

Rotary

Rowville Lysterfield



Operation Cleft—Kevin Dobson

Our speaker this week is a member of the Rotary Club of Box Hill Central and a Board member of Operation Cleft Australia (OCA). Box Hill Central started Operation Cleft 17 years ago.

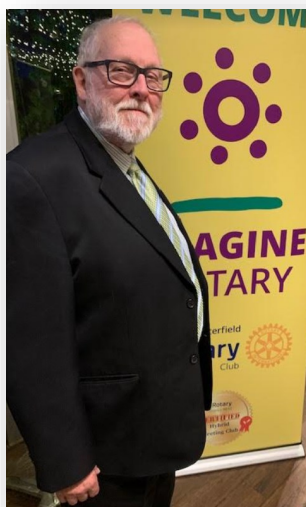
Operation Cleft provides free cleft repair surgery for underprivileged children of Bangladesh, providing hope and the opportunity to live normal and meaningful lives

The incidence of cleft defects is 1 in 700 births around the world, but in western countries it is repaired within a few days of birth. In Bangladesh such a defect can lead to eating issues, hearing loss, dental problems, speech difficulties and ultimately malnutrition. In Bangladesh 12% of children born with a cleft die under age 5 if the cleft is left untreated. Affected children often suffer social rejection, depriving them of education, employment, marriage and community acceptance. Mothers are sometimes punished as it is believed that the defect results from evil spirits or supernatural forces or possibly unacceptable personal conduct of the parents.

The Rotary Club of Box Hill Central chose Bangladesh for this project as it is poor country with a large population of 170 million, living in crowded conditions. Thirteen children are born every day with a cleft condition.

Operation Cleft is supported by over 400 Rotary Clubs around Australia and works in conjunction with a German organisation, Deutsche Cleft Kinderhilfe. The surgery is performed by Bangladeshi teams in surgery camps, which occur about once a month. The team consists of surgeons, dentists and plastic surgeons and the operation is fairly simple, costing around \$AU350 for one operation.

Since its inception OCA has provided funds for over 16,000 operations and it is hoped that 1750 operations will be performed this year.



Kevin Dobson

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
contact:*

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



**Home Club of
PDG Daryl Moran**

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Operation Cleft—Kevin Dobson

DCA's
commitment:

To improve the
lives of
underprivileged
children in
Bangladesh by
providing free
cleft lip and palate
repair surgery

Our goal is to
bring a smile to
the face of a child.



A transformed face brings a smile,
and brings acceptance, opportunity,
hope and a future.

Without Rotary Clubs,
without individual donors
there is no future and no
hope for these little guys.

**ONE GOAL
TO GIFT A SMILE
FOR LIFE TO
CHILDREN
BORN WITH
A CLEFT**



We have every reason to see this
as a proud Rotary LIFE CHANGING
project.

Our thanks to Kevin for a very informative and heartwarming message. The Club is very pleased to be able to make a donation of \$350 to Operation Cleft.

Rotarian Behind the Badge—Pete Batterham

Pete outlined his life, from his birth in 1949 in Murrumbidgee, school in that area, marriage in 1970 to Sue, who also went to the same school, and first home in Boronia. Along the way Pete and Sue became parents with the arrival of Fiona and David. Pete's first job was with the Commonwealth Public Service Tax Office but he soon moved to the Department of Labour. A job as the Director of the Department of Public Works led to a move to Canberra for 7 years with another career move to become the Director of the Royal Australian Mint, where he managed the non-operational functions. After 7 years in Canberra Pete looked for a new challenge back in Victoria and moved to work for the SEC as HR Manager, located in Yallourn. With the privatization of the SEC Pete was able to retire, at age 54, with a move to Traralgon. While in Traralgon, Pete was invited to join Rotary and hence began his more than 30 years of Rotary involvement.

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Rotarian Behind the Badge- Pete Batterham

Pete found the Rotary Club of Traralgon was very active and vigorous and he soon took on various roles, including over time becoming a Director, Bulletin Editor and President. With the arrival of grandchildren, Pete and Sue moved once again, this time to Berwick. This necessitated a change of Rotary Club, this time to RC Berwick. Once again Pete, and Sue, became very involved, taking on responsibility for running Deb Balls for three years. In this time they ran 8 Deb Balls, raising over \$70,000 for the club. Another great fundraiser for the Club was hiring out Art Show screens, which raised around \$25,000 per annum. A final move to Waterford Park brought Pete and Sue to RC Rowville Lysterfield. Pete has thoroughly enjoyed his involvement with Rotary and is happy to now be part of our Club.

Thank you Pete—we look forward to drawing on your experience and skills to help grow our Club and improve our fundraising.

Fundraising Theatre Night

Another fundraising Theatre Night has been organised at 1812 Theatre, on

Wednesday November 16th
'The Woman in Black'

To see



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.



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Bank details:

Name: Rotary Club of Rowville Lysterfield
BSB : 633 000
Acc number : 189618571

'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.'

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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

Please refer to the email from Rajeev that outlines in detail the manpower requirements for the Art Show. There is a link to a google doc for people to fill in the times they are able to help.

There is a lot of manpower needed so all members are asked to give their support to this activity.

The specific times to be covered and the tasks required are as follows.

Thursday 10th November

Various shifts between 9 am and 8pm involving setting up screens and receiving artwork.

Friday 11th November 9 am to 6 pm
Receiving and hanging art works, setting up the hall, setting up for the catering on Opening Night etc.

Friday 11th November From 7 pm
Attending the Opening Night
Some sales people required.

All Club members are encouraged to attend Opening Night. There will be a \$20 cost to attend to cover drinks and nibbles. Please encourage friends and family to come along as it will be a fun night and a chance to view the work of some very talented artists, perhaps even to acquire an original piece of art.

Booking is available through [this link](#).



Saturday 12th November

A few people are required during the open hours to wander around and keep an eye on things.

Sunday 13th November

General supervision required until 4.30 pm

From 4.30—8.00 pm, helpers will be required for dismantling the show, assisting buyers and artists to collect their art works.

This year the Art Show will also be virtual and can be accessed until Thursday November 24th.

For more details go to <https://knoxartshow.org.au>





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Sweet treats— Upwey Baptist Church between 9-11 am

October 27th	Marg, Nidhi, Kylie Wilson, 1 more needed
November 10th	Heather, Pam, Corinne, Olivia and Tahlia
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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Bunnings BBQ

9.00—12.30: Daryl, Jenny, Alan, Robyn (Captain)
12.30—4.00: Ian, Pete, Corinne (Captain), Philip Woiwod

Lift the Lid information and raffle table

11.00—12.30: Ian, Kevin
12.30—2.00: Kevin, Jenny

BUNNINGS BBQ DATES

October 21st

November 18th

December 16th



SHEBA Fundraising Dinner and Cultural Event

Coming this weekend. We look forward to an entertaining night and a delicious meal of Bangladeshi food.

The Club will be making a donation of \$4500 to this night with a further donation from Neil and Michelle White, making it up to \$5000.



Fundraising Dinner and Cultural Event 2022

Glen Waverley Community Centre

700 Waverley Road, Glen Waverley 3150

**22nd October 2022, Saturday
6:30 pm**



Sheba Primary Health Care Initiative

Women Empowerment Project

www.sheba.ngo

Contact: shebanet@gmail.com



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Conference website:

<https://conference2023canb.wixsite.com/conference2023d9810>

Lynn Whelan – Accommodation Co-ordinator:

lynnwhelanevents@hotmail.com or 0409 938 694

District Conference 2023 Video link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1JRX3ZOvfOaqxSgBnhWVKk61Sx5Ey5f9K/view>

While the Conference will commence on Saturday, there will be a program of activities to choose from on the Friday. These are: golf, bowls, continental brunch at the National Gallery, Hop-on-hop-off bus tour.

Friday night as usual will be chance to gather for a Club dinner.



Details of the 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.

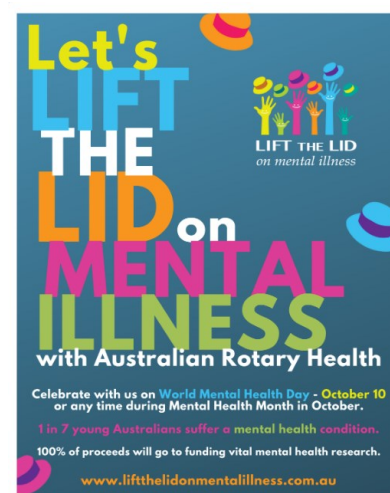
Website via conference webpage link on Rotary District 9810 website: www.9810rotary.org.au

[Conference link](#) for booking

- **Kaye** has sent an email from her cruise on the Danube to say that everything is wonderful—the food, wine and service are all five star.
- **Jeff** is continuing his wonderful tour of New Zealand with Veronica, zooming into this week's meeting from Lake Taupo.
- Travellers next week will be **Heather** and **Bob** who are heading to Canberra to be present for the birth of the next grandchild.
- Also travelling to Canberra will be **Daryl** and **Jenny**, who are going to attend the Rotary Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Islands Conference. This will provide the opportunity for them to catch up with Daryl's 'DG Class' for the first time since the initial training in 2019.
- As mentioned last week, **Rajeev** and **Anita** are flying to India to visit family, leaving on Friday. Safe travels to them both.
- **Corinne** is still suffering the effects of COVID, which has impacted her for almost two weeks. Luckily for us she has still been able to complete the required paperwork ready for the BBQ on Friday. We hope she starts to feel much improved soon.
- **Knox Rotaract** is pleased to announce the profit from their recent Macrame 'n' Sip night was \$2600. This money will go to Possible Dreams International, which is a charity that works with rural and remote communities in the Kingdom of Eswatini to empower families and individuals living with extreme poverty, malnutrition and endemic disease. The money will provide dignity packs which help girls to feel empowered and able to
- Our hearty thanks to Bunnings who have provided a conical fire pit as a prize for the Lift the Lid raffle on Friday, in conjunction with our sausage sizzle. Their support is very much appreciated.
- Please note that there will be no meeting on **November 1st**, due to Cup Day, and no meeting on **November 15th** following the busy weekend of the Art Show.
- The Theatre Night at 1812 Theatre is to be held on Wednesday November 16th. This is a good fundraiser for the Club as the ticket price comes directly to the Club. Booking details are on page 3.
- Our Facebook page is reaching in excess of 150 people per week—please like and share to extend our reach.
- There is the possibility of another grant from the Real Estate Institute of \$1500, this time to go to Gayle's Share Space. We wait to hear the result of this process.



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Let's support our members in their business endeavours.

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Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and production	Program
October— Economic and Community development				
22	SHEBA Fundraising and Cultural Event—see page 5 for details			
25 In-person/ hybrid	Julienne	Marg	Stephen John Ian	Liliana Phoenix Mornington Green Legacy Gardens
November— Rotary Foundation				
1	No meeting due to Cup holiday			
8 In-person/ hybrid	Corinne	Steve	Bob Carol John	Greg King End Polio Program Lee Baker Living with post polio syndrome
11th—13th	48th Knox Art Show—Opening Night on Friday 11th will be a great night for Club members to mingle			
15	No meeting due to Art Show and Theatre Night			
16	Fundraising Night—1812 Theatre 'The Woman in Black' - see page 3 for booking details. Invite your friends along.			
18	Bunnings BBQ			
22 in-person/ hybrid	Ayanthi	Marg	Alan Ian Bob	DG Ken Miller District Governor visit A special night—all members and partners are encouraged to attend.

Website: www.rowvillerotary.com.au

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

District 9810

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

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Treasurer	Neil White
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Immediate Past President	Murray Wilson
Director	Steve Macdonald

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Youth Service	Max Williams Jeff Somers (mentor)
Environment	Gary Forrest Ayanthi Gunatilake
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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Rowville Secondary College Council Rep Newsletter	Rajeev Wadhwa Jenny Moran Heather Morris
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On-to-Conference Art Show Committee	Heather Morris Rajeev Wadhwa James Wilson
Rowville Lysterfield Community News Correspondent	Jenny Moran
Fundraising Committee	Carol Constantine Julienne Hyams Adrian Klep Bob Morris Stephen Palamara Arshad Samsudeen Kaye Sharman

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An old version of windows...



Many of us will show our age
by relating to this!