



# KEILOR EAST ROTARY NEWSLETTER

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Day at Keilor Hotel



Above: Tina  
Ballos  
Left: Ginny  
Billson



Wednesday  
16th March -  
A Social  
Evening with  
Essendon  
North  
Rotary.



## **We're back – trying different venues**

**by President Yvonne Osborn**

On Monday 7th March we held our Meeting in the Taste Room at the historic Keilor Hotel. The Meeting had an International Women's Day theme as the next day would be the Official International Women's Day and we would host 2 tables at the Moonee Valley Council's annual IWD Breakfast. Our speakers were Keilor East Rotarians Tina Ballos and Ginny Billson.

On Wednesday 16th March we joined Essendon North Rotarians at The Hyatt, Essendon Fields for a social meal. It was a chance to meet fellow Rotarians in a different setting and to share stories and ideas.

We are relying on Member input, patience and support as we try to find a suitable venue and format for our future meetings. We welcome your ideas on 0411773360 or [keiloreastrotary@gmail.com](mailto:keiloreastrotary@gmail.com).

## Social Meeting with Essendon North Rotary – Wednesday 16th March



Left: Essendon North Rotary President, Paul Burdett.

Below: L to R – Sergeant at Arms Barry Harvey, Mark Bolitho, Paul Burdett, Joe Albioli and AG Dominic Chichello.



Below: L to R -Mahad Warsame and Michael Donnelly



Below : John and Robyn Compton.





## Social Meeting with Essendon North Rotary – Wednesday 16th March

From District 9800 Website – The long-established and successful Rotary Club of Essendon, looking to widen Rotary membership, chartered Essendon North with 22 eager members at a gala dinner on 24 February 1976. Three of them, John Boundy, Max Nichols and Sam Pennisi are still actively involved and regularly attend club meetings.



Above – Peter Sullivan, unknown and Sam Pennisi.

Right: David Meller and Maggie Payne.



Left: L to R John Young, Tina Ballos, Robert Chessell and Marianne Potgieter.



Right: L to R – Tina Ballos, Marianne Potgieter, unknown and Maggie Payne.



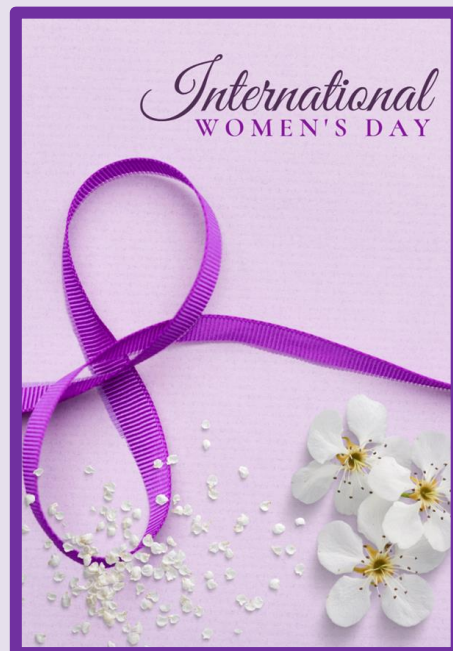


## Keilor East Rotary's International Women's Day Celebration at The Taste Room, Keilor Hotel - Monday 7th March 2022



Tina Ballos gave an interesting talk about her experiences and the changes she has seen in the treatment of women in the banking industry. Tina is the Manager of the very successful Community Bank at Keilor East.

Ginny Billson spoke about the amazing women who have inspired her throughout her life. Her Grandmother, mother and several teachers were excellent, strong role models for her, as she is for us.



**Celebrating strong women, at Keilor East Rotary and around the world.**

Left: L to R – Helen Penna, Deb Sloggett and Michael Donnelly.

# International Women's Day Breakfast at Clocktower Centre, Moonee Ponds – Tuesday 8th March 2022

*MVCC Mayor Samantha Byrne (right) introduced a panel of four excellent speakers.*



City of Moonee Valley

**INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY  
BREAKFAST**

Join Mayor Samantha Byrne and her fellow Councillors to celebrate women's achievements at our annual International Women's Day Breakfast.

Hear from these amazing women:

<b>AWATIF TAHA</b> Mamma's Kitchen support worker and community advocate	<b>DANI ANGELICO</b> Principal of Mount Alexander College	<b>ADELE ROADER</b> Young People's committee member and Grassroots member	<b>EMILY UNITY</b> Community advocate for mental health
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When: Tuesday, 8 March, 7am-8.30am (6.45am arrival for 7am start)  
Where: Clocktower Centre, Moonee Ponds  
Tickets: \$45



## International Women's Day Breakfast at Clocktower Centre, Moonee Ponds – Tuesday 8th March 2022



Schools represented were St Albans Secondary School, Rosehill Secondary College and Buckley Park Secondary.



Keilor East Rotarians in attendance were Marianne Potgieter, Phil O'Brien, David Dippie and Yvonne Osborn.





## UPCOMING EVENTS

Our Rotary District 9800 Conference will be held in Albury in April 2022. We are pleased to have 10 members and partners attending. Bob McMartin is our On to Conference organizer. It is not too late to book, but the Early Bird Special Price has finished.

<https://rotarydistrict9800.org.au/sitepage/district-conference-albury-2022>

David Dippie, Paul Perrottet and Yvonne Osborn were lucky winners in a draw for \$50 vouchers to be spent in Albury.



Click on the photo above for District Governor Dale Hoy and his wife Maureen's invitation to you to join them at this year's Rotary District 9800 Conference.



## 'Let's Get Together' District Conference 2022

*District Governor Dale and Maureen warmly invite you to our  
'Let's Get Together' District 9800 Conference.  
Join us in Albury for friendship and celebration after what has been a  
challenging time.*

### Friday 22 to Sunday 24 April 2022 in Albury

The Conference will commence with a Welcome Function on the Friday after which you have the opportunity to dine with your fellow Rotarians in one of the many restaurants showcasing the wonderful food, wine and hospitality that Albury has to offer.

Saturday is your chance to Engage and Connect with your fellow Rotarians, hear from our wonderful guest speakers, plan for our Rotary future, and join together in celebration at our gala dinner.

The Conference will conclude with a casual lunch on the Sunday.

The conference venue is the:  
**Albury Entertainment Centre**  
525 Swift Street, Albury.



*Albury Wodonga is ready to welcome delegates to the 2022 Rotary District 9800 Conference.*

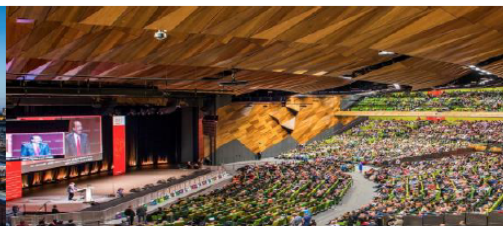
*Albury Wodonga is a thriving regional destination that offers both a cosmopolitan and a laid back vibe. The two cities nestled between the foothills of the alps and on the banks of the mighty Murray River, offer a unique natural setting, a cultural connection to place and is easily accessible, making this a unique destination for the Rotary District Conference and a perfect getaway for you.*

*The Albury Entertainment Centre is set in the hub of Albury's cultural precinct, overlooking the picturesque QEII Square. Everything you need is within a few minutes walk including accommodation, bustling cafes, restaurants and bars, boutique shops and picturesque riverside parks along the Murray River.*



## INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 27-31 MAY 2023 MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

Nov 2021



### **Melbourne Convention Host Hospitality Night**

*Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023 is the Melbourne Convention Host Hospitality night. An RI Convention tradition where local Rotarians and Clubs provide delegates with a memorable evening of hospitality, local culture and international fellowship.*

*We are now seeking expressions of interest from individual Rotarians and Clubs to participate in either Home Hosting or Club Hosting events. This is a great opportunity to induct delegates into the culture and marvels of our wonderful city.*

*I look forward to hearing from you and your great ideas on how to impress our overseas and interstate delegates! **Closing Date 22nd Jan 2022.***

**Peter Dunn - HOC Director**

### HOME HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES

Rotarians who are registered for the Convention and live within an approximate 15 km radius of the CBD can apply to host between 4 and 8 international and interstate guests in their home for dinner. Priority for hosting will be given to Registered Convention attendees but non-attendee Rotarians are also welcome to apply.

As a Home Host you will be responsible for arranging transport for your guests to and from your home. You may want to consider involving others in your Club, or immediate family to assist in this process. It is acceptable to have guests returned to their hotels by Taxi or Uber.

Hosts will receive \$55 per guest (from the registration fee for this event) to help offset the costs of the dinner and transport.

For more information and to Register your interest in Home Hospitality Opportunities go to:

<https://rotarymelbourne2023.org/home-hospitality>

### CLUB HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES

These ever-popular Convention events fill quickly and we expect that Melbourne won't be any different. Clubs or a group of Clubs are invited to design their own event and dinner which can be at the same venue or two different venues. To minimise travel time venues should be within a 20 km radius of the CBD. Guests are picked up by bus from their hotel and once onboard, an announcement about their destination is provided. **Surprise!** Clubs will need to host guests in multiples of 50 (one busload) and have at least 5-10 hosting Rotarians & partners for each group of 50 at the dinner venue.

Delegates registering for Host Hospitality will pay a flat charge to attend which will include their return bus trip. Clubs will receive a contribution of \$35pp towards the catering costs. Drinks will need to be purchased on a cash basis at the bar. Clubs should consider budgeting separately for any additional catering costs or entertainment. For more information and to register your interest in Club Hosting go to:

<https://rotarymelbourne2023.org/club-hospitality>



**Our Next Keilor East Rotary Meeting - Monday 21st March 2022  
- 6.15pm - Meal at Windy Hill Bistro before 7.00pm Meeting in  
High Marque Room (upstairs - there is a lift).  
Our Guest Speaker will be Jill Oliver from ROMAC.**



Jill Oliver is the Southern Region Chair of ROMAC. She joined Rotary in 2011 as a member of the Alfredton Rotary Satellite club and was Charter President to Rotary Club of Alfredton in 2013. She has held various positions within the club including Foundation, Secretary, Fundraising, Treasurer and Special Projects.

Jill most recently has been the owner/manager of a private Art Gallery and Function Centre in Ballarat. She is a Registered Nurse and Midwife, previously holding various nursing positions in Pathology, Gerontology, General and Orthopaedic Practices, and as a Clinical Nurse Educator for ACU.

Jill is married to Andrew, and they have 3 children and 5 grandchildren. She enjoys travelling and the arts. She continues to be involved in many humanitarian projects both locally and overseas.

You are welcome to arrive from 6.15pm and order meals by 6.30pm. Our Guest Speaker is introduced in a private Meeting Room at 7.00pm. The meeting concludes at 8.00pm.

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



Above: The High Marque Room at Windy Hill, Napier Street Essendon.

It is free for us to use on Monday 21st March so we will give it a try.

We can order our meals from the Bistro Menu and eat before heading upstairs where tea and coffee are available.

Now meeting at various venues TBA until we find a new home.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Day	Speaker/ Event	Contact
16 March	Wednesday	Combined Meeting with North Essendon Rotary at Hyatt Essendon Fields	Ginny Billson and North Essendon RC Pres. Paul Burdett
19 March	Saturday	Community Bank Birthday in the Centreway, Keilor East	Gerard Mahoney
21 March	Monday	ROMAC – Jill Oliver – High Marque Room, Windy Hill, Napier Street Essendon.	Yvonne Osborn
26 March	Saturday	Bunnings BBQ Watergardens	Gerard Mahoney
28 March	Monday	TBA - Possibly no meeting as we struggle to find a venue	
4 April	Monday	Yvonne Farquharson – Filter your Future – Kidney Health	Yvonne Osborn
11 April	Monday	TBA - Possibly no meeting unless we find a venue	
18 April	Monday	No Meeting – Easter Monday	

## Project W

Water for Education

**Project W Water for Education** brings clean, safe drinking water to high schools

**Impact** – Provide health, hygiene and environmentally sustainable solutions

**Location** – 57 out of 90 high schools in rural Siem Reap province do not have clean drinking water

**Financial** – The water filtration system is designed to last up to 10 years & is locally maintained. At an average cost of AUD\$7,500 per school, the **cost of providing clean water for every beneficiary is about AUD\$0.50 per year**

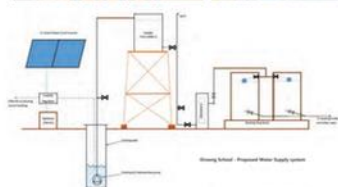
**Community** – Meaningful sustainable impact on the lives of nearby communities with improved health, increased school attendance and cleaner environment

**Inspiration** – Education is key to changing lives, empowering the next generation through education, clean water for better health and a clean environment for better living conditions, will leave a lasting impact

Installing SkyHydrant water filtration systems that will support

**40,000 students & 20,000 families**

living around the schools, providing clean water to 130,000 rural Cambodians.



**Tax deductible donations via**  
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## MARCH IS



**TAKE ACTION:** Get Involved, Be a People of Action

Our Water Project, in conjunction with CRST Cambodian Rural Students Trust and Rotary Passport Melbourne, can be supported here

[donations.rawcs.com.au/94-2020-21](https://donations.rawcs.com.au/94-2020-21)



## 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



### Wedding Anniversaries

March 18: Minh and Kim Nguyen



### Rotary Anniversaries



# MEMBER NEWS



On Friday 18th March Arnold celebrated a day early at the Sebel Apartments Docklands with his wife Pam, daughter Karen and Rotary friends, Joe and Liz Albioli, Marianne Potgieter and Gail Bouchaud (a much-respected past KERC Member).



Right: Bob and Janet McMartin's son Andrew's partner Carla became an Australian Citizen earlier this year. We wish Carla a wonderful life in Australia.

Bob's message :Our son Andrew's girlfriend Carla became an Australian citizen at a ceremony in Adelaide on Australia Day.

Carla is from Sardinia and came to Australia on a working visa in 2014. She and Andrew met when they were both working at a winery in Myrtleford. The photo was taken after the ceremony.





# MEMBER NEWS



Photos courtesy of Annie Webb. Left: Pam and Arnold Vandenharm at Living Legends, Centre: Cherrie Osborn and Right: Cherrie Osborn and Annie Webb at Living Legends.



Alison Perrottet sent us some photographs from her recent trip to picturesque Norfolk Island. We hope to hear more about her experience soon.

