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Rotary
Rowville Lysterfield



Newsletter 2023-2024



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Congratulations Murray Wilson appointed as Rotary Regional Community Leader for Community Group 3

Motor Neuron Disease - Professor Bradley Turner

This week's presentation, by Professor Bradley Turner on Motor Neuron Disease, was absorbing and highly informative. The interest he aroused in all who were present was indicated by the large number of questions to which he had to respond at the end of his talk.

Brad is Head of the Motor Neuron Research Group and Research Lead of the Protect and Repair Mission located at The Florey, Melbourne University. His group has a broad research interest in neurodegenerative diseases affecting the voluntary motor system in the brain and spinal cord.

Brad outlined that MND occurs when neurons in the brain are affected in a way that interferes with their neural connection to the muscles. Muscle wastage results and in time the brain neurons die. MND has a range of symptoms but is often first noticed with weakness in a limb, which spreads to other limbs. There is little treatment available, with only one drug in use, which only slows progress of the disease for 2 – 3 months. MND is always fatal.

Around 10% of MND is genetic and around 40 genes have been identified as playing a role in MND. Hence 90% is random. Anecdotal evidence suggests many factors that can have a role in causing MND, such as military service, head injuries and exposure to chemicals, but there is evidence that smoking doubles the chance of contracting MND.

Once diagnosed, an MND sufferer will generally only survive 2-5 years. The need for drugs that can slow the progress of this horrible disease is very urgent, but the testing pipeline, through the stages of pre-clinical testing, testing for safety through to a large scale test of the drug efficacy, is around 15 years. A clever process has been devised to speed up the process by using stem cells. Cells taken from the skin of a sufferer can be tricked into forming stem cells, which are then grown into brain cells. These cells can be examined with very sophisticated robotic microscopes and the use of AI to detect patterns not discernible to the human eye.

Brad's team has been working on a testing model using drugs that have been approved for other uses. With skin samples from 150 MND sufferers, many different drugs have been tested for their ability to slow MND. An exciting outcome of this research has been to find one drug that has had the desired result.

Brad outlined that there will need to be a number of drugs developed that act on different aspects of MND symptoms before sufferers will really gain any benefit. Brad also feels that collating data on the environmental context of sufferers should be a priority so that more is known about this aspect.

Rotary Meets weekly at
Tosaria's Café
60 Henderson Rd, Rowville
Tuesday, 6.30 pm
for 7.00 pm start
Meetings are hybrid
unless indicated

[Meeting Zoom Link](#)

Visitors are warmly
welcomed

Contact
President Carol Constantine
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Board meetings:
at 7.30 pm via zoom, all
members are welcome.



Home Club of
IPDG Dr Daryl Moran

Bunnings BBQ's 2024



BBQs are on the third Friday of the month. The roster is available via the link [Bunnings Roster 2024](#).

Family Care Uganda – School Support (RAOAF) RAWCS Registered

We are pleased to announce that the Family Care Uganda – School Support (RAOAF) with number [52-2023-24](#) on the RAWCS national website. PP Alan Lunghusen is recorded as the Project Manager and PP Margaret Vesey Deputy Project Manager with the sponsoring Club is Rotary Club of Rowville-Lysterfield, District 9810.

Inaugural Business Awards

As you are aware promotion of the Inaugural Business Awards has commenced. Nominations are now open. I encourage you to support the business awards by nominating your favourite business using this link <https://bit.ly/43G0iSc> or if you share the details with local businesses so they can submit a nomination.



the women's
the royal women's hospital
victoria australia

WHEN
Wed 1st of May 2024
@ 6:30 pm

COST
\$65 pp - Includes welcome drink & 2 course dinner

WHERE
TOSARIA'S RESTAURANT
60 Henderson Road
Rowville (off Kelletts Road)

ALL MONEY RAISED GOES TO THE ROYAL WOMEN'S HOSPITAL FOR RESEARCH INTO CERVICAL CANCER.
Guest Speaker: A leading researcher into Cervical Cancer, from the Royal Women's hospital.

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Girls Night Out

Please invite all your friends to the Girls Night Out on 1st May 2024. booking is available via the QR Code.

Book early to avoid disappointment !



Holland Festival

Remember to register as a volunteer to help with ticketing at the Holland Festival. Go to the website (link below).

<https://hollandfestival.org.au/volunteer-applications/>

This will be a great event to be part of!



Muffins & Soup Roster

Thursday 4 th April	Marg, Kaye, Corinne, Pete & Sue
Thursday 18 th April	Heather, Fiona, Rajeev & Anita, Jenny
Thursday 2 nd May	Marg, Kaye, Kylie, Pete & Sue
Thursday 16 th May	Heather, Fiona, Rajeev & Anita, Jenny
Thursday 30 th May	Marg, Kaye, Kylie, Pete & Sue
Thursday 6 th June	Heather, Fiona, Rajeev & Anita, Jenny
Thursday 20 th June	Marg, Kaye, Corinne, Pete & Sue

Program 2023-2024

Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and production	Program
April – Maternal and Child Health				
9	Kate	Murray	Bob John	Sandi Fulcher End Trachoma
16	Kaye	Marg	Kevin Alan	Trevor Withers & David Nutter Rally Driving Rasing Funds for Flying Doctors
23	Heather	Bob	John Daryl	Pete Cass Plastics Recycling
25	ANZAC DAY Services Breakfast @ Montania afterwards (tbc)			
27	Holland Festival 10am to 6pm			
28	Tree Planting – manage registrations with Kate			
May – Youth Service				
7	Kate	Jeff	Bob John	Blaze Aid, Disaster Recovery
14	Daryl	Jenny	Daryl Kevin	Planning 2024-25 PE Jenny Moran
21	Heather	John	Alan Bob	District Youth Report Daryl Moran
28	Kaye	Jenny	Daryl Ian	Planning 2024-25 PE Jenny Moran
June				
4	Kate	Bob	Bob John	Earlyact 2024 Office Bearers
11	Ayanthi	Marg	Kevin Alan	Bianca Hurle Rosehaven Services
18	Kaye	John	Bob Daryl	TBC
25	Club Changeover Night Welcome PE Jenny Moran as President 2024/25			

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July – New Leadership
August – Membership and New Club Development
September – Basic Education and Literacy
October – Economic and 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 Fellowship



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Secretary	Heather Morris	Newsletter	Peter Batterham
Treasurer	Neil White	Facebook	Stephen Palamara
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Membership	Daryl Moran Chris Golten		

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