastroty.org](http://www.keiloreastroty.org)



On Monday 17th June our Guest Speaker was unable to attend so we were treated to talks by Helen Penna and Deb Sloggett, two of our newer Keilor East Rotary Members who are among the co founders of Care4Cambodians organization.

# President's Report

Monday 17th June 2019

President Ginny Billson



BE THE INSPIRATION

- Welcome to all members, visitors John and Robin via Maitland and Paul Perrottet, a soon to be inducted Rotarian from Flemington.
- The next few weeks will be busy attending various Rotary events including the District Changeover and a choir concert. I don't know how I coped with family life and a job in the past. I am so happy to be retired and able to attend these social and volunteer events.
- ADG Des last week alerted us to the great work WERN does by recycling useful items to people who have very little. Blankets and sleeping bags are especially needed on these cold wintery days so if any such items are languishing in your cupboards or garages let WERN know and they will be picked up. Michael Donnelly attended and presented at the Bendigo Bank's "Pitch for Funding" on Wednesday and was able to secure \$1000 to add to our donation to WERN this year.
- The Pitch for Funding event was held at the Club Italia venue and over \$30,000 was up for grabs by some very well presented and deserving community groups. Some interesting clubs such as the Essendon Scrabble Club, Keilor Rotary, Huntingtons Victoria, some athletics and disabled groups and the Keilor Heights Primary School were among over 20 organisations that also pitched for funding. Hearty thanks to the Bendigo Community Bank for coordinating and sponsoring this worthwhile event. Gerard was in full flight as the MC and as usual, he did it so well.
- The next Days for Girls "sew in" will be held at the Essendon Baptist Church Hall in Buckley street next Wednesday afternoon. I will have the pleasure of picking up Judith Maddocks and delivering her to the sew in. She gets great enjoyment interacting with many of her Rotary and other friends and satisfaction in being able to help make the kits.
- The District Changeover will be a local event at The Lakeside Banquet and Convention Centre 65 Melton Highway, Taylors Lakes on Sunday 30th June at 12.00. Cost is \$70.00. I can book anyone in who would like to come just please let me know.
- This will be my final president's report and I have enjoyed all the aspects of being president these last 2 years. It is bitter sweet to hand over the reins to Mark but very satisfying to see the great conviviality that our club has maintained "whilst helping others".
- Last but not least, thank you Yvonne for creating a newsy and colourful newsletter that should be compulsory for everyone to read.



## Editors Note :

President Ginny Billson and "First Bloke" Alex have worked tirelessly over the past two years to strengthen Keilor East Rotary. I am sure I speak for all Club members when I say "Congratulations" upon a job well done and an enormous "Thank You" for their continual support and encouragement. They have embodied the Rotary motto of Service Above Self.

## Other Reports

Ginny and Alex presented this Canadian Bear to our fantastic “Care Bear”, Marianne Potgieter.



- President Ginny introduced our Guest Speakers for the evening, Keilor East Rotarians Helen Penna and Deb Sloggett who were standing in for the scheduled Guest Speaker who was to speak about her work at the Phnom Penh Hospital in Cambodia.  
President Elect - Mark Tognon - Club President’s Changeover will be held on Monday 24th of June at the Cross Keys Hotel, Pascoe Vale. The cost will be \$45 per head. It would be appreciated if funds for tickets could be directly transferred to our Club account. More details on Invitation Poster. Our Treasurer will take money by cash or credit card (before the event) if you prefer. Closing date for payment is June 20th.
- Care Bear - Marianne Potgieter - Jan Allan is finally home from Epworth Rehab. We wish her a full recovery. Athena Vass, Rachel Tomlinson and Minh Nguyen have Birthdays this week.
- Community - Minh Nguyen -Bunnings BBQ at Watergardens is on Sunday 4th August. There is no July BBQ.
- Bendigo Bank East Keilor Community Bank’s “Pitch for Funding” will be held on June 19th. Community Groups which bank with that branch are eligible for a share of around \$30,000. Michael Donnelly will pitch on our behalf.
- International - Our next Days for Girls Sew In Day is on Wednesday 26th June. Recently volunteers packed 192 kits which are stored at Cherrie’s waiting to be sent to Timor Leste. David Dippie is over there at the moment. We have Entertainment Guides for sale. See Cherrie if you are interested.
- Phil O’Brien - A Government grant for Voluntary organizations has allowed us to order Club Polo Shirts and a Defibrillator which we hope we never need to use at our Meetings and Events.
- Attendance - Lloyd Lancaster - Our attendance for the 2018-2019 Rotary Year was approx. 78.8%. Well done everyone.
- Treasurer - Steve Pennicott - Fees will be due soon for the new Rotary Year. These may be paid half yearly if desired.
- Program - Joy Ryan - Joy wished the next member who takes on the Program role all the best. We said “Well Done” to Joy for arranging such a great Program over the past year.
- Foundation - Tina Ballos - EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year) - Many Club Members have contributed weekly towards their \$100 total. Receipts will be issued by Australia’s Rotary Foundation headquarters. Tina will be ordering Rotary Christmas Cakes soon. See her if you would like to order some.
- Youth - Our NYSF candidate, Vicky Lee, - is about to head to London for the International Conference. She managed to raise the required funds through donations from Western Chances, Go Fund Me, Rotary Foundation and Our Rotary Club.

## Guest Speakers - Helen Penna and Deb Sloggett -



Introduced by President Ginny Helen and Deb told us about the origins of their Care4Cambodians charity. Helen Penna, Deb Sloggett, Jane Carbone and their friend Jenny Foster had a good friend Caroline who was a Midwife who spent some of her holidays volunteering in Cambodia. On one visit the girls accompanied their friend and saw at first hand the needs of the Cambodian hospitals and people in general. Sadly Caroline died but the team are carrying on her vital work in her memory.

Upon their return they gathered a 20ft container of equipment and donated medical supplies at Donations In Kind. Through Rotary the container was shipped and the girls met it in Cambodia to unload it at the hospital.

The close-knit team of women has helped source goods for the Sunbeam Children's Home, Battambang Ophthalmological Centre and the Safe Haven Centre which supports children with medical disabilities such as Cerebral Palsy. Safe Haven provides Speech Therapists, Occupational Therapists and Wheelchairs for Kids (a Rotary Project).

Helen and Deb spoke about Cambodian Rural Students Trust which is now helping distribute Days for Girls kits and runs explanatory talks regarding their use and about self defence, sexual health and safety. The girls who receive the kits are usually around 14 years old. They choose their own sizes of underpants.

CRST, which was founded by Australian Aviv Palti, is a Not for Profit organization run by University Students from poor rural areas who have been sponsored for their tuition and an allowance (\$1000 Australian dollars per year). In return they help their communities and help in the organization's enterprises such as the Frozen Yoghurt shop and Days for Girls.

Reading Glasses of all strengths and sizes can be collected here in Australia for use by Cambodians who need them but cannot afford them. Helen or Deb will collect them. They will soon provide us with a wish list of other requirements prior to their next trip to Cambodia in August.



*From the Safe Haven Facebook Page : The joy in his smile and seeing him have more control over his body as he sits upright on his own in his corner seat brings a lot of happiness to our Safe Haven physiotherapist. What a beautiful moment!*



# Guest Speakers - Helen Penna and Deb Sloggett -



Helen Penna provided us with these great photos.



*Left: Container arriving and donated reading glasses overseen by Jenny Foster.*

*Above: Unloading the container at the hospital. Right: Cataract patients recover and proud recipients of donated sport uniforms.*



*Left: Safe Haven client in a Wheelchair for Kids. Above: Donated Ultrasound equipment.*

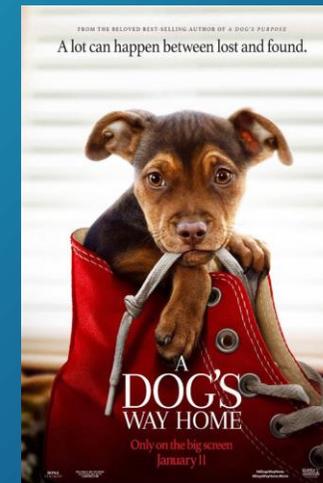
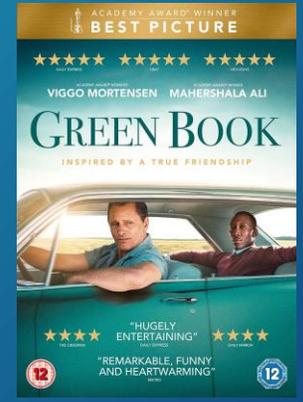
# Our Rotary Youth Exchange Student - Marina Monnerat from Nova Friburgo - Brazil



Keilor East's Rotary Youth Exchange student Marina Monnerat is currently staying with the Osborn Family.



We went to the Movies to watch Rocketman which is about the life of Elton John. We have also watched Green Book, A Dog's Way Home and Instant Family on Foxtel. Marina went with her Exchange friends to Yarrville's Sun Theatre to watch Toy Story 4.



Over the past week Marina has enjoyed Melbourne CBD delights such as eating cake in the Block Arcade, lunch at Subway, bargain shopping at DFO and trying on French berets in Myer.

# Upcoming Events

## Save the Date

Thursday 7 November 2019

## OAKS DAY GARDEN PARTY

A day to frock up and wear your best hat. Food, drinks, entertainment, raffles, silent auctions, gifts to buy and lots of fun! All in a beautiful private Keilor garden.

And it might just involve a horse race.

Tickets will be limited, so put this in your diary now and watch for further information shortly.

JANE ODGERS  
Event Organiser

JANICE YOUNG  
Event Organiser



The beautiful private Keilor garden referred to in the above Save the Date is our own Cherrie Osborn's.

 Care for Cambodians  
Invitation  
**Christmas in July**  
Fri, 6th July 2018  
7 PM  
Strathmore Bowling Club  
40 Loeman St, Strathmore  
\$60 per person - 3 course meal & drinks at bar prices  
Bookings: [www.trybooking.com/VTRG](http://www.trybooking.com/VTRG)  
RSVP: Tuesday 3rd July

further information:  
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Helen Penna: 0408 941 247  
Janice Memery: 0419 554 243  
Jenny Foster: 0410 595 847

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## 'Make your Mark' at Keilor East Rotary's Changeover

You are invited to join Keilor East Rotary Club for our Annual Change Over Dinner.  
We will be celebrating 2 wonderful years of Presidency by Ginny Billson, and welcoming Mark Tognon as our incoming President.

To be held on Monday 24 June 2019 @ 6.30PM  
At Cross Keys Hotel, 350 Pascoe Vale Road, Essendon

Dress: Cocktail

Entertainment to be provided by The Orlando Combo Jazz Band



Contact: Mark Tognon – [marktognon@gmail.com](mailto:marktognon@gmail.com) / 0431 329 487

RSVP by 27 May 2019 – please include any dietary requirements

\$45 per head

2 course meal, live music, drinks at bar prices

Payment method: EFT to :

Account name : Keilor East Rotary

BSB: 633 108

Account No: 117 310 292

Reference: please use your name



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# What's Next?

Program Director  
2018-2019 Joy Ryan



Date	Event
Monday 24th June	Club President Changeover at Cross Keys Hotel
Wednesday 26th June	Days for Girls 1.30 - 4.30 pm Essendon Baptist Church Hall
Monday 1st July	Vision for 2019-2020 -Committee Handover Night
Saturday 6th July	Bunnings BBQ at Watergardens, Taylors Lakes
Monday 8th July	Dancing Night - <a href="#">MarShere</a> Tullamarine
Monday 15th July	Rotarian Behind the Badge - John Youings
Wednesday 17th July	Proposed Club Board Meeting - Anglers Tavern
Monday 24th July	Rotary in the LGBTI Community - Grant Godino and Aleksei BE



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.

Rotary Club of Keilor East meets on  
6.30pm for 6.45pm at Keilor East RSL,  
Hoffmans Rd, West Essendon  
For Club Membership or Sponsorship information  
Contact: Past President, Joe Albioli (0438133123)  
<http://www.keiloreastroty.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.

# June Birthdays and Anniversaries

## Birthdays

June 1: Gerard Smith  
June 7: Alex Billson and Judith Maddocks  
June 8: Helen Drayton  
June 13: Gail Horkings and Yvonne Osborn  
June 17: Athena Vass  
June 19: Rachel Tomlinson  
June 22: Minh Nguyen  
June 30: John Walsh



## Wedding Anniversaries

June - No Anniversaries

## Rotary Anniversaries

June 1: Joe Albioli 1995 and Arnold Vandenharn 1986  
June 3: Cherrie Osborn 2002  
June 23: Gerard Smith 2008



Another “Blast from the Past”, only last year, from our Footy Night, President Elect Mark Tognon with Past President Joe Albioli. We wish Mark every success for his Presidency. Don’t worry, we’ll all help you Mark.

# Member News -



## Can you help?

If you have any of the Paddington Bear series of any other new children's books they would be welcomed by our Members who are going to Cambodia in August.



Bruce and Lois Cameron are pictured with their beautiful great granddaughter, Lexa.



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

## Congratulations to Gerard Mahoney upon his appointment as Chairman of the Board of Keilor East Community Bank Branch of Bendigo Bank



From Bendigo Bank's website regarding "What is a Community Bank?"

*Community Bank  
You may not think who you bank with matters. But it does. And for our customers, their banking is making a real difference.*

*Every day our customers help change lives, and save lives, simply by banking with us. Their home loans are building skate and sports parks, hospital wings and classrooms. Personal loans, business banking and credit cards are funding ambulances, rescue boats, disabled and aged care facilities.*

*Everyday banking is providing all this and more. In fact, \$200 million has been returned to communities and initiatives Australia-wide.*

*You need a bank to give you the products and services you need. We need your banking to help us make a difference.*

*Our Club Member, Tina Ballos, is the Branch Manager. Our Rotary Club benefits each time we introduce someone who opens a new account at the Branch.*

