

Camp Getaway Working Bee - Sept 8-10<sup>th</sup> 2017

Camp Getaway



# NEWSLETTER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KEILOR EAST INC.



Rotary Club: 21222 Charter granted 10th August 1983 September 11th, 2017 Volume 35 Number 7 CLUB MOTTO – "Fun and Fellowship whilst helping others"

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### Meeting Report August 28th ,2017.



President Ginny Billson welcomed Members and guest, Sam Zhao of Penleigh Essendon Grammar School who is our successful NYSF (National Youth Science Forum) candidate.

- Two new Club Members will be inducted next Monday evening. Josephine (Jo) Scully and Barbara McKeon who will be welcomed as our newest members are currently enjoying a trip to the Grampians.

- Last Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup> we held a Social Night at Five Grains Asian Restaurant in Keilor Road, Niddrie. It was very well attended and we thank Annie Webb and Yew Kong Lye for organizing such a successful evening.

- Tonight's entertainment will take the form of a Wine Auction to raise funds for Days for Girls. PP Joe Albioli will be our auctioneer and our new Chef will speak to us.

- Moonee Valley Art Show 2018 – we need sponsorship from companies and individuals. Contact Gerard Mahoney <u>rollston@optusnet.com.au</u>. We have received a \$5,000 sponsorship from Andrew Peace Wines and we will use different display stands for the artworks which cost less so this should prove helpful.

- Woolworths BBQ will be held on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September. Volunteers are required. Contact Minh Nguyen if you can assist.

- Friendship Exchange - Scotland – we still need extra hosts for April 2018 as six couples will be visiting Melbourne. . We have been asked to host them for 3 nights at the end of their tour (26,27,28 and flying out 29<sup>th</sup> of April).Please contact me <u>billsons@bigpond.com</u> if you can assist with hosting.

- We had a busy weekend at Camp Getaway. This was very well organized by Arnold Vandenham who will present a report later.

- I had an email from our last Rotary Youth Exchange student, Elise Pettersen. She is enjoying being home but has some issues with her knees and may need surgery on her kneecaps.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT (CONTINUED)





- We have been invited to attend a dinner at DIK (Donations in Kind) store on a Tuesday evening at the end of October. More details to come.

- Police mentoring has been requested by male and female Rotarians that are currently in business or recently retired. Bob McMartin has been sent the information and he can discuss the requirements. Joe and Gerard have done this in the past and found it interesting and not too onerous.

- On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October the Spirit of Moonee Valley Awards will be presented at the City of Moonee Valley. Our youngest Club member, Mark Tognon, has been nominated for an award for Services to Family.
- Ginny Introduced the Chairperson for the evening, PP Gerard Mahoney.
- Other Reports
- Care Bear Marianne Potgieter It is good to see Raj back at Rotary after a trip to hospital. Dr Les Norton has also been in hospital but is home again and looking forward to a family holiday. Sonja Cornish has had a pacemaker inserted in a five hour operation. We wish her well for a speedy recovery.
- New Chef Chris is originally from Adelaide and has worked for two years in Melbourne. He previously worked at the Steam Packet Hotel, Williamstown.

## CAMP GETAWAY WORKING BEE SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>-10<sup>TH</sup> 2017

Report by Camp Getaway Weekend organizer, PP Arnold Vandenham.



**Present** PP John Walsh, PP Joe Albioli, Pres. Ginny Billson, Rot .Alex Billson, PP Patrick Honeyborne, PP Bob McMartin and Janet, PP Cherrie Osborn, Rot. Marianne Potgieter, PP Arnold Vandenham and Pamela. And PP John Bergbauer (Now Bendigo South RC.)

Friday evening was the usual get together and fellowship with Bendigo South RC at the Axedale Tavern. On Saturday morning, after breakfast, the sound and noise of 2 large and 1 small chainsaws buzzing disturbed the peaceful surroundings at Camp Getaway. Whilst some were busy cutting up old, fallen gum trees, others commenced trimming and cleaning the gardens surrounding the buildings.

Repairs were done on some fencing, edge boards on the footpaths and an overall clean around adjoining areas. The Chapel area was also attended to with plants and trees planted.

On Sunday the work continued until 1230 pm and, having a final walk around, the difference was very obvious.

Again, a very successful Camp Getaway weekend.

Thanks to all,

Arnold Vandenham PP Keilor East Rotary Club

## THANK YOU LETTER FROM CAMP GETAWAY













#### ROTARY YOUTH CAMP INC ABN 31 919 531 464 www.campgetaway.com.au



11<sup>th</sup> September 2017

President Virginia Billson Rotary Club of Keilor East

Dear Virginia

I feel that it is important that I write this letter and would be pleased if you would pass it on to the members of your Rotary Club.

Last weekend, under the guidance of your Rotarians Cherrie Osborn and Arnold Vandenham and our Board of Management Member, Graeme Lynas, a team of willing and enthusiastic volunteers from your Club, including your good self, knuckled down to the task of cleaning up the garden areas around the buildings at Camp Getaway.

Small trees and shrubs were pruned away from buildings and pathways and, in some cases, completely removed because they had either died or become too straggly to be retained. The garden beds were also thoroughly weeded, damaged edging re-established where required, some new shrubs planted and gravelled ground cover topped up.

I had intended to thank your team personally on the weekend for its efforts but missed the opportunity. I did speak briefly with Cherrie and Arnold on Saturday afternoon and expressed my personal gratitude, which I trust was passed on during your "happy hour".

Graeme Lynas telephoned me yesterday and said that the quality of your team's work was exemplary and the quantity well beyond our expectations. The garden areas have been greatly enhanced and show off the buildings brilliantly.

Now formally on behalf of the Camp Getaway Board of Management, I wish to express our very sincere gratitude for the excellent work that was completed by your team. This is not the only time your club has undertaken very valuable work at the Camp, which has been equally appreciated, and rest assured you are more than welcome to visit again at any time.

Whilst Camp Getaway is now a D9800 Camp and effectively belongs to all Clubs within the District, there are not many Clubs that physically contribute to its upkeep and improvement. In this regard, your Club and its members well and truly "punch above your weight".

Yours sincerely

Wayne W Smith Chairman/Secretary Rotary Youth Camp Inc. (Camp Getaway) Board of Management M: 0419 005 702 E: chartall@biggond.com

## <u>NYSF (NATIONALYOUTH SCIENCE FORUM)</u> CANDIDATE SAM ZHAO OF PENLEIGH ESSENDON GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Sam Zhao visited our Club on Monday September 11<sup>th</sup> to get to know us and thank us for sponsoring him to attend the National Youth Science Forum Camp in Canberra in January 2018. Sam, who was born in China and who came to Australia ten years ago, is in Year 11. His favourite area of science is Biology. He has a younger brother who is seven.

Sam had done his research on our Club and explained that he was pleased to have learned that we raise funds to build a playground at the local Western Autistic School. As part of his education at P.E.G.S. Sam has been helping students with learning difficulties. He thanked us for our caring and our warm welcome and pledged to help us work in assisting the Community when possible. He looks forward to the camp and is keen to report to a Club meeting upon its completion.

We thank Sam for his informative talk and wish him a memorable time at NYSF.



## CLUSTER EVENTS



Rotary Club of Essendon North

## **Oaks Day Luncheon**

Thursday 9TH November 2017

#### From 11am – 4pm

ASCOT HOUSE, 50 Fenton Street, Ascot Vale.

2 course <u>meal</u> \$65 per head-includes drinks, wine, beer & soft drink.



## "SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP" FUNDRAISER

## Keilor East Rotary Club would like to invite you to:





Saturday, 21st October 2017 Pick up and drop off at RSL Club, Hoffman's Rd Keilor East Departure 7:30am – Return 6:00 – 6:30pm approximately. \$53:00 per person (includes 2-course sit down lunch & a glass of wine)



Grab some friends and family, for a fun filled day of shopping aboard a luxury coach that will take you to some of the best shopping outlets in town. A great way to start your Christmas shopping with no stress or worries, as well as raising funds for our International Projects

Pre-paying your Ticket is essential - or your seat will not be saved.

PAYMENT: DIRECT DEBIT DETAILS: Isabout P/L BSB: 013706 ACCOUNT NAME: Stacey's Shoppers

BANK: ANZ ACCOUNT: 4981 20279 BOOKING NO: 2540

Or if preferred, cash payment can be made to Cherrie Osborn 0414 459 487

Places are limited so please get in early. Any queries, please contact Cherrie Osborn 0414 459 487 / Annie Webb 0409 147 685

## WHAT'S NEXT?

SEPTEMBER	Basic Education & Literacy Month	
3rd SUNDAY	BOARD MEETING - 2:30PM	
4TH	SOCIAL NIGHT - 5 Grains, Keilor Road	
8th - 10th	CAMP GETAWAY WORKING BEE	
11TH	WINE AUCTION AT RSL. NYSF STUDENT SAM ZHAO TO VISIT AND MEET CLUB	
17TH	WOOLWORTHS MOONEE PONDS BBQ	
18TH	JENNIE FRANKLIN - What the Heck Is Art Therapy?"	
25TH	ROSS BUTTERWORTH - Western Emergency Relief Network	

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 6.30pm for 6.45pm at Keilor East RSL, Hoffmans Rd, West Essendon For Club Membership or Sponsorship information Contact: Immediate President, Joe Albioli (0438133123) http://www.keiloreastrotary.org/

#### **ROTARY GRACES**

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.



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## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

## Birthdays

- 4<sup>th</sup> Ken Allan
- 6<sup>th</sup> Alison Currie
- 7<sup>th</sup> Khaled Ebrahim
- 17<sup>th</sup> Annie Webb
- 18<sup>th</sup> Pam Vandenham
- 21<sup>st</sup> Bruce Cameron
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Laraine Barnes
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Kim Nguyen
- 22<sup>nd</sup> David Gibbs
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Greg Osborn
- 26<sup>th</sup> Janet McMartin

#### Anniversaries 21<sup>st</sup> Raj and Jeselee Vytilingam

May your marriage be blessed with love, joy and companionship for all the years of your lives. A very happy Wedding Anniversary to both of you



### **Rotary Anniversaries**

3<sup>rd</sup> Gerard Mahoney 2012 Mark Tognon 2016 7<sup>th</sup> Tina Ballos 2015 30<sup>th</sup> Phil O'Brien 2002







## MEMBER NEWS

Grandma Win Osborn was one of thirty centenarians invited to a Government House Morning Reception on Tuesday 5th September. She is pictured here (right) with the Governor of Victoria, Her Excellency the Hon. Linda Dessau AC. and below with her youngest son, Greg.



