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others"

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Clean Up along Steele Creek - Sunday 3rd September
2023

President's Report

by President David Dippie

If we want our Club to grow and thrive, it's vital that we increase member involvement and to increase Rotary awareness externally and encourage public support for our projects.

The aim of the monthly Activity Meeting is to allow the Activity Chairs to share what has happened recently and our aims for the next few months. It's also an opportunity for the members to contribute their ideas. We will try a new format at our next meeting.

This month's questions for all our members, is what I like our Club would to do between now and Christmas, and what am I going to contribute.

Increasing awareness externally is easy, tell everyone about the great things Rotary is doing. An easy way to share information is to partner with other Action Groups to help them achieve their goals. Helping remove rubbish from Steele Creek on Sunday was easy work that most of our Members could do.

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It was encouraging to have follow-up conversations from the National Tree Planting Day. One was with a Uni student who has a connection with St Johns Ambulance and who wants to encourage them to donate surplus reusable goods to DIK. The group thinks cross promotion is a great idea and wants to discuss how we can do this. The group we helped have a working bee on the morning of the first Sunday most months.

Let's all make a greater effort to tell our stories.

President David Dippie



Right: A Message from our Facebook page

Rotarians who are on Facebook are encouraged to share our posts. We understand that not everyone wants to use social media.

Facebook posts provide us with the opportunity to ask for help at times, to publicise our events and to help with our quests to collect such items such as

Foreign Coins

Childrens Toothbrushes for Timor Leste

Toiletries for Share the Dignity Bags

Tea towels for WERN - Western Emergency Relief Network



August 21st 2023 - Club Discussion - Moonee Valley Art Show

On Monday August 21st we held a discussion, led by Phil O'Brien, on the viability of our Club continuing with the Moonee Valley Art Show as our major fundraiser.

If the show is to continue, we will need **whole Club** involvement.

After the discussion we concluded that we would need at least four members of Rotary Keilor East to step up as members of the organizing committee for the 2024 Show. One needs to chair the committee as it is Keilor East's turn to do this. Essendon Rotary would also send four committee members if the two Clubs collaborate for our 10th Moonee Valley Art Show. If **you** are interested in being a part of the Committee, please let us know at keiloreastrotary@gmail.com.

Later in the week Phil O'Brien sent this overview of the 2023 MVAS.

Over the three days of 19 to 21 May, 2023, the 9th Moonee Valley Art Show (MVAS) was held at St. Bernard's College Essendon.

This event attracted a record number of entries from artists across Australia and we were able to select and present approximately 320 quality pieces of art covering all mediums and genres of painting as well as photography.

There is no other Art Show of this kind in our northwestern region of Melbourne and, after nine years, the MVAS has an increasing awareness and profile in the local community. Show promotion was solid using Real Estate display boards, flyers (windows, cafes and letter boxes) and social media.

Sales of Art, while not as high as previous years, was pleasing given the obvious cost pressures on households at the moment.

The Gala evening was a success with sponsor representatives, Club member and friends, artists and the public enjoying the night and getting early access to the art on sale.

The MVAS is the major annual fundraiser for both Clubs and profit made will be split between the two Rotary Clubs supporting our community service projects both locally and overseas.

Sponsor support has continued to be solid, and we will maintain visibility of their businesses on MVAS and Club websites and social media for the next 12 months. Feedback received from sponsor representatives has been positive and we look forward to ongoing relationships.

Phil O'Brien

Member of the MVAS 2023 Organising Committee



Left: Gerard Mahoney opened the 2023 MVAS. The 2023 MVAS Committee was chaired by Nola Spicer (right).

Letter from our Cambodian Rotaract Student - Sokhey

Hello David, Deb, and the Rotary Club of Keilor East.

I hope you are doing well, and I am great here.

I would like to share with you again about my studies at Pannasastra University and TDSO. First, I would like to let you know that my study at the IEAP program has not changed much, but a little bit has been changed by my teacher. He went to visit his grandson, and we are going to have another teacher to replace him. A small challenge is that the new one is too strict. I am scared to ask him when I don't understand. He did not allow the students to talk in the class. That is why I cannot ask my friends either. Anyway, the solution is that I set up a new plan to research the words or something I am not clear about. Moreover, I am going to be brave and talk to him to build my confidence and a good connection with him. The second is that I would like to let you know about my study at TDSO (Teacher Development Support Organization). Although I am not going to be a teacher, I am pleased to join this cause. I learn a lot from there, and I feel confident that I have a specific skill to develop. If I have no sponsor from CRST, I still have a way to continue my studies. I really thank you to the people who teach me a lot and the volunteer department that urges me to study there. I am going to have a final exam next week in TDSO.

The sports activity this month is so good. It is not strange to me, as I ride the bike every day to school and activities with CRST. Actually, every weekend I always ride my bike to Angkor Wat. I went alone. I want to spend two or three hours per week with myself, finding myself. I ride my bike, view the nature of plants, and relax with the voice of the birds. Take the fresh air to heal my toxic things for a whole week. I always go alone, and on that day, I went with many people. However, I can still learn about it. I can receive a different feeling. I feel good riding the bike and talking about something with them. On that day, I encountered so many situations. Some of them broke the bike, and some were really tired because they did not spend much time riding it, but we can still complete it. Anyway, I am so happy to join this activity. It makes me laugh a lot.

I had to join four public events that were incorrectly advertised by PUC and social media. I would like to raise it as one of my interests. I joined an event that I found on social media, but it was so good and effective. I joined an event that talked about reading and sharing. I am really interested in it. I have no plan to join it, so I have to change my plan to join it. I change my class at TDSO to the afternoon, and I go to join the event in the morning. I went there with Chhean; she is one of the CRST students. We face challenges because we don't know where the event runs. We drive around the place again and again to make sure it is the right place. We used Google Maps to arrive there. After we arrived there, we were afraid to get in because we felt that the place was very famous, and we didn't know where to go further. However, we wouldn't give up, so we decided to ask the security guard, and he told us. We got a warm welcome from them. In the middle of that time, I learned from them how to share and motivate myself to love reading. I spent two or three hours listening to them and also sharing with them. I never recognized them before, but I feel we are on the same page and easy to get along with. Although I feel upset to find it, after I joined this event, I don't regret spending my time on it. I plan to find new lessons outside and learn from them.

This is all about my special activities in August and I am waiting to hear from you back. Please look forward to seeing my beautiful pictures.

Best Regards,
Sokhey



Letter from our Cambodian Secondary Student - Sokny

Hello Barbara, John and Members of the Rotary Club of Keilor East.

I hope everything is going smoothly for you.

Today I would like to share with you some activities that I've done in this month such as my studies, sharing class and celebrating the 10th anniversary of my grandfather's death.

Firstly, I would like to share with you my studies. This month is the last month of my grade 12 class, as I finished my semester on August 21 and 22. The results have also been released; I got the first rank as before; generally speaking, I got the first rank for a whole year. And this is the big thing that I achieved in 2023. My next goal is to get an A in the baccalaureate examination (Bac II) in the next few months, which will take place on November 6-7, 2023. Bac II is the process of Cambodia's education to test the ability of grade 12 students after they graduate; you can also call it an exit exam. Students who receive A will receive many prizes, such as scholarships for university classes, cash prizes, computer, motorcycles, certificates, and especially honors for themselves, their families, and schools, as well as they can meet the Prime Minister at the awards ceremony and others prize. After the exam day, we organized a small ceremony for the teachers by preparing some fruits and gifts to apologize to the teachers for the mistakes we made. Teachers also wished us success on the upcoming exam day and we took a lot of pictures at the moment.

Secondly, I attended a sharing class with teacher Seyha. On that day, he brought four topics for teaching to our students. The four topics are: brain work, conscious mind and subconscious mind, four stages of learning (NLP = Neurons Language Program), and four stages of leadership development. In addition, he taught us why we need to learn to understand, the definition of smart words, and the reason why people are prone to giving up something. In my opinion, everyone has to learn to understand the whole world, to know new things, to know people and how to live with people around them, and also to develop themselves, their families, and their nation. On the other hand, the definition of smart for me is that just being able to remember what others can remember is enough. Moreover, I think that the reason why people are prone to giving up may be due to their thinking only negatively, procrastinating to accomplish something, and so on. His explanation is really a good and appropriate mindset for me, and he even mentioned some things that I have experienced, both work experience and learning.

Thirdly, I'm going to share with you celebrating the 10th anniversary of my grandfather's death. August 26, 2023, is the tenth anniversary of my grandfather's death. My grandfather, Ron Rien, died ten years ago of a chronic illness at the age of 61. He was my father's father. My family made a meal and went to the pagoda to dedicate him and perform a ritual to reach the spirit of my grandfather through a Buddhist ceremony. We got up early in the morning to cook and went to the pagoda where his ashes of bone were kept. After listening to the prayers and sermons, we returned and had lunch together at my grandmother's house. It was an unforgettable time.

Thank you so much for reading my email. Best luck to you and your family.



Your sincerely,
Sokny

Please enjoy seeing some of my photos.



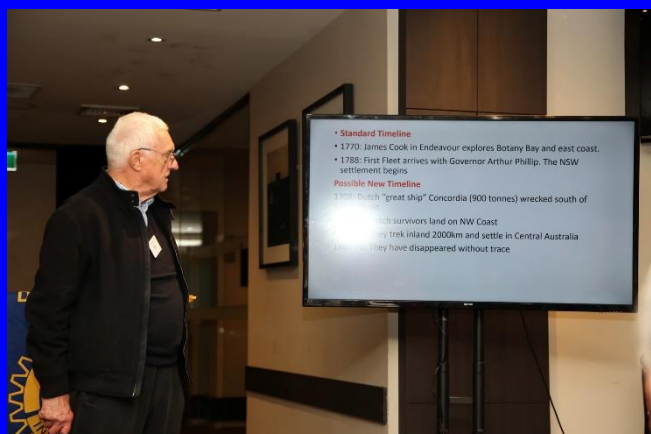
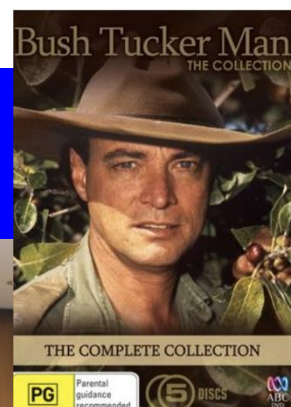
Monday August 28th, 2023 - Guest Speaker - Tony Thomas - The Mystery of the Dutch Colonists at Palm Valley

On Monday August 28th our Guest Speaker was our own Tony Thomas who spoke about the research he and an associate, Les Hiddins, have been doing about probable Dutch settlement in central Australia prior to Captain Cook's landing in 1770. The following is from our new club [website](#).

At our meeting of August 28, speaker Tony Thomas spelt out the historical mystery of Dutch colonists in Australia. Australia's "Bush Tucker Man", Major Les Hiddins, has spent 30 years investigating whether 90 survivors from the wreck of the Dutch 'great ship' Concordia in 1708 landed on the NW coast and trekked 2000km east to approximately Palm Valley, where they settled and lived on fish, yams, maize and game. A British military explorers' party came across the 300 descendants there in 1832 and stayed with them eight days. A detailed report of this surfaced in the Leeds Mercury of 1834.

By the time the first explorers passed through the centre in 1860-70, no physical trace of the Dutch was in evidence. Yet many independent facts corroborate the "Dutch settlers" story. If true it must cause a re-write of the history of white settlement in Australia. Academic historians show no interest so far.

After the talk some members asked for a link to Tony's published story, and link to further details of Les Hiddins research. These links are [here](#) and [here](#) and [here](#). Click to read.



Above: Tony Thomas gave us an informative talk about the theory that Dutch settlement may have preceded English settlement in Australia. Right: Tony speaks to our resident Dutch settler, Arnold Vandenharn, after the meeting.

Wednesday 31st August - Lindsay Fox Car Collection Visit

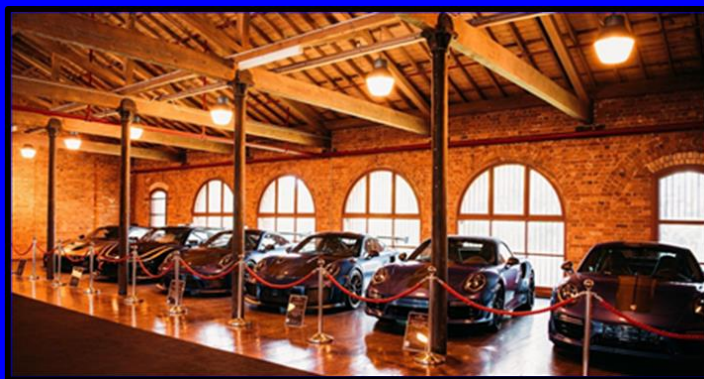
On Thursday August 31st, a group of interested members who were free, gathered at the Lindsay Fox Car Collection Museum in Docklands for a guided tour of the facility.

The Fox Classic Car Collection, housed in the historic Queen's Warehouse, contains dozens of the world's most rare and prestigious vehicles.

These cars have been collected over a 50-year period by Lindsay Fox, Founder of Australian logistics company Linfox, and donated to a Trust to raise funds for charity and for the public to enjoy. Lindsay has a passion for classic vehicles, with his collection including models from Mercedes Benz, Jaguar, Porsche, Ferrari, Bentley, Volkswagen, Ford, Rolls Royce, MG, Lexus and Nissan between 1923 and 2020.

Some vehicles have previously been owned by Ringo Starr, Bing Crosby and Bob Jane to name a few.

The collection is steeped in history, one-off prototypes, and cars that dreams are made of.



Above: Yvonne Osborn. Below: Phil O'Brien.

We were fortunate to have a guided tour of the wonderful collection of cars. Lindsay has many more cars stored in a hangar at Essendon Airport.

Photos by Tony Thomas.



Wednesday 31st August - Lindsay Fox Car Collection Visit



Above Left: Tony Thomas organized a great visit to the Lindsay Fox Car collection. Right: Chris Stacey admired the Rolls Royce which matched his shirt.



Above: Joe Albioli admired some British cars. Behind him L to R are a cream MG, a silver Bentley and a black Rolls Royce. Below: John and Barbara Rafter stand in front of a Bentley.



UPCOMING EVENTS



In December 2021 Rotary Keilor East donated a Beehive to this local Community Garden. It would be great to show the group our support on Sunday October 8th.

Toothbrushes For Timor

We are collecting children's or soft adult toothbrushes.

They will be sent to kids in Balibo to promote good dental health.

Bring along to our Rotary meetings or give to Cherrie Osborn.



DO YOU HAVE ANY UNWANTED FOREIGN COINS OR NOTES?



We collect unwanted foreign coins and notes for the Rotary International project to provide specially impregnated mosquito nets to families and villages in the Pacific Islands which help reduce the cases of Malaria.

All donations are greatly appreciated.

Thank You Barbara and John Raftier
Rotary Club of Keilor East D9800



Our Next Meeting - Monday 4th September

Venue is the Legends Room on the second floor.
7.00pm- Meeting- We are meeting this Monday night at Windy Hill. 6pm for dinner in bistro and then 7pm upstairs for our meeting. It is a club night to discuss projects and activities of the club. Zoom details below.

Topic: My Monday Meeting

Time: Sep 4, 2023 07:00 PM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5140790305?pwd=KzhDcnh4S3hCbktVPWgt2K3RrcStqdz09>

Meeting ID: 514 079 0305

Passcode: RCKE2020

On September 11th we will have a Guest Speaker Bernadene Voss, CEO Big Hug Project Big Hug Project is for distressed children.

Bio - We are a Melbourne-based charity that provides essential items such as clothing, bedding, car seats, prams, cots, formula and toiletries to local families and children who are experiencing hardship. We support over 6000 children a year.



Upcoming BBQs in 2023 @ Bunnings Taylor Lakes

Feb	Saturday	4
Mar	Sunday	5
Apr	Saturday	1
May	Sunday	7
June	Saturday	3
July	Sunday	2
Aug	Saturday	5
Sep	Sunday	10
Nov	Saturday	4
Dec	Sunday	3

Windy Hill Bistro is the venue for our dinner, (order from the menu), before our 7.00pm Monday Rotary Meeting in the Legends Room on Level 2.



We welcome your suggestions for future Guest Speakers. Email keiloreastrotary@gmail.com

Calendar

Date	Day	Speaker/ Event	Contact
September 4	Monday	Club Discussion and decision making	David Dippie
September 6	Wednesday	St Albans Interact Club Meeting 12.30 at the College – Digital Check in at the College Office prior.	Cherrie Osborn
September 10	Sunday	Bunnings BBQ at Watergardens	Tina Ballos
September 11	Monday	Bernadene Voss - CEO Big Hug Project Big Hug Project for distressed children The Legends Room will be undergoing renovations from September 11 until 30th October so we will be allocated the Premiers Room or the Hi-Marque Room	David Dippie
September 17	Sunday	Great Strides Run/Walk for Cystic Fibrosis Community Care	Joe Albioli
September 18	Monday	District Governor Ron Payne and Deb's Visit – Partners Night 	David Dippie and the Club Board
September 25	Monday	Footy Colours Night – Wear your favourite team's colours (any code).	

Our Program Director, David Bennett, assisted by President David Dippie, will be coordinating a program of Guest Speakers and activities for the 2022-2023 Rotary Year.

Your ideas are welcome keiloreastrotary@gmail.com

Club Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

September 4: Ken Allan
September 7: Khaled Ebrahim
September 13: Deb Akers
September 17: Annie Webb
September 18: Pam Vandenharn
September 21: Bruce Cameron – It's his 90th
September 21: Colin Akers
September 22: Helen Penna
September 22: Laraine Barnes
September 22: Kim Nguyen
September 23: Greg Osborn
September 25: Terry Badenhope
September 26: Janet McMartin
October 8: Lloyd Lancaster
October 10: Marianne Potgieter
October 14: Tina Ballos
October 15: Ian Wright
October 18: Dawn Watson 89
October 27: David Dippie



Wedding Anniversaries

September 4: Khaled and Emma Ebrahim
September 9: Paul and Alison Perrottet
September 21: Raj and Jeselee Vytilingam
October 3: Howe and Lyn Tan
October 20: John and Barbara Rafter



Rotary Anniversaries

September 3: Gerard Mahoney 2012
September 7: Tina Ballos 2015
September 19: Joel Hewish 2019
September 30: Phil O'Brien 2002
October 15: Chris Rundell 2015
October 21: Minh Nguyen 2002
October 26: Alex Billson 2016



Member News



Ginny and Alex are enjoying their holiday in Perth, Western Australia. They have visited the beach and [Kalbarri](#). Left and Right: Their three-year-old granddaughter, Anna Billson, enjoyed an ice-cream and chose the pasta for dinner (especially chosen with Grandpa in mind). Centre: Ginny and Alex with their son Lawrence.



It would be great to get more photos of our members and families for our next Newsletter. Send to my phone 0411773360 or email to keiloreastrotary@gmail.com

Above: Cherrie Osborn visited her daughter Vicki and her grandchildren Madeleine, Alyssa and Mitchell (hiding in the Spiderman suit). They recently moved to a home with stunning surroundings in Upper Kedron, Brisbane.

We thank our Generous Sponsors



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Keilor East Community Bank has been an outstanding sponsor of our Club projects over many years. We are very appreciative of their generosity and support and urge Members, family and friends to use the bank which supports its local community. Tina Ballos who is a member of the Rotary Club of Keilor East, is the Branch Manager. Our Past President, Gerard Mahoney is Chairman of the Bank Board.

We are also very grateful to have the sponsorship of Smart Storage World in Keilor East for the storage of our Club trailer. We appreciate their support for us and urge Club Members and friends to make use of this local business.

For all your Home or Business Storage, including Boats, Caravans and Cars, call 0408 KEILOR or 0408 534 567. The business can be found on the Web at <http://smartstorageworld.com.au/>

