



KEILOR EAST ROTARY NEWSLETTER

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others"

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Induction of 5 new Keilor East Rotarians



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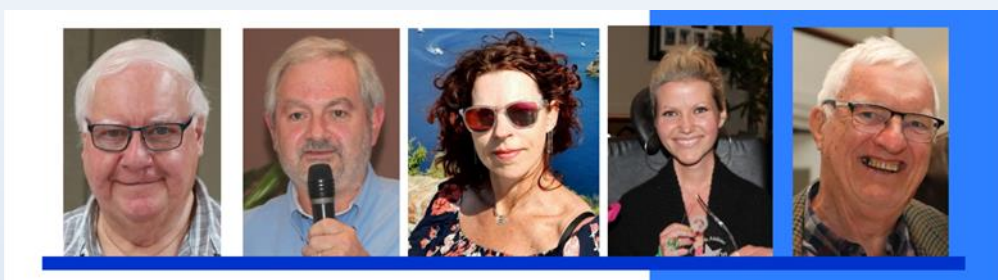
Meetings via Zoom – Maintaining Connections

by President Yvonne Osborn

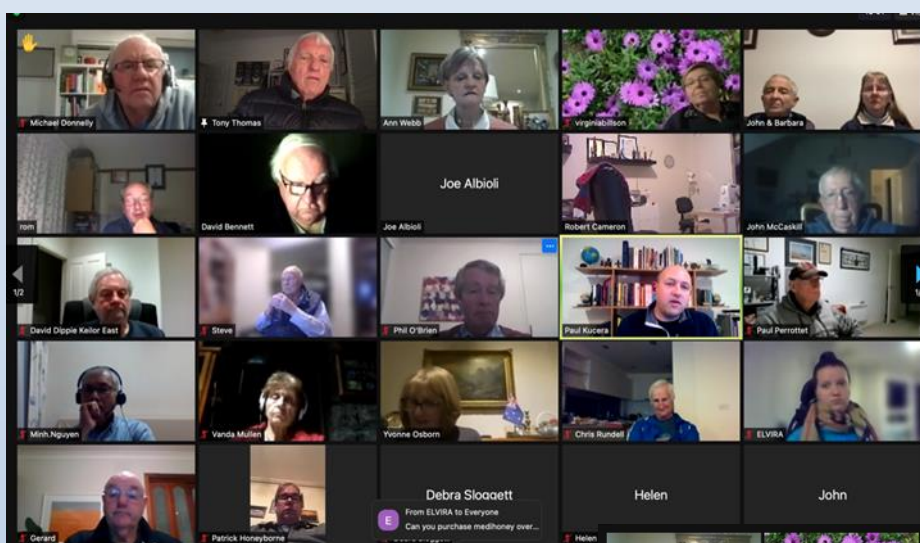
On **Monday 30th August** we were delighted to induct 5 new members to Keilor East Rotary. They are left to right in the photos above, David Bennett, David Dippie, Robyn Soffe, Elvira Tarrant and Tony Thomas. We were inspired by the wealth of experience and talent, evident in their introductions. We warmly welcome them to our Keilor East Rotary family.

On **Monday 6th September** we welcomed Rom and Paul Kucera, who are beekeepers from Aberfeldie. They gave us a comprehensive presentation about their work as beekeepers, the bees' work as honey makers and their significance as pollinators. Our President Changeover event has been pushed forward, for the third time, until Monday 25th October. <https://www.trybooking.com/BRZSN>

Meeting Reports August 30th and September 6th, 2021.

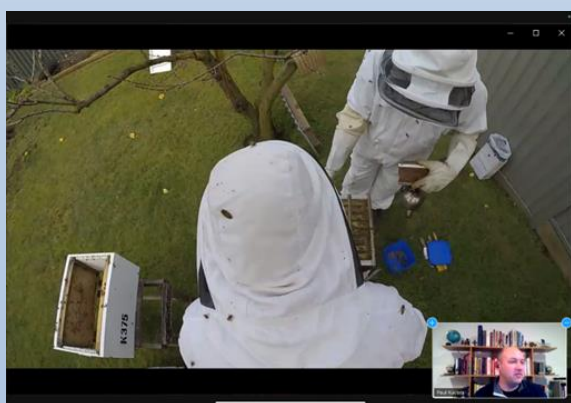


President Yvonne Osborn inducted Left to Right: David Bennett, David Dippie, Robyn Soffe, Elvira Tarrant and Tony Thomas as Keilor East Rotarians. Each gave an introductory presentation about themselves which gave us a preview of their Rotarian Behind the Badge talk in the future.



There were 27 members in attendance for the Beekeeping presentation.

Photo thanks to Tony Thomas.



Community - Gerard Mahoney announced that our next Watergardens Bunnings BBQ scheduled for Sunday 4th September has been cancelled due to the extension of Covid Lockdowns.

Social – Ginny Billson – It is hard to plan events with Covid Lockdowns, restrictions etc., but Ginny will consider sending out jokes as we can use laughter to brighten these challenging times.

Youth – Year 11 students, Ruby Hall from St Albans Secondary College and Isaac Day from PEGS, have been approved, after interviews at a District level, to attend NYSF (National Youth Science Forum) in January 2022, in whatever form it may take due to Covid restrictions.

New Member Inductions



David Bennett – Youth Director 2021-2022

David Bennett

David had been a Rotarian for 20 years and Keilor East Rotary is his third Club. He was a member of Redcliffe City Rotary in Rotary District 9600 in Queensland and after moving to Victoria he joined Brimbank Central Rotary in District 9800 where he held directorships and was Club President.

David held numerous Club and District Roles in both Districts. He has a passion for helping people become effective leaders in volunteer organisations. He is also passionate about providing our youth with opportunities to grow and develop.

David has been a member of two Lions Clubs and was President of a special concept club in Brisbane made up of people who were involved in respite care for under privileged children.

Outside Rotary, David is a father to two sons and a grandfather to three, Tyson, Noah and Mackenzie. He undertakes volunteering work and online learning. He recently completed two courses on Dementia.

David spends much of his volunteering time at Brimbank Bicycle Education Centre in Keilor Downs. He has spent 7 years as its Board President. He enjoys watching many sports. Cricket, AFL, and Golf are among his favourites.

He enjoys Reading - mainly biographies.

We warmly welcome David to Keilor East Rotary and thank him for agreeing to be Youth Director on this year's Club Board.



David's grandchildren, Tyson above and Noah and Mackenzie below.



David and his partner, Rosemary Grant, at our Restaurant night on our Kyneton Weekend in February 2020.

New Member Inductions - Monday August 30th 2021



David Dippie

David has been a Rotarian for many years at Keilor Rotary. We warmly welcome him to Keilor East where he has already contributed much by his regular attendance, Rotary knowledge, friendship and telling us of his Rotary journey so far.

David began his personal introduction by telling us that he came here as a "Boat Person" with his family, emigrating to Australia from Edinburgh, UK in 1957. They settled in Port Melbourne where David attended South Melbourne Technical School. The family loved the lifestyle near the beach where David developed a passion for sailing.

They later moved to Strathmore. David found learning easy and, being unsure what to choose as a career path, he began work as a draftsman. This meant he became familiar with building sites, tradesmen and, with his father being a window installer, David began project management.

He married at age 24 and has three daughters, Joanne, Libby and Janine. He adores his grandchildren, Frankie who is 8 and Lachie who is 6. David's second wife Judy has Dementia and lives at Holloway Aged Care.

David volunteers at the Donations In Kind store (DIK) whenever he can. He is also a great supporter of the Days For Girls organization. He has been a regular visitor at Keilor East Rotary for many years.

David Dippie brings an enormous wealth of International experience to Keilor East Rotary. He has a passionate interest in the environment and sustainability.



New Member Inductions – Monday August 30th 2021



Robyn Soffe

Robyn began her presentation by explaining that she was not a confident public speaker, but she went on to give us an excellent insight into who she is. She began by dividing her presentation into sections, beginning with motherhood. Robyn is a widow who has brought up her boys on her own. Her sons are Matthew, 24, whom she said is her artsy one and Owen, 21, who is her high achiever.

Growing up in Broadmeadows, Robyn was the first member of her family to undertake a Tertiary degree. She chose Nursing. She has worked at the Royal Melbourne Hospital and has been able to maintain a work/life balance, even finding time for sailing and for passion for travel in pre Covid times. The photo provided is from a wonderful trip to Portofino, Italy in 2019.

Robyn is passionate about the Environment and Sustainability. She is an Environment Champion with the Moonee Valley City Council and tries to promote sustainability in her workplace and at home.

Robyn was introduced to us after she met Past President Phil O'Brien at an environmental working bee. We warmly welcome her as a Keilor East Rotarian.



Elvira Tarrant

Elvira spoke about her family, of which she is very proud. She has an older sister and a younger brother. She is proud of their heritage, emigrating to Australia from poor circumstances in Montenegro in an arranged marriage. Elvira's family has an Islamic background while her husband, Shane, has a Catholic faith. According to Elvira, this provides for an interesting mix of cultures. Her parents have always supported her, helping her to have as normal an upbringing as possible. They are an enormous part of her strength of character and resolve to always make the most of opportunities.

Elvira has a degenerative condition called SMA (Spinal Muscular Atrophy) which she describes as being similar to Motor Neuron Disease. Since the age of two her muscles have been unable to receive normal messaging, her physical movements have been restricted and they continue to deteriorate. She moves using a motorized wheelchair. Her lung function is at 40% so she needs to avoid infections.

Elvira is a former student of Taylors Lakes Primary School where she met Yvonne Osborn and Helen Penna. We warmly welcome her to Keilor East Rotary and wish her a long and happy Rotary journey.

Elvira has two children, five-year-old Liora and three-year-old Levon. She maintains a positive attitude to life and aims to help others in the community. Elvira said that she is excited to finally be joining Rotary which she has long admired since receiving a Shine On Award for her Community Service many years ago. She considers herself "an old soul", getting on well with people of her parents' generation.



New Member Inductions – Monday 30th August 2021



Tony Thomas

Tony grew up in Perth, Western Australia with both parents as journalists and members of the Communist Party. The family was always having conversations about politics. Tony's daughter from his first marriage, Ros, is a TV and print journalist. Tony followed his parents into journalism in Perth in the 1960s, then with The Age in the Canberra Press Gallery in the 1970s. (He settled in Melbourne in 1981). In contrast to his upbringing, Tony now places himself on the right of the political spectrum.

Tony Thomas moved to Niddrie and discovered that Keilor East Rotary was his nearest Rotary Club. We are thrilled that he has joined our Rotary family.

When he came to Melbourne Tony joined the Rotary Club of Highpoint/Maribyrnong. The Club eventually handed back their charter, so he joined Rotary Central Melbourne which met for breakfast. Tony visited West New Britain with Rotary where they installed much needed water tanks in 2003. 10 years ago, Melbourne Central Sunrise Rotary Club formed a Probus Club called Sunrise Probus, which now has 120 members.

Tony has always been a "journo" with his family heritage of writing since the 1930s. There has been 90 years of journalism in his family. Moving from the West, Tony worked as a journalist during the Whitlam years. He studied economics, whilst working, in order to assist with his writing on economic matters.

It was a world of deadlines, telex and faxes. There were no word processors. He literally cut and paste typewriter texts on the floor with a pot of glue. They were amazing times - Rex Connor and the loans affair, Jim Cairns and Junie Morosi.

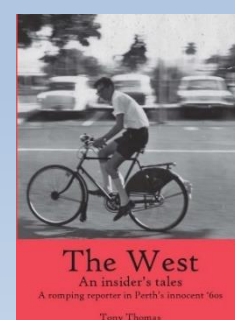
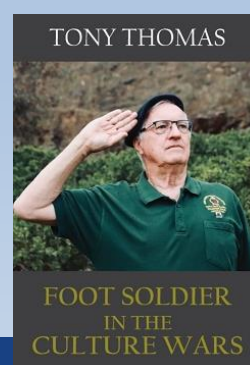
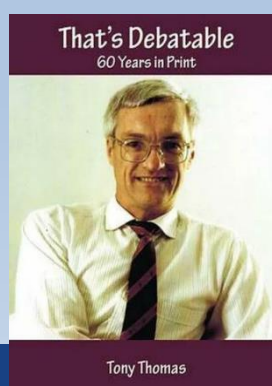
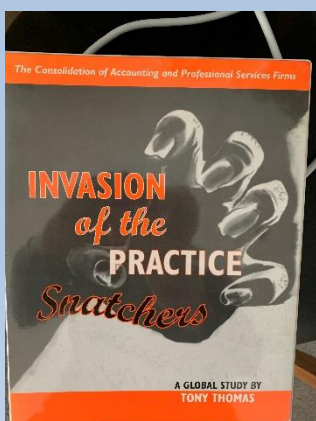
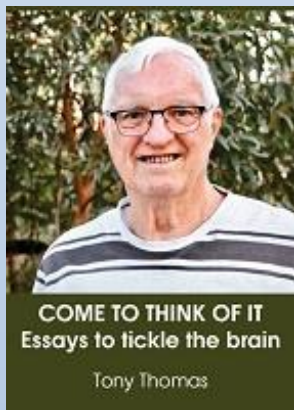
After a decade Tony moved to the Business Review Weekly Magazine start-up. His first cover story got a writ from a unionist in the Pilbara, his only one ever.

For 20 years Tony wrote four pages of accountancy news a week, plus whatever else came up. Now he writes when he wants and what he wants.

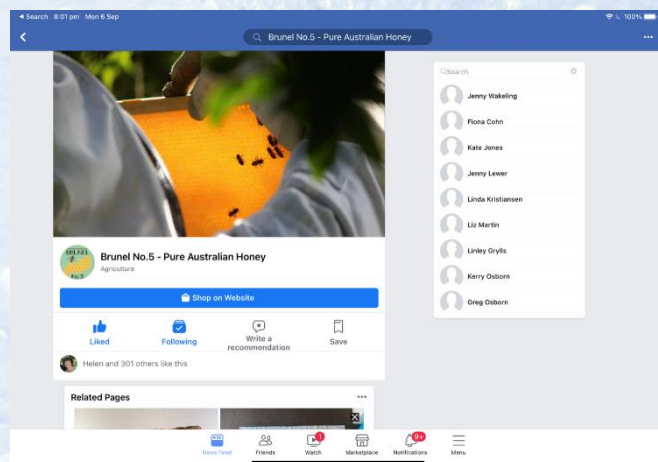
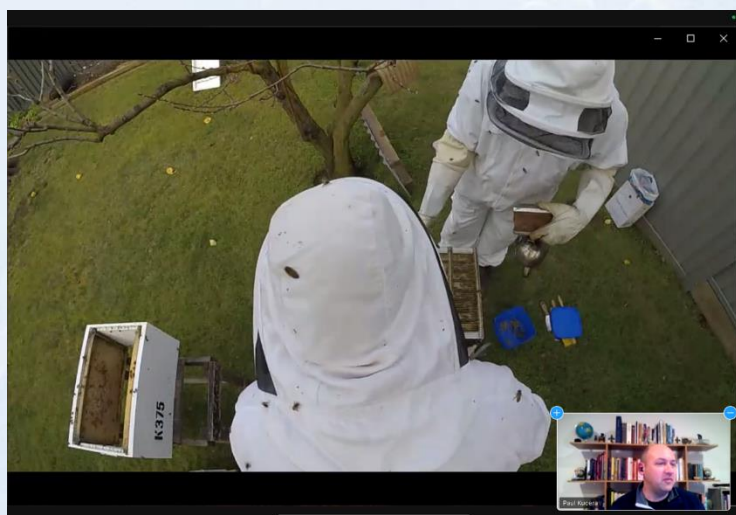
Tony Retired in 2001. By that time and after writing half a dozen books, he began writing for Quadrant and is now on essay 399.

Five years ago, he retired and played tennis. Around that time, he was diagnosed with multiple myeloma. He has undergone treatment, recovered, and has written 4 more books.

He has been married to Margaret for 35 years, his most successful marriage yet. He has two daughters, one is a travel agent, the other a bank executive. We warmly welcome Tony Thomas to Keilor East Rotary and wish him well on his continued Rotary journey.



Guest Speakers - Rom and Paul Kucera - Beekeeping



Rom Kucera's father and grandfather had been involved in keeping bees years ago, but it wasn't until Rom and his son Paul undertook a weekend course back in 2011 that they both became hooked on the pastime. They went from one beehive back then to over twenty hives now. Most hives are in the suburbs, but a few are at Heathcote. Rom lives at 5 Brunel Street in Aberfeldie and he sells some of his honey from a Facebook page entitled Brunel No.5 – Pure Australian Honey. They are members of the newly formed Moonee Valley Beekeepers Club.

A major part of Beekeeping is carrying out Inspections of the hive to make sure that the colony is healthy. Bees are the chief pollinators required for fruits, vegetables and nuts to produce crops. They often travel up to 5kms from their hive daily collecting nectar only to return, a long way for a little bee. Worker bees have a six-week lifespan. They have superior navigation skills. Bees also seem to get to know their keeper. It is important to stay calm around the hives and to not make sudden movements which bees might perceive as aggressive.

The queen bee can live for years. In the swarming season bees can leave the overcrowded colony to set up another colony. It is an indicator of the wellbeing of the colony. The Queen sends off pheromones which call the bees.

While they were giving their presentation about Bee keeping Rom and Paul shared a video in the background which showed them, dressed in protective clothing, inspecting one of their hives. They were checking the wooden brood frames which hang in box. In Spring and Summer, the Queen Bee can lay 2000 eggs per day and a hive population can swell to 60,000 bees.

A third type of bee, the drone, mates with the Queen Bee in mid to late Spring. They also gorge on honey. A Queen bee is larger than the worker bees but smaller than a drone. The Queen emits a high-pitched sound like an alarm. When a Super or Top Box is added to the top of a Brood Box the bees draw wax from their bodies to make the hexagonal wax structure which holds the honey. The honey is a mixture of fructose and glucose. One bee produces about a teaspoon of honey, so it is vital that bees are cared for. The population of the world needs bees to pollinate crops for food.

The bees take about three weeks to hatch and take flight to seek nectar and pollen. They do a waggle dance at the hive entrance to communicate to other bees about the whereabouts of nectar supplies. To be labelled as a specific type of honey e.g., Manuka, Leatherwood, Red Gum etc. the bees must collect 90% of the nectar from that species.

Guest Speakers - Rom and Paul Kucera - Beekeeping

When checking hives, beekeepers look for anything sinister. By that, they check in the dark corners for small beetles, the tip of a pen sized, which taint the honeycomb. There are also moths and a type of bacteria which thrives in the hive's 36 -37-degree temperatures.

One of the nastiest invaders is [Varroa mite](#) which we are endeavouring to keep out of Australia by strict border controls. It is parasitic so it is vital that it never comes to our country. Around Townsville there are Asian Bees which are very aggressive. It is important that they are eradicated before they take hold. It is thought that our native bees might be immune to Varroa mite .

Beekeepers need to be registered with Agriculture Victoria. Bees are considered to be livestock and need to be cared for using correct codes of practice. There is scientific research being undertaken all the time. Bee venom might prove useful, as might Royal Jelly. Some pure honey is being used in wound care in hospitals and medical practices.

Bee's wax is being used to make [eco friendly sandwich wrap](#).

We are very grateful to Rom and Paul for giving us such a comprehensive presentation on Beekeeping. They were able to answer many questions from members and are open to us purchasing honey from their Facebook page.



We were also pleased to welcome John McCaskill from [Rotarians for Bees](#) group. He joined us for the evening. This group was formed about four years ago. And has received great support from councils such as Moonee Valley City Council.

**Next Keilor East Rotary Meeting - Monday 13th
September via Zoom**

Meeting ID : 514 079 0305 Password RCKE2020

Guest Speaker Peter Abbott: CEO [Puffing Billy Railway](#)



Photos from Star Mail
and Puffing Billy website.



When Covid Restrictions allow we meet at Keilor East RSL every Monday. We arrive from 6.00pm and order our meals by 6.30. Our Guest Speaker is introduced at 7.00pm.



We welcome your
suggestions for
future Guest
Speakers. Email
Program Director
[Annie Webb.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our Club President Changeover has been pushed forward again and will now be held on Monday 25th October at the Starlight Room, Taylors Lakes Hotel (Covid Restrictions permitting). Dress - Smart Casual. Please advise any special dietary requirements when you are making your booking.



YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

**KEILOR EAST ROTARY'S
PRESIDENT CHANGEOVER**

COME AND CELEBRATE THE YEAR THAT WAS 2020-2021
AND INTRODUCE A NEW ROTARY YEAR 2021-2022

MONDAY 25TH OCTOBER, 2021 · 6.15PM FOR 6.30PM
THE STARLIGHT ROOM, TAYLORS LAKES HOTEL

2 course Dinner - \$55 per person - Drinks at Bar Prices
Dress - Smart Casual

Bookings - <https://www.trybooking.com/BRZSN>

Enquiries - Yvonne Osborn 0411773360

UPCOMING EVENTS

PROGRAM SCHEDULE - Updated 29th AUGUST 2021 Annie Webb Organiser				
NOTE - ALL EVENTS ARE COVID PENDING - ALL DATES TBC				
Date	Day	Speaker / Event Title	Date of Notification	Organiser
MEMBERSHIP & NEW CLUB MONTH				
30-Aug-21	Mond	NEW MEMBER INDUCTIONS (& 5 min Chat each) via ZOOM- David Bennett, David Dippie, Elvira Tarrant, Tony Thomas & Robyn Soffe	Board 17/8 (Ph 26/8)	Yvonne
BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY MONTH				
4-Sep-21	Sat	Bunnings BBQ - Taylors Lakes -	(Ph 24/6 BR)(Brd 17/8GM)	Barb Rafter/Gerard
6-Sep-21	Mond	BEE KEEPING = (Rom & son Paul)	(ph 25/8 & text)E 29/8	Annie
10-12 Sept	Frid- Sund	CAMP GETAWAY (per Ken - still hopeful!!)	(ph 25/8)	Annie
13-Sep-21	Mond	NO CLUB MEETING -	(Brd 17/8)	Board
20-Sep-21	Mond	Spinal Muscular Atrophy Presentation - Elvira Tarrant	(Brd 17/8) (ph 18/8)	Yvonne
21-Sep-21	Tues	BOARD MEETING	(E 12/7)	Yvonne
27-Sep-21	Mond	VOCATIONAL NIGHT -Richard Mason & Nien Dinh - TBC	(PH 22/6) & Brd 17/8	Yvonne
29-Sep-21	Wed	DAYS FOR GIRLS Sew In Day		Marianne
COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MONTH				
3-Oct-21	Sund	Bunnings BBQ - Taylors Lakes -TBC	(Ph 24/6 BR)(E 23/7 GM)	Barb Rafter/Gerard
3-Oct-21	Sund	CLOCKS FORWARD AT 2AM (DAYLIGHT SAVING)		
4-Oct-21	Mond	DEBATE: IS THE 4-WAY TEST RELEVANT? TBC	(Board 20/7)	Micheal
11-Oct-21	Mond	HUMAN TRAFFICKING - Claire Griffin	(17/7)	Annie
18-Oct-21	Mond	District Governor's Visit (? Partner's Night too)	(ph 22/6 / 3/8)	Yvonne
19-Oct-21	Tues	BOARD MEETING	(E 12/7)	Yvonne
25-Oct-21	Mond	PRESIDENTIAL CHANGEOVER - & 5 Presentations at TAYLORS LAKES HOTEL	((ph 18/8)(E 20/8)	Yvonne
27-Oct-21	Wed	DAYS FOR GIRLS Sew In Day		Marianne
FOUNDATION MONTH				
1-Nov-21	Mond			
2-Nov-21	Tues	MELBOURNE CUP		
6-Nov-21	Sat	Bunnings BBQ - Taylors Lakes -TBC	(Ph 24/6 BR) (E 23/7 GM)	Barb Rafter/Gerard
8-Nov-21	Mond			
15-Nov-21	Mond	Foundation Presentation - Murray Verso	(E 3/8)	Annie/John R
16-Nov-21	Tues	BOARD MEETING	(E 12/7)	Yvonne
22-Nov-21	Mond			
24-Nov-21	Wed	DAYS FOR GIRLS Sew In Day		Marianne
29-Nov-21	Mond	AGM	Ph: 22/7	Yvonne
PREVENTION DISEASE & PREVENTION MONTH				
5-Dec-21	Sund	Bunnings BBQ - Taylors Lakes -TBC	(Ph 24/6 BR (E 23/7 GM)	Barb Rafter/Gerard
6-Dec-21	Mond			
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Rotary
District 9800

DIVERSITY EQUITY AND INCLUSION WORKSHOPS

Help Build a Better Rotary

The workshops are for Rotary Club DEI Champions or Rotarians who have an interest in creating change and ensuring their Rotary club is more inclusive and supportive of the community.

The FREE workshops led by 'Courage to Care' will explore:

- Creating awareness of the dangers of prejudice, racism and discrimination
- Educating to challenge attitudes and behaviours
- Demonstrating that every individual can make a difference
- Transforming "bystander" behaviour to "upstander"

Each Workshop is funded by D9800 and will conclude with a light lunch.

Sunday 15th August -Melbourne 9.30am-1pm
Registration at: <https://www.trybooking.com/BSZOD>

Sunday 29th August – Woodend 9.30am -1pm
Registration at: <https://www.trybooking.com/BSJQN>

NEW DATES Sep 19, 2021, 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Montague St School
100 Montague Street
SOUTH MELBOURNE, VIC 3205
Sep 26, 2021, 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM - WOODEND

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

Join us to celebrate
100 years of Essendon Airport



NEW DATE Saturday October 9th, 2021.

SAT 4 SEPTEMBER

A day celebrating our past, present and future.

VOLUNTEER SHIFTS
9.30am - 12.30pm
12pm - 3pm

On site parking, event entry, coffee and lunch vouchers provided
All event parking proceeds go direct to the Rotary Club

To register to volunteer contact:

Rod Gurry
Rotary Club of Essendon North
0412 338 844
rodgurry@hotmail.com



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Club Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

September 4: Ken Allan
September 7: Khaled Ebrahim
September 13: Deborah Akers
September 17: Annie Webb
September 18: Pamela Vandenharn
September 20: Deb. Bergbauer
September 21: Colin Akers
September 21: Bruce Cameron
September 22: Laraine Barnes
September 22: Kim Nguyen
September 22: Helen Penna
September 23: Greg Osborn
September 25: Terry Badenhope
September 26: Janet McMartin



Wedding Anniversaries

September 4: Khaled & Emma Ebrahim
September 7: John & Marjorie Youings
September 9: Paul & Alison Perrottet.
September 21: Raj & Jeselee Vytilingam



Rotary Anniversaries

September 3: Gerard Mahoney 2012
September 5: Mark Tognon 2016
September 7: Tina Ballos 2015
September 19: Joel Hewish 2016
September 30: Phil O'Brien 2002



MEMBER NEWS

Happy 80th Birthday
Ken Allan



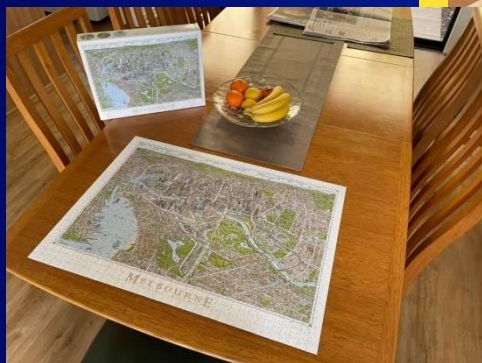
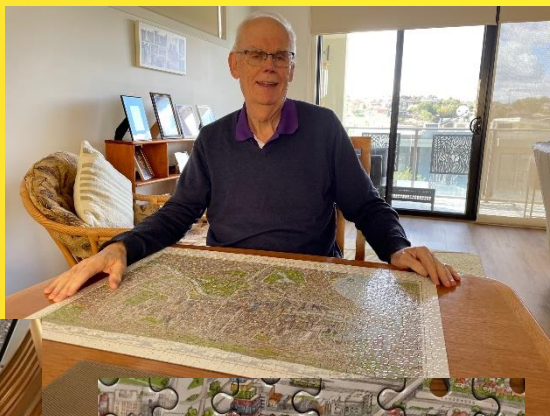
Very best wishes from all your
friends at Keilor East Rotary.



Nonie and Lou Gionfriddo have a magnificent garden. Nonie has given permission to share these photos from a recent Spring-inspired Facebook post.



Annie Webb noticed this
Tawny Frogmouth whist on
her walk.



Ginny Billson is enjoying the
fragrance of her hyacinths.

Paul Perrottet knows Melbourne and it's just as well, as he recently tackled and completed this map of Melbourne Jigsaw.