

# Rotary Rowville Lysterfield



### Peter Markowich, Sea Shephard

Chair for this meeting, PP Jeff Somers, introduced Peter Markowich from Sea Shephard Australia. Peter began his presentation by explaining what Sea Shephard does and many of us were surprized by the global nature of the organization and the depth of resources that it is able to contribute to meet its objectives.

Sea Shepherd is an international, non-profit marine conservation organization that campaigns to defend, conserve, and protect the world’s ocean. Poachers plunder marine life sanctuaries with impunity, and illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing goes unchecked in the high seas far from the eyes of international authorities and public scrutiny. International laws and agreements exist to protect ocean wildlife and marine habitats, but they can be difficult to enforce because of lack of political will, insufficient economic resources, or transnational boundaries that blur jurisdiction. **Where a law enforcement vacuum exists, Sea Shepherd acts to fill that void.** Illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing is a global problem that threatens the health of marine ecosystems as well as the livelihood of coastal fishermen. Legal fishing operations that observe quotas and by-catch laws are already forced to compete for fewer and fewer fish, yet an estimated 15-40% of the total global catch is caught illegally. The problem is particularly acute for developing nations which often lack the resources to enforce local fishing laws, which is why Sea Shepherd works with governments like in Liberia and Gabon to make a real difference for the future of our ocean.

Sea Shepherd has been using direct action to stop illegal whale poachers around the world since 1979. After commercial whaling almost drove whales to extinction, a global moratorium was put into place in 1986. However, some countries have refused to recognize the ban. Norway and Iceland continue commercial whaling, and the Faroe Islands continue to kill pilot whales and other cetaceans traveling through their coastal waters. The Japanese send their fleet all the way to the Southern Ocean Whale Sanctuary each Austral summer to slaughter hundreds of whales under the guise of “scientific research”, a claim rejected by the IWC as well as the International Court of Justice and the Australian Federal Courts. Since the first trip to Antarctica in 2002, Sea Shepherd’s Southern Ocean Whale Defense direct-action campaigns have successfully prevented the slaughter of over 6000 whales. Sea Shepherd has also opposed the slaughter of seals in Canada since 1978. Despite a ban on the import of seal products into the US and EU, Canada continues to club thousands of seal pups to death every year.

Peter gave us a number of examples of pollution by Commerce – plastics are a major issue with firms like Coke indicating that they won’t change their practices until there is a commercial benefit to them. We’ve all seen footage of plastic pollution in the oceans and the size of the swirls, eddies and floating masses that will not breakdown and if we don’t do something about will only increase in size.

Peter took a number of questions before Chairman Jeff thanked him for his presentation with Rotary Club of Rowville Lysterfield.

*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

Contact

Carol Constantine

Hybrid Meeting

[Meeting Zoom Link](#)

*Board meetings: first  
Monday of the month  
at 7 pm by zoom.*

*All members are  
welcome to attend  
but cannot vote.*



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## Regionalisation - Establishing Community Groups

### Zone 8 Regionalisation Community Groups

Last week discussions were initiated regarding Zone 8 Regionalisation requirement to submit our survey on Rotary Community Group (RCGs). This week we will workshop the following survey questions ...

- What are the areas your club is most passionate about? (multichoice)
- List your club's biggest strengths (3).
- List your club's biggest challenges (3).
- What do you imagine your club could achieve with increased support and collaboration?

Upon agreement of the four questions above, we can discuss, together or in our groups 'What is your club's preferred primary way of being grouped with other clubs?' This may need to continue to the following week's meeting to ensure time for comprehensive discussion.

It is important to note that the survey requires us to select how often the Rotary Community Group would meet, please consider the practicalities involved as well as each members ability to commit. The options are -

- Once or twice a year in person
- Three to six times a year in person
- Annually in person, with online meetings in between
- Always or mainly online, once or twice a year
- Always or mainly online, three to six times a year or - Other (please specify)

## Foothills Community Muffins & Soup Roster

Thursday October 19th	Marg, Anita & Rajeev, Heather, volunteer required
Wednesday October 25 <sup>th</sup> – soup	Kate, Brenton, Heather (last one for the year)
Thursday November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kaye, Fiona, Sue & Pete, Jenny
Thursday November 16 <sup>th</sup>	Marg, Corinne, Anita & Rajeev, Heather

## Sheba Fundraiser



### Sheba Fundraising Event 2023





Primary Health Care Initiative  
Community Development Projects

**28<sup>th</sup> October 2023**  
**Saturday, 6.00 pm**

**Mount Waverly Youth Centre**  
**47 Miller Cres, Mount Waverley 3149**

**Dinner Contribution \$40**

Book here <https://www.trybooking.com/CMBYD>

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Book Here

Use the **QR Code** to book your tickets. Our club is working with the Sheba Eye Care project, so please support this important night.

## Fundraising – Knox Art Show

This year's Show is a combined Physical Exhibition and Online Virtual event:

- Opening Night 7.00pm on Friday 10th November 2023
- Virtual Art Show finishing on Sunday 19th November 2023

We will have another great range of works from local and regional artists.

The art presented will cover a variety of styles and subjects, all will be keenly priced.

We look forward to your support again for this year's show.

At our new location:

Churchill-Waverley Golf & Bowls Club, 82 Bergins Road, Rowville 3178



Book for opening night and view the virtual art show <https://knoxartshow.org.au/>

Registrations for the Gala Night are:

- General Public - \$20.00
- Exhibiting Artists - \$10.00
- Sponsors - no charge
- Award and Prize winning Artists - no charge

Join us for light refreshments: finger food, wine, beer, and soft drinks.

## Forward program 2023-2024

Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and production	Program
<b>October – Economic and Community Development</b>				
10	Jenny	Daryl	Kevin John	David Esmore Disabled Sailing
17	Kaye	Jenny	TBC	Date Cutto, Greyman
24	Kaye	Max	TBC	Melissa McShane Bionic Institute
28	<b>Sheba Fundraiser – Saturday 6pm,</b> Mt Waverley Community Centre, 47 Miller Cres, Mt Waverley			
31	Tour of Parliament with Kim Wells Spring Street, Melbourne			
<b>November – Rotary Foundation</b>				
7	<b>Melbourne Cup Day Holiday (No Meeting)</b>			
14	Jeff	Max	TBC	<b>Annual General Meeting</b> EarlyAct members visit us
21			TBC	Catherine Eagleson Clue Detective Puzzles
28	Social Night – Italian Restaurant Dinner Angelette Authentic Italian			
<b>December – Disease Prevention and Treatment</b>				
5	Gin Tasting Night, Little Bear Distillery			
12		Carol	TBC	Wrap up meeting for 2023
15	<b>Christmas @ Carol's</b> Enjoy a traditional Christmas Dinner			

Newsletter  
2023-2024



**CREATE HOPE**  
in the **WORLD**

**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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