

Rotary

Rowville Lysterfield



District 9810 Conference 2023

This week we heard from two Club members who shared with us a summation of the District Conference, which they both enjoyed a great deal.

Heather outlined the Friday pre-Conference activities, which were choices of a golf and bowls day, brunch at the National Gallery, or riding a 'Hop On, Hop off' bus. The Rowville Lysterfield bowls team (ie Daryl) came second in the bowls. The Club dinner Friday night, held at the Ostani Bar in the Realm Hotel, was a great way to all get together.

The Conference kicked off on Saturday with an enjoyable Welcome to Country, featuring song and dance plus didgeridoo playing. The RIPPR (Rotary International President's Personal Representative) Leanne Jaggs from NZ, was introduced, and made an excellent impression on all those present with her humour, openness and liveliness. As a relatively young RIPPR she also represents the modern face of Rotary.

The Conference sessions commenced with a presentation by Domenic Saprito on Mentor Match (see page 3 for more detail), followed by Robb Evans, who reappeared intermittently to focus on healthy lifestyles.

Dr Dinesh Palipana was the next speaker who moved everyone with his story of how he achieved his dream of becoming a doctor, despite becoming a quadriplegic after a terrible car accident. A memorable quote from Dinesh was that 'people won't remember what you did for them, but they will remember how you made them feel'.

John Elliot from RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness) outlined the value of this program. Frida Umhoza, who we heard recently at our Club, gave her moving story which focuses on the importance of resilience.



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

Heather Morris

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Carol took over from Heather to outline the rest of the Conference, starting with Johnathan Usher, who made his appearance several times over the weekend. Johnathan, a Past District Governor in NZ, provided light relief with his very clever magic tricks and comedy routine. He was hilarious. Past RI President Ian Riseley struck a more serious note as he delivered an important message about the Rotary Foundation. Grant Godino, the next speaker, gave an informative presentation about the LGBT+ Fellowship which raised the awareness of many of the audience about the need to be inclusive and the small changes in language that can make a difference.

The Gala Dinner Saturday Night was a night to enjoy with a great band and great friends. The Spangles made an appearance and were impressive, particularly with the aid of the backing band. Our Club members threw themselves into the dress up theme and looked terrific.

Sunday morning we heard from Disaster Aid Australia, which is a very effective Rotary project and one in which we could become further involved. Then followed a highlight of the weekend with the presentation by CHO Brett Sutton, as detailed in last week's newsletter. Peta Searle was the last key note speaker who spoke of her career in a male dominated industry.

The presentation by Alice Terrill and Daniel Du Bois, the District Rotaract Representatives, showcased the commitment of many Rotaractors across the District. However, it is evident that Rotaract needs a lot of support from the Clubs to really fulfil its potential.

The 2024 District 9810 Conference, the last as this District, will be held in Warrnambool, so it would be wonderful if a large contingent were to attend. Once an On-to-Conference Chair is appointed there will be more information available.



Carol Constantine

In the midst of the COVID pandemic, the Victorian Government invited start-ups to come up with ideas to connect International students to community. A successful program that evolved from this was MentorMatch, initially under the auspices of Rotary District 9800.

This program matches international students, aged between 18-21, with a mentor for a three month program. It is not intended to find a job for the student; is a means to build social connectedness and to connect the students with a mentor who can guide them. Training is provided for both the mentor and the student and there is no cost involved for the mentors. The aim is to meet up for various activities which can be on zoom or in person; it may be a visit to the footy or they may wish to help with a Buntings BBQ or some other project. The frequency of the meetings is entirely up to the mentor and the mentee.

MentorMatch is promoted by Study Melbourne which outlines the benefits to students of joining MentorMatch as follows:

- Build social connectedness and a relationship with a mentor who can guide you.
- Gain wisdom and clarity on your life, career path, and how you can develop your career
- Grow your local network and get involved in your community
- Find a sense of belonging and establish yourself and your skills

Art Show 2022 Report—Rajeev Wadhwa

Highlights of the 2022 Art Show were:

- The number of participating artists increased by 6%
- The number of art works displayed increased by 10%
- The number of artworks sold was 10 (in 2020 in was 0)
- The number of schools participating was 5
- Sponsorship reduced by \$4000
- Awards given \$5400
- Profit was \$5400. This was down on the last two years profit but as these shows were both virtual, there was no venue hire involved. Venue hire for 2022 was \$5852.

Thanks to the contacts made through Jeff, this year it is likely that the Art Show will have a new venue at the Waverley Golf and Bowls Club, and there will be no venue hire. An increased profit should result from this decision.



Domenic Saporito from
MentorMatch



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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



As outlined by PDG Daryl, volunteering at RICON23 will provide a wonderful opportunity to mix with the thousands of visiting Rotarians from all around the world. In particular, our Club members are encouraged to volunteer for the signature event on Saturday May 27th, the 'Night at the Museum'. The main task for volunteers on this night will be to direct guests to and from buses, to meet and greet at the front doors and to man an enquiry desk inside the front door.

Volunteers for this night **do not need to be registered** to attend the Convention, nor be booked in for this event. However, they **MUST** register as a volunteer. Some will be given a role inside while others will be outside. There will be food and drink provided for volunteers, plus a vest to identify the volunteers.

This event will run from 6.30 pm till 9.30 pm, with volunteers required for one hour either side of this time (TBC). There will be an on-line training module provided and a lot more information as the event gets closer. However, if you have further queries at this point, contact Daryl.

There are other opportunities for volunteers available throughout the Convention and there is a lot of information available about why you might consider volunteering available here, <https://rotarydistrict9800.org.au/Stories/ricon-23-exciting-volunteering-opportunities>

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

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 spirit!

Aussie BBQ food will be provided—BYO drinks—for a cost of \$25 per head (or \$26 for electronic payment). More details to come, but RSVPs will be required to Marg by April 15th. Note there will be no meeting at Tosaria's on that evening.

BUNNINGS BBQs

Next BBQ Dates

Saturday March 25th

Friday April 21st.



Friday March 17th

Bread collection: Jeff

Set up: Corinne, Les, Ian

9.00—12.30: Heather (Captain), Bob, Chris

12.30—4.00: Ian, Kaye, Jenny (Captain)

Clean up: Ian, Les. Corinne

Reserves: John (AM), Corinne (PM)



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FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY CARE—MUFFINS

Thursday March 23rd	Marg, Fiona, Sue & Pete, Jenny
Thursday April 6th	Marg, Heather, Corinne, Anita & Rajeev
Thursday April 20th	Kaye, Fiona, Sue & Pete, Jenny
Thursday May 4th	Marg, Heather, Corinne, Anita & Rajeev

THE FOUR WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

1 IS IT THE **TRUTH**?

2 IS IT **FAIR** TO ALL CONCERNED?

3 WILL IT **BUILD GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?

4 WILL IT BE **BENEFICIAL** TO ALL CONCERNED?



Rotary



The **Rotary Club of Ferntree Gully** has submitted an application and a project plan, which has been accepted, to the Dept of Justice and Empowering Communities project. The plan is to establish a “Youth Club” targeting high school students who lack opportunities due to financial, family or other situations. The students may have difficulties making connections, are disengaged or isolated from other young people, schools or the community, and may be vulnerable or at high risk. Students will be sourced from high schools in Knox.

The program is intended to start in second term 2023 and run 2024 (the grant is in excess of \$80,000.00) and will be held on a Friday nights, run fortnightly excluding school holidays.

A very brief overview of how an evening will be run for the students (capped at 45) would be:

- A hot wholesome meal on arrival
- 3-4 round robin activities & physical activity e.g., basketball, street dancing, etc
- A Life skills coaching session covering alcohol, drugs abuse and which can offer referrals for further assistance.
- Supper.

It will run from approx. 6.30-9.30pm at Fairhills High School.

The Grant covers (for approx. 20 sessions): fully qualified Life Skills Youth worker, qualified Youth worker, 2 Youth workers to coach and run activities, private catering and delivery of meals, bus transport home to ensure students safety, volunteer training, admin assistant for record keeping.

This project is to be a combined effort by the Knox Cluster clubs and is a major effort to assist the youth in the Knox area without the need to support the project with financial backing.

There is a lot of preparation required and a steering committee will be set up, which is meeting on Monday 20th March. This project is being led by Christine Anderson from the Rotary Club of Ferntree Gully. Christine will be visiting our Club on March 21st to give an update on the progress of this project.

Anyone who would be interested in being on the steering committee should contact President Kevin or Christine Anderson on 0458 366 543.

Recycling Update

Empty make-up containers can be recycled through some Priceline stores, for example the Priceline store at Knox. Please make sure that it is cleaned out as much as possible.

On March 28th Rotarian Ron Brooks will give a brief update on the foreign coin collection. If you have any bags of unwanted foreign coin lurking in a bottom drawer, please bring it along on that night to pass on to Ron.

- Our youngest member Nathan sent through an apology this week. He is finding his work very demanding at the moment, starting at 7.00 am and working through often to 8.30 pm. We look forward to seeing him at a meeting some time in the future. This is the challenge of running your own business, with which President Kev is very familiar too!
- Welcome back Chris after a visit to Qld with family from the UK. Apparently our weather was better in Melb!

Environment—Gary Forrest

World Environment Day will be held on Monday June 5, with the theme this year of

#Beat Plastic Pollution



There will be tree planting along the Dandenong Creek as part of the Queen's Jubilee tree planting and grant money has been made available for this project.

National Tree Day is on Sunday July 30 and the goal on this day is to plant one million native trees.

Gary has a role in organising tree planting along the Corhanwarrabul Creek for National Tree Day and he will be looking for assistance with this task. More details to come.



There is a meeting coming up for representatives of all the Environment groups in Knox, being organised by the Knox Biodiversity Officer. Gary and Ayanthi will attend the meeting.

International Report—Alan Lunghusen

Alan reported that new fans have been purchased for the compostable toilets on Kiriwina and have been sent to PNG, however, they are currently sitting in Customs. Alan will ensure that he continues to push to have them released from Customs as soon as possible.

Work to repair the damage to the toilets has begun, supervised by Emmanuel, who reports back regularly to Alan. The work was put on hold recently for several days due to the death of one of Emmanuel's grandchildren.

GWS Community Raffle—Heather Morris

Heather will soon receive bundles of raffle tickets for the GWS Community Raffle. This is an excellent fundraiser with little effort on the part of Club members, so please make an effort to sell as many tickets as possible. Each tickets sold means \$2 back to the Club.

Let's support our members in their business endeavours.

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Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and production	Program
March—Water, Sanitation and Hygiene				
21	Pete	Stephen	Jenny Alan Bob	‘What goes where?’ Recycling update from Knox Council—Victoria Gerrard Knox Nocturnal Youth Group Christine Anderson
28	Ayanthi	Jeff	Alan Bob Daryl	Orange Sky Annmarie Lambert —portable laundry service for rough sleepers Update on UNICEF coin collection Ron Brooks
April—Maternal and Child Health				
4	Kate	Marg	Daryl Ian John	Story Dogs
11	Kaye	Rajeev	Ian Nathan Alan	How to Maximize a District Grant Alan, Neil W, Marg
18	Murray	Carol	Alan Bob Stephen	Club Forum
25				No meeting—ANZAC Day ANZAC Adventure at Mansfield See page 4 for details

‘What Goes Where?’ - Knox Council recycling update

Next week’s meeting will provide the opportunity to become more informed about the use of the various bins for recycling, organic matter and landfill. Come prepared with all your questions.

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

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Foundation	Neil White (mentor) Adrian Klep
International	Alan Lunghusen (mentor) Arshad Samsudeen
Vocational	John Williams Neil Marshall
Membership	Ayanthi Gunatilake Gary Forrest

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