



Meeting Details

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

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Meeting Zoom link
[here](#)



Home Club of
IPDG Dr Daryl Moran



President Kevin Harrison



Our first meeting back was a casual dinner held at Poppies Restaurant at the Upwey Belgrave RSL. There was a palpable air of joy as everyone caught up with happenings over the Christmas and New Year period.

A number of those present also visited the RSL Museum, which has an impressive collection of artifacts, dioramas, reproductions of uniforms and equipment and other assorted memorabilia.



(L) One of the displays in the Museum
(R) Daryl and Jenny's granddaughter Natalie got into the spirit, manning a German machine gun.



The food at Poppies is excellent and much of it, such as pasta, sauces and desserts, is made on the premises. Well worth a visit! Our thanks goes to the staff who opened especially for us on this occasion.





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Egg cartons

A request has come from Foothills Community Care to pass onto them unwanted egg cartons. These can be brought to a meeting and passed on, through Corinne, to Les, who is a regular volunteer at Foothills Community meals which takes place in the Ferntree Gully Guide Hall.

Recycling items at Biome at Brickworks.

A recent trip to Biome to deliver multiple bags of tablet blister packs provided the opportunity to photograph the container of these recycled items displayed in the front window of their shop. No doubt many of these have come from our Club collection. Keep it up!

Other items that can be recycled at Biome are old toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes (cut in half and cleaned out), bread tags and a range of other items. Check out their [website](#) for details.



Biome sends many of the recycled items to a Waste Management company called TerraCycle, which is developing recycling solutions for waste streams that are not typically locally recyclable.

Their website is also worth a visit—[click here](#).

Worn out shoe recycling

A reminder that worn out shoes that are too old to donate to an Op Shop can still have usefulness by being broken down into component parts. There are many places where shoes can be dropped off, including Rebel Sport and Hush Puppies at Knox City. Check out details at the website of [Tread Lightly](#).

Rotary theme for each month

July— New leadership

August— Membership and New Club Development

September— Basic Education and Literacy

October— Economic and Community 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 Fellowships



Rotary International President Elect Gordon McNally

At the recent International Assembly in Orlando, Florida, RI President-elect Gordon R. McNally announced the theme and logo for his year as President, 2023-2024. The theme calls for Rotary to create hope in the world by working for peace and mental wellbeing. Gordon urges members to engage in tough conversations and earn the trust that's necessary to realize these values.

The theme and logo were inspired by an experience in 2006, when visiting areas of Thailand that were devastated by the tsunami in 2004. A local woman who had lost everything in the tsunami, including several members of her family, insisted on giving Gordon McNally a beautiful shell that had been in her possession for 30 years.

This was a gesture of gratitude for the help that Rotary had given to that area after the tsunami, when new homes, a community centre and a childcare centre were built. But importantly, the gift was thanks also for the hope that this help brought to her and others in her community.

The shape of the logo reflects the beautiful spirals within this shell and the colours of the world around us.

Packing Day at Backpacks4 VIC Kids—Feb 1st

Our Club has received a Foundation Grant of \$9000 for Backpacks 4 VIC Kids, which is sufficient to provide 76 ME packs.

To follow through this process, a working bee will take place at the Backpacks factory on **Wednesday February 1st**, to pack Backpacks. These backpacks go to children who are taken into out-of-home care when their home environment is deemed unsafe and provides some necessary items such as toiletries and some comfort items such as a toy. More information is available on their [website](#).

Eight people are needed for this day. If you are available and have not already put your name on the list, please let Marg know. Bring lunch, something to drink and something to share for morning tea. This is a great opportunity to see this amazing organisation close up!



BUNNINGS BBQs

Friday January 20th

Pick up bread and deliver equipment: **Jeff**

Set up: **Corinne, Les, Jeff**

9.00 am—12.30 pm: **Alan, Robyn, Heather, Bob**

12.30 pm—4.00 pm: **Kaye, John, Daryl, Jenny**

Clean and pack up: **Corinne, Les, Kevin** (pick up equipment 4.15 pm)

Reserves: **Jeff** (am), **Les** (pm)

Saturday January 28th

Set up: **Corinne, Les, Ian**

9.00 am—12.00 pm: **Alan, Robyn, John, Carol**

12.00 pm—2.00 pm: **Max, Kevin, Cheryl, Kaye**

2.00 pm—4.00 pm: **Gary, Ayanthi, Rajeev, Anita**

Clean and pack up: **Corinne, Les**

Reserves: **Marg** (am), **Steve** (pm)

SAVE THE DATES FOR THE FOLLOWING, INCLUDING ANOTHER
SATURDAY BBQ—Friday February 17th
Saturday March 25th



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Total for
December
Bunnings BBQ
\$833.70



Basic Education and Literacy—Uganda Family Care

Christmas greetings and warm thanks came from Robin Yamaguchi who has returned to Uganda Family Care after the disruption of COVID and an enforced period of on-line teaching and management from Australia.



A more recent disruption to the schooling of the young people in her school resulted from a surge in Ebola infections, when the Ugandan Government mandated that schools close for the Christmas break several weeks early.

As always, Robin's enthusiasm, optimism and sheer love for her pupils shines out, such as in this photos. Also evident is her appreciation for the support and donations, such as from our Club and some individuals in the Club.

If you are interested in learning more about Uganda Family Care and/or making a donation, visit the school website [here](#).

An exciting event took place this month for the Wadhwa household, with the wedding of Neha to Ahmad. This occasion combined elements of an Indian wedding with some Indonesian customs, as Ahmad has Indonesian background, and took place over 3 days, largely at the home of Rajeev and Anita.

Neha is currently Co-president of the Knox Rotaract Club, along with her sister Nidhi.



(L) Ahmad and Neha at the registered wedding

(R) Ahmad and Neha at the Mehndi and Sangeet (henna and music evening) on Jan 5th, at Rajeev and Anita's home.

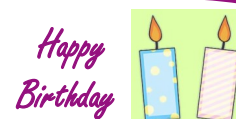


We send our best wishes to the happy couple for a wonderful future together.

(Below left) Rajeev, Anita, Ahmad and Neha at the wedding reception
(Below right) Neha and Nidhi



Birthdays — Rajeev celebrated his birthday on January 15th
— Marg will blow out her candles on January 24th.





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The message below was received just before Christmas in response to the donations made to Tamminya House, which included \$400 raised at our Christmas function with proceeds from the Op Shop Kris Kringle.

11/12/2022

Dear Marg,

Thank you, what can I say except WOW, I am overwhelmed by the generosity of the Rowville - Lysterfield Rotary Club. Not only have your members donated a wonderful array of items to put into our Christmas hamper raffle, but there was also so much that we are able to offer three prizes. Then there is the ham for our Christmas celebration as well as the very full bags for the mums at the units and finally the magnificent donation to enable us to purchase gifts for all the children.

It is very hard for our clients to be in the situation that they are in, and your kindness will go towards making it a bit easier during this time of celebration.

On behalf of myself and the Board of Tamminya House I want you to know how much we appreciate your support. Thank you again and Merry Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

Debra Weston. (secretary) on behalf of the Board of Tamminya House.

Morning Tea at Peppertree Hill Retirement Village

DATE: Friday February 3rd. TIME: 10.30 am

LOCATION: Peppertree Hill Retirement Village, Rowville.



The Club has been invited to a morning tea to do a presentation about some of the organisations with which our Club is involved. Many of these organisations also gain benefit from the time and effort that members of the Village devote to helping others. This will provide the opportunity for newer members of the Village to become more informed.

Marg would like a good representation from the Club at this event, so if you are able to attend, please let her know.

(Food will be provided by Peppertree Hill)

Providing Sweet Treats for **Foothills Community Care** will commence at the start of February. Watch out for an email from Jenny seeking assistance on the roster to provide these treats for families in need.

Let's support our members in their business endeavours.

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Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and production	Program
January—Vocational Services				
24	Kaye	Gary	Nathan John Alan	Alice Terrill 'Improving your Club public image and expanding your reach through Social Media'
31	Kate	Pete	John Alan Stephen	Colin Byron DGN 'The opportunities and challenges lying ahead for District 9815'
February—Peace Building and Conflict Resolution				
Wed 1	Packing day at Backpacks 4 VIC Kids 10 am-4.00pmish 8 people required. Our Club has received a \$9000 grant for 76 ME packs. Bring your lunch and something to share for morning tea.			
Fri 3	Morning Tea and presentation at Peppertree Hill Retirement Village 10.30 am			
7	Jeff	Carol	Stephen Bob Ian	Tameena Samsudeen
14			NA	Visit to refugee Community House 'Brand New Day' in Dandenong



ANZAC Day adventure at Mansfield

It is proposed to mark ANZAC day in 2023 by having a Club trip to Mansfield. This could involve attending the 6.00 am Dawn Service and the 10am service. The ANZAC march for this service is very different, as it is led by mounted soldiers.

Possible lunch venues include wineries in the area.

Accommodation is available at various places close to the Vesey house including an air b'n' b in the same street. Bookings would need to be made soon to be sure of getting accommodation.

More details to come soon.

Website: www.rowvillerotary.com.au

District 9810

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Rotary-Club-of-Rowville-Lysterfield-171446576246728/?ref=bookmarks>

Website: <http://www.9810rotary.org.au>

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Immediate Past President	Murray Wilson
Director	Steve Macdonald

2022-23 COMMITTEES

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Foundation	Neil White (mentor) Adrian Klep
International	Alan Lunghusen (mentor) Arshad Samsudeen
Vocational	John Williams Neil Marshall
Membership	Ayanthi Gunatilake Gary Forrest

This resonates a lot as holiday time is a good time for a clean-out!

OTHER ROLES

Rowville Secondary College Council Rep	Rajeev Wadhwa
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Club Protection Officer	Adrian Klep
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Rowville Lysterfield Community News Correspondent	Jenny Moran
Fundraising Committee	Carol Constantine Adrian Klep Bob Morris Stephen Palamara Arshad Samsudeen Kaye Sharman

One thing no one ever talks about when it comes to being an adult, is how much time we debate keeping a cardboard box because it's, you know..... a really good box.