



KEILOR EAST ROTARY NEWSLETTER

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Club Motto - "Fun and
fellowship whilst helping
others"

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FAMILY

- Born in 1952 in Canberra
- Moved from Canberra to Sydney in 1953
- Older siblings. Older parents. More ambitious for their children than themselves!
- Education and fairness valued
- 'Irish' Catholic: Parliamentary ancestors in 19th century
- Calm, stable and encouraging home
- Health



Primary Education

- 4 teachers and 200+ students in Sydney's Inner West
- First contact with De La Salle Brothers
- No horror stories – in fact, it was the exact opposite



BACK TO ZOOM FOR KEILOR EAST ROTARY

by Pres. Elect Yvonne Osborn

On Monday 7th June Rotarians and visitors met online via Zoom. We were treated to an excellent Rotarian Behind the Badge PowerPoint presentation (beginning above) by Club President Michael Donnelly. We thank Michael for sharing his story, his love of learning and for all his hard work during this challenging past year.

GUEST SPEAKER - MICHAEL DONNELLY

Life as a 'monk' in the Seventies

- Novitiate: Southern Highlands NSW 1970
- 'Annual' Vows: Poverty, Chastity, Obedience (2 way up and down) and 'Service of the Poor through Education'
- Scholasticate: Castle Hill (NW Sydney) 1971-74 (Boys Town in Qld + DLS Ashfield)
- Schools:
 - DLS Orange 1975
 - DLS Malvern 1976-79
- Left the order 1979 with no regrets. Still remain in contact.
- After leaving 'Life choices' had to be made:
 - Medicine or education
 - Melbourne or Sydney?



An educational Hero: John Baptist de la Salle (an outstanding educational administrator)

- 1679 "Free schools for the poor" (precursor of universal public education)
- Simultaneous instruction in the vernacular (cf 1 on 1 tutor in Latin)
- Textbook for Teacher Training
- Also introduced
 - Trade schools
 - Boarding schools
 - School Inspections



Life as a Lay teacher

- Enjoy the company of teachers: caring, intelligent and interesting
- A working definition:
Education is the movement from cocksure ignorance to thoughtful uncertainty.
- Schools:
 - Geoghegan College, Broadmeadows (CoEd 11&12)
 - Sancta Sophia College, Glenroy (Girls 7-10)
 - Penola Catholic College (Coed 7-12)
 - St Columba's College, Essendon
- Lots of different subjects (particularly at Geoghegan) but mostly Maths, Science and RE.
 - Outdoor Education = most fun
 - Japanese

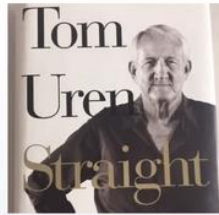


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Peace Program - Japan Connection

A modern 'Community' Hero: Tom Uren

- Japanese Sister School Exchange:
 - Hiroshima/Nagasaki Day Services
- Tom = National Living Treasure
 - Sportsman
 - POW
 - Politician
- POW experience created his 'community vision'

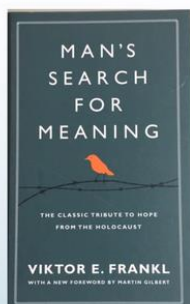


Principal: a privileged role

- Focus on educational task
 - Literacy, Numeracy are critical but also the Hidden Curriculum
 - Reconciliation, Peace and Social Justice:
 - Aboriginal Garden
 - Japan Exchange Program
 - Peace Education
 - Student empowerment
 - Environment
 - Healthy Eating
- Reflection and writing



A Hero of the 'inner life': Victor Frankl



- A different science – Depth Psych
 - Freud, Adler and Frankl
 - Frankl's story
- Unconscious life of organisations
 - Group Relations Conference
 - Defences against Anxiety
 - Hospitals example



'Disability Land' – Life as a NFP CEO

- Collateral damage in school merger
- A small legal entity rather than a system
- Two Units
 - Disability
 - Lifestyle
- The measure of a decent and humane society
- Working towards the NDIS
- Passionate staff (Agency + DHHS)
- Redundancies
- Agency mergers to get economies of scale



and FINALLY...

'Accidental' Youth Worker @
VUSC
(if at first you don't succeed...)

- "Visionary Leaders, Committed Teachers and Friendly kids"
- Teaching as a 'science' rather than a 'craft'
- Neediest kids
- Western Chances:
 - "Ability is evenly spread but opportunity isn't"
- Therapeutic experience personally

EDUCATION
is the most ...
powerful
weapon which you can use
CHANGE THE
world





My greatest Hero: Cathy

23/3/50 – 17/11/07

Daughter, 'sis', homemaker,
teacher, world citizen,
mother, soulmate, optimist.

*Joyful and loving by nature
Generous of spirit*

*Forever living in hope of the
goodness that tomorrow*



Hope

"Hope is the thing with feathers
That perches in the soul,
And sings the tune without the words,
And never stops at all,
And sweetest in the gale is heard"

Emily Dickinson



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Of Irish Catholic heritage with two 19th century NSW Parliamentarians as my great-grandfather and great-great-grandfather, my identical twin and I entered the world in Canberra a considerable time after the birth of two older siblings a decade earlier to create a family of six. My childhood memories are of much love, safety and security with so many adults being around to look after us as we grew up.

Dad's work in the Bank of NSW took the family to Sydney while we were toddlers and that is where we grew up and were educated. Family holidays, travelling by train to our grandparent's pub in Cooma, always took us back to the Monaro which still feels like my ancestral home. I had fairly severe asthma as a child before the wonder drugs for its treatment came into existence and missed lots of school as a result. However, it never really interfered with my education or learning. I loved school when I was there and found it easy and interesting. We were taught by De La Salle Brothers in our boys' primary and secondary schools at Haberfield and Ashfield, respectively. We received an excellent education with the best teachers being in Maths and Science. Sport was important too and complemented academia. Completing high school at the end of a decade known for the significant social change that took place in the Catholic Church (Vatican Council) and wider society (the 'Swinging Sixties') we were also inculcated with a strong sense of social justice. In fact, the first time I ever voted, I was able to vote for a classmate who stood for the Senate as a candidate of the Communist Party.

I was impressed with that vision of social justice, so much so that I joined the Brothers myself upon leaving school and lived the life of a monk for 10 years, until a choice had to be made: to take final vows or leave. I knew myself well enough to choose the latter. During my teacher training in Sydney, I gained my degree with a major in sedimentary geology as well as undertaking requisite educational studies. This was followed by five years of work in the Brothers' schools, initially in Orange NSW and later in Malvern, Victoria. That experience of living 24/7 in a community of compassionate, wise and generous-spirited educators, really set me on a path to remain in 'education' for the rest of my working life. In those early years of teaching, I also completed a Master in Education Studies at Monash which provided a great theoretical underpinning to the remainder of my work life. Its focus on the psychology of learning and behaviour held me in good stead in all the later roles I had in secondary schools and disability services.

I came to see that education was the 'movement from cocksure ignorance to thoughtful uncertainty', a maxim that has become the lens through which I view most aspects of personal and civic life.

In schools, I mainly taught Maths and Science but also enjoyed teaching other subjects along the way, the favourite of which was Outdoor Education because I gained as much confidence from that as the students did. I eventually became Principal of a single sex Catholic 7-10 high school in Melbourne but found that we three Principals were the 'collateral damage' when my school amalgamated with two other adjacent schools to form a very large 7-12 co-ed College. That experience led me to take a CEO role in a not-for-profit disability organisation that ran both an employment agency as well as a 'Young Adults Day Centre' for those unable to gain work. In many ways it was just a different sort of educational setting for a differently-abled set of young people. This change required the acquisition of some skills that I did not possess so I gained post graduate qualifications in the fields of Organisation, Change and Development (RMIT) Human Resource Management (Swinburne) and Accounting (Deakin).

It was in this role that I come into contact with Rotary when the provision of an AS-compliant access ramp for our then Head Office in St Albans was undertaken by the local Rotary Club who subsequently invited me to join. I was President twice before its charter was returned in 2018 and then moved to an adjacent club closer to home and am now its President. Over my two decades in Rotary, I have done some 'District' work being involved in facilitating Club Vision workshops, secretary roles in the RYPEN committee as well as the District-endorsed Western Emergency Relief Network (WERN) and Secretary of the National Recreational Vehicle Fellowship of Rotarians (RVFR). This year I have also been an Assistant Governor.

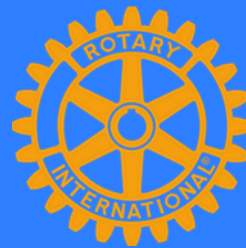
I was widowed 13 years ago. It was a life-changing experience to walk beside Cathy during her 8- year journey from diagnosis to her passing. She taught me so much about the ultimate importance of family and of living life in the present as well as maintaining the kind of 'hope' described by Emily Dickinson as ...

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My two adult stepsons remain a significant part of my life.



Next Keilor East Rotary Meeting – Monday 21st June



Keilor East RSL at 6.00 pm -7.00pm

MONDAY 21 JUNE: a 'SHORT' CLUB MEETING

I write to GIVE you an update on our upcoming meetings following today's easing of COVID restrictions. Yvonne has contacted KERSL, and we are able to meet there but it is limited to 'table service' meals with a maximum up to 25 people in the downstairs bistro where we normally meet. Given that Monday is the SHORTest day of the year we propose to only have a SHORT 'social catchup' meeting comprising that 'table service' meal during their 6:00 -7:00 dinner session time slot. Consequently, there will be no Rotary formalities of any kind i.e., no inductions, no reports, no guest speaker etc. I feel that this is an appropriate style of meeting for a President who is SHORT in stature and SHORTly to be replaced. I'll bet some of you are thinking "If only his speeches and announcements were as SHORT."

President Michael Donnelly



UPCOMING EVENTS

Our Club President Changeover will now be held on Monday 26th July at the Starlight Room, Taylors Lakes Hotel (Covid Restrictions permitting). Dress - Smart Casual. Please advise any special dietary requirements when you are making your booking.

We
needed to
make a
change to
the date



UPCOMING EVENTS

Our Rotary District Governor Changeover has had a change of date too.



ROTARY DISTRICT 9800 CHANGEOVER

DG Philip Archer & DGE Dale Hoy

Invite you to attend the District 9800 Changeover celebration

HYATT PLACE CONVENTION CENTRE, ESSENDON FIELDS

SATURDAY 10 JULY 2021

12.00 for 12.30 PM – 3.30 PM

Cost: \$65.00 per person

Includes: drinks on arrival, two-course meal,
2 bottles of wine per table
Free car parking opposite hotel/
\$5 in hotel car park

RSVP and Bookings: 30 June 2021

<https://www.trybooking.com/BRFWD>



Christmas In July

Supporting Care For Cambodians

Friday July 2nd 2021

12-2.30 pm @

Old Man Drwg

359-361 Mt Alexander Rd, Ascot Vale

\$60 included 3 course

Traditional Christmas Lunch.

Limited numbers available so book in quickly.

www.trybooking.com/BRPXN



care for cambodians
australia

Disclaimer: Event is subject to Victorian Gov Covid-19 public event and mass gathering rules and policies.

Club Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

June 1: Gerard Smith (Honorary Member)

June 7: Alex Billson and Judith Maddocks

June 8: Helen Drayton

June 13 Gail Horkings and Yvonne Osborn

June 17: Athena Vass and Marjorie Youings

June 19: Rachel Tomlinson

June 22: Minh Nguyen

June 29: Sam Dinatale

June 30: John Walsh

July 12: Heather Honeyborne and Ben Carroll

July 19: Joe Albioli and Stephanie Hewish

July 23: Jan Allan

July 31: John Bergbauer



Anniversaries

11th July - Patrick & Heather Honeyborne

14th July - Joe & Liz Albioli

15th July - Daryl & Sonja Cornish



Rotary Anniversaries

June 1: Joe Albioli 1995

June 1: Arnold Vandenharn 1986

June 3: Cherrie Osborn 2002

June 23: Gerard Smith 2008

July 9: Ben Carroll MP 2012



Vale Judith Maddocks - Keilor East Rotarian since November 4th, 2004



Judith Ann Maddocks

Born on 7/06/1949, Judith passed away peacefully on 9th June 2021, Aged 72 Years. She was the loving daughter of Andrew and Helen Maddocks, adoring and affectionate mother of Jessica Maddocks and a great aunt of Cameron Capuano. She was a loved and loving sister of Betty (dec), Helen, Kay and Lynn. The family sends sincerest thanks to the staff at Craig Care Moonee Ponds and Two Birdz Ascot Vale for their dedication and care of Judith. Her Funeral service will be held on Friday 25th June. Judith is now at Peace.



We acknowledge Judith's "Service Above Self" to Rotary since her induction to Keilor East Rotary on 4th November 2004. Her caring nature and her strength throughout her debilitating illness has been an inspiration to us all. We hope to raise awareness about Huntington's chorea in order to support clients and their families. Donations can be made on the Huntington's Victoria website. <https://huntingtonsvic.org.au/>



LOCKDOWN NEWS



From the from the Members

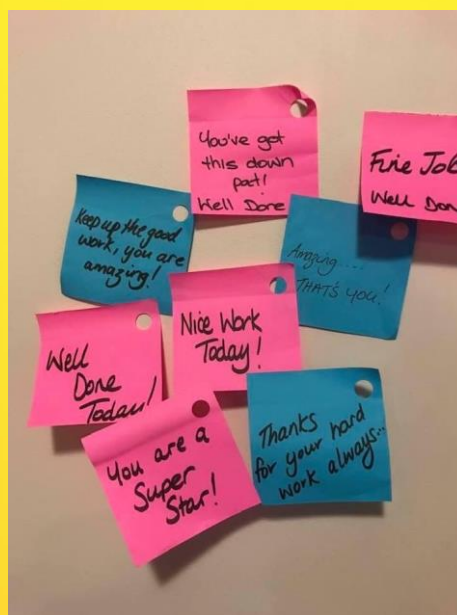
How did we manage during Lockdown 4.0 and its aftermath?



Greg and Yvonne's puppy, Eddie the Newfoundland, now weighs 51.2 Kgs. Their granddaughter Samantha (Sammy) thought he looked like a bear. Below: Yvonne was fortunate to be able to celebrate her June 13th Birthday with family at Living Legends, Greenvale.



We are now trying a 1500-piece puzzle and it might do us in. Alex is very systematic, and pieces are distributed throughout the sunroom. I can do it for short periods then have to give the brain a rest. I will photograph the result when it is finished. Maybe next week(I hope). Cheers Ginny



What a great idea!

Rachel Tomlinson, who is celebrating a Birthday on June 19, received these messages from the "Post-it Bandit" at her work in Aged Care at Holloway.

Happy Birthday Rachel!

MEMBER NEWS



From the Archives - Past Presidents

Chartered in 1983, Keilor East Rotary will celebrate its 38th Birthday on August 10th, 2021. Three Presidents have occupied the role for two years and all have led the club displaying Service Above Self. We warmly welcome visitors, new members and Rotarians who have a rich heritage of Rotary experienced at their previous Clubs.

