



Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Keilor East Inc.

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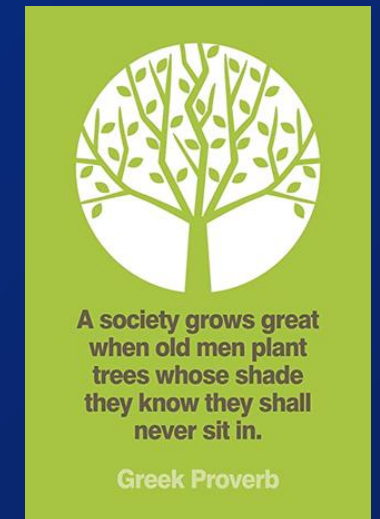
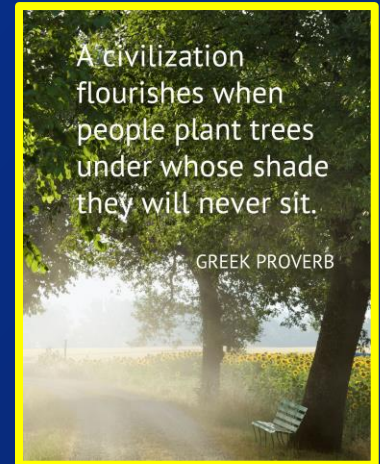


On Thursday 26th November Annie Webb, Paul Perrottet and Deb Sloggett were volunteers at Rotary's DIK (Donations in Kind) store where they helped organize goods to be sent to Cambodia. Photo - Thanks to Annie Webb.



President's Report - President Michael Donnelly

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Fellow RCKE Rotarians

Again, I am putting fingers to the keyboard to enable those who cannot attend our Zoom meetings to keep up to date with what has been happening. It is a bit longer because it covers a much longer period than past messages from me.

The timing is auspicious because earlier today announcements were made detailing the penultimate stage of removing pandemic restrictions. More will be said about this at the conclusion of this email which now covers what has happened at our last three meetings. Unfortunately, the edition I prepared for distribution last week not only failed to send but then totally vanished from my laptop as I subsequently attempted to correct my original error!

We next gather on 30 November at which our Guest Speaker will talk about the life of Phonse Tobin, founder of Tobin Brothers. We are delighted to welcome Lou G, ably assisted by Annie, back to 'holding the reins' of our Program.

RECENT MEETINGS

Monday 26 October: International Committee-organised Presentation re Cambodia Rural Student Trust (CRST) 'Sky Hydrant' project. Our Guest Speakers, Aviv and Jessica Palti, gave an extraordinarily professional presentation related to a potential Water, Sanitation and Hygiene project in Cambodia. It ticked all the boxes of being a successful 'developing nations' project in that it would be locally driven and managed as well as also enabling the creation of educational and economic opportunity in addition to its health benefits. At the Board meeting the following week the Board accepted the recommendation of our International Committee and endorsed the allocation of a generous and anonymous donation toward establishing the project as a pilot project. Other clubs are being sought as partners - members of some attended the meeting to hear the presentation - and an application will be made for a matching District grant. Congratulations to our hard-working International Committee for their enthusiastic work on this. A copy of the presentation is attached to this email. Thanks to Chris for finding a way to convert it to a pdf file that will not overload your computer.

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Monday 9 November: (NAIDOC) Week

This Meeting was at the beginning of National Aboriginal & Islanders Day Observance Committee. Rather than having our usual Acknowledgement of Country at the beginning we instead listened to Indigenous leader, Professor Megan Davis, read out the Uluru Statement from the Heart on the floor of the First Nations Convention at which it was endorsed in 2017. I introduced this variation by asking those present to consider it akin to having a guest speaker rather than to see it as anything 'political'. Rotary's non-political stance in the world only ever prevents the taking of collective political action not the hearing of information directly from its source which will enable us to individually determine our own opinion. That audio link (and its associated print version) can be found at the following website <https://ulurustatement.org/>

The remainder of the meeting provided an opportunity for all present to reconnect socially and everyone was given time to either speak about that which they are grateful for in their life, or anything that has been preoccupying them. I thank our members for their honesty with and trust of each other. Many also took the opportunity to give project reports and updates. I thank them for enabling our primary task to continue under the pandemic restrictions.

Monday 16 November

Bill Oakley 'zoomed' in from Tasmania to speak about Malaria and made some interesting comparisons between it and the COVID-19 pandemic. There is no PowerPoint which I can share with you.

Other upcoming matters:

We can now realistically consider our Christmas party scheduled for Monday 14 December. We will need to determine the 'shape' of the event (meal, activity, intended participants, location etc) considering the reduced restrictions in place from midnight tonight. Both indoor and outdoor options appear to now be realistic possibilities and in the next couple of days I will prepare and circulate a brief survey for you to complete and return quickly so that planning can continue.

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"Be kind, keep calm and stay safe."

Regards

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President RC Keilor East

More Meeting Reports -

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President Michael opened the Meeting and welcomed Members and our Guest Speaker, Bill Oakley from the Rotary Club of Dandy Bay in Hobart, Tasmania. Bill is a member of the Rotarians Against Malaria group and will speak about Malaria and Covid Vaccine Research.

He acknowledged the Wurundjeri People of the Kulin Nation.

Announcements

Gerard Mahoney - Community - IGA vouchers are still available of anyone knows of families in need. Writing Competition entries are still trickling in.

Phil O'Brien - Environment and Sustainability - Phil has met with the Friends of Maribyrnong Valley. There are 13 such organizations associated with the Moonee Valley City Council. Melbourne Water would value our involvement in 2021 using Covidsafe procedures. They do a lot of seed collection and could use our help with Autumn planting. Phil will produce a management plan for us.

Deb Sloggett - International - Deb will let us know when a container will be sent to Safe Haven in Cambodia and whether we can help with packing. The Cambodia Gala Night held recently was a great success. Congratulations to table Captain Ginny Bilson whose table raised the most during the evening. The Melbourne Passport Rotary Club held its 1st Birthday on Saturday 21st November with a Virtual Cocktail Party.

Ginny Bilson - Ginny enjoyed Friday 13th November fundraising event for Cambodia. The \$22,000 raised will be matched by A World of Difference. There were 80 to 100 attendees with some Karaoke and auctions featuring in the variety of entertainment. Ginny and Alex's granddaughter Anna is now 5 months old.

John Walsh - RSL is open again for meals with limited numbers due to Covid restrictions.

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Secretary Chris Rundell - he would like an Assistant Secretary - volunteer required. (Ed. Thank you to Helen Penna for agreeing to be Club Secretary in 2021).

Barbara Rafter - Bunnings BBQs beginning again on Dec 6th with 5 people on a shift in two tents.

Moonee Valley Art Show Committee has been formed and held a meeting to organize the Art Show which is scheduled for May 14-16 in 2021.

Christmas Celebration - Michael will survey Members to help determine preferences for this year's event.

Daryl Cornish - a message from Abu Dhabi - Daryl told us about how his life has been in his part of the world. He and his son Aaron have been playing golf and cricket. Sonja might come to Melbourne when flights are opened again. Now there have been around 1500 Corona virus cases each day in his city. December 3rd is United Arab Emirates National Day. The country will be 49 years old.

WERN - Western Emergency Relief Network - Michael Donnelly will update us on the changes coming for this organization soon.

Member Reports November 30th 2020

Youth - Athena Vass - It is hoped that locally based Youth programs will go ahead in 2021 e.g. MUNA, RYPEN etc.

International - Cherrie Osborn - a great Packing Day was held by several Days for Girls team members 199 kits were packed for Balibo. 559 kits have been produced in 2020 despite the Covid Restrictions.

Gerard Mahoney Community - Bunnings BBQ on Sunday Dec 6th. Writing Competition has been well received but not a huge number of entries submitted. MVCC might have some Covid Recovery Funds available to help the local community. Have a think about some ideas by Mid January.

Joe Albioli - Member Connections - We might be able to meet at the RSL on Dec 14th for a Christmas get together for Members and partners. Details TBA.

Board Report - President Michael Donnelly

November 16th, 2020



Monday 1 November: Board Meeting

I thank the Board for their willingness to attend a meeting on Cup Eve. They are indeed All Saints (pun intended).

At this meeting, the following business was conducted in addition to the Sky Hydrant item mentioned above:

- Treasurer Steve presented financial reports for endorsement and Gerard and Phil undertook to review them to provide the necessary 'fair and true' statement required by CAV.
- Agreed that AGM take place at commencement of Club meeting on Monday 30 November. Paperwork has been distributed by Chris. Thanks.
- COVID writing competition closing date extended to last day of Term 4 (18 December)
- Planning for 'Survivor Awards' for East Keilor small businesses during pandemic is underway with eligibility (geographic area, size etc) and selection criteria generally agreed.
- MV Art Show Committee has commenced its work with first joint meeting already held. Provisionally planned for weekend of 14-16 May 2021.
- Endorsement of Application made to Foundation for VCE scholarship for a student to be selected by St Albans SC where our Interact Club operates.
- Phil conducted an initial 'Supporting the Environment' consultation with Board, presenting an extensive range of environmental options available for consideration. That comprehensive list will be whittled down in coming months to a more manageable and achievable number, possibly related to tree plantings in partnership with MV City Council et al and also something 'educational' in partnership with a local school.
- Yvonne indicated that she would initiate a revamp of the Club website so that it will become more like a virtual 'information brochure' about who we are and what we do rather than our 'family photo album'. She also indicated that her PETS training was about to start.
- Reviewed the following group of District 9800 Policies required for legislative compliance about our social interactions viz:
 - o Protection policy
 - o Sexual Harassment policy
 - o Privacy policy

The most critical of these in application is the Protection Policy and the Board believed, that in addition to the distribution of these attached policies, a formal overview of it needs to be presented at a Club meeting. That presentation, technology permitting, will occur at the 30 November Club meeting so that its final endorsement can take place at the 7 December Board meeting.

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Guest Speaker - Des Tobin - RAM - Just a man called Phonse



Des Tobin has written a book about his father, Phonse. He begins by thanking and respecting Rotary and other service clubs for their contributions to the community. He acknowledged that he has known Lou Gionfriddo, a member of this Club for many years.

Phonse was a charter member of the Rotary Club of North Melbourne. He was a Paul Harris fellow. When he died in 1993 his Rotary club awarded a \$500 grant to three or four local community groups. This has been done for 26 years in his memory. Tobin Brothers set up a [Foundation](#) to help worthy causes within the community.

In 2018 Des wrote a book entitled "Just a man called Phonse".

Des is 82 years old. He is the second of four children. He has an older brother, Barry, a younger brother, Gavan, as well as a sister, Denise. Des played cricket and was a wicket keeper. He also enjoyed diving and pole vaulting, even though he was only 5'4" tall.

He left school at 15 to become an apprentice panel beater which he didn't enjoy. He also played football for North Melbourne VFA team. He had many different occupations and eventually went to Queensland where he met his beautiful wife Margaret whom he married 58 years ago. They have four children and 11 grandchildren.

In 1961 he became the CEO of Tobin Brothers until his retirement in 2002. He spent 45 years in funeral services which he found to be rewarding, but stressful at times. He now enjoys playing golf, spending time with his grand children and writing. He has written six family stories and has a website www.destobin.com.au

Phonse or Alphonse Vincent Tobin was born in 1905. He was a twin. Sadly, his twin, Bernard died, aged only a few days. He had three brothers, Leo, Kevin, Noel and Tom and a sister, Mary. While his love for the theater was one of his many interests, he was a store man, a soldier, a fireman and a successful amateur athlete. Once, whilst a fireman, he was inspecting fire equipment in a theatre. He was spoken to in a haughty tone by a woman whom he saw was Dame Nellie Melba. He admonished her for her tone. He felt everyone had a right to be spoken to civilly.

He married Vera Crough and they had Barry, Des, Denise, and Gavan. They lived in Malvern and he operated AV Tobin from Glenferrie Rd. His sons attended De La Salle College. While living in Malvern He became president of the North Melbourne Football Club. In the 1980s he and Vera moved to Kew. He still took a keen interest in Rotary, racehorse and greyhound owning. He enjoyed gambling and was a heavy smoker, dying from emphysema in 1993.

JUST A MAN CALLED PHONSE



*The Anything but Ordinary
Life of A.V. (Phonse) Tobin*

DES TOBIN
Foreword by Terence K. Tobin QC



Author of "Just A Man
called Phonse" - Des
Tobin.

Guest Speaker - Des Tobin - RAM - A man called Phonse



Phonse stood up for the downtrodden and mixed with all classes of people with ease. He was strong willed, headstrong and had self belief. In 1952 he helped talk down a psychiatric patient who had climbed a railway tower in Royal Park. He climbed the tower to negotiate with the man Clive Lambert. He shared a cigarette with the man and waited until almost midnight to meet him, as promised, after professionals talked him down.

Phonse had an engaging personality, was genuine, unforgettable and an attention seeker. Des told us that there are quite a few attention seekers in the family.

He thanked our Club for giving him the opportunity to tell his father's story. He asked if there were any questions. He has generously given Michael some copies of his book to give away to any Club Member who is interested.

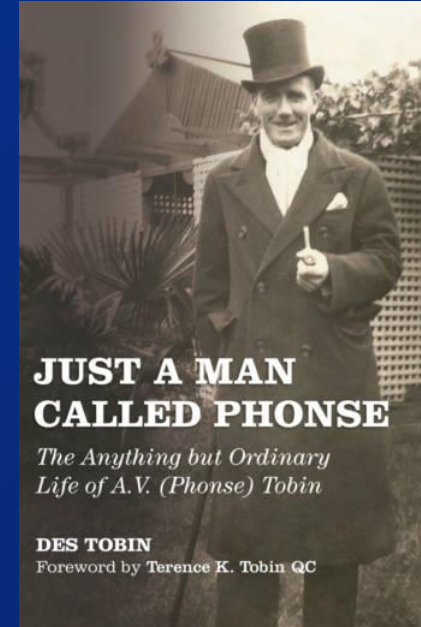
Gerard Mahoney - Asked about Phonse's brothers and said that his father, Bill Mahoney, knew the Tobin family.

Michael Donnelly - How did you start your research? Dad had written 40 or 50 pages of memories which was a great start. He had also told us a lot of stories.

Lou Gionfriddo - How long did it take to write the book? 2 - 2.5 years.

John Walsh - John worked part time for the company years ago so had memories of the Tobin Brothers Business.

Minh Nguyen - remembered Tobin Brothers Funerals in Saigon. Are they related? No, but he will be interested to research that.



Guest Speaker - Bill Oakley - RAM - [Rotarians Against Malaria](#)



Bill Oakley - Rotarians Against Malaria - Malaria has been around for around 1000 years.

Malaria is caused by the Plasmodium parasite. The parasite can be spread to humans through the bites of infected mosquitoes. There are many different types of plasmodium parasite, but only 5 types cause malaria in humans.

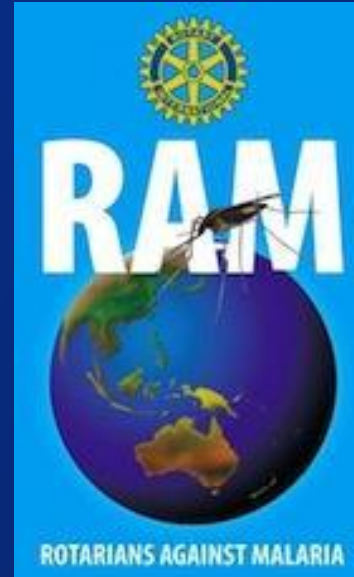
There were 218 Million cases in the world last year. Rotary would like to see its eradication by 2050. Africa and India are the main areas of infection. It is hoped that there will be a 40% reduction in infections by 2030. Disappointingly, the decline has slowed. In 2018 trials of a preventative vaccine have been 40% effective. It is hoped that an additional 20 countries will soon be Malaria free.

Questions from our Members -

RAM is a part of RAWCS Rotary Australian World Community Service. RAM operates in Australia and New Zealand. Many funds have been collected by the former Brimbank Rotary Club's foreign coin collecting drive.

Covid 19 is a new virus which has a ten times higher mortality rate. It will be miraculous if we can get a Covid Vaccine. Ed. It's amazing what can happen in a few weeks!

RAM has several resources and is present on a variety of social media platforms. A [video](#) made by Primary School Students in a Rotary competition helps raise awareness in Malaria prone areas.



From the RAM part of the [RAWCS Website](#)

RAM was started in the early 1990s from a proposal by Dr Brian Handley of the Rotary Club of Chatswood (NSW) who was concerned about the surge in malaria incidence after the discontinuation of DDT-based malaria control programs. RAM was launched in 1995 in Tulagi, Solomon Islands by the Rotary Club of Honiara and Rotary District 9600. In 1997 Ron Seddon and The Rotary Club of Port Moresby initiated the highly successful Adopt a Village program to encourage Australian Rotary Clubs to fund nets in PNG on a village-by-village basis. The Adopt A Village program was then successfully implemented in the Solomon Islands. In 1998 Rotary Australia World Community Service adopted RAM as an approved multi-district project. In 2005, RAM expanded its support to the National Malaria Control Program in Timor Leste. There are now RAM committees in each of the 21 Rotary districts in Australia, which raise funds to support programs to control and eliminate malaria.

International - Cambodia Rural Students Trust WASH Project

A message from President Nominee Deb Sloggett



Hi team,

Thankyou so much for attending the meeting last night to discuss our CRST WASH project. Apologies to Barbara and John for not letting them in to the Zoom meeting sooner.

The aim of the meeting was to discuss the potential for raising funds for the project in preparation for submitting the international district grant. The project is costed at \$20,000 so we need to have a plan as to how to raise this money to promote confidence and we would be much more likely to achieve receipt of a grant. We don't have to have the money in hand so pledges for money will be great too. The grant must be submitted this year, in the next few weeks, so we have a greater opportunity of getting a grant in the first half of the Rotary year. It may be more challenging next year as if any money is left it may be shared around.

There are others working on this as well, so it is not all up to us to organize, however as the host club we have the opportunity of being a major player and working on collaborations with other clubs and people.

Some great ideas were discussed

1. Morning tea with the DG, next session is planned for Saturday December the 5th - Action - Deb will talk with Jen Foster to see if can be promoted at this forum
2. Cluster meeting (Michaels group with his other hat as AG) - Action: it was thought better if Maria Hicks from Passport Club could raise at this group Michael will support once the subject brought up. Deb will talk to Maria.
3. One on one chats with other Rotary Clubs, however this may be for future fund raising as this year is running out.

We then discussed how great this project is and how it could be more than just a water project. Consideration for promoting as our Centenary Project and twinning it with the Environment Project that Phil is working on re tree planting. It is also Education, Youth and Community. Yvonne had an idea re schools being involved and helping to raise funds as the water project is based in schools, anyway we all agreed that there is great potential, and it could be a Club Super Project

Future action:

Setting up a RAWCs account for the project - Passport Club want to do this as if the project becomes global then Aviv will be project manager and as he is a member of the Passport Club it makes sense to have the account managed by them submitting the grant in the next couple of weeks. Keilor East need to approve formally, Michael to sign off on and we need an account for the grant money. I think we need a stand-alone account for grant money so we can't just put in our International account, but I will have to check Rotary Foundation rules
I apologise if i have forgotten anything but it was an exciting chat and so much to look forward to

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International - Days for Girls Packing Day

A message from Jane Odgers

Hello Daysies

Congratulations to all you wonderful people. Together we have achieved something quite outstanding this year. Last week a few of us got together to pack kits and do a stock take of the work finished in 2020. The result is very impressive! Thank you to everyone who returned all their finished items so we could finalise our year and tell you these amazing results.

Total number of kits sent to Balibo: 559 (i.e. 59 more than we commit to produce each year)

In addition, to start us off in 2021 we have already completed:

Transport bags: 202

Liners: 389

Shields: 339

Drawstring bags: 50

We would have kept packing, but we ran out of our non-sewn items. Besides, we were pretty exhausted.

So we are well on our way to achieving our 2021 goal. Thank you to each and every one of you. Amazing how many positives have actually come out of COVID-19 - and this is just one of them.

Well done everyone.

Jane Odgers
Co-Leader, Keilor Gateway Cluster
Days for Girls Australia

<http://www.daysforgirls.org/>
www.facebook.com/DaysForGirlsAustralia/



Spot the Rotarian - Name that Baby



Above: We still don't know ???

Right: Cherrie Osborn.



Above left: Deb Sloggett. Above right: President Michael Donnelly as a young child. Michael is a twin. Below is Steve Pennicott - identified by Helen Penna.

Ginny and Alex Billson and Annie Webb are organizing a "Spot the Rotarian" Competition.

Email your guess to billsons@bigpond.com



Now would be a great time to look for these and put them aside for the end of Lockdown

PLEASE DONATE YOUR UNWANTED FOREIGN COINS AND NOTES



THEY HELP SUPPORT ROTARY PROJECTS

Contact Barbara Rafter
Rotary Club of Keilor East



You are welcome to join us via Zoom on Monday

What's Next?

Club Meetings at Keilor East RSL are suspended for the future (at least, until restrictions on gatherings are lifted).

ZOOM Meetings are held fortnightly.

The next Meeting will be held at 6.45pm on Monday 30th November.

Meeting ID: 514 079 0305- Password : KERC2020

1	Date	Day	Speaker / Event Title	Speaker (if applicable)	Organiser
2					
3	30-Nov-20	Mond	"Just A Man Called Phonse" / AGM	Des Tobin (Ph. 7/10)	Lou
4					
5	5-Dec-20	Sat	DG MORNING TEA - 10-11.30AM	(noted 25/11)	Michael
6	6-Dec-20	Sund	BUNNINGS BBQ - TAYLORS LAKES	(E - 25/11)	Barbara Rafter
7	7-Dec-20	Mond	NO MEETING 8pm BOARD MEETING	(E - 13/9 ph 7/10)	Michael
8	14-Dec-20	Mond	CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY - TBC	(E - 13/9)	Michael
9	21-Dec-20	Mond	NO MEETING		
10					
11	11-Jan-21	Mond	NO MEETING 8pm BOARD MEETING	(E - 13/9)	Michael
12	18-Jan-21	Mond	FIRST CLUB MEETING (with other Clubs??) with High Profile Speaker TBC	(ph 7/10)	Michael
13	25-Jan-21	Mond			
14					
15	1-Feb-21	Mond	8pm BOARD MEETING		
16	8-Feb-21	Mond			



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

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Rotary Thanksgivings

*We give thanks for our daily food. May Rotary friends and Rotary ways, help us to serve all our days.

* For good food, good fellowship, and the privilege to serve, we give thanks.

November and December Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

November 1: Mark Tognon
November 7: Lynn Mahoney
November 19: Barbara Rafter
November 21: Lyn Tan
November 30: Phil O' Brien
December 6: Steve Pennicott
December 10: Alison Perrottet
December 11: Liz Albioli
December 15: Emma Ebrahim
December 21: Howe Tan
December 28: Don Tucker
December 29: Patrick Honeyborne
December 31: Vanda Mullen

Wedding Anniversaries

November 17: John and Maryanne Walsh
November 22: Jenny and Charles Foster
November 28: Lou and Nonie Gionfriddo
December 6: Tina Ballos & John Young
December 8: Ian and Cathy Wright
December 9: Deb & Colin Akers
December 19: Peter & Rachel Tomlinson

Rotary Anniversaries

November 4: Judith Maddocks 2004
November 24: Daryl Cornish 2014
December 1: Brett Bedson 1993
December 1: Steve Pennicott 1991
December 13: Annie Webb



Member News -



The Bee Search and Spring Gardens



This is Abigail wearing Little Red Riding Hood outfit that Nana made for Book Week.

Deb Sloggett was excited to find her first bee.



Get Well Soon Grandma Win Osborn



Abigail celebrated her 6th Birthday with a beautiful Unicorn themed cake.



Flowers from Annie Webb's garden (left) and stunning flowers from her daughter's garden at Lyonville (right).

After having a fall in her kitchen and breaking her left hip, Win was operated on at St Vincent's Hospital where she has been recovering. She is now at St Georges GEM rehab unit in Kew. We all wish her a speedy recovery and hope to see her back at Keilor East Rotary events soon.

We would love some of your photos and/or holiday shots for this page. Text to 0411773360 or email keiloreastrotary@gmail.com

