

# KEILOR EAST ROTARY NEWSLETTER

# We celebrated our Pride of Workmanship Awards on Monday 23rd May



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May 16th Guest Speaker -Canh-Vinh Nguyen

# Proud to be Keilor East Rotary by President Yvonne Osborn

On Monday 16th May we heard from one of our best-ever Guest Speakers, Canh-Vinh Nguyen, who is a young and inspirational founder of the charity Canh-Vinh and You. The charity focuses on providing aid to disadvantaged people in Vietnam and, during international border closures, in Australia. We aim to help the organization by attending its upcoming dinner on Saturday 4th June. We congratulate Canh-Vinh, who is a biomedical scientist, on her passion for helping others, Serving to Change Lives, as Rotarians do.

On Monday 23rd May we were proud to celebrate our Keilor East Rotary Pride of Workmanship Awards after a break during Covid lockdowns. This is one of our great annual events. The awards were presented by Hon. Ben Carroll MP for Niddrie, Minister for Public Transport and Minister for Roads and Road Safety who is an Honorary Member of our Club. They are given as recognition of exemplary service in all fields of work. Our congratulations go to the awardees, nominators, Vocational Director Bob McMartin, Social Director Ginny Billson and the other organizers of such a memorable evening. Thanks also go to Jessica Romeo from Destination Graze for the delicious food.

## **Guest Speaker Monday 16th May - Canh Vinh Nguyen**

Our Guest Speaker was Canh-Vinh who came to Australia as a baby and attended Marian college in Sunshine before studying Biomedical Science and undertaking Cancer Research. She and some friends founded a charity which primarily supports disadvantaged people in Vietnam and during Covid lockdowns, Australia.



Canh\_ Vinh showed us a PowerPoint presentation about her charity and asked whether we might support the fundraising dinner.

Above: Food staples such as noodles and rice are gratefully received when Canh- Vinh and her team visit Vietnam.

Annual Chartty Dinner





L to R: Minh Nguyen, Yvonne Osborn, Canh- Vinh Nguyen and AG Gateway WestDomenic Cichello.

#### Monday 23rd May 2022 – Pride of Workmanship Awards



After a two year hiatus, the Keilor East Rotary Club Pride of Workmanship Awards returned last night.

Congratulations to the awardees, recognised for their dedication to their chosen vocation: -

- Connie Micallef, Financial Officer, Holloway Hostel
- Dino Sapuppo, Pharmacist, Keilor Village Pharmacy
- Ana Maria Sedano, Cleaner, Melbourne Showgrounds
- Michael Juzefowicz, Landscaper, Wood-Land Gardenscapes
- Timothy Wood, Landscaper, Wood-Land Gardenscapes
- Angela Buckley, Hotchkin Hughes Accountancy

My sincere congratulations to the awardees for their pride in their work, and Rotary for their promotion of vocational service.



Ben Carroll MP Niddrie posted a photo from our Pride of Workmanship Awards Night on Facebook. We are grateful to have Ben's support and the recognition he gives Keilor East Rotary through social media and in Hansard where possible. Thank you, Ben.

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L to R: Gerard Mahoney Angela Buckley, Cherrie Osborn, Tim Wood, Michael Juzefowicz, Yvonne Osborn, Bob McMartin, Benn Carroll MP Niddrie, Deb Sloggett, Ana Maria Sedano, Dino Sapuppo, John Rafter, Bruce Cameron and Connie Micallef





Our Social Director, Ginny Billson, led a team which decorated the Aberfeldie Community Bowls Club for our Pride of Workmanship function. Thank you to everyone who helped with the set up and the pack up.



Connie Micallef has worked at Holloway Aged Care Hostel for 30 years and is well respected by the staff and residents there. She was nominated by Bruce Cameron OAM who was instrumental in the foundation of the facility which was funded by service clubs in the area (including Keilor East Rotary) and by government grants. Keilor East Rotarians have served on its Board since its opening. We congratulate Connie upon the quality of her work and her dedication shown over so many years. She is pictured left with her granddaughter, Bruce Cameron and Ben Carroll MP for Niddrie.

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Above L to R: Ben Carroll, John Rafter and Dino Sapuppo.

Dino Sapuppo is a pharmacist in Keilor Village. He was nominated by John Rafter who has known him for many years.

Dino has allowed Rotary Collection tins to be placed on his counter for donation to Rotary Projects, since 2015 when the collections have been counted separately approximately \$4,500.00 has been collected by Barbara Rafter. Before 2015 money collected just went into club income without being separated. The Rotary Club of Keilor East has benefited by receiving \$3,800.00 of that amount. Dino told me afterwards that they had performed over 31000 Covid injections since chemists were allowed to administer them.



Deb Sloggett wrote this message to her Operations Manager to notify her of the award.

Ana Maria has worked as a cleaner at the WH Showgrounds Covid Testing Clinic for 2 years. She is the absolute unsung hero, working long hours and doing it with grace and always a smile on her face. She goes above and beyond every day, from the beautifully cleaned toilets (the cleanest toilets in the West), to sweeping floors and to helping staff find lost items and moving furniture. She and her cleaning partner —Bruna have not gone unnoticed and Western Health and Rotary Keilor East are pleased to celebrate in this community achievement

Ana Maria Sedano was nominated by Deb Sloggett who was impressed by the dedication she showed at her workplace, the Covid testing station at the Showgrounds, where she is a cleaner. Ana Maria was accompanied by her fellow cleaner and friend Bruna.



Above L to R: Ben Carroll, Deb Sloggett and Ana Maria Sedano.

Above right: Bruna, Deb and Ana Maria.

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#### Michael Juzefowicz

This nomination is about a quiet and conscience young man. He did not have a clear career path in mind when he left school, so started a university course in Civil Engineering. He was very good with figures, maths and dimensions. After one month, he deferred, realising that this was not the path he wanted.

He took a part time job with Hoyts, supplementing his income by helping his long- time friend on the weekends with his gardening jobs involving landscaping and garden maintenance.

He became very interested in the garden work, and visited Cranbourne Botanical Gardens with his friend, who wanted them to start a business together. So, he wanted to get a better idea of plants and how to look after them.

He also felt his best way to help would be to do a business course at night school, where he got his diploma. He went on to use his skills for landscaping dimensions and all the invoicing and paperwork.

Firstly, he helped do landscaping for commercial sites then moved on to boutique gardens and worked for a time for Normark (landscaping business) with his friend.

His standard of work was exceptional, and he soon had an outstanding reputation for his diligence, attitude, work ethic, knowledge and his way with not only gardens, but with the clients as well. Every job is a labour of love for him and for them. He worked for a time for The Green Centre, and he was recommended to me by them. He has not only never let me down in any shape or form, but always goes the extra mile to help me and keep my garden beautiful. I would be totally lost without him.

I believe he is truly what is meant by 'Pride of Workmanship'

#### **Timothy Wood**

This nomination is for a young man who started from scratch at a very young age to create a landscape and garden maintenance business.

His Nan and Dad loved the land and gardens, and it became his career choice from the start. While still at school he jumped from the VET certificate I to 3 for aptitude in horticulture. He then won the 2nd place award for a display garden design that all TAFE students had to submit for.

He apprenticed with Normark but was hampered by having no car licence and was given mainly maintenance work. However, he gleaned a lot of plant and garden knowledge.

At 20 he approached his long-time friend (since kinder!) and suggested they start a landscape and garden maintenance business together. They had both just visited Cranbourne Botanical Gardens and learnt a lot more about landscaping, plants and their care. He bought a car, his father gave him a mower/trailer, painted it for him and his girlfriend did the signage.

He left Normark and worked in irrigation for 4 months. He still has a good relationship with Normark (who even gave hm the job of designing and creating the front yard for the owner!)

The business covers all areas, dividing the work between landscaping and maintenance. There is no need to have a website as word of mouth has kept him fully booked. No one wants to lose them!

He is innovative, wanted plant diversity, and have varied and creative suggestions for his clients. He works to have the very best relationship with his clients at all times. A job to him is never 'Just a Job'. It is a labour of love and skill creating or maintaining a garden that their clients will always love and enjoy.

He works incredibly hard and long, always leaves a job clean and tidy and does extra things he might be able to help with. He is always cheerful, kindly, and has a wonderful approach, attitude, work ethic and commitment to be able to take pride in everything that he does.

It is my belief that he is truly what is meant by 'Pride of Workmanship'

Cherrie Osborn

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Angela Buckley was nominated by her employers Hotchkin Hughes Accountancy.

L to R: Gerard Mahoney, Ben Carroll, Angela Buckley and Nick Hughes (who is Gerard Mahoney's godson).

Left: Assistant Governor, Domenic Cichello gave the Rotary Toast.

Raffle Hampers were won by Dino Sapuppo, Marianne Potgieter, Tania Moore, Ginny Billson and

one other.

Many thanks go to Cherrie Osborn for wrapping them and to all who bought tickets and who helped on the night.

# Biggest Morning Tea for the Cancer Council on Wednesday 25th May at Burleigh Griffin Community Centre East Keilor







Guest Speakers Sue Williamson and Lorenzo told of their Cancer journey and survival.





**Cancer Council** 

Australia's Biggest

Morning Tea

Chairperson, our Community Director, Gerard Mahoney presented Sue with a mug for sharing her survival story.

A message from Gerard Mahoney

We raised over \$400 which was a commendable effort. Three excellent Speakers made the event worthwhile. Thank you all for your assistance.

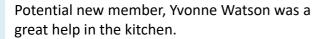


Above left: Trish O'Brien and her friend.

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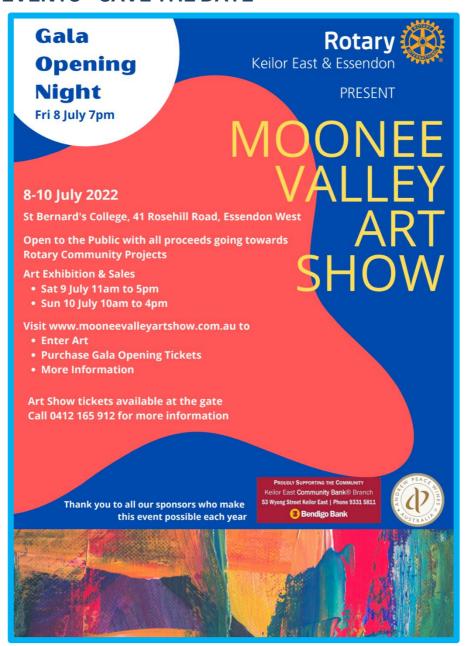
John Walsh and Keilor Rotarian David Bourke.



Above: Barbara Mckeon from Keilor East Rotary was among the participants at the Morning Tea.

Left: The food was plentiful and there were lots of leftovers. Approximately \$400 was collected for the Cancer Council.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS - SAVE THE DATE**





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It's an exciting time for us all as we change Presidents around June 30th each year. This year President Yvonne Osborn will pass the chains of office to Deb Sloggett on Monday June 27th at the Premiers Room, Windy Hill, Napier Street, Essendon.

Please feel free to pass the invitation below to past members and friends of our club. We would like as many attendees as possible to celebrate with us.



We have 10 tickets reserved. Please let Yvonne Osborn 0411 773 360 know if you would like some.





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

May 2022

# 2023 RI Melbourne Convention Launch 4-8<sup>th</sup> June 2022 (Houston, USA time)



SPECIAL REGISTRATION FEE - 5 DAYS ONLY - https://convention.rotary.org/en

Ensure you register for this once in a lifetime RI Melbourne Convention between **4-8**<sup>th</sup>June (Houston time) to get the cheapest and best registration rate for this amazing Convention. Registration fee goes up by AU\$70.00 on 9<sup>th</sup> June.

#### ACCOMMODATION - https://convention.rotary.org/en

If you are seeking accommodation in one of the many RI block booked hotels for the Convention it is recommended you book this at the same time to ensure you get the best accommodation within your price and distance range from the two Convention venues –Rod Laver Arena at Melbourne & Olympic Park and the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, (MCEC) on Spencer Street.

#### CONVENTION EVENTS - https://convention.rotary.org/en

The Melbourne HOC is hosting several exceptional and exciting Special (night-time) Events, including Host Hospitality during the Convention. Tickets for these events will be sold on a first come basis, so it is important that you choose the events you want to attend and lock them in <u>ASAP</u> to ensure you get to attend what you really want to experience!!

In the meantime, you can visit the HOC Website at https://rotarymelbourne2023.org/index

Our Next Keilor East Rotary Meeting is on Monday 30th May 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).



At our May 30th Meeting we will hear from Milly Burke –

Milly Burke is a member of Parks and Gardens Department of MVCC, in the Conservation Team. She has been at Council since 2018 and is the Conservation Programs Officer. She works with community groups to connect the Moonee Valley Community to nature.

She will speak on the work the Conservation team does and some of the key strategies they are working on. She will also talk about the way she works on community engagement in biodiversity. This will give members a broad idea of why MVCC is partnering for National Tree Day and how they may like to help in future.



On June 6th we will hear from President Yvonne Osborn and from Rayssa Coimbra, former Rotary Youth Exchange Student who was sponsored by Keilor East Rotary in 2011 and is now a qualified vet. She is visiting the Osborn family for three months.



Legends Room will be the setting for our May 30th Meeting after dinner in the Windy Hill Bistro.

We welcome your suggestions for future Guest Speakers. Email keiloreastrotary@gmail.com

Date	Day	Speaker/ Event	Contact	
May 30	Monday	Milly Burke - Conservation Officer at Moonee Valley City Council	Phil O'Brien	
June 6	Monday	Rotary – Its effect on our lives - Yvonne Osborn and Rayssa Coimbra (our former Brazilian Rotary Youth Exchange Student)	Yvonne Osborn	
June 13	Monday	No Meeting Queen's Birthday Public Holiday		
June 20	Monday	Imagine the 2022-2023 Rotary Year	Deb Sloggett and Yvonne Osborn	
June 21	Tuesday	Club Board Meeting – Allocation of Funds	2021-2022 Board Members	
June 27	Monday	President Changeover from Yvonne Osborn to Deb Sloggett At the Premiers Room Windy Hill	Deb Sloggett	
July 4				
	Our new Program Director, David Bennett,			
July 11	will be c	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		
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## **Club Birthdays and Anniversaries**

## **Birthdays**

May 31: Brett Bedson

May 31: Grandma Win Osborn who will be 105.

June 1: Gerard Smith June 7: Alex Billson. June 8: Helen Drayton. June 13: Gail Horkings

June 13: Yvonne Osborn June 17: Marjorie Youings.

June 19: Rachel Tomlinson.

June 21: Judy Dippie. June 22: Minh Nguyen.

June 27: Jan Tucker.

June 27: Tony Thomas. June 29: Sam Dinatale.

June 30: John Walsh.



## Wedding Anniversaries

June 9: David and Judy Dippie.



## **Rotary Anniversaries**

May 10: Ginny Billson 2004



# **MEMBER NEWS**

Deepest Sympathy





Keilor East Rotarians extend their deepest sympathy to Cherrie Osborn upon the loss of her dear older brother, Robin (Robbie) Gellately Smith who passed away on May 24th after a series of strokes. We send our thoughts and warmest condolences to Cherrie and her family at this difficult time.



Above: John Youings, still working as an electrician at Marianne's home last week. "Mission Accomplished" he said. Perhaps he should have added "Don't show Marjorie".



Happy 105th Birthday Grandma Win 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 keiloreastrotary@gmail.com

With our very best wishes for a fantastic day from all your friends at Keilor East Rotary.