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Rowville Lysterfield



Rotary ANZPI Zone 8 Conference

Last weekend Daryl and Jenny Moran attended the Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Islands Zone 8 Conference (ANZPI), in Canberra.

This Conference follows on from training for incoming District Governors and was attended by Daryl and Jenny in 2019, as part of Daryl's DG training. The big thrill for them both this week was being able to meet up in person with the rest of Daryl's 'DG class', for the first time since 2019.

The Conference was notable as it combined Rotary and Rotaract in the one event, which brought a great sense of optimism that Rotary is in good hands, not just in the future but NOW.

There are reports of a couple of the sessions in this newsletter.

One thought provoking speaker was Larry Lunsford who is a Trustee of the Rotary Foundation.

Larry reflected on progress with the End Polio Now campaign, noting that there have been some speed humps this year with new cases of polio in some countries that have been free of polio for years. However, there is a resolve and a strategic plan in place to reach the Rotary goal of eradicating polio by the end of 2023.

He outlined that last year there were 391 million doses of polio vaccine administered, thanks to Rotary. This amounts to 20c per dose.

However, figures show that only 1 in 10 Rotarians, from around the world, donate to the End Polio Now campaign. Something to think about, especially with the speakers we will hear at next week's meeting.



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**

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



**Home Club of
IPDG Dr Daryl Moran**

Daryl and Jenny Moran



John Hewko, the General Secretary and Chief Executive Officer of Rotary International, spoke from Evanston via video call to the Zone 8 Conference, giving some great insights into the situation in Ukraine.

The continued conflict is having unimaginable consequences, with over 7 million refugees crossing into neighbouring countries and over 8 million internally displaced. To date there have been 135,000 civilian deaths, 4,500 missile strikes and 8,000 air raids. Somewhere between 20-50% of the energy infrastructure has been destroyed and this has unleashed food scarcity and energy scarcity across the world. It has been estimated that it will take \$1 trillion to rebuild Ukraine.

'The goal of Russia is clearly to bomb Ukraine back to the Stone Age.'

As a member of the Rotary Club of Kyiv, John was shocked at the outbreak of the war on February 23rd this year. However, very quickly the systems in place with Rotary swung into action to devise a plan to help Ukraine. A Disaster Relief Fund was started and with support from all over the globe, more than **\$US15 million** was donated in a few months. With in-kind donations and grants directly to Clubs in Ukraine, John estimates that a total nearer \$US30 million has been donated. On a personal note, some of John's Rotary colleagues have lost jobs and businesses and some have joined the armed forces.

'Rotary in countries adjoining Ukraine has been very active in providing aid, support and shelter.'

So far around \$US12 million from the Response Fund has been disbursed through 359 grants to provide medicine, medical equipment, fire engines, ambulances and emergency housing. Rotary Clubs in neighbouring countries have been very active providing assistance in many ways, and interestingly, membership of the 62 Clubs in Ukraine has increased as people have seen the relevance and impact of Rotary in such dire circumstances.

'Rotary can help pick up the pieces when rebuilding starts'

John recounted the recent history of Ukraine and its pathway to independence and reflected on what effect the war with Russia will have on this process. After the vote for Independence in 1991 Ukraine was still a very divided country, with different language groups, different ethnic groups and no sense of national unity. There was also massive corruption and allegations of rigged elections.

Putin's actions in this war, where Russian speaking cities have been destroyed, has effectively created a unified Ukraine that will be unbreakable. As rebuilding takes place, Ukraine needs to take the final step of dealing with corruption and putting in place freedom of the press and a fair system of justice. This meaningful change will enable Ukraine to finally become a western democratic country.

In all this, when rebuilding starts, Rotary can help 'pick up the pieces', assisting with the needs of the people who will be suffering from the trauma inflicted on them.

Lessons for volunteers—Thamluang Cave Rescue

A fascinating session at the Zone 8 Conference was presented by Major Alex Rubin from Tenterfield who had an important role in the rescue of the Wild Boars soccer team, 12 children and their coach, who were trapped in a cave in Thailand for 9 days.

Alex was deployed in this role as he is the ADF's highest qualified Thai linguist and he was involved in risk assessment and strategy planning.

The story is familiar to many, especially with 3 movies and 2 documentaries since, but Alex's on-the-ground experience was enlightening. He described the harsh conditions inside the narrow tunnel network that covered the 4 km from the opening to the cave. It was very challenging, with 800-1000 people working in the narrow passageways with steep and slippery sections. It was hot, wet and stinky as excrement built up as moving outside for such purposes was impossible. Inexperience of the Thai divers caused problems and as we know, one Thai diver lost his life in the attempt. Various courses of actions were proposed and each was given an estimate of the loss of life that would result. The final solution that was used had to receive the approval of the King of Thailand and it was initially given an estimate of a loss of 30-60% of the children.



In preparation for the rescue, over 200 divers worked non-stop to build a supply of 100's of oxygen cylinders distributed along the passage to the cave where the team waited for rescue. As was detailed in the media worldwide, eventually over 2 days 11 specialist divers

were able to reach the children and in a miraculous result, brought them and the coach out with 100% survival. The success was in part due to Australians Dr Richard Harris and Craig Challen, two very experienced divers.

Alex reflected on some of the lessons from his experience that can be applied to other international aid efforts.

1. Sometimes too much help creates chaos. In this case the presence of over 1000 media, crammed into the spot in the jungle where the rescue effort worked from, put a great strain of provision of food and other resources.
2. Volunteers and donations need to be well co-ordinated to effectively reach the Point of Need.
3. Working in a different cultural context needs tolerance and patience as all those involved may have different understanding of the issues.

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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

DG Partner 2021-2022 Project Finale



- Hear from visiting Rotarian and team leader of Fiji West, **Millie**

Wata-Marshall

- Take part in a working bee cutting out PUL for the Fiji West team
- Enjoy a light supper and a chat



Growing '*Days For Girls*' in Fiji

Wednesday November 23rd at 7.00 pm

Mt Waverley Community Centre

47 Miller Cres, Mt Waverley

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7.00 pm - 10.00 pm

Calendars will be for sale that support Maternal Health projects in the Pacific region

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Sweet treats— Upwey Baptist Church between 9-11 am

November 10th	Pam, Corinne, Olivia and Tahlia, volunteer needed
November 24th	Marg, Fiona, Jenny, Anita
December 8th	Heather, Pam, Corinne, Olivia and Tahlia

Soup—FTG Guide Hall between 2—4 pm

November 16th	Marg, Jenny, Kate, Heather/Bob
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1812 Fundraising Theatre Night



BUNNINGS BBQ DATES

November 18th

December 16th



Another fundraising Theatre Night has been organised at 1812 Theatre, Rose St, Upper Ferntree Gully, on

Wednesday November 16th

To see **'The Woman in Black' at 8 pm**

Tickets are \$25 each and all ticket proceeds will go to the Club, to help fund our projects. Tickets are limited so ask your friends and family now, so that you don't miss out.

Tickets can be purchased by a direct deposit into the Club account. Please ensure you provide a reference with your name and 'Theatre night' with your deposit. Also email Kaye Sharman at kayesharman@bigpond.com to confirm your seats.

Bank details:

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'A ghost story like no other, a lawyer obsessed with a terrible curse he believes haunts him and his family, hires a young actor to help unburden the memory of The Woman in Black. A young solicitor is sent to settle a deceased estate and begins to experience strange occurrences. While the locals remain mysteriously silent, he continues to investigate until The Woman in Black reveals herself to him and her chilling purpose.'

Combining some of the oldest theatrical techniques with modern cinematic stylings, this incredible production relies on hints, atmosphere, glimpses and suggestions, heard and sometimes only half seen. One of the most effective spine-chillers you will ever experience.'

Dinner at the Royal Hotel, Upper Ferntree Gully, before the show, for those interested at 6 pm

- Happy birthday to Veronica on November 1st. No doubt the recent trip to NZ was a good chance to celebrate, but hoping you have a special day on your birthday.
- Thanks to Marg for giving us all a focus on the Melbourne Cup with a sweep and congratulations to Adrian and Sharif who had the winning horse. Sharif is the winner of the sourdough and Adrian the winner of the ANZAC biscuits.



Project 'Shoe Toss'



For the meetings in November and December we will be collecting old shoes to recycle through the scheme run by Tread Lightly and Save our Soles.

This scheme is designed to recycle some of the 100 million pairs of shoes that would otherwise end up in landfill in Australia and turn them into useful items such as flooring.

The shoes that can be recycled are any sort of sport shoe or casual shoe, but not business shoes or high heels. More detail can be found in the newsletter of September 6th.



A bag will be available at each of the meetings between now and the end of the year in which you can deposit any old shoes, so get your family and friends involved. We will be weighing the bags of collected shoes before they are delivered to the collection bins available in stores such as Rebel Sport and keeping a running tally. We already have 2.7 kg which has been collected by a keen reader of this newsletter, PDG Graham Woolcott from the Rotary Club of Glen Waverley.

District 9810 Conference 2023

Conference theme: Diversity

Venue: Realm Hotel 18 National Circuit Barton ACT

Date: 3rd —5th March 2023

Cost: \$295 including the Gala Dinner in the Great Hall of Parliament House
Early bird discounted price \$245 until 30th November



Saturday Gala Dinner Theme: 20s, 60s, 80s and the 'naughtys' or black tie.

Website via conference webpage link on Rotary District 9810 website: www.9810rotary.org.au

[Conference link](#) for booking



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At the Gala Dinner at the Zone 8 ANZPI Conference an award, the Ian Riseley Cup, was presented to the Australian District with the highest per capita giving to the Rotary Foundation in the last Rotary year, 2021-2022.



It was very exciting for club member IPDG Daryl that this distinction went to District 9810. He is shown here with PDG Alma Reynolds and DG Ken Miller with the cup.

The Rotarians present were reminded that the Rotary Foundation should be the 'charity of choice' for Rotarians.

The efficient operation of the Foundation, with the absolute minimum spent on overheads, ensures that donated money is directed to do the good works for which it is intended. The credibility of the Rotary Foundation has been endorsed for the 14th year in succession by the award of the highest rating possible by Charity Navigator.



HELP NEEDED - *There are still many empty spots on the Art Show roster which will need to be filled for this event to run successfully. Each member is asked to find at least one time that they can help out. Click [here](#) to go to the roster.*



The latest edition of the Rowville Lysterfield Community News is now available on-line. Click [here](#) for the link—the article about our Club is on page 8.

Let's support our members in their business endeavours.

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Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and production	Program
November— Rotary Foundation				
8 In-person/ hybrid	Corinne	Steve Mac	Stephen Carol John	Greg King End Polio Program Lee Baker Living with post polio syndrome
11th—13th	48th Knox Art Show			
15	No meeting due to Art Show and Theatre Night			
16	Fundraising Night—1812 Theatre ‘The Woman in Black’			
22 in-person/ hybrid	Ayanthi	Marg	Alan Ian Bob	DG Ken Miller District Governor visit A special night—all members are encouraged to attend.
29	5th Tuesday—Visit to Tiny Bear Distillery—details to come			
December– Disease Prevention and Treatment				
6 In-person/ hybrid	Jenny	John	Bob Ian Nathan	Scott White McCain’s Renewable Energy
Friday 9	Christmas Party at the home of Cheryl and Kevin Harrison			

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