

# Rotary

## Rowville Lysterfield



### Mornington Green Legacy Gardens—Lili Phoenix

Our speaker this week, Lili Phoenix provided thought-provoking information for us all.

Mornington Green Legacy Gardens aims to provide a green and sustainable alternative to a traditional burial. The site is 32 acres of garden which will eventually contain thousands of trees. The concept is that a client chooses a tree and a location. When the person passes away and is cremated, the ashes are treated with a scientifically derived formula to adjust the pH and hence detoxify the ashes. An additional ingredient turns the ashes into micro nutrients for the tree. A ceremony is held—an ash infusion- with the friends and family of the deceased present and in which they can participate. It is often obvious how much people let go of their grief during this process.

The appeal of Mornington Green to many clients is that there is a concept of the cycle of life—almost as if they live on in the tree. Most clients pre-plan and purchase a tree, from one of the 16 types of tree available, and the location for the tree. They can visit and watch the tree grow and are welcome to bring friends and family to enjoy the gardens and the facilities when they visit their tree.

Mornington Green provides a complete service which includes a celebrant, a plaque and refreshments in the Club House. Pets ashes can also be treated in the same way.

The concept at Mornington Green is to change the way we feel about death and about letting go and as the photo below shows, it is would certainly be a beautiful place to visit.

*Our thanks to Lili for her informative talk and giving us all something to think about.*



Lili Phoenix with a photo of Mornington Green

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



**Home Club of  
PDG Daryl Moran**

Alan reported that **RAWCS** (Rotary Australian World Community Service) has started a Victorian flood relief fund to assist those recently affected by the flood situation in this state. This follows on from a Flood Relief Fund for NSW which recently raised \$780,000 from Clubs all around Australia. So far around \$500,000 of this has been distributed, largely through the provision of \$500 debit cards to impacted families. Further planning regarding the Victorian Flood Relief Fund will occur at the Zone 8 ANZPI Conference this coming weekend.

Alan also reported that he has had terrible news from **Kiriwina Island**, where a tribal war has broken out that has resulted in the deaths of 33 people and 15 people going missing. He is of the belief that none of the people with whom he has worked over the years have been involved, but it is still very distressing to know that this can happen.



Carol reported that planning for the sale of **Christmas trees** is well underway. The trees will be sourced from a tree farm at Balnarring but it will require strong, fit people to do the collection of the trees as they will need to be lifted into the trailer. The price has increased this year and there is a lot of demand for trees. Selling will start the last weekend of November, so Club members will need to allow some time during this and successive weekends to be available on the sales roster.

President Kevin reminded us that October 24th was **World Polio Day** and stressed how important it is to keep supporting the Polio Plus campaign. If vaccination for polio ceased there would be 200,000 children per year impacted by polio within 10 years. It is concerning that evidence of polio have been picked up in sewage in various places, including New York, so there is still work to be done.

## Lift the Lid BBQ helpers



## Lift the Lid BBQ and raffle



The Lift the Lid BBQ and raffle raised **\$958.80** a wonderful result, which will go to help with research into mental health.

The Jumbuck Conical fire pit was won by 'Hugh', who was thrilled as he said he never wins anything!

Thanks to the team:

Corinne, Les, Ian, Alan, Robyn, Daryl, Neil W, Pete, Kevin, Jenny and Philip Woiwod, a friend of Kevin.

Thank you to Bunnings for the donation and to Fiona at Minuteman Press for printing the signs.

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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

## ARH – 2023 Ride for Medical Research

After seeing the enthusiasm of the 3 participants from our Club, Marg, Ian and Jeff, in the 2022 Ride for Medical Research, there may be other members of the Club who would be interested in taking part in 2023. The dates and route have been announced, with more detail to come soon.

This event involves not just riders but an extensive support crew, which may provide an opening for non-riders.

**Date:** 19th—24th March, 2023

**Location:** Staying each night in Bendigo and riding a total of 590 km over the 6 days.

**Information:** Visit [the website](#) for full details.

Club member Jeff Somers has joined the organising committee so would also be able to provide information.





Please refer to the email from Rajeev that outlines in detail the manpower requirements and has 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**

Sales people are required during the open hours

#### **Sunday 13th November**

Sales people are 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, Kylie Wilson, Nidhi, Sue & Pete
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 DATES

November 18th

December  
16th



## 1812 Fundraising Theatre Night



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

organised at 1812 Theatre,

To see

**Wednesday November 16th  
'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](mailto:kayesharman@bigpond.com) to confirm your seats.

Bank details:

Name: Rotary Club of Rowville Lysterfield  
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Acc number : 189618571



**2022 – SEASON SIX**

*'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.'*

- Birthday celebration this week for **Ayanthi** who will have a birthday on August 28th. Best wishes to you from us all.
- Plans are taking shape for our Christmas celebration. This will be held at Kevin and Cheryl's on **Friday December 9th**. Mark this date in your diary now.
- **Carol** set a record at the SHEBA night, wining BOTH 1st and 2nd prize in the raffle! As my mother would say, 'She is tinny'



## 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](http://www.9810rotary.org.au)

[Conference link](#) for booking







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A great night was enjoyed by all who attended. IPDG Dr Daryl Moran was the Guest of Honour and gave a stirring speech. Club International Chair, Arshad Samsudeen, spoke about the work of Rotary. Club member Dr Sharif gave an update on the work of SHEBA and was chief organiser of the night.



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Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and production	Program
November— Rotary Foundation				
1 No meeting	No meeting due to Cup holiday			
8 In-person/ hybrid	Corinne	Steve Mac	Bob Carol John	<b>Greg King</b> End Polio Program <b>Lee Baker</b> 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	<b>DG Ken Miller</b> 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	<b>Scott White</b> McCain’s Renewable Energy
Friday 9	Christmas Party at the home of Cheryl and Kevin Harrison			

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District 9810

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## 2022-23 COMMITTEES

<b>Community</b>	Marg Vesey (mentor) Kate Kidd Pete Batterham
<b>Youth Service</b>	Max Williams Jeff Somers (mentor)
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<b>Vocational</b>	John Williams Neil Marshall
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A thought for today

## OTHER ROLES

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One thing no one ever talks about when it comes to being an adult, is how much time we debate keeping a cardboard box because it's, you know..... a really good box.