

# Rotary

## Rowville Lysterfield



### Editorial

A recurring theme in Rotary in Western countries is the issue of attracting new members - an issue for our Club as well as many others in our District. However, it is often stated that the real issue in Rotary is in retaining members, as a significant number of new members leave within the first five years of membership.

The reasons for this vary, but in essence often amounts to the fact that belonging to Rotary has not met the expectations they had. Many join Rotary as a means to give back to the Community and if this desire is not met, there may seem to be little point in continuing to belong.

Of course, another reason for joining is for the fellowship and camaraderie that can develop when working with like-minded people on a project or activity that is meaningful and worthwhile.

Underpinning both of these aspects is an experience that we would wish for all Rotarians. That is, that they at some point experience their 'Rotary moment'. This is the time when the realization strikes that Rotary is a powerful force for good in the world, and that they want to be an active and vibrant participant in this process.

Events such as an International Convention can provide very powerful 'Rotary moments' as the spread of Rotary throughout the world is so graphically represented at these events. The enthusiasm of Rotarians from across the globe is infectious and the realization that Rotary crosses so many borders of cultural and economic diversity is truly astounding.

Closer to home though, working with your own Club members and seeing the quiet dedication of many also provides many 'Rotary moments'. Being the editor of this newsletter for the last three years has been a 'Rotary moment' for me. It has been a privilege to be made aware of so much good work that is achieved by our members and to be able to share this news within and beyond the Club.

The newsletter will now be passed on to a new Editor, Peter Batterham and I wish him well with this task in the coming Rotary year.

*Jenny Moran*

### 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 other-  
wise**

**Visitors are  
warmly welcomed**

*For information  
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**Meeting Zoom link  
[here](#)**

**Board meetings: first  
Monday of each  
month at 7 pm by  
zoom. Use the zoom  
code above.**

**All members are wel-  
come to attend but  
cannot vote.**



**Home Club of  
IPDG Dr Daryl Moran**

## Report by Dr Sharif Shah Ahmed

*Dr Sharif reported on the recent news that a Balwyn Rotary Club Centenary Grant of \$24,000 has been received for his project 'Community Based Vision Care and Blindness Prevention Program in Rural Bangladesh'*

In this project, a total of 25 day-long community-based eye camps will be run covering the rural areas of Dinajpur and Pabna districts in northern Bangladesh. The camps will be conducted by a specialist Ophthalmologist aided by professional nurses and other support staffs. There will be free screening for Refractory Errors, Cataract, Glaucoma and Diabetic Retinopathy for all attending participants. A simultaneous awareness campaign will be run in the catchment areas through distribution of leaflets, community meetings and places of worship and other community gatherings. At least 30,000 people will be reached through the awareness campaign and the project aims to screen over 3000 people free of cost. About 500 participants who are diagnosed to have any kind of refractive error (e.g., Myopia, Presbyopia, Astigmatism etc.) will be given corrective lenses free of cost. About 300 patients with cataract will be offered free cataract extraction surgery with lens implant. The patients diagnosed with Glaucoma and Diabetic Retinopathy will be referred to Ophthalmologists of their choice.

It is hoped to start these camps in August 2023. Some communication has taken place with a Rotary Club in Bangladesh which could assist with monitoring the progress of the camps, although Dr Sharif himself visits Bangladesh several times each year to check on progress. In addition, much reporting can take place via the internet. Dr Sharif also intends to publish the results of this project in a medical journal in Bangladesh.



*We congratulate Dr Sharif on this remarkable initiative.*

## Art Show Report—Rajeev Wadhwa

At the last Board meeting, Rajeev presented the financial report from last year's Art Show, when a profit of \$4282.69 was made.

The expectation for the coming year is of a much improved result as the grant from Knox Council has increased and a new location will be used that will not involve the same rental cost as last year's show. *We look forward to being part of this event in November this year.*

## A Big Thank You

The Gearon family, who own Wellington Village, have been very good supporters of the work of the Rotary Club of Rowville Lysterfield over many years.



They have recently made a very generous donation of \$1500 to the Club.

*Our very heartfelt thanks to them for this donation and for their ongoing support.*

- Club Changeover Night will be held next week and should be a fun night. Dress code is semi-formal, to make it a special night. It will provide the opportunity to thank and recognise Kevin for his efforts during this last year, as well as to recognise outgoing members of the Board. Plus it is the chance to welcome Carol as the next President. A night to look forward to.
- President Kevin is keen to support the fundraising dinner that he has been promoting for the Dementia Association. Check out the details in emails from Kevin.
- Jeff pointed out to Club members that for many years Bakers Delight at Wellington Village has provided free loaves of bread for the Bunnings BBQs. For week days, they provide 15 loaves and for weekends, 45 loaves. Show your support for them by popping in to buy a loaf when you can.
- The latest edition of the Rowville Lysterfield Community News is available with our Club article on page 14. [Click here](#) to read it.

*Bakers Delight*

### **District 9810 Changeover Night—Saturday July 1st at Southern Golf Club.**

**See email from District Secretary Judith Eadon  
with all the details.**



**This is why physics  
teachers should not be  
given playground duty.**



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### **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



## What is the Knox Nocturnals Youth program?

The Knox Nocturnals Youth program is a great community initiative that supports and connects young people in the Ferntree Gully area aged 12 to 18 years, providing a safe and inclusive environment in which to interact. Participants may include those with special needs or who may be vulnerable or socially isolated.

The program, run by the Rotary Club of Ferntree Gully with the support of the Knox Cluster of Rotary clubs, combines a healthy dinner with a rotation of sport, dance, art, music, fitness, personal development and life-skills workshops, all run by qualified youth workers in the relevant area. The aim of the program is to provide the opportunity for healthy socialization, to build connections with other young people and the adult mentors, to increase confidence and self-esteem, to learn life skills and to have fun, with increased positive behaviours as an outcome.

The sessions will be held every second Friday night in term time, 6.30 pm to 9.30 pm, starting 14 July 2023. The venue will be Carrington Park Leisure Centre, 20 Oconnor Road, Knoxfield. Volunteers will be required from 6pm – 10pm

## Are you interested in volunteering with the Knox Nocturnals Youth program?

There is a range of rewarding volunteer roles just waiting for you! Be valued for the skills you have, meet new people, share a meal and most of all, have fun!

We are now recruiting volunteers to assist with activity groups, catering, transport and general helpers.

All volunteers will require a Police Check and current Working with Children Card, must complete Child Safety training, and be available to attend a Volunteer Induction and Training Night on June 26th.

For more information about the Knox Nocturnals Youth program, volunteer opportunities and to submit an Expression of Interest, visit the website <https://knoxnocturnals.org> or phone: 0460 311 268.

*The Knox Nocturnals Youth Program is a Knox Empowering Communities project funded by the Victorian Government's Empowering Communities initiative as part of the Building Safer Communities Program.*





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### BUNNINGS BBQs

Next BBQ Dates

**Friday June 16th**  
**Friday July 21st**  
**Friday August 18th**



### BUNNINGS ROSTER—Friday 16th

Pick up bread and deliver equipment: Jeff  
Setup: Corinne and Les  
9.00—12.30 pm: Alan, Robyn (Capt), Chris  
12.30—4.00 pm: Jeff, Kaye (Capt), John  
Clean up: Corinne and Les  
Reserve: Kevin

### FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY CARE—MUFFINS & SOUP

Thursday June 15th	Kaye, Fiona, Sue & Pete, <b>Janine</b>
Thursday June 29th	Corinne, Anita & Rajeev, Marg, <b>Pam</b>
Wednesday July 5th - soup	Kate, Brenton, Fiona
Thursday July 13th	Kaye, Fiona, Sue & Pete, <b>Pam</b>
Thursday July 27th	Marg, Corinne, Anita & Rajeev, <b>Janine`</b>
Wednesday August 2nd—soup	Kate, Brenton, Marg
Thursday August 10th	Kaye, Fiona, Sue & Pete, <b>Pam</b>
Thursday August 24th	Marg, Corinne, Anita & Rajeev, <b>Janine</b>
Wednesday August 30th—soup	Kate, Brenton, <b>Allyson</b>
Thursday September 7th	Kaye, Fiona, Sue & Peter, Jenny

Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and production	Program
<b>June—Rotary Fellowships</b>				
<b>20</b>	Club Changeover Night—see the invitation in the email from PE Carol			
<b>27</b>	Pete	Jeff	Alan John Ian	<b>Singing for Youth</b> Mark Smith



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Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) has established a Fund to assist in the aftermath of the fatal bus crash in the Hunter Valley last Sunday. It is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Singleton Sunrise (D9660).

Donations can be made on the RAWCS website, click [here](#).

## Hunter Valley (NSW) Bus Tragedy Fund

To provide benevolent relief and support to survivors, victims, and their immediate families from the events of the fatal bus accident which occurred near Greta (Hunter Valley, NSW) on Sunday 11 June 2023.

## Rotary Fellowships

Rotary Fellowships are international groups that share a common passion. Being part of a fellowship is a fun way to make friends around the world, explore a hobby or profession, and enhance your Rotary experience.

As June is Rotary Fellowships month, members may be interested to learn a little more about this aspect of Rotary. There is an enormously long list of Rotary Fellowships. A small excerpt from the list follows:

4 x4 vehicles	Astrology	Bird watching	Beer	Caravanning
Coffee lovers	Computer users	Cruising	Cycling	Empowering Women
Fishing	Flying	Gin	Golf	Home Exchange
Jazz	Photographers	Public Speaking	Surfing	Table tennis
Travel and hosting	Whisky	Wine	Yachting	Young Rotarians

Members of our Club belong to groups such as the Cricket Fellowship, Flying Fellowship, Whisky Fellowship and Beer Fellowship. There may be a group here that is of interest to you and can link you to people of similar interests across the Rotary world.

Check out the Rotary website for more information. Click [here](#).

Website: [www.rowvillerotary.com.au](http://www.rowvillerotary.com.au)

District 9810

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Rotary-Club-of-Rowville-Lysterfield-171446576246728/?ref=bookmarks>

Website: <http://www.9810rotary.org.au>

## 2022-23 BOARD MEMBERS

<b>President</b>	Kevin Harrison
<b>Vice-President</b>	Marg Vesey
<b>Secretary</b>	Heather Morris
<b>Treasurer</b>	Neil White
<b>President Elect</b>	Carol Constantine
<b>President Nominee</b>	Jenny Moran
<b>Immediate Past President</b>	Murray Wilson
<b>Director</b>	Steve Macdonald

## 2022-23 COMMITTEES

<b>Community</b>	Marg Vesey (mentor) Kate Kidd Pete Batterham
<b>Youth Service</b>	Max Williams Jeff Somers (mentor)
<b>Environment</b>	Gary Forrest Ayanthi Gunatilake
<b>Foundation</b>	Neil White (mentor) Adrian Klep
<b>International</b>	Alan Lunghusen (mentor) Arshad Samsudeen
<b>Vocational</b>	John Williams Neil Marshall
<b>Membership</b>	Ayanthi Gunatilake Gary Forrest

## OTHER ROLES

<b>Rowville Secondary College Council Rep</b>	Rajeev Wadhwa
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<b>Facebook Website</b>	Kevin Harrison Alan Lunghusen Stephen Palamara
<b>Club Protection Officer</b>	Adrian Klep
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