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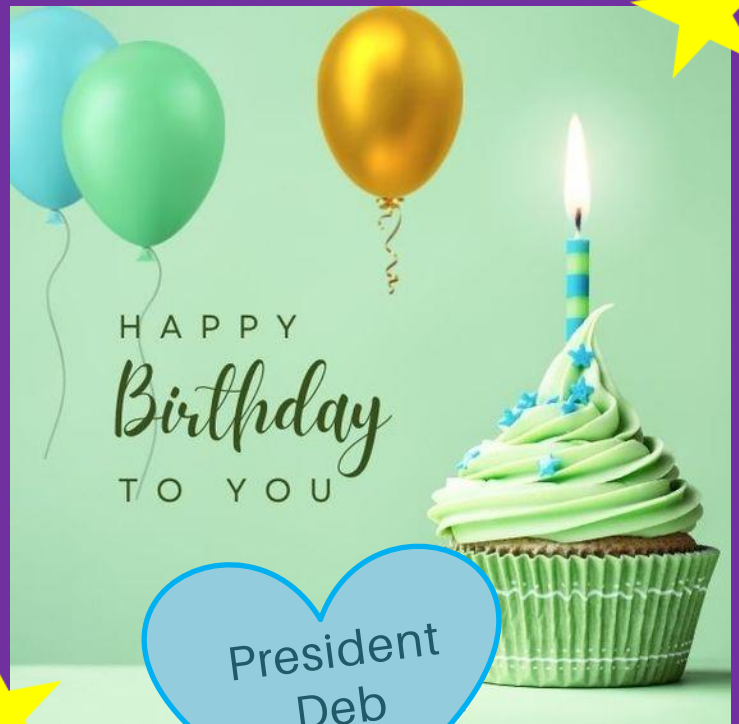
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## President's Report

by President Deb Sloggett

Hello everyone,

March must be the time for activity. There seems to be so much on, can't possibly do it all. However, many hands and feet amongst us all in the club so hopefully lots will be achieved, and we can report to each other. Are there projects you are interested in, activities you want the club to consider. Think about the opportunities, the impact- are there gaps to address, what are we aiming to achieve and what support is needed from the club. An idea is fantastic and of course it is a starting point but to have an outcome a purpose and a plan is required.

We need to tell our story to others because how else does Rotary grow, how does our club grow, When I attended the learning day RPM had organised it was focused on story telling. I learnt that we have to get into the habit of not rushing to a solution but working on what happens in between, like a mind map. This is the story.

In the latest Networker (which I encourage all to take time to read there is an opportunity to attend a workshop on story telling. It will be led by Bernadette Schwerdt- Rotary Club of Essendon and expert in the art of storytelling,

Details of Workshop on next page.

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## Report by President Deb Sloggett (continued)



Date: Saturday March 25, 9.30am to 11.30am

Location: RIMERN Warehouse, The Learning Suite at 32-34 Lincoln Street, Brunswick East.

The workshop is free to District 9800 Rotarians, but numbers are strictly limited.

Register now by emailing PDG Keith Ryall with your name, club and contact number: keithfryall@gmail.com

RSVP: 22nd March 2023

Some of us were privileged to attend WERN early March and the story that this centre tells is wonderful. We need to share more of this story especially since as a club we support WERN financially and member Michael is on the board. The story doesn't end with us financially supporting there is a lot in between and a lot we can do to share in the story. Goods to be donated, time to be donated, this we can help with.

Project Water for Education – toilet block is already having impact. We have been able to share the story with another rotary club wanting to 'replicate' in Sierra Leone.

Everyone has a valuable story, we all listened to that story, which is what attracted us to Rotary. We need to continue growing the story to grow our membership

till next time,  
Deb

Addit. Donations in Kind Open Day March 18th, 10am to 3pm. If you haven't seen DIK or even if you have been there before this an opportunity, go and check it out.

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Network at  
WERN  
2/23  
Westwood  
Drive,  
Ravenhall



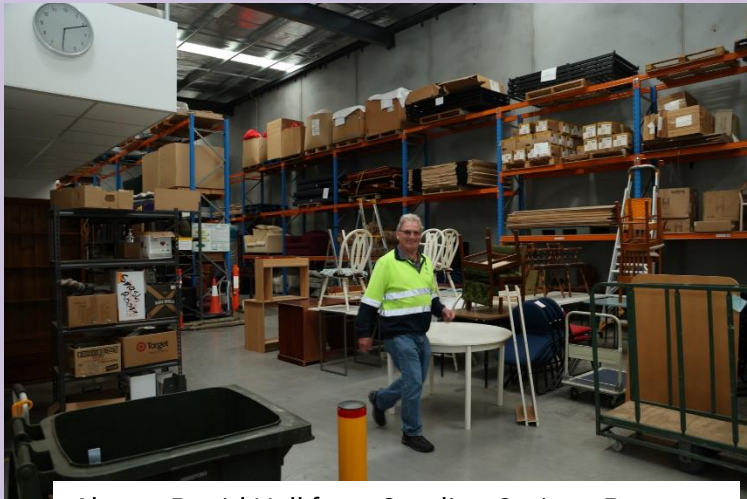
Above: Cherrie Osborn was amongst the group of Keilor East Rotarians who visited the WERN Warehouse on Monday 27th February.

# Monday February 27th February - Visit to WERN \_ Western Emergency Relief Network

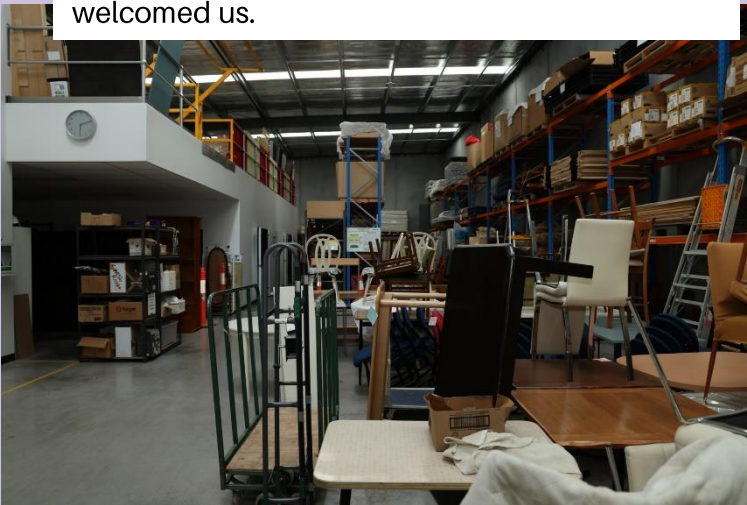
We met Western Emergency Relief Network at WERN 2/23 Westwood Drive, Ravenhall



Dinner afterwards was held at Lazy Mo's 1042 Western Highway, Caroline Springs for 7.15pm (3 minutes from WERN)



Above: David Hall from Caroline Springs Rotary welcomed us.



The shelves are stacked with good quality donated goods which are chosen by deserving recipients who attend with their case workers.



Above: Top: The truck is generously provided by CMV. It has an electric tailgate which makes loading and unloading safe and easy.

# Monday February 27th February - Visit to WERN \_ Western Emergency Relief Network



We met Western Emergency Relief Network at WERN 2/23 Westwood Drive, Ravenhall (near Deer Park).



Above: Kathy and David Hall from Caroline Springs Rotary were our generous hosts for the tour of WERN.

Above: Kathy showed us how we could pack essential kitchen packs if we would like to volunteer. There are many simple tasks, and it isn't necessary to be a Rotarian.

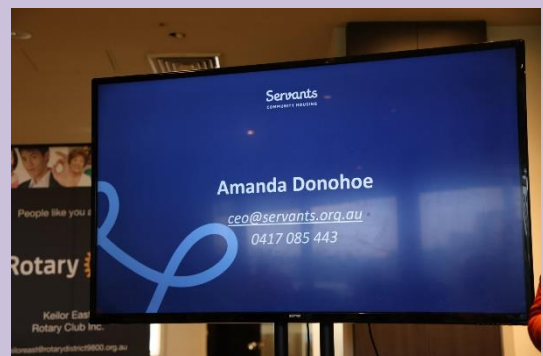


Our President Elect, David Dippie hopes to suggest goods e.g. teatowels in the months of March and April, which KERC Members could collect for WERN. Just bring them to Rotary if you have a few to spare.

# Monday March 6th 2023- Amanda Donohoe - Chief Executive Officer | Servants Community Housing Limited

On Monday 6th March our Guest Speaker was Amanda Donohoe, CEO of Servants Community Housing. Amanda raised our awareness of the crisis in accommodation for people at risk of homelessness. She spoke about the search for properties such as aged care homes which are closing, or the like, to rent at reduced rates in order to be able to accommodate such people in safety and security.

<https://www.servants.org.au/>



Above : President Deb presented Amanda with a Peace Lily in a bucket as thanks for her excellent presentation.

Right: L to R Arnold Vandenharn, Joe Albioli and Ken Allan.



## Wednesday 8th March 2023 - Mayoral International Women's Day Breakfast at Clocktower Centre Moonee Ponds

MVCC Mayor Pierce Tyson addressed the attendees before interviewing the Panel Members. The theme of the Breakfast was "Digital Literacy".



Below L to R Rear : Teachers, Sue Riquelme and Colleen Hart, Rotarians, Deb Akers, David Dippie and Yvonne Osborn. Front: Rosehill Secondary College Students, Madelynne Lyons: School Captain and Maria Sovolos: Student Leader.



Four Keilor East Rotarians, two teachers and two students from Rosehill Secondary School attended the 12th Annual Mayoral Breakfast hosted by Moonee Valley City Council. This year's 2023 theme "DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equity" - which can include:

- Women's education in the digital age
- Protecting the rights of women and girls in digital spaces
- Addressing online gender-based violence
- Creative technology solutions
- General S' Winner

We thank the organizers for arranging the event which provides great networking opportunities, inspirational speakers and a delicious meal.

This year's IWD Breakfast was the twelfth presented by Moonee Valley City Council. Keilor East Rotary sponsors tables in support of the Youth, Staff Members, Rotarians and community groups within the municipality.

## Tony and Margaret Thomas's Trip to Tanzania - Trip of a Lifetime

### Tanzania trip of a lifetime

Marg and Tony Thomas have just returned after eight days of safari through the three top national parks of Tanzania: Tarangire, Gnorongoro Crater and Serengeti Plains.

They were guided throughout by their driver/guide Kasanda, in a Toyota Landcruiser with a pop-up roof so we could stand and get a 360deg view.

Tarangire is famous for its elephants and forest animals, while Gnorongoro is a huge wondrous volcanic crater containing a 100sq km field of well-watered grassland hosting hordes of grazing animals and their predators.

Serengeti is a much larger plain where the grassland stretches to every horizon, as if you were in the middle of a green ocean. The herds number countless animals – we watched thousands of zebras rushing down to an alkaline lake to swim, then rushing out to make way for yet more zebras and wildebeests. Another such lake was thick with pink flamingos, along with jackals who like to bring one down before it finishes its take-off run.

All over were prides of lions, mostly sleeping in whatever shade presented itself – including culverts and even the bucket of a front-end loader. We were surprised at how they occupied trees, for reasons including good vision for hunting, escaping flies and heat and concealing their scent.

Camping was mostly in tents with plenty of hyenas active around them at night with their strange 'yippping' calls.

It was the experience of a lifetime. Tony indeed had interviewed the founder of Serengeti, Bernard Grzimek, in Perth around 1961, and during the trip stopped at his grave and memorial. Bernard's son Michael was sadly killed at 24 while flying a light plane mapping the animal migrations to help redraw the park boundaries. The plane hit a vulture and crashed. Half a dozen park guards over time have been killed by poachers but the poaching problem is subsiding – except that rhinos remain in constant danger.

In the towns the Thomas's were impressed by the dedication of the schoolkids, walking to school in their best clothes at 7am, spending the first 30 minutes cleaning the grounds and classes, and continuing to 3.30pm, with only the most fortunate kids able to pack a lunch or buy one—the rest going hungry. English is used for teaching from about 9yo and a typical school rule is that all requests by kids to teachers must be in English – "No English, no service" was the message on notice-boards.

There cannot be another trip by the Thomas's to get anywhere near the dramas of the Tanzanian animals. How lucky we were!



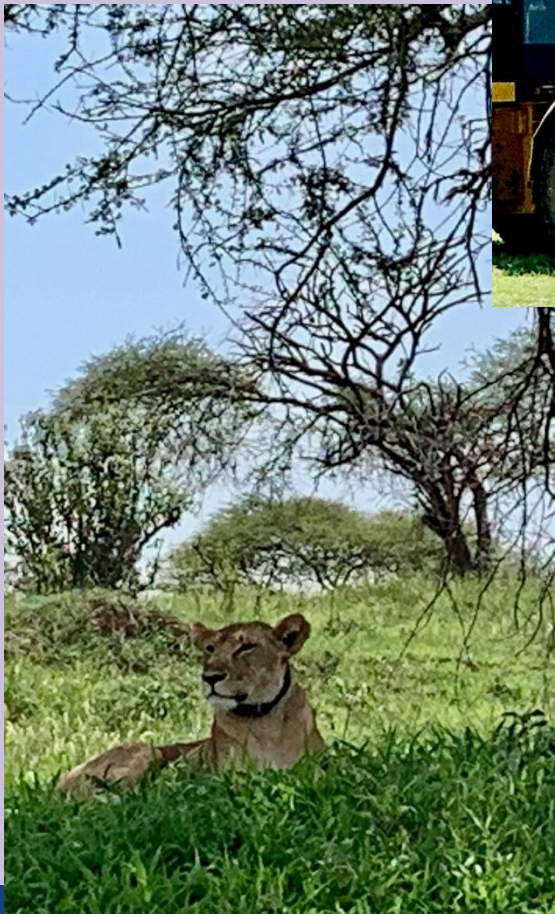
Margaret and Tony Thomas thoroughly enjoyed their recent trip to Tanzania.



# Tony and Margaret Thomas's Trip to Tanzania - Trip of a Lifetime



These are just some of the great photos from Tony and Margaret's "trip of a lifetime".





**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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Art Exhibition and Sales

- Sat 20 May 11am to 5pm
- Sunday 21 May 10am to 4pm

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# ***A musical evening with Silvie Paladino***



**A RICON23 Club Hospitality event  
supported by Moonee Valley Council.**

**Monday 29 May 2023**

**5.45pm to 9.30pm**

**at The Clocktower**

**Mount Alexander Road Moonee Ponds**

Finger food and welcome drink after the show.

Cash bar.

**\$50pp. Bookings through Humanitix**



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Essendon Inc.



Keilor East Rotarians and Partners are encouraged to attend this special event which will be held to entertain several coach loads of Rotarians from around the world who will be attending our Rotary International Conference (RICON23). Click on the poster above to book tickets.

## 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 be celebrating the Birthday on Sunday 13th August at Riverside Golf Club in Ascot Vale.

Stay tuned for more details TBA.

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.



Left : A flash back photo from Keilor East Rotary’s 25th Birthday on 10th August 2008. How many Past Club Presidents do you recognize?

### Tour of B24 Liberator restoration project

Our member Tony Thomas is also with Melbourne Bearbrass Probus. He is wondering if any RCKE members would enjoy our Probus visit to the intricate Liberator restoration project at one of the hangars of the old Werribee Airfield. "We need 15 to make the visit viable but at the moment we're stuck at nine," Tony says. "If any RCKE members would like to join us, we can organise car pooling to get there – curiously city-based Bearbrass has four members living in Niddrie/Keilor."

The restorers will even start one of the heavy bomber's four engines for us, and we can tour other restoration projects at the airfield.

Since 1995 dedicated volunteers have put in 250,000 hours to restore this historic aircraft. It is an ongoing memorial to the 20,000 Australians who flew and serviced the aircraft during WW2.

The trip is the morning of Thursday April 27, starting 10am. Cost is \$26 including morning tea. **Interested: contact Tony in the next week at 0407305757 or tthomas061@gmail.com**



Left: The magnificent B24 Bomber, a restoration work-in-progress and the star attraction at a newly accredited museum in Werribee.



Right: B24 Liberator Bomber ( Werribee)

Our Next Keilor East Rotary Meeting is on Monday 20th March at 7.00pm after dinner in the Bistro from 6.00pm.

We will hear from Jessica Palti about Period Poverty suffered by many women around the world. As a follow up action, you can donate a period product (tampons or sanitary pads) to a local woman in need.

This is a collection organized by the Share the Dignity organization whom we have supported with handbags of personal items at Christmas time. If you are unable to purchase an item you are welcome to make a monetary donation on the night and items will be purchased on your behalf.

President Deb will be celebrating her Birthday with us, so we'll make it a special night for her.

See you on Monday 20th March  
Secretary Helen

On Monday 27th March we will have a Joint Rotary Meeting with Essendon Rotary in our usual venue at the usual time. Our Guest Speaker will be Dr Michael Davies, Principal of St Bernard's in Keilor East.

St Bernard's generously provide the venue for our Moonee Valley Art Show, so it is important that we show support for his presentation.

It would be a great opportunity to bring a guest. Please let Secretary Helen know if you will be doing so for Bistro numbers.



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.



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

#### 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



Date	Day	Speaker/ Event	Contact
20 March	Monday	Jessica Palti – Period Poverty –  <b>Club Board Meeting</b>	Deb Sloggett
27 March	Monday	Dr.Michael Davies – Principal of St Bernard's College	David Bennett
April 1	Saturday	Bunnings BBQ - Watergardens	Gerard Mahoney
April 3	Monday	TBA	David Bennett
April 10	Monday	Easter Monday Public Holiday - No Meeting	
<div style="background-color: white; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid black;"> <h2>Save the Date for 2023 Moonee Valley Art Show</h2> </div>			
May 18	Thursday	Set Up for Moonee Valley Art Show <b>Volunteers Required</b>	Keilor East Rotary members of MVAS Committee  Gerard Mahoney Phil O'Brien
May 19	Friday	Gala Opening of Moonee Valley Art Show at St Bernard's College Keilor East <b>Volunteers Required</b>	Chris Rundell Tina Ballos David Dippie Yvonne Osborn
May 20	Saturday	Moonee Valley Art Show <b>Volunteers Required</b>	Sponsors and /or Volunteers welcome at <a href="mailto:keiloreastrotary@gmail.com">keiloreastrotary@gmail.com</a>
May 21	Sunday	Moonee Valley Art Show <b>Volunteers Required</b>	

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

March 9: John Compton  
March 19: Arnold Vandenharn  
March 20: Deb Sloggett  
March 23: Robert Chessell  
March 25: Daryl Cornish  
March 26: Domenic Cichello  
April 3: Rosemary Grant  
April 4: Cathy Wright  
April 11: Carmen Puli  
April 23: Nonie Gionfriddo  
April 24: Sonja Cornish



### Wedding Anniversaries

March 19: Minh and Kim Nguyen  
April 7: Gerard and Tricia Smith  
April 8: Ken and Jan Allan  
April 8: Don and Jan Tucker



### Rotary Anniversaries

April 1: Ken Allan 1985  
April 1: John Cowl 1985



# Member News

Charter Member Lloyd Lancaster's Family is growing.



Left : Lloyd with his daughter Helen. He is nursing his newest great granddaughter, Margot. Centre: Older sister, Penelope, with baby Margot. Right: Lloyd with several of his great grandchildren. Lloyd is looking forward to catching up with everyone at the Keilor East Rotary's 40th Birthday celebration on Sunday 13th August.

## St Patrick's Day Lunch at Cherrie Osborn's

Right: Cherrie hosted a Birthday lunch for her friend Brian Barker and his wife Sue who are visiting from the Gold Coast.



Above: Win Osborn, who will be 106 on May 31st with two of her granddaughters, Cherrie's daughters, Vicki and Tania.



Above: Yvonne and Greg Osborn.

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 keiloreastroty@gmail.com



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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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