



# KEILOR EAST ROTARY NEWSLETTER

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fellowship whilst helping  
others"

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November  
29th at The  
Starlight  
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The President Changeover



## **Finally, our President Changeover happened.**

**by President Yvonne Osborn**

On **Monday 29th November** we were finally able to hold our President Changeover event for Keilor East Rotary. June 28th, July 26th, August 30th, October 25th and finally 29th November. It was a great occasion.

Past District Governor Grant Hocking and Melissa attended, and Maria Kouppas and David Abbey from Essendon Rotary presented Royce Abbey Awards to dedicated and enthusiastic long-time Keilor East Rotarians, John Walsh and Bruce Cameron. We look forward to a year of "Serve to Change Lives" opportunities.

On **Monday 6th December** we will meet at the Brimbank Bicycle Education Centre at 7 Clubhouse Place Keilor Downs where new member, Robyn Soffe, will give her Rotarian Behind the Badge Presentation. It will be a BYO food and drinks event.

## Meeting Reports - November 22nd and November 29th, 2021.

### Monday November 22nd -Stove Team Video Presentation



In the absence of our scheduled Guest Speaker, John Jonson, from Keilor East RSL, we watched a video presentation from Stove Team. The project, founded by a Rotarian, is administered in the Central American area. David Dippie asked whether there is any similar project being offered in the Asia Pacific Region.

Below is part of a reply to our Program Organizer, Annie Webb, by Forest Resener of Stove Team

*There may even be stove projects already working in the regions you're familiar with. The Clean Cooking Alliance has a great database of stove projects, which is organized by region:*

<https://www.cleancookingalliance.org/partners/directory.html>

### Monday November 29th - Keilor East Rotary President Changeover

From our Keilor East Rotary Facebook page :

*With proposed and postponed dates of June 28th, July 26th, August 30th, October 25th and November 29th, we could finally hold our President Changeover on Monday 29th November 2021. It took some patience, but we were at last able to see our friends and celebrate the change from Keilor East Rotary President Michael Donnelly to President Yvonne Osborn. We thank the wonderful staff of Taylors Lakes Hotel and our many supporters for creating such a memorable occasion. Rotary - Serve to Change Lives.*



President Michael Donnelly greets Past District Governor Grant Hocking.

Ninety guests attended the Changeover which was held at The Starlight Room, Taylors Lakes Hotel. More photos on pages 3-7.





# Keilor East Rotary - President Changeover

Monday 29th November 2021



Memorial Candles were lit for members of Keilor East and Brimbank Central Rotary who have died during the past two years.



Top right: Robert Chessell with his wife Persephone and their children Jack and Katina.

Centre Left: Robyn Soffe and David Dippie.

Centre Right: Joel Hewish and Linda Tregaskis-Lye.

Bottom Left: Gerard Mahoney and David Barnes.

Bottom Right: Olga Hilton with Janet McMartin and Bob McMartin.



# Keilor East Rotary - President Changeover

Monday 29th November 2021



President Yvonne Osborn with her sister, Cheryl Payne.



Immediate Past President Michael Donnelly welcomed David Bennett.

Top Left: Arnold Vandenharn (rear) caught up with longtime friends Dr Les Norton and John Bergbauer.  
Centre Left: President Yvonne Osborn with her husband Greg, son John and daughter Kate Jones.  
Bottom Left: Vice President John Walsh with President Yvonne Osborn and his Royce Abbey Award.



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President Yvonne Osborn presented Marianne Potgieter with a Sapphire Paul Harris fellow.



Cherrie Osborn and longtime friend of Keilor East Rotary, Anne Peace from Bendigo South Rotary.



Anne Peace jokes with John Walsh whom she has known for almost 70 years.

Top Left: Tony Thomas received his dinner badge and Rotarians at Work vest from Michael Donnelly.  
Centre Left: Longtime Keilor East Rotarian David Barnes was made an Honorary member of our club.  
Bottom Left: Michael Donnelly received a Certificate of Service for his work as Keilor East President in 2020-2021.



# Keilor East Rotary - President Changeover

Monday 29th November 2021



Tina Ballos (centre) with her husband John and mother Faye.



Above: Past District Governor Grant Hocking and his wife Melissa represented District 9800 at our Changeover.



Above: David Barnes and his wife Laraine at Changeover where David was made an Honorary Member of Keilor East Rotary. We hope that we will see them often.



Left: Pam Vandenham won a Senserrick's Fruit and Flowers hamper in our raffle. We raised \$435.



Above: Marianne Potgieter (left) with Helen Drayton and her raffle prize, generously donated by Ginny Billson.

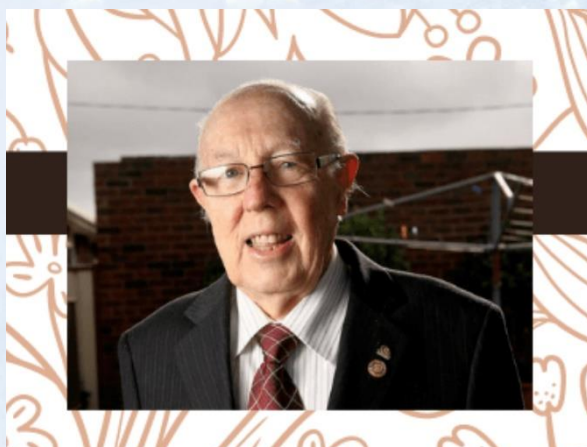
Left: New member, Elvira Tarrant, was unable to be with us on the night but we hope to catch up with her soon.



## The Club President Changeover - November 29th, 2021



Allan Puli – Brimbank  
Central Rotary



Ron Carmichael – Brimbank  
Central Rotary



Bert Mom – Brimbank  
Central Rotary

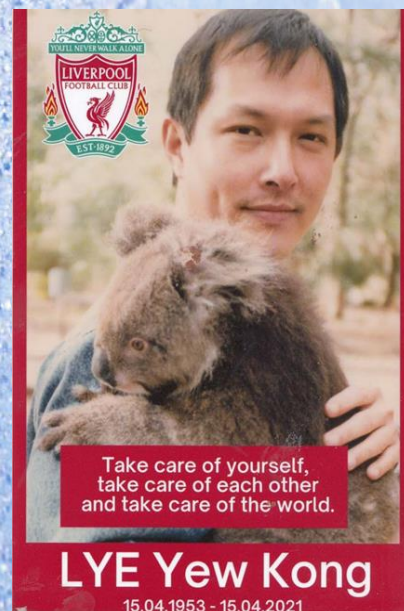
In Loving Memory of our fellow Rotary members who have died during the past two years. Long may we continue their good works of Service Above Self.



Judith Maddocks – Keilor East Rotary



Diane Main – Keilor East Rotary



Yew Kong Lye – Keilor East Rotary

Judith Maddocks inherited [Huntingtons Disease](#). Donations may be made to [Huntingtons Victoria](#).



## Beehive Donation - Friday 3rd December, 2021



On Friday 3rd December, Rotary Keilor East presented the East Keilor Sustainability Street Community Garden with a new beehive.

This was gratefully accepted as an addition to the hive they already have. It will double their honey production (a valuable source of funding) and improve pollination in their extensive garden area.

The Club donated 10 hives to the Rotary Club of Traralgon Central to be distributed in that region as a contribution to the recovery of the bee population after the devastating 2019/2020 bushfires.

All these donations are recognition of the role that Rotary can play to protect and promote the bee population as part of our commitment to environmental sustainability. The Community Garden concept is very much aligned to Rotary objectives.

East Keilor Sustainability Street Inc. is a group of predominantly East Keilor residents whose aim is to source and use life's most basic commodities, water, food and power, in a sustainable way. The community garden in Tuppal Reserve not only grows food but provides an education resource and a valuable platform for the many "reduce, reuse, recycle" applications.

Community building is an important feature of the group through shared BBQ/ open days, tree planting and Clean Up Australia activities.

A further donation of one hive will be made to the nearby Avondale Heights Community Garden.

Phil O'Brien  
E&S Chair,  
Rotary Keilor East



Beekeeper, Greg Harasimowicz, joined Sustainability Street Committee members, Margaret Marshall, Kevin Marshall, Janice Macartney and Bob Carter and Keilor East Rotarians, Marianne Potgieter, Ginny and Alex Billson, Phil O'Brien and Yvonne Osborn at the handover in glorious weather on Friday. Lunch was provided and it was clear that the group was very grateful for the beehive donation and for our interest in their group and its objectives.



# Beehive Donation - Friday 3rd December, 2021

On Friday 3rd December, Rotary Keilor East presented the [East Keilor Sustainability Street Community Garden](#) with a new beehive. Thank you to Ginny Billson for taking some extra photos.



Existing beehive which provides enough honey for EKSSCG to sell. They hold two open days each year.



Secretary : Margaret Marshall: (03) 9336 1540



## Next Keilor East Rotary Meeting - Monday 6th December 2021 at Brimbank Bicycle Education Centre

### Rotarian Behind the Badge Presentation by Robyn Soffe.



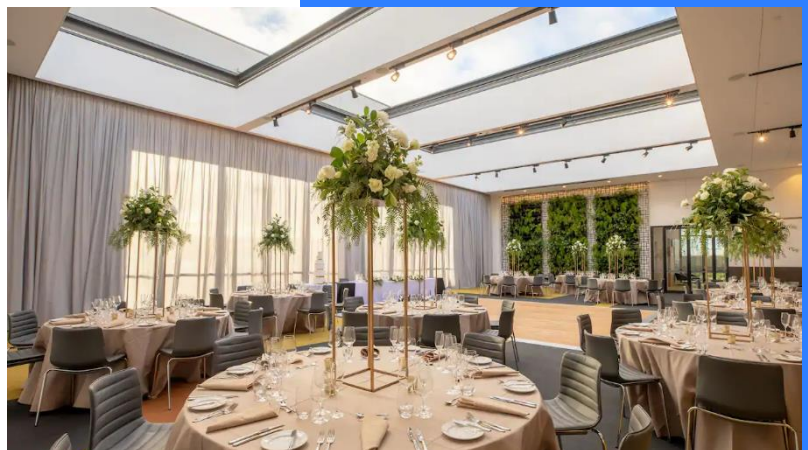
The evening will be a BYO food and drinks event. There are plenty of tables and chairs in a spacious indoor area.



We welcome your suggestions for future Guest Speakers. Email Program Organizer [Annie Webb.](mailto:AnnieWebb@keiloreastrotary.org.au)

Our last Keilor East Rotary Meeting for 2021 – Monday 13th December 2021 at The Atrium, Hyatt Hotel Essendon Fields will be for a very special Christmas Dinner.

We hope to get as many members and friends as possible to attend so that we can really celebrate surviving the past almost two years of difficult times. Details on the next page.



When Covid Restrictions allow we meet Face to Face. We arrive from 6.00pm and order our meals by 6.30. Our Guest Speaker is introduced at 7.00pm.



Now meeting on Monday evenings



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Our Christmas Dinner function on Monday 13th December will be our last meeting for 2021 and will give us all a chance to catch up and celebrate as we have spent so long apart during the past two years. The RSL is closed for meals on Sunday and Monday evenings now so we will hold this special occasion at The Atrium, Hyatt Hotel, Essendon Fields.



### Payment methods

Direct Transfer

BSB 633 108

Account Number

1173 10292 - Keilor East

Rotary

OR

Pay Cash to our Treasurer  
upon Booking



YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR  
**KEILOR EAST ROTARY**

# CHRISTMAS DINNER

**MONDAY 13TH DEC 2021**

Time: 6.30pm - 10.00pm

Where: The Atrium, Hyatt Hotel, Essendon Fields

Cost: \$50 per person for two course meal, alternating, and unlimited soft drinks, juices, still and sparkling water. Alcohol at Bar Prices.

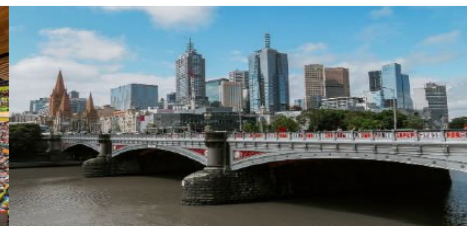
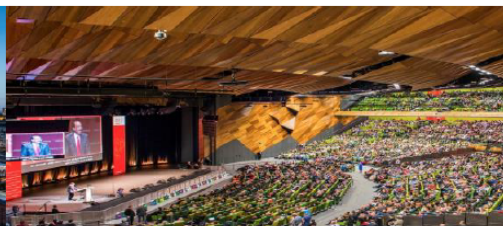
Bookings - call or text: Yvonne 0411773360.





## 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.

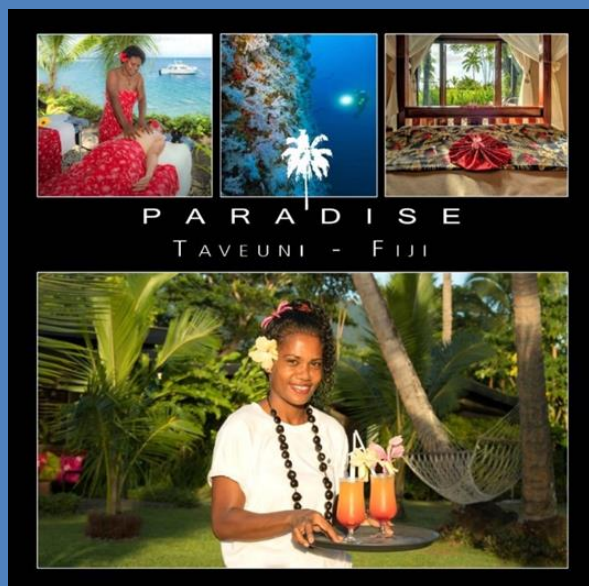
Delegates registering for Host Hospitality will pay a flat charge to attend which will include their return bus trip. Clubs will receive a contribution of \$35pp towards the catering costs. Drinks will need to be purchased on a cash basis at the bar. Clubs should consider budgeting separately for any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

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

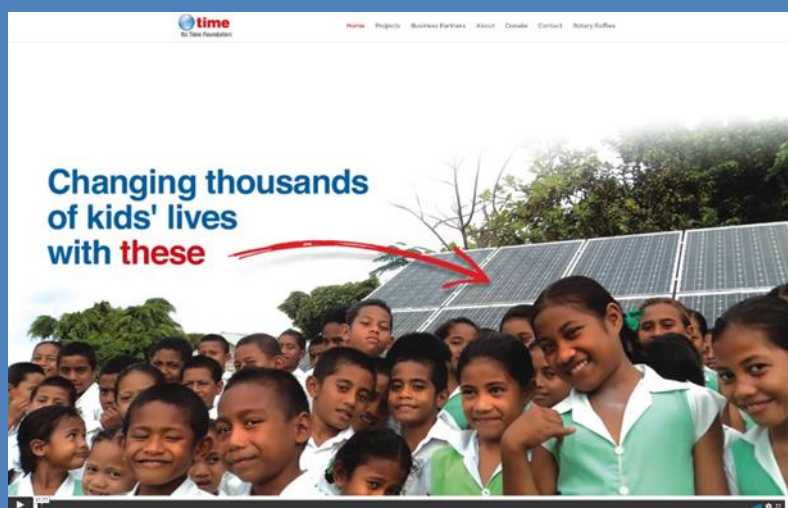
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PROGRAM SCHEDULE - Updated 5TH DECEMBER 2021 Annie Webb Organiser			
NOTE - ALL EVENTS ARE COVID PENDING - ALL DATES TBC			
Date	Day	Speaker / Event Title	Date of Notification
<b>PREVENTION DISEASE &amp; PREVENTION MONTH</b>			
6-Dec-21	Mond	BEHIND THE BADGE - ROBYN SOFFE at Brimbank Bicycle Centre	Tex 30/11
13-Dec-21	Mond	CLUB CHRISTMAS BREAKUP - HYATT PLACE, 1 English Street /ESSENDON FIELDS	(Ph 24/11)
20-Dec-21	Mond	NO MEETING	
21-Dec-21	Tues	BOARD MEETING - 7.30pm	(E 12/7/)
27-Dec-21	Mond	NO MEETING	
3-Jan-22	Mond		
10-Jan-22	Mond		
17-Jan-22	Mond		
18-Jan-21	Tues	BOARD MEETING - 7.30pm	(E 12/7/)
24-Jan-22	Mond		
26-Jan-22	Wed	AUSTRALIA DAY	
27-Jan-22	Thurs	DAYS FOR GIRLS Sew In Day	(E 25/11)
29-Jan-22	Sat	Bunnings BBQ - Taylors Lakes -TBC	(E18/10)
31-Jan-22	Mond	? Club Meeting as we will be meeting tomorrow - 1st Feb with R/ C Essendon	
1-Feb-22	Tues	DAYS FOR GIRLS - Combined meeting with R/C Essendon / TBC Jane Odgers	(E 21/7)
4th Feb 22	Frid	D9800 ARH - GALA CHARITY BANQUET : "Hand in Hand we will Lift the Lid on Mental Illness"	E 29/9
7-Feb-22	Mond		
14-Feb-22	Mond	(Valentines Day)	
15-Feb-22	Tues	BOARD MEETING - 7.30pm	(E 12/7/)
21-Feb-22	Mond		
23-Feb-22	Wed	MEETING OF R/C NORTH ESS & R/C K/E TO MEET AT ESS FIELD Paul Burdett	(E21/7)
24-Feb-22	Wed	DAYS FOR GIRLS Sew In Day	
27-Feb-22	Sund	Bunnings BBQ - Taylors Lakes -TBC	(E18/10)
28-Feb-22	Mond		



## Raffle Drawn 20th December 2021



Coming Soon – A Raffle which will raise money for our Club in a Covid Safe way while helping the environment and students in the Pacific region. For more information [Click](#) on the picture above right.

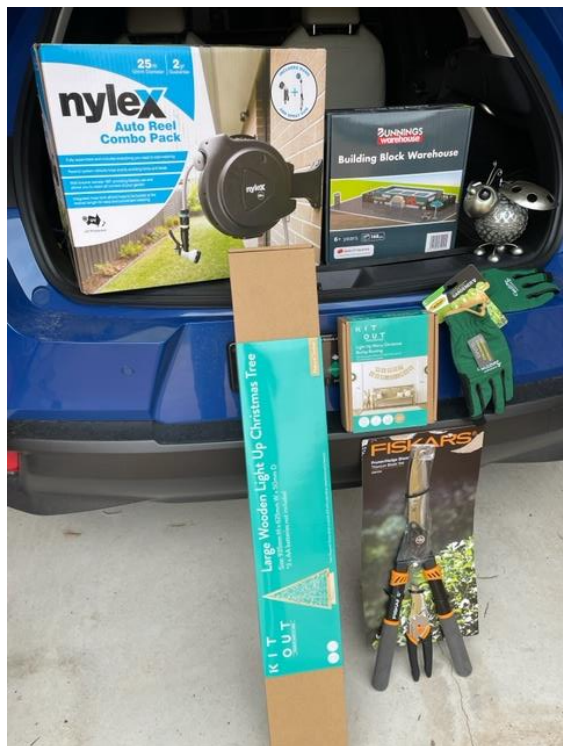


## UPCOMING EVENTS



While Covid restrictions prevented us from running Bunnings BBQs over the past few months Bunnings donated goods for us to raffle or auction online. Hopefully, you can find something you need and help raise much needed funds.

## Special Effort – Turning Bunnings Watergardens Donations into Cash for Keilor East Rotary – Thanks to Barbara Rafter's cheekiness



I was cheeky and asked Bunnings for a donation towards a Christmas raffle.

Bunnings said yes, and the photo shows the items received. They are

Bunnings \$50 gift card	actual value \$50.00
Kids Bunnings block kit	estimated value \$30.00
Wooden Christmas tree kit	estimated value \$39.00
Ladybug solar light	estimated value \$31.00
Fiskars hedge shears and pruner set	est. value \$39.95
Garden gloves	estimated value \$13.00
DIY Christmas bunting kit	estimated value \$19.00
Nylex retractable hose reel	estimated value \$159.00

John and I estimate the value of the above items about \$380.00.

Barbara Rafter.

Offers invited – items on display at Dec 6th Meeting or email [Barbara](#) to reserve



## Club Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Birthdays

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 29: Patrick Honeyborne  
December 31: Vanda Mullen



### Wedding Anniversaries

December 6: Tina Ballos and John  
December 8: Ian and Cathy Wright  
December 9: Deborah and Colin Akers  
December 10: Tony and Margaret Thomas  
December 19: Peter and Rachel Tomlinson



### Rotary Anniversaries





## MEMBER NEWS

Annie Webb has been spending a relaxing three days with her daughter at beautiful Lyonville. At a surprise family lunch on Nov 27 Santa Claus was revealed, much to the delight of her grandchildren who love the large decoration.



It was Christmas Tree collection time for the Osborn family.



Athena Vass has been busy walking with Walking Stars to raise money for the Cancer Council in memory of Ann Cremona. If you would like to sponsor her this is the [link](#).