

Rotary
Rowville Lysterfield



Orange Sky—Annmarie Lambert

Annmarie is a general volunteer, team leader and service co-ordinator with Orange Sky. She provided an enlightening insight into the origins and growth of this amazing organisation.

According to figures from the 2016 census, 116,427 people are homeless in Australia on any given night. Of these 17,845 are children under the age of ten.

Being homeless does not just mean sleeping on the street. It can include couch surfing, sleeping in a shelter or in very overcrowded conditions. If you are homeless, cold, hungry, scared and with no idea where you are going to sleep each night, spending money on laundering your clothes is not going to be a priority. Orange Sky, for the cost of \$24, is able to provide a laundry service to these vulnerable people.

Orange Sky was started by two 20 year old mates in 2014 in Brisbane when they approached a large retailer and asked for some washing machines to be donated. It took a little time to get the machines to work in the back of a van but it has grown enormously in the time since. However, what has also evolved is the chance to have genuine conversations while waiting for the clothes to be

washed and dried, the chance to form friendships. The idea of 'six orange chairs' evolved which are used to connect communities, with no distinction between client and volunteer.

An example cited was Nev, who was one of the first people to use the service but who took a long time to feel he could trust the volunteers. His story was heartbreaking, with a violent background and the use of drugs and alcohol to ease the pain. As he became a frequent participant at Orange Sky his confidence grew, he ran a marathon and started to volunteer for Orange Sky. He is now the warehouse manager in Brisbane and is no longer homeless.



Annmarie Lambert from Orange Sky with President Kevin

Meeting Details

Where:

Tosaria's Café
60 Henderson Rd
Rowville

When:

Tuesday, 6.30 pm
for 7.00 pm start

Meetings are hybrid unless indicated otherwise

Visitors are warmly welcomed

For information contact:

Kevin Harrison
0419 919 011

Meeting Zoom link [here](#)



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IPDG Dr Daryl Moran



In the time since its inception, Orange Sky has expanded across all of Australia and into New Zealand and now runs 36 vans, providing 14,000 hours of conversation per week as well as the laundry service. In 2016 vans were set up with mobile showers and there are now vans that include both shower and laundry. The vans are all self-sufficient with a water supply and generator on board, but drivers are always happy to connect into local services if they are available. Vans can be located virtually anywhere, but the service works most effectively if it is located where there is already an established service. One example is the van that visits Foothills Community Care at Ferntree Gully Guide Hall.

As homelessness is such a worldwide issue, Orange Sky is looking to expand overseas.

Annmarie outlined the reasons she volunteers with Orange Sky:

- To give back to the local community
- To form friendships with other volunteers
- To help people find solutions to their problems.
- To meet like-minded people
- Because she gets so much satisfaction from being involved

The funding of Orange Sky needs the support of the community to continue to offer this service and to expand further.

One key takeaway for those present was to challenge the myths and misconceptions about homelessness that are promoted in some quarters.



The impact of Orange Sky since its inception

2.6 mill kgs+



27,000+



400,000+



Six orange chairs

The Club Board agreed at a recent meeting to make a donation of \$350 to Orange Sky. In addition, a sum of \$1200 from the most recent Bunnings BBQ will also be donated.

We very much appreciated hearing from Annmarie about this inspiring organisation.



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- A thank you letter has been received from Gloria Hargreaves, Rotarians Against Malaria, expressing appreciation for the donation to RAM from our Rotary Club.
- A reminder that the next meeting of the Knox Nocturnals Youth Group planning committee will be on Monday April 3rd at the club rooms of RC Bayswater, at the Marie Wallace Reserve in Bayswater.
- Dr Sharif has submitted an application for a Rotary Club of Balwyn Centenary Grant to start a blindness prevention program in Bangladesh. Completing the paperwork for the grant has been completed with the invaluable assistance of Alan Lunghusen, who is very experienced with applying for grants. We wait to hear if this application is successful.
- Kaye is organising some tickets for anyone interested to see the next production from The 1812 Theatre, 'The Shoe-horn Sonata'. This is a play concerning two women prisoners of war in WW2 who meet after 50 years. There is also the opportunity to have dinner together at the Royal Hotel prior to the show.

If you are interested in seeing this play please let Kaye know.



We also have a fundraising 1812 Theatre Night coming up in May - more details to come next week.

- Club members had the opportunity to try on for size the hoodies which will be awarded to us under the Districts Rewards Scheme. Please take note of the email from Secretary Heather regarding finalising the order. We look forward to receiving these hoodies in about 4-6 weeks.
- Daryl and Jenny attended Foster Rotary Club on Monday this week for the launch of the EarlyAct Club at Foster Primary School. The students were very excited and proud to receive their badges and have already run a very successful Wheelchairs for Kids Wheelathon. The school population is just 200 and they raised \$4000, which will cover the cost of 16 wheelchairs. The Foster RC donated an additional \$1000. The Youth Chair for the Foster Rotary Club paid tribute to the assistance received from PDG Daryl in setting up this Club.

Rotary theme for each month

July— New leadership

August— Membership and New Club Development

September— Basic Education and Literacy

October— Economic and Community Development

November— Rotary Foundation

December— Disease Prevention and treatment

January— Vocational Services

February— Peace building and Conflict resolution

March— Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

April— Maternal & Child Health

May— Youth Service

June— Rotary Fellowships



A big thank you to all the Club members who have volunteered to help at RICON23, and in particular to help with the 'Night at the Museum' event, where volunteers will be co-ordinated by PDG Daryl.

There will be further information available after Daryl attends a meeting on Friday but in the meantime, volunteers are asked to work through the training manual that is available and has been sent to each volunteer. There are several useful apps that need to be downloaded as well.

To register as a volunteer click here <https://ricon23.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=54179>

It has also been proposed that we could, as a Club, participate in the 'Streets of Melbourne— South Wharf' event, possibly on Tuesday 30th May. This would involve registering for this night and choosing a restaurant to attend. More information to come.

ANZAC Adventure

Club members, partners and family are invited to an ANZAC Day Aussie BBQ at the Mansfield property of Marg and Ian Vesey.

Mansfield is an easy drive of just over 2 hours, through beautiful scenery. If numbers are sufficient, we may be able to organise a mini-bus for a charge of around \$15 per head, with some nibbles provided en route. There is also plenty of accommodation in Mansfield if you wish to stay for a night (or two). Several people may group together and find an air BnB—that's up to you to organise.

The day can be flexible but if you arrive in time, there is an ANZAC parade and service at 11 am in Mansfield, led by two horses. There will be the mandatory two-up competition at some time. Maybe come in your akubra and drizabone to really get into the sprit!

Aussie BBQ food will be provided—BYO drinks—for a cost of \$25 per head (or \$26 for electronic payment). RSVPs will be required to Marg by April 15th.



The address is 105 Stoneleigh Rd, Mansfield.

Note that there will be no Rotary meeting at Tosaria's that evening.



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BUNNINGS BBQs

Next BBQ Dates

Friday April 21st.

Friday May 19th

Friday June 16th



FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY CARE—MUFFINS

Thursday April 6th	Marg, Heather, Corinne, Anita & Rajeev
Thursday April 20th	Kaye, Fiona, Sue & Pete, Jenny
Thursday May 4th	Marg, Heather, Jenny, Anita & Rajeev
Thursday May 18th	Kaye, Fiona, Sue & Pete, Jenny

D9810 Rewards Scheme

Congratulations were given this week to our Club from Peter Behm, the District PR Chair, for our achievement level in the District Rewards Scheme. We have gained enough points for not only a hoodie for each Club member but also 20 caps, 20 mugs and 20 pens.

This is a great result that illustrates the activity in the Club and the support our Club has provided for District and Rotary programs throughout the year.

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Update on UNICEF Foreign Currency Collection project—Ron Brooks



Rotarian Ron Brooks from the Rotary Club of Forest Hill started the Foreign Currency Collection project in 2015. He realised that many people return from an overseas trip with foreign currency in their bag that may be of interest to family for its curiosity value, but then has no value. After gaining approval from the DG at the time, Tony Monley, he approached UNICEF for their approval. It is evident that UNICEF and Rotary share common ideals of protecting underprivileged children from all round the world and the UNICEF representative expressed the view that it was a “perfect dream fit” to develop a partnership with Rotary.

By 2021 the coins collected had passed the half tonne mark with a value of over \$26,000.

In addition to coins collected through Rotary, churches, some banks and a Sikh community, Star Casino in Sydney sent \$4,700 directly to UNICEF after learning about this project.

The money collected has been contributed to the Rotary Centenary Project “Give Every Child a Future”. This project aims to vaccinate 100,000 children in nine countries in the South Pacific region against three diseases: rotavirus, pneumococcal disease and cervical cancer.

Ron stressed that this is a no-cost project for Rotary as the courier bags and the return postage of the filled bags, 6 x 10 kg at a time, are covered by the coin exchange company. He is very pleased that there is increasing support for this project beyond District 9810 and expressed his thanks for the contributions that have been made by our Club and the support provided by PDG Daryl Moran.



Rotary will help reduce child mortality & prevent cervical cancer

- A birthday is coming up next Sunday for our Honorary Member, James. Our warmest wishes to you for a happy celebration.
- Neil and Michelle have now sold their house in Mt Waverley and are spending time in their Sydney holiday house, awaiting the time when they can move into their new home. We hope to see Neil at our meetings on zoom.
- Travelling is on the agenda for many of our club members this year, now that we are feeling comfortable with plane travel etc. Marg and Ian have just had a wonderful trip to King Island, enjoying being close to nature. The down side was returning with a dose of COVID. We wish them both a mild dose and a speedy recovery.
- Steve and Sue are also travelling—they are currently in Dubai, spending time with their daughter, son-in-law and two beautiful grandsons. Special times. Hopefully Steve will avoid catching COVID just before his return flight, which is what happened last trip!
- Our best wishes to Max who is frantically busy in the lead-up to the Aston By-election next week. We hope to see him again at a meeting once the hurly-burly is all over.



GWS Community Raffle—Heather Morris

The GWS Raffle is being held again in 2023. The Raffle is coordinated by Waverley Rotary and sponsored by Garry and Warren Smith Group. Prizes for this year are:

1st Prize – \$25,000 towards the purchase of a new or used car from GWS.

2nd Prize - \$1000 BP Fuel Voucher

3rd Prize – Vehicle Window Tint valued at \$695

Tickets cost \$2 each and come in books of 10 tickets.



Reminder – our Club keeps all of the \$2 from every ticket we sell. Last year we have made a profit of \$1700.00+ which we have been able to put to our Community Projects.

Let's do even better this year. We have 100 books to sell so that is a possibility of \$2000 profit. Last year we had the opportunity to sell tickets within Bunnings. This proved very successful and Bunnings are allowing us the same opportunity this year.

We will require some members to roster themselves to sell those tickets.

The draw takes place on June 16th, 2023 and all ticket books must be returned to Heather no later than: **Tuesday 16th May.**

It is preferred if all money is paid into the Club Account rather than cash. Please pay to: Rotary Club of Rowville Lysterfield and reference the deposit with GWS & your name.

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Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and production	Program
April—Maternal and Child Health				
4	Kate	Marg	Daryl Ian John	Story Dogs Margaret Gearon Visit from Knox Rotaract President Neha and her husband Ahmad
11	Kaye	Rajeev	Ian Nathan Alan	How to Maximize a District Grant Alan, Neil W, Marg EarlyAct at Park Ridge PS Daryl
18	Murray	Carol	Alan Bob Stephen	Club Forum
25	No meeting—ANZAC Day ANZAC Adventure at Mansfield See page 4 for details			
May—Youth Service				
2	Vocational Visit Visit to Ambulance Museum with dinner afterwards			
9	Marg	Carol	Bob Stephen Ian	Club Forum 2
16	TBC			
17	1812 Theatre Fundraising Night and dinner—'Waiting for God' More details to come			
23	Corinne	Max	Ian Alan John	National Youth Science Forum Justine and Tom Block

Diary Dates: Club Changeover Tuesday, June 20th
District Changeover Saturday, July 1st

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