

President GinnyBillson joined Cambodia Rural School Trust founder Aviv Palti, Cambodian students Sompeas and Vuen and Kerry Osborn for a photo after our Nov 20th Club Meeting.



# NEWSLETTER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KEILOR EAST INC.



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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Meeting Report November 20th, 2017.

President Ginny attended Essendon Rotary's Peru Night at the Angler's Bistro.



- Welcome to all members and visitors especially to Sompeas, Veun and the team supporting the Cambodia Rural School Trust. Mine will be a short report and just urgent reports to allow a short break for the legally necessary AGM and then we can spend a bit more time for our Cambodian visitors.
- Just an alert to let everyone know that we will NOT be meeting at the RSL next Monday the 27<sup>th</sup>. We will instead meet for dinner and fellowship with a few short reports at the Legends Bistro at the Moonee Valley Racecourse on the corner of Wilson and Thomas streets. They have reserved window seats for us.
- The Soufflé Sisters had their end of the year concert with two other choirs, The Homebrew Veranda Singers and the Grace Notes. Quite a few members of Days for Girls, the KERC and ERC and family and friends attended and enjoyed a very eclectic collection of really fun and interesting songs for all ages.
- Jenny Foster has invited us all to their meeting tomorrow at the Anglers Bistro when the Peru visiting team from the Essendon Club will tell us about their travels and the project that some of the art show funds help support.
- The Foodbank bin will be out for the last time next Monday and we will have a great collection for the truck next week when we have to vacate our house.
- Lloyd will now take over to run the AGM.
- The minutes of the previous AGM were accepted along with the Treasurer's Report, and the nominations for the Club's executive positions for the next Rotary Year. Treasurer Steve Pennicott asked that another Club member take over the Treasurer position as he needs a change after being in the role for 11 years. Please speak to President Ginny if you can fill the position. <a href="mailto:billsons@bigpond.com">billsons@bigpond.com</a>

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT (CONTINUED) AND OTHER REPORTS

• Thank you to our Club and others in our Cluster from the students of Bangladesh.

Dear Presidents,

Please find attached the pictures of inauguration for two completed to ilet block projects in Bangladesh. Four more projects are nearly completed and waiting for the painting etc. These will also be inaugurated soon and I will be keep updating you all.

Please note, all the 9 clubs' names are written on the plaque and you can see it from the pictures. Also, the students and teachers are holding banners to thank the clubs/members for the help.

Thank you indeed for you generosity.

With regards,

Ejanul

Ejanul Haque is the Assistant Governor for the Gateway West Cluster of Rotary District 9800. Ejanul saw the dire need for student toilets and wells for water at schools in Bangladesh. The students are holding Thank You messages for us at the opening of the much needed facilities.



# GUEST SPEAKERS – AVIV PALTI, CAMBODIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS SOMPEAS AND VEUN, AND KERRY OSBORN

## About Cambodia Rural School Trust

The Trust was set up by the Palti family after their daughter, Steph, decided to join her high school's project to volunteer to build houses in rural Cambodia.

### **Aviv Palti**

 Based in Melbourne, Aviv provides, leadership and direction to the NGO team. Aviv is the CEO at Lifestyle Brands, one of Australia's leading marketers of photographic, stationery and home decor products, with worldwide distribution channels.

The organization is unique in that 100% of its funds are used for its educational and community programs.

In January 2017 they launched the CRST Ambassador Program, with the belief that international travel to developed countries will provide their leadership team with an invaluable educational experience and open their eyes to possibilities for their future and the future of their country.

CRST Ambassadors Sompeas and Vuen visited our Club with Aviv, his wife Michelle, their daughter Steph and their friend MJ. We thoroughly enjoyed their presentations and urge those who were unable to be there to watch some of the video links.



### Veun Voan

Veun is studying International Relations at Paññāsāstra University of Cambodia..

Veun is Assistant Manager and is responsible for the Village Based Enterprise project, Community Service activities and assisting the Marketing team.





# Sompeas Sokh

Sompeas is studying International Relations at Paññāsāstra University of Cambodia.

Sompeas is the Marketing and Hospitality Manager. With her team they organize and plan the trips for volunteers coming from all around the world. They also promote the NGO through social media and look for opportunities for the NGO to be involved with.





# SOMPEAS & VEUNTELL THEIR STORIES

Both Sompeas and Vuen told of the extreme poverty of their early lives in rural Cambodia. Fortunately their love of learning and their parents' desire to help them attend school, even though the relative cost of education was high, helped them both. They were resigned to always being poor. Then, they had their lives changed and their futures brightened by Aviv Palti's NGO <u>Cambodia Rural School Trust</u>.

They are extremely grateful for the opportunities they have been given to further their education to University level and are more than happy to work in different capacities within the NGO and in the community. In this way they are helping change the lives of others, giving opportunities they enjoyed earlier and helping the NGO to operate with no overheads.







Whilst in Australia as Ambassadors for Cambodia Rural School Trust The students have had the opportunity to visit Healesville Sanctuary, Adelaide and Sydney. They have spoken at several Rotary Clubs and at Corporate events. We were so pleased to hear the stories





# ART SHOW 23-25 MARCH 2018 (UPDATES BY JANE ODGERS, ESSENDON ROTARY)





### **SPONSORS – CAN YOU HELP?**

The Art Show committee has decided that for the 2018 show 5 prizes will be awarded. These will be the previous four awards, Best in Show, Best Oil / Acrylic, Best Watercolour, Best Pastel or Drawing, and a new Best Youth Artist (under 25) award to encourage local young artists to enter, and to bring their families along to the Art Show.

We would love to increase the value of our 5 prizes. This will help attract new entrants, continue to improve the quality of the art for sale, and bring more people through the gate. To do this the committee is currently focused on increasing the number of sponsors. We are particularly keen to increase monetary sponsors, rather than in-kind. If you or anyone you know might be a potential sponsor, the Art Show committee members would love to hear from you.



### **FACEBOOK**

We have also recently commenced a Facebook campaign. At the moment there are occasional posts, but in January these will become much more frequent. If you use Facebook we would appreciate if you could please search for the Moonee Valley Art Show (MVAS) Facebook page, and like and share any posts you see. The more we can market the Art Show, the more attendance we will get, and the more money we will raise for our projects.



### **VOLUNTEERS**

Later we will also be looking for volunteers to help at the Show. So please have a think about how you might be able to contribute some of your time.



As per last year, funds raised from the Art Show will be allocated to the club's general projects fund for the Board to use as it sees fit. So please get behind this major local community event.

### **QUESTIONS?**

Don't hesitate to ask Moonee Valley Art Show Committee members such as Gerard Mahoney.







# CLUB EVENTS — DINNER AT LEGENDS, MOONEE VALLEY RACECOURSE

**Legends** is at the corner of Thomas and Wilson Streets, Moonee Ponds. The Car Park Entrance in Thomas Street.

Monday 27th November 2017 at 6.30 pm.





### Reminders

International – PP Cherrie Osborn –The next Days for Girls workshop will be held on Wed 29<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Reminders**

BBQ at Dan Murphy's Watergardens Saturday 24th November – Thank you to all Members and Partners who volunteered for this event.



# NOVEMBER FOOD DRIVE -KEILOR EAST ROTARY'S FOOD DRIVE FOR FOODBANK VICTORIA



- President Ginny will have a big carton at Rotary each week to try to fill up.
- Foodbank will collect the food when we have finished. A couple of extra items in your shopping trolley each week can make a huge difference to families that are doing it tough.

# FOOD BANK Food drive DONATE HERE TO HELP VICTORIANS DOING IT TOUGH

### MOST NEEDED ITEMS

- ☐ Canned fruit, vegetables, fish, soups and meals
- ☐ Dried fruit and nuts
- ☐ Sauces and seasonings
- UHT milk and juices
- □ Coffee, tea and spreads
- ☐ Rice, pasta and noodles
- ☐ Cereal
- ☐ Shampoo and conditioner
- Soap and deodorant
- Dental floss, toothpaste and toothbrushes
- ☐ Tissues and toilet paper
- Feminine hygiene products

### **DONATION GUIDELINES**

- √ Within best before date
  - √ Unopened packaging
- √ Has ingredient/allergen listing



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# DISTRICT CONFERENCE MARCH 16-18,2018 - WARRNAMBOOL, VICTORIA.

Our Club's "On to Conference" contact is Past president Bob McMartin. Please contact Bob if you would like to attend the conference as he is able to assist with accommodation, bookings etc.



A message from our District Governor Peter Frueh









# Save \$50 by registering before Thursday November 30th

CHECK OUT FIRST TIME ATTENDEE'S DISCOUNT http://www.rotaryconference.org.au/

### **SPEAKERS**



STAN GRANT, well know as a presenter for the ABC will share his personal story and the story of his family which illustrates the dispossession and hardship shared by indigenous people



SONJA DAWSON, a nurse with experience in many fields has a passion to volunteer in the global health area and has spent over a decade volunteering with Mercy Ships.



MICHAEL CROSSLAND
is an extraordinary young
man who has defied the
odds of a life threatening
cancer to build a life of
exceptional achievements. His story is
Inspirational



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MANDY DRURY
has moderated
conferences for many
organisations and charities. Rotex President in
1993, she continues to
be part of Rotary through
family connections

### CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION ON OTHER SPEAKERS AND ACTIVITIES



ATTEND THE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHT FUNCTIONS FOR ONLY \$120

THE CONFERENCE PROGRAM WILL INCLUDE A WIDE RANGE OF SPEAKERS, INFORMATIVE BREAKOUT SESSIONS, ACTIVITIES AROUND WARNAMBOOL AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE INVOLVED IN A HANDS ON VOLUNTEERING PROJECT



https://www.facebook.com/D9800Conference/

# **WHAT'S NEXT?**

NOVEMBER	Rotary Foundation Month
20TH	AGM / CAMBODIAN RURAL SCHOOL TRUST - Aviv Pati, Kerry Osborn and Cambodian university students
21ST, TUESDAY	PERU NIGHT - ESSENDON PRESIDENT JENNY FOSTER
27TH	DINNER AT LEGENDS, Moonee Valley
DECEMBER	Disease & Prevention Month
BRD, SUNDAY	BOARD MEETING 2:30PM
4TH	JON WALKER - The Coward Punch
10TH, SUNDAY	WOOLWORTHS MOONEE PONDS BBQ
11TH	TBA
18TH	CLUB CHRISTMAS BREAKUP
25TH	CHRISTMAS DAY - NO MEETING
JANUARY	Vocational Month
1ST	NEW YEARS DAY - NO MEETING
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15TH	FIRST CLUB MEETING - Informal BBQ or progressive dinner - (TBC)
21ST, SUNDAY	WOOLWORTHS MOONEE PONDS BBQ

Program Director 2017-18 Ian Wright





Our Club gratefully acknowledges the sponsorship we receive from the <u>Keilor East Bendigo Community Bank</u> and <u>Smart Storage World</u> to assist us in providing services to the Community.

Rotary Club of Keilor East meets on Monday 6.3opm for 6.45pm at Keilor East RSL, Hoffmans Rd, West Essendon For Club Membership or Sponsorship information Contact: Immediate President, Joe Albioli (0438133123)

### **ROTARY GRACES**

- o We give thanks for our daily food. May Rotary friends and Rotary ways, help us to serve all our days.
- o For good food, good fellowship, and the privilege to serve, we give thanks.



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# NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER - BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

# **Birthdays**

November 30<sup>th</sup> - Phil O'Brien December 6th - Steve Pennicott December 11th - Liz Albioli December 29th - Patrick Honeyborne December 31st - Vanda Mullen

# **Wedding Anniversaries**

December 8th - Ian and Cathy Wright
December 19th - Peter and Rachel Tomlinson
December 23rd - David and Liz Gibbs

# **Rotary Anniversaries**

November 24<sup>th</sup> - Daryl Cornish 2007 December 1st - Brett Bedson December 13th - Annie Webb

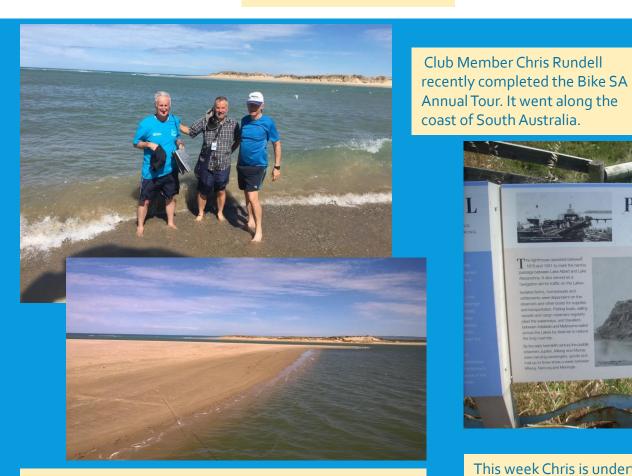






# MEMBER NEWS

Chris has reached Tidal River on the great Victorian Bike Ride.



Seeing the mouth of the Murray River was one of the trip highlights. The average daily ride was 80kms and the longest 130kms.



Chris (centre) with his cycling friends Rod (met in their Uni days at International House) and Andrew who is a fellow member of the RACV Cycling Club member.



This week Chris is undertaking the Great Victorian Bike Ride. He is currently dipping his feet in the water at Tidal River (photo at top of page).



Australia's only inland lighthouse at Point Malcolm, also known as <u>Mundoo Light.</u>