

UNITE FOR GOOD

Rotary Rowville Lysterfield



NEWSLETTER 10, SEPTEMBER 2ND, 2025

**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 otherwise

[Zoom meeting link](#)

Visitors are warmly welcome

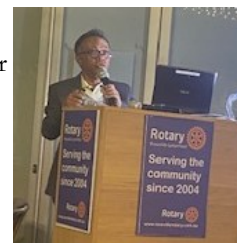
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**President Bob Morris
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This week's speaker– Dr. Sharif (SHEBA)

This week, our very own Dr. Sharif described the progress that has been made in Bangladesh over the last 12 months with the Social Help Endeavour for Bangladesh (SHEBA) Project. Its main focus is to provide primary healthcare to disadvantaged communities.

After serving one community for the past 11 years, a Sheba Health Centre has been established in a rural area near the capital city. The centre was opened a couple of weeks ago on 20th August and the opening ceremony was attended by both Dr Sharif and Alan our International Chair via Zoom and the SHEBA treasurer in person.



The centre offers health promotion, preventative, curative and emergency services including minor surgeries, ECG, oxygen therapy, nebulising, antenatal and post natal care as well as pre/post hospital care and was based on a large survey of the community needs. The centre cannot handle all the patients in the area but does refer people to Government and non government hospitals as necessary. It operates 5 days a week with a budget of \$1900 a month. It is a larger centre with state of the art facilities by Bangladeshi standards and has been fully computerised with record keeping, accounting and prescription software which is very rare in Bangladesh. There are 2 very experienced GPs who have post graduate general practice training and also a husband and wife team of GPs and consultations are charged at AUD 1.20 with follow up consultations costing 60cents. The aim is to generate at least 25% coverage of their expenses from this charge and the good news is that, even at this early stage, they are achieving 30%. The centre is remotely monitored by Dr. Sharif from Australia with a series of cameras. The consulting rooms are not part of this monitoring.

The Vision Care Program is totally free for patients and began in 2023 with the aim of running 25 camps. The project is very well run with many checks and balances to ensure that everything is running as it should. Everyone who attends a camp is registered and there are public representatives who check these registrations and record them in both digital and hard copy form. All items that are provided are checked against these records, so that everything can be accounted for. Since inception, the program has screened in excess of 2500 patients, distributed 742 pairs of glasses and performed 265 cataract surgeries. If we collect glasses to send to Bangladesh, they must be either single vision glasses or magnifying glasses. Bi focal glasses cannot be accepted as these require an exact match with a patient.

There has been a significant holdup over the last half year as the Eye Specialist was involved in a major accident which required spinal surgery and rehabilitation. It was decided not to use junior doctors to perform the eye surgeries and wait for the surgeon to recover. He is now back performing these vital surgeries.

Although more surgeries could have been performed since 2023, Dr. Sharif stressed the importance of the dissemination of information to around 30,000 people and of the importance of the screening program. The program has had a wide reach with information largely being spread by patients and their families.

Dr. Sharif will be visiting Bangladesh soon and has encouraged us all to think about travelling to Bangladesh in December 2026 to see for ourselves how this project is impacting lives.

We don't see Dr. Sharif very often, but it is clear that he is doing a lot of work behind the scenes for SHEBA. Thank you for sharing the progress of your life changing project with us.

Book your spot at this year's fundraising dinner today (see flyer on page 3).



**Satellite Club meets
at Tosaria's Café**

Alternate Thursdays at 7:30am

Contact :

**President Kevin Harrison
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Home Club of

DGN Murray Wilson

PDG Daryl Moran



MUFFINS and SOUP ROSTER

04 September Muffins	Kaye, Sharon, Corinne, Heather & Bob
18 September Muffins	Marg, Fiona, Pete & Sue, Anita & Rajeev
24 September Soup	Kylie, Kate, Robyn W
25 September Muffins	Kaye, Jenny, ????, Heather & Bob
09 October Muffins	Marg, Fiona, Pete & Sue, Anita & Rajeev



FOOTHILLS
COMMUNITY CARE



******Need a volunteer for muffins on 25th Sept please. If you can help, let Kate know.**

PROGRAM

Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and Production	Program
SEPTEMBER - Basic Education and Literacy				
9th September	Marg	Robyn W	Andy R Alan	Member Behind the Badge - Tony Harrison
16th September	Heather	Marg	Alan Ian	Update on Family Care Uganda - Robin Yamaguchi
23rd September	Jeff	Jenny	Ian Daryl	Lite Haus - Jack Growden
30th September	NO MEETING - SOCIAL NIGHT			
OCTOBER - Economic and Community Development				
7th October	Kate	Daryl	Daryl Kevin	TBC
14th October	Carol	Max	Kevin/Andy R	Safety - Alan Richmond (Knox SES)

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FRI 5th SEPTEMBER - KNOX NOCTURNALS BINGO NIGHT– Senior Citizens Hall, FTG

SUN 7th SEPTEMBER - MAKERS AND BAKERS MARKET - Rowville Community Centre

SAT 20th SEPTEMBER - FUNDRAISER FOR MSA (in memory of Adrian Klep) - details to come

TUES 30th SEPTEMBER - CLUB DINNER - Caesar's, Upper Ferntree Gully

SAT 4th OCTOBER - SENIORS FOOD FESTIVAL - Officer Sikh Gurdwara, 33 Officer Rd, Officere

THURS 9th OCTOBER - KNOX BUSINESS AWARDS - Waverley Churchill Golf and Bowls Club, Rowville

SAT 18TH OCTOBER - SHEBA FUNDRAISER - Glen Waverley Community Centre



SOCIAL NIGHT - CLUB DINNER at CAESAR'S UFTG



The fifth Tuesday in September is not far away and Kaye has organised a Club Dinner.

TUESDAY 30th September
6:30pm

Caesar's Restaurant
1182 Burwood Hwy
Upper Ferntree Gully

Please let Kaye know if you will be attending

UPCOMING EVENTS



Bookings:

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1451283>

BERWICK ANTIQUE AND COLLECTABLES FAIR AND THE NEXT BUDGERIGAR SHOW

both on SUNDAY 26th OCTOBER

We will need volunteers to help with both of these events

The fair has 36 out of 38 stalls already booked and there will be a Coffee Van this year instead of the café



Rotary
Rowville - Lysterfield

Sheba Fundraising Event 2025

18th October, 2025
Saturday, 6:00 PM

Glen Waverley Community Centre
700 Waverley Rd, Glen Waverley 3150

BOOK NOW at
<https://www.trybooking.com/DFIRU>
www.sheba.ngo





\$50
Dinner Contribution

Get more details Mail us:
shebanet@gmail.com

Use the QR Code to book your place at the Annual SHEBA Fundraising Event
SATURDAY 18TH OCTOBER

Member news snippets...

SEPTEMBER Birthdays

9th - Kevin
15th - Tony
18th - Daryl



- Lots of apologies for the meeting this week from quite a few travellers in Paris, Barcelona and Livorno (near Florence) in Italy!
- John W attended the meeting from Leicestershire in England and is looking forward to meeting Kath in Barcelona in a couple of weeks.
- John P and Mary are on a 21 day cruise on The Queen Victoria visiting Italy, Spain and Croatia. They will finish this trip off with time in the Italian Lakes area and the Swiss Alps.
- Several sickies this week, suffering with a flu like virus.....get well wishes to Heather, Rajeev and Ratnarcar.

Andy blitzed his 116km goal and walked 270km in August. He is now hoping that people will support him to achieve his goal of \$500 in donations.

If you would like to support Andy by donating to this wonderful cause, please use the QR Code or link below.



<https://fundraise.nbcf.org.au/fundraisers/>



BUNNINGS

Last Friday's Bunnings BBQ raised \$746.40 despite the not so great weather and a very slow morning. Thanks go to Ian and Marg for their leadership and coordination and to the team - Alan, Robyn, Corinne, Sharon, Howard and Ian (who also worked the afternoon shift).



NEXT BUNNINGS BBQ FRIDAY

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1yZ2CCLKH5cvbJSV1ZpT46xipsngO9Ir1BXYB6B5axeo/edit?usp=sharing>



Makers and Bakers Market at the Rowville Community Centre, Fulham Road Rowville.

NEXT SUNDAY
7th SEPTEMBER
9am—2pm

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/16QvHXSGDYayD5DYgq0mZkKUC-rNe3MLA/>

Westfield Local Heroes 2025



Sally Beard, founder of Backpacks 4 VIC Kids, has been selected as a finalist in the Westfield Local Heroes Fountain Gate 2025 competition. We have supported Sally and this wonderful charity for a number of years in a variety of ways. It would be great to see Sally win as she would certainly make a very worthy winner.



The first prize of \$20,000 for B4VK (if she wins) would be such a great boost for the wonderful work that they do in helping kids who are taken into care as a result of their troubled home lives.

Please support Sally by clicking on the link to vote for her, and feel free to encourage family and friends to do the same.

[Vote for your 2025 Westfield Local Hero](#)

Voting closes next Monday 8th Sept

New AV EQUIPMENT FOR OUR MEETINGS

The new Audio Visual equipment was up and running for the meeting last week with our Guest Speaker Dr. Ray Hodgson Zooming in from northern NSW.

Although there were a couple of issues with microphones and the audio side of things, these will be ironed out in the next couple of weeks and Alan will be looking forward to some feedback from members

Overall, it was a great success and took no time at all to set up, giving Alan some time for fellowship, for a change!



Knox Nocturnals



Rotary Clubs of Knox

BINGO NIGHT

Gather your family, friends, and fellow bingo enthusiasts for an evening of games, prizes and fun

In Support of KNOX NOCTURNALS YOUTH PROGRAM

Cash Prizes, snacks, coffee, drinks available, \$3 books, bring a plate and some gold coins for raffles, and games.

FRIDAY 5th September
Arrive from 6.15 PM, Eyes down at 7.00 pm

Senior Citizens Hall
160 Underwood Road Ferntree Gully

\$10 Entry per person
Includes a raffle ticket for our door prize

Book online at: <https://www.trybooking.com/DETLA>

For All Enquiries
Contact **Stephen Palamara** on 0419 004 125

Scan To Book

The recent Bingo Night to raise funds for Knox Nocturnals Youth Program was such a great success that they are having another one on FRIDAY 5th September.

Come along and join in the fun whilst supporting a great youth project.

BOOK NOW!!

DG REQUEST

President Bob, informed the meeting of a discussion with Peter Behm, our District Governor regarding an initiative that he's planning, to improve the awareness of Rotary as a whole. The DG has come up with a plan which involves Palace Cinemas, where we can have Rotary advertising on their screens. To be able to do that, we as a club, have been asked to produce a short video, doing some sort of project. It cannot involve any other organisation and has to be specifically Rotary, dressed in Rotary gear, so that it's really, really obvious that it's Rotary having fun. We need to come up with an idea that would fit the brief. There were 2 suggestions made. One was our Makers and Bakers Market which is on next Sunday. The other was our plot at the Knox Community Garden which could do with some maintenance and care. If you have any other suggestions please let Bob know.

In other news.....

END POLIO NOW **WORLD POLIO DAY**
IS 24 OCTOBER



October is polio month on the Rotary calendar. There has been some very positive news in the last couple of weeks regarding pop ups and Sharon has been asked if she can find somewhere we can have a pop up on Friday the 24th October. Watch this space for news of where it's going to be, but we are going to try and have some sort of pop up for polio awareness.

The District Primary Schools Speech Competition Final will be held at Doncaster Secondary College, 123 Church Rd Doncaster on 26th November at 6:40pm for a 7:00pm start. Our 1st and 2nd place awardees, Levon and Audrey will be attending. All members are invited to attend in support of these students.

INVITATION

We have been invited to the Officer Sikh Gurdwara, for their Seniors Food Festival. They are asking for our support with either a home cooked vegetarian meal or to come along and assist in the cooking of meals on the day.

Cooking starts at 10am and serving of meals from 1pm on the 4th October at Officer Sikh Gurdwara
33 Officer Rd, Officer

DISTRICT 9815 CONFERENCE 13-15 MARCH, 2026



<https://rotary9815.org.au/page/district-conference-2026>

2026 CONFERENCE

Early Bird OFFER

From 1st August 2025 - 31st December 2025

**FULL CONFERENCE including
GALA DINNER - \$295**

**(Includes a green Polo
Conference Shirt)**

From 1st January 2026—\$340

**Friday sport/social events & Friday
Club Dinner are extra**

SATELLITE CLUB - KNOX BUSINESS NETWORK



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Treasurer: Neil White
Vice President: Fiona Johns

Meeting timetable for the rest of the year:

July	10, 24
August	7, 21
September	4, 18
October	2, 16, 30
November	13, 27
December	11

Come and join us at Tosaria's @ 7:30 AM
and expand your business
and also make a difference through **Rotary**

Let's support our members.....



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