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Rotary Rowville Lysterfield



Newsletter 2023-2024



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GUEST SPEAKER - Merlin Sykes, ROMAC

This week we welcomed Merlin Sykes to speak to us on ROMAC (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children). ROMAC commenced in March 1988 out of the actions of an Australian Rotarian who, with a group of surgeons, visited Lambasa in Fiji. They found the child mortality rate as high as 25% in some places. They quickly identified that lack of medical and surgical facilities and skills for children of the island nations in Oceania, was a major cause. Rotary faced the challenge to assist an 18-year-old Fijian girl whose right leg was threatened if immediate surgery was not performed.

During the next four years, eight children were brought to Australia for major, often lifesaving, surgery. Soon 20 Australian Rotary clubs were caught up in the success of each case and assisted in various ways. ROMAC established five regions representing clubs in the west, east, south, north and centre of the country.

A New Zealand region was formally established in 2004 and treated its first patient, from Vanuatu, in December 2005. The inaugural New Zealand region representative was Trish O'Reilly and Dr Max Morris, the first New Zealand Medical Director. It was a slow and steady process to promote the objectives and raise awareness of ROMAC in the New Zealand region, but the number of patients treated in New Zealand has risen to more than 25 patients per year.

ROMAC in New Zealand and Australia enlists assistance from medical experts, hospitals, nurses, physiotherapists, pathology and radiology services, airlines, sponsors and other supporters. Today ROMAC is providing surgical treatment to around 50 children from Oceania every year – we are making a huge difference in their lives.

Mission Statement - ROMAC provides surgical treatment for children in Australia and New Zealand from developing countries from our Pacific region in the form of life giving and/or dignity restoring surgery not accessible to them in their home country.

Objectives - Provide hope and restore dignity to transform a child's life; Provide the best possible surgical and medical expertise; Engage Rotary and the community at all levels to fund and support the ROMAC cause; To maintain and improve the quality of the management process and ensure high quality governance of the ROMAC project

Through Rotarian donations, ROMAC is able to provide Life Giving surgery to children and babies of our nearest Island neighbours because of the support and generosity of Rotarians and Rotary Clubs. It is suggested that clubs donate \$2,000 annually to ROMAC, something for our club to consider.

Thank you Merlin for your presentation and patience throughout our challenging internet experience Tuesday night.

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

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Home Club of
IPDG Dr Daryl Moran

Sponsor Marg Vesey's Ride for Rotary Medical Research

Marg Vesey
\$380 raised

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WHY I'M DOING IT
I'm inspired by the work of Australian Rotary Health and want to support them by participating in the annual Rotary Ride for Medical Research. Please help me to help ARH by giving whatever you can.
The more people who know about Australian Rotary Health, the greater their impact, so please also spread the word by sharing my page with your friends and family.
Thank you in advance for your generosity, it means a lot!

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Donating in Australian Dollars

Our wonderful Marg Vesey is embarking on the Rotary Ride for Medical Research, the **2024 Fruit Bowl Roll Tour**, and will ride up to 595km over 6 days. Please support Marg and sponsor her ride. Bob and Heather Morris are also attending the ride as a support crew to the riders. Marg, Ian, Bob and Heather head off on 3 March.
Sponsor Marg at - <https://rotaryrideforresearch.raisely.com/marg-vesey>

Clean Up Australia Day



Clean up Australia Day is on Sunday 3rd March from 9am-12 noon at 22 Monbulk Crescent, Rowville in the bowl of the court next to the reserve. Please support Kate and Gary if you can. This will be a fun morning and a chance to clean up so that the wildlife in the area can thrive.

Bunnings BBQ's 2024



Thank you to Alan, Robyn, Chris, Bob, Daryl, Jenny, Kaye and Ian for your assistance on 16th February. Thanks also to Kate and Jeff who were rostered on, however became ill and could not attend. The profit was \$1,137.10 – a great result!

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



FOOTHILLS
COMMUNITY CARE

Muffins & Soup Roster

Thursday 7 th March	Marg, Kaye, Corinne, Pete & Sue
Thursday 21 st March	Heather, Fiona, Rajeev & Anita, Jenny
Thursday 4 th April	Marg, Kaye, Corinne, Pete & Sue
Thursday 18 th April	Heather, Fiona, Rajeev & Anita, Jenny
Thursday 2 nd May	Marg, Kaye, Corinne, Pete & Sue
Thursday 16 th May	Heather, Fiona, Rajeev & Anita, Jenny
Thursday 30 th May	Marg, Kaye, Corinne, 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
February – Peace Building and Conflict Resolution				
27	Jeff	Rajeev	Ian Alan	Julie Kennedy Rowville Secondary College
March – Water, Sanitation and Hygiene				
5	Murray	Jenny	No Zoom	Packing Night Kits for End Trachoma
12	Jeff	Peter B	Bob John	Catherine Eggleston Clue Detective Puzzles
19	Heather	Bob	Kevin Alan	Rebecca Redfern All Abilities Tennis
22-24th	District Conference, Warrnambool			
26	Ayanthi	Kate	Ian Daryl	2024 Conference Reports
April – Maternal and Child Health				
2	Marg	Neil W		TBC
9	Kate	Jenny	Bob John	Sandi Fulcher End Trachoma
16	Jeff	Marg	Kevin Alan	Trevor Withers & David Nutter Rally Driving Rasing Funds for Flying Doctors
16	Heather	Bob	Ian Daryl	Pete Cass Plastics Recycling
30	Social Night			
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		TBC
28	Daryl	Jenny		Planning 2024-25 PE Jenny Moran
June				
4	Kate	Bob		TBC
11	Ayanthi	Marg		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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