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## March is Rotary's Water and Sanitation Month

**Tonight; Visit to Simon Law's workplace**

**Partners' Night, 5:15 for 5:30pm start the tour, followed by a BBQ  
BYOG, \$25 per person.**

**Numbers are needed by Monday 13 Mar 2023, noon. >> PLEASE LET LOUISE KNOW <<.**

**Entrance Princes Highway, opposite Gardenhaven Nursery**

### Future Programs:

21 Mar; Captain Scott Phillips, HMAS Albatross  
Introduction: John Hozack  
Vote of Thanks: Jo Jones

28 Mar; Club Assembly, come along and join in the discussions.

### April is Rotary's Environment Month

4 Apr; TBA

11 Apr; TBA

18 Apr; Sean Phillips; Returned Servicemen's League

25 Apr; NO MEETING? (ANZAC DAY)

### May is Rotary's Youth Service Month

2 May; Turkish Ambassador to Australia, Ufuk Gezer

**Birthdays:** 13 Mar; Deb Fondacaro  
(sorry I missed Deb's birthday last week),  
19 Mar; Craig Saunders.  
**Anniversaries:** None this week.

### Club's Calendar

17 Mar		PETS and Learning-Development, Merimbula
25 Mar	Sat	NSW State Election
25 Mar	Sat	BOF Ball at the DLC Bar duties
30 Mar		PETS and Learning-Development, Orange
31 Mar		Preregistration discount ends for the RI Convention
8 Apr	Sat	Taste of the Sea, Civic Centre Bar duties
9 Apr	Sun	Easter Sunday, Helpers - please
10 Apr		<b>Our Club's Anniversary</b>
25 Apr	Tues	Anzac Day Dawn Service and March
25 Apr	Tues	NO MEETING?
30 Apr	Sun	Men's Health Van
16-18 June		StoryFest
27-31 June		RI Convention Melbourne
30 July	Sun	Milton Mollies, Bar Duties
10 Oct		Hat Day, Lift The Lid on mental illness

**PLEASE NOTIFY apologies and guests to Louise Garrett, 0432 091 991 [loumqarr@optusnet.com.au](mailto:loumqarr@optusnet.com.au) by NOON ON MONDAY.**

**If you don't notify your non-attendance, the club will need to charge you.**

**If your attendance is in doubt, please apologise and if you turn up, the caterer will not mind extras.**

**If a member nominated for a duty is unable to fulfil this function, or does not wish to do it, PLEASE arrange a replacement and let the Bulletin editor know.**

## Meeting Report, 7 March 2023

PP Phil Brown, chaired the meeting, and welcomed all including our guest speaker Rosemary Castle and Leonie Smith.

Phil mentioned the Milton Follies, need bar duties, and a donation,

ROMAC newsletter received, Information on NYSF,

Children's Emergency Fund,

Men's Health Van will be here Sunday 30 April 2023,

Auditors' report received, ANZAC Day service,

Phil gave the Club Service report,

We need an Environment Officer after the resignation of Peter Hodge.

**Almoner Bill Harris; Rob Powell** had a fall, **Gordon Young** is on his feet and uses a walker and **Tony Fondacaro** had his knees operated on.

**Yvonne Young** thanked the helpers at the Steak Bar, Milton Show, **Simon Brown, Jo Jones, Louise Garrett, Avril Pryor, Dom Fondacaro, Yvonne Young and Leonie Smith.** *Thank you.*

**Leonie Smith;** needs help for crowd control on Easter Sunday, the Parade will start at 10:30,

BOTF Parade posters are available,

BOF Ball bar duty helpers are needed,

Taste of the Sea; Sat 8 April at the Civic Centre, 5:30 for 6:00pm start, \$100 per person with live music, sea food (such as oysters, tuna, prawns ...) and a drink on arrival, members will look after the bar, with tables of 8. The Fishing Coop are donating some of the seafood. Bar helpers and ushers are needed.

**Guest Speaker Rosemary Castle**, the District Ambassador for Operation Cleft, Rotarian from RC of Woden Daybreak, came from Canberra to address us. Rosemary said that the Operation Cleft team do make a huge difference to the children at a cost of \$350 per operation, great value for money, and training of professionals is invaluable. Operation Cleft is a unique Rotary project that provides free cleft repair surgery for underprivileged children in Bangladesh.

Cleft palate and or lip happens when the lip or palate don't join in one side or both sides. Most cases they treat are both sides, clefts are caused by genetic factor, malnutrition, environmental factors, such as exposure to chemicals. In Australia it occurs to one newborn out of 800 and in Asia one in 500.

Operation Cleft helps the poorest of the poor, if left untreated 12% of babies born with clefts die by the age of five or become deaf by the age of twelve as they have problems with eating, swallowing, depression and prone to ENT diseased.

Our club since 2008 helped around twenty children, the \$350 covers the surgeon fees, hospital, medications, ultrasound and x-rays and eventually they lead a normal life. The Rotary Club of Box Hill Central is the driving force behind Operation Cleft and started in 2005.

Operation Cleft Australia's mission is to provide 1,500 free, cleft repair surgeries each year to children enabling them to live normal and meaningful lives.

Children after the operation require speech therapy, ENT care, dietician, paediatrician and orthodontic treatment. More about the program or to donate, check <https://www.operationcleft.org.au/home/>

Rosemary's talk was informative specially to our new members and showed photos of before and after the operation.

***Another Rotary initiative to make us proud to be Rotarians and to be part of this great organisation.***



Before



after



***Thank you, Yvonne Young for once again sharing your award-winning fruit cake with all in attendance.***

***End of report.***