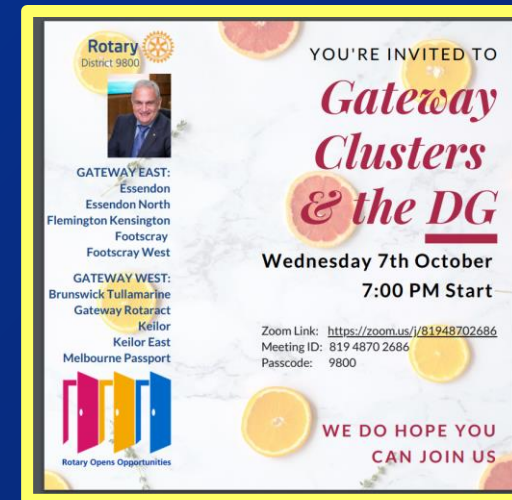
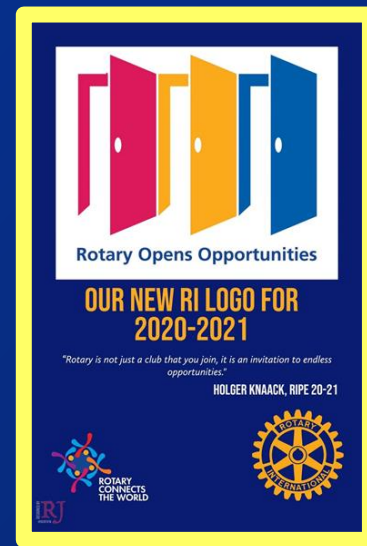




Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Keilor East Inc.

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On Monday we held a Board meeting followed, on October 7th, by many of our members joining a Joint Cluster Meeting with the District Governor chaired by our President, Michael Donnelly.

President's Report - President Michael Donnelly

October 17th, 2020



Fellow RCKE Rotarians

Once again I provide written notes not only to keep our members who cannot attend Zoom meetings up to date but also to create more time for those attending the Zoom meetings to talk to each other after the guest speaker's presentation.

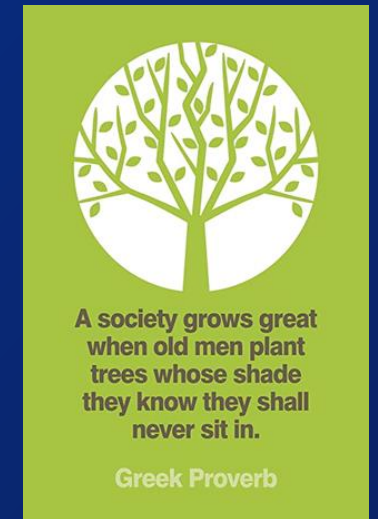
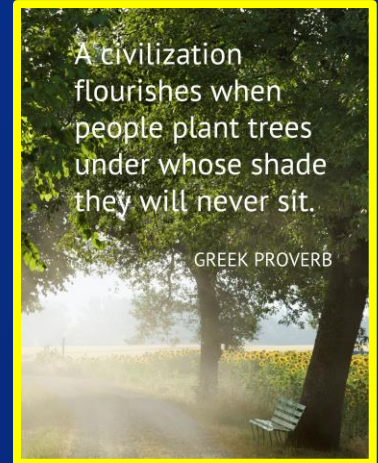
CLUB MEETING ON MONDAY EVENING (19 OCTOBER) COMMENCING 6:45 PM.

The guest speaker will be D9800 Leadership Team member who will speak about Farming and Children's Education in Vietnam. The discussion starter for the Breakout sessions following the guest speaker's presentation and finalization of Club reports will be for you to Tell the group about a significant challenge in your life and how you overcame it?

Note that there will also be a Club meeting held on the following Monday (26 October) at which the Guest Speaker from Cambodia Rural Student Trust (CRST) will inform us more about the Rural Sky Hydrant project approved by the Board at its October meeting. Congratulations to Cherrie, Deb S and the International Committee for their work in progress towards seeking a District Grant for the project. There will be no club meeting on Cup Eve thus the breaking of the fortnightly pattern that has occurred until now.

MORNING TEA WITH THE D.G.

This will occur tomorrow morning Saturday 17 October from 10:00 - 11:30. Ginny and I are regular attendees and highly recommend these events that provide news, entertainment and inspiration in a most entertaining and informative manner. In some ways they are like a mini-District Conference. The 'production' qualities of each event so far have been extraordinarily high. The invitation is attached. Note that in order to attend you will first need to go online to register via this link <https://www.trybooking.com/BKXUJ> . Once registered you will be sent the Zoom link to enable your attendance.



President's Report - President Michael Donnelly

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Report from BOARD MEETING held Monday 5 October 2020

At this meeting the Board:

- decided that the first 'get together' of 2021 calendar year shall be on 18 January 2021 and could be with other clubs if anything is being organised.
- determined to hold the 2020 AGM in late November
- endorsed the proposal from the International Committee to seek D9800 matching grant funding for the Rural Sky Hydrant (aka Project W)
- noted the extension of the deadline for the COVID writing competition
- considered the RCKE financial reports and approved the 2020-21 Budget as amended
- decided not to hold future Board meetings via Zoom on the same night as Club meetings. Thus they will be held on the first Monday of each month (excluding January) on which there is not a Club meeting
- endorsed the use of a Project Selection Tool which provides criteria by which the Board can determine whether to approve, request re-submission or reject any proposed project.
- Endorsed a set of Guidelines that will inform the Distribution of Charitable Funds
- Endorsed an initial sub-set of D9800 Policies that individual clubs are required to endorse as a minimum standard of their recognition of the need for compliance under Australian and Victorian law as well for compliance with RI requirements. They are attached to this email.

The process of amending/endorsing these D9800 Policies commenced at this Board meeting and will continue over our next two Board meetings. As each group of Policies is endorsed, they will be distributed to every Club member and will eventually be put on the club website as part of its forthcoming makeover (thanks for your initiative on this, Yvonne).

Also attached are:

- a FAQ document from D9800 which explains the rationale for requiring clubs to have such policies.
- An Index of the full set of Policies to be amended/endorsed over the remainder of 2020

While we acknowledge that very few of you are highly attracted to such legal and bureaucratic necessities as policy development and endorsement and understandably prefer 'having fun and fellowship while supporting others', we still hope that you will take the time to run your eyes over these Policies. They will serve no purpose if this process merely becomes a 'box ticking' exercise by the Board.

President's Report - President Michael Donnelly

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The Board continues to consider the following 'unresolved' matters:

- o What arrangements (and where) could be made for a December Christmas gathering
- o A suitable COVID-safe venue for when lockdown restrictions are lifted
- o New fundraising ideas in the continuing absence of Bunnings BBQs
- o Alternates and 'succession planning' for Office Bearer positions
- o Nominations for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Champion role

And finally, a vote of gratitude and appreciation is extended to the following:

- Board members for their thoughtful consideration of opportunities to act in the 'here and now' while still acknowledging present and future uncertainty.
- The International Committee (Cherrie, Deb S) for the Sky Hydrant initiative listed above
- The Community/Youth Committee members (Gerard, Athena and David Bennett) involved in progressing the COVID writing project and District Scholarship also detailed above
- Those who attended the Supercluster meeting with the DG and got to hear about the great work happening here and in our neighbouring clubs.
- Phil for being the real estate agent for Patrick's bees; his advice about composting; and the development and distribution of a framework for the Club's environmental activities.
- Those who create and spread the 'glue' that still binds us together while we are apart. I'm thinking of those who, by regular phone calls or email, keep in touch with others in the club, particularly those unable to attend our Zoom meetings.
- Yvonne for volunteering to 'makeover' the RCKE website so that it increasingly becomes an 'information brochure for external parties' about what we do; rather than a RCKE 'family photo album' for ourselves.

Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at Monday's Zoom meeting,
"Be kind, keep calm and stay safe."

Regards
Michael

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How's our Student Writing Competition going?



Hi Everyone,

I have had the pleasure of reading some of the numerous entries in our Student Writing Competition

This is just a taste of the great writing that has been entered. I think our judges will have an enjoyable task ahead.

Thirteen years. This is the number of years I grew up in a 'normal' life. Only thirteen.


The idea of an ordinary lifestyle presented me with knowledge, opportunities and experiences I would typically expect. Whether it is meeting others who strive for the same goal as me, having weekly dinners or gatherings with loved ones, walking into the city with bustling Melbournians under the unreliable weather, or learning that I have a passion for soccer, I watched myself and others grow into this usual lifestyle that everyone would follow. It was the same and the ordinary. Nothing could stop me from enjoying the ordinary. Even with the unexpected, I would continue to complete my daily tasks and activities. Yet, it was 2019 that has brought the world an unexpected and great impact on our lives that changed our perspectives on society completely.


This Year 8 student goes on to write a moving account of his experiences during the past months since Covid 19 first affected our world.

Themes which stand out at all levels are the increased value the students place on their family connections, the relative peace within the lockdown and on focusing on their learning. Many had taken up new interests and were more active. One student revealed that playing computer games had dominated his life until Covid happened and that he now gets out of his room and interacts with his family. He now values them more than ever.

The organizers and sponsors of this competition deserve enormous credit for highlighting how our youth feel. Most speak of feeling more organized, connected and resilient. Let's hope we could say the same.

Stay safe and well,
Yvonne Osborn.

 **ROTARY CLUB OF KEILOR EAST**

Community Bank Keilor East


Dear Student,

The Rotary Club of Keilor East, with financial support from Community Bank Keilor East, is pleased to announce a WRITING COMPETITION in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic, and we are reaching out to local schools to promote and encourage their student's active participation.

Students are invited to take part in this WRITING COMPETITION by responding to the following question:

What have you learned about yourself and about those around you from experiencing the COVID-19 Pandemic? How do you hope the Pandemic will enable us to build a better world?

The competition is divided into four different year level groupings, and there will be three prizes for each year level grouping. There may be additional \$50 & \$25 incentive awards offered to other student writing deemed worthy and meritorious. The cash prizes are listed below:

Year Level Grouping	First Prize	Second Prize	Third Prize	Max No. of Words Permitted
Years 3 – 6 Primary	\$400	\$200	\$100	500
Years 7 & 8	\$600	\$300	\$150	600
Years 9 & 10	\$800	\$400	\$200	800
Years 11 & 12	\$1000	\$500	\$250	1000

Prizes will be presented during the Keilor East Rotary Community Awards Event, which will take place later in 2020 or in 2021, restrictions permitting. On this occasion, the winners will have the opportunity to publicly read their essays. Participants must submit their (typed) completed essays, together with their completed entry form, only by email to: keiloreastroty@gmail.com

The organising committee will be appointing judging panels who will independently determine their category group winners. The essays will be judged against the following criteria:

1. The clarity and conciseness of the writing
2. The author's application and following of the rules of Standard Australian English
3. The essay's appeal to a wide audience
4. The author's capacity to reflect on their personal experience and to demonstrate resilience
5. The author's capacity to inspire action to build a better world
6. The author's analysis of social issues (where applicable)
7. The author's use of evidence to substantiate opinion (where applicable)

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More News



Souffle Sisters

I hope you are all well. The Soufflé Sisters have done a Virtual choir that you may be able to tag on to the newsletter. Click photo to watch their performance.

All feedback to Paula would be great.

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Souffle Sisters Choir
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A Message from Mark Tognon

Hi Everyone,

It saddens me to inform you of the passing of Immediate Past President - Strathmore Rotary & Past Gateway Rotaract President, Michael Galluzo.

Michael did a hell of a lot for Gateway Rotaract with strengthening its membership base and ensuring it continued to be an amazing club.

For someone so young, he will be missed.

A [Go Fund Me Page](#) has been set up to honour Michael who was a role model in the Community.

Mark Tognon
Immediate Past President 2019/2020
Rotary Club of Keilor East
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Hello Days for Girls members and supporters

Today for the first time, three of our DfG team's committee met (virtually) with Michele Rankin, the Palms volunteer who we work with in Balibo, Timor Leste. We were due to meet Michele in Balibo in May, but Covid intervened and our plans were well and truly put on hold. This has meant that what we were hoping to achieve in Balibo this year has slowed down somewhat. But it has also meant that our local DfG ambassadors have stepped up in Michele's absence and are doing a sensational job. The development of our Women's Centre has continued, although is now confronted with issues regarding power for the sewing machines. The sewing group is working on manual machines, which will eventually be replaced once the Centre is finished. Being near the Indonesian border, Covid has isolated the community even further than usual and circumstances are tough. As an example, we learned today that one of our DfG ambassadors hasn't received an income since March.

So we thought we'd like to do something special to help.

In a wide-ranging conversation with Michele, we asked if she had a wish list for the young people and schools in Balibo that receive our DfG kits. Michele made 3 suggestions :

- Babies: clothes such as jumpers, booties, jumpsuits
- Art: classroom supplies such as brushes, paints, canvases
- Music: small instruments such as ukuleles, recorders, keyboards

So we are starting a collection. If you are interested in helping, please note items can be new or used, but must be in excellent condition and clean. Perhaps you have a grandchild who has outgrown their baby clothes, or unused art equipment hanging around the house. You might even pick something up at an op shop (once they are open) or elsewhere.

Items will be collected at our sewing days once they resume in 2021. However if you have storage issues please let us know.

We know that Michele and the mothers and children of Balibo would be extremely grateful if you can help.

Regards,

Cherrie, Jane, Marianne and Janice

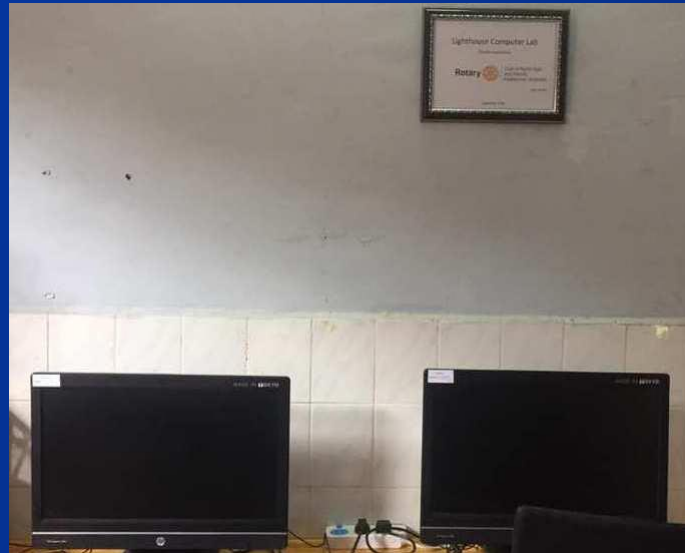
Jane Odgers



International - Lighthouse - Battambang

A message from Lighthouse, Battambang, conveyed by Deb Sloggett.

We are very thankful to the Rotary Club of Keilor East who supported us with new computers for our Computer Lab. We wish to your team have success and growth in your work.



Lighthouse Computer Lab

Proudly supported by



Club of Keilor East
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September 2020

Spot the Rotarian - Name that Baby



Above : Gail Horkings
Below: Ginny Billson.

?? Who is this “Problem Child”?

Ginny Billson and Annie Webb are organizing a “Spot the Rotarian” Competition.

Email your guess to billsons@bigpond.com

Above: This cutie was Marianne Potgieter, guessed by John Rafter.



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 19th October at 7.00pm. Meeting ID: 514 079 0305- Password : KER2020

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 19th October. Meeting ID: 514 079 0305- Password : KERC2020

1	Date	Day	Speaker / Event Title	Speaker (if applicable)	Organiser
2	12-Oct-20	Mon	NO MEETING		
3	19-Oct-20	Mon	Vietnam / "Farming & Children's Education"	Rowan Mc Clean / Club Service (E 23/7 & 14/8 & 15/8)	Mark / Annie
4	26-Oct-20	Mon	CRST - Rural Sky Hydrant - "Project W"	Aviv & Jessica Palti (E 7/10)	Cherrie
5	2-Nov-20	Mond	NO MEETING	BOARD MEETING (email 14/8 - 13/9)(ph 7/10)	Michael
6	3-Nov-20	Tues	MELBOURNE CUP	(E -13/9)	Michael
7	9-Nov-20	Mond	SOCIAL CLUB CATCHUP (No Guest Speaker) TBC	(E -13/9)	Michael
8	13-Nov-20	Friday	Cambodia Gala Gathering 7 - 10pm	(E -29/9)	Chris
9	16-Nov-20	Mond	Malaria & Covid 19 Vaccine Research	Bill Oakley (R/C Sandy Bay) (E 28/7 -24/9)	Michael
10	23-Nov-20	Mond	NO MEETING	(E - 13/9)	Michael
11	30-Nov-20	Mond	"A Man Called Fonz" TBC	Des Tobin	Lou
12	7-Dec-20	Mond	NO MEETING	BOARD MEETING (E - 13/9 ph 7/10)	Michael
13	14-Dec-20	Mond	CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY - TBC	(E - 13/9)	Michael
14	21-Dec-20	Mond	NO MEETING		
15	11-Jan-21	Mond		(E - 13/9)	Michael
16	18-Jan-21	Mond	FIRST CLUB MEETING with High Profile Speaker TBC	(ph 7/10)	Michael
17	25-Jan-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.

For Club Membership or Sponsorship information
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<http://www.keiloreastrotary.org>

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.

October Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

October 8: Lloyd Lancaster
October 10: Marianne Potgieter
October 14 : Tina Ballos
October 15: Ian Wright
October 18: Dawn Watson

Wedding Anniversaries

October 3: Howe Tan and Lyn
October 16: Yew Kong and Linda Lye
October 20: John and Barbara Rafter

Rotary Anniversaries

October 15: Chris Rundell 2012
October 21: Minh Nguyen 2002
October 26: Alex Billson 2015



Member News -



The Bee Search -

Our native frangipani is in full blossom and all the local bees, insects and wattle birds have been feasting off the blossoms. It smells lovely too. A reminder that summer is near. Ginny and Alex



Happy Birthday to you Marianne, our wonderful Care Bear



Cherrie's beautiful Just Joey rose blooms in memory of her husband, KERC Rotarian, John Osborn.



We say a heartfelt "thank you" to Marianne for remembering us all on our Birthdays and Anniversaries. On October 10th it was her turn to celebrate.

Yvonne's Crab apple is flourishing, and the bees love it.



Above: Rachel and Peter Tomlinson's roses are blooming, and their asparagus is peeping through.

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

