

# Rotary

## Rowville Lysterfield



### Heidi Victoria—'My Journey into Photography'

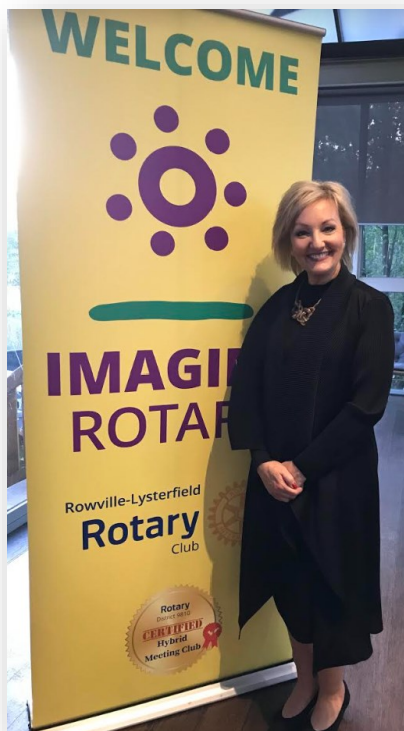
Heidi, who describes herself as 'A Camera for Hire' gave a very interesting and lively account of her pathway from Parliamentarian to the production of her beautiful book of photographs, entitled 'The Show Must Go On'.

Heidi spent 12 years in State Parliament, taking on roles such as Minister for Women's Affairs and Arts Minister. She was motivated by a desire to focus on languages and music in schools and was proud to make people sit up and take notice of the Arts. She pointed out how important Art can be in imparting knowledge from the past, such as indigenous cave paintings. Economically art is very important and in Australia there are over 130,000 people directly employed in the Arts industry.

After leaving Parliament in 2018, Victoria saw her future entailing a return to her profession as a photographer, utilizing her BA in Fine Arts (Photography), and went about setting up her business. With the advent of COVID in 2020, her business was in trouble and this was compounded in March when she suffered a stroke. The quick action of a friend in getting her to medical help meant that the damage was minimized but she still suffers the after effects. As she pointed out, 1.9 million brain cells

die each minute after a stroke, so speedy action is crucial.

Facing the reality of not being able to drive and not having an income, Heidi decided to use her skill of photography and her contacts within the Arts to document the impact of COVID on people within the Arts sphere. The result would be not only a commentary on the Arts and artists, but a political statement about the impact of COVID, which Heidi determined she would deliver to her Parliamentary contacts.



#### 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**

##### For information contact:

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##### Meeting Zoom link [here](#)



**Home Club of  
IPDG Dr Daryl Moran**

Heidi Victoria

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The book grew to encompass more than 70 artists, with evocative photographs and a statement from each artist about what they were doing to cope with the COVID situation and how it had impacted their lives.

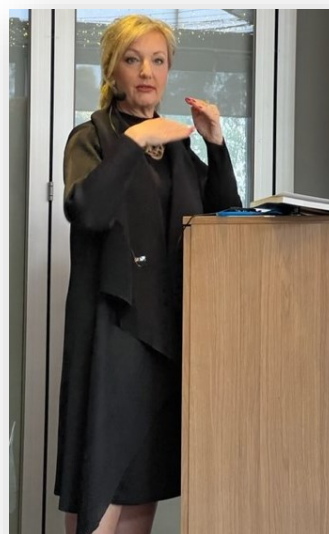
The final product is a testament to the creativity that can emerge when there is time in a busy life. It is also a commentary on the impact of COVID in the Arts as very few artists received the Government support packages.

One moving example is of Ainsley Melham and Callum Francis, appearing in a photo Heidi titles 'From Broadway to Bathurst'.

Ainsley had appeared as Aladdin in the Melbourne production and was heading to Broadway for their production. They had sold everything, given up a lease on an apartment and then COVID hit—Broadway closed down. Rather than the bright lights of Broadway, this couple found themselves at Ainsley's family home in Bathurst.

Another stunning photograph is of Isaiah Firebrace, which captures so much about his recording and song writing, learning to meditate and exploring his identity as a Yorta Yorta man. This photograph was selected as a finalist in the 2021 National Photographic Portrait Competition, one of only 80 from 3200 entries

Heidi entertained us with many more stories of the evolution of this book, which a number of Club members purchased at the end of the meeting. Heidi is now working again as a photog-



rapher, doing corporate work and the occasional wedding. Her other passion is the part time work she does for the Stroke Foundation.

**Our warm thanks to Heidi for making time available to attend our meeting and providing such an interesting presentation.**

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## **Kiriwina Island update—Alan Lunghusen**

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Alan gave an update on the Club Kiriwina Island project, for the benefit of new members and because some further action is needed.

He outlined the location of Kiriwina Island, in the Trobriand Island group, and the history of the project. The location is beautiful and the people are friendly, but their life is virtually Stone Age. Alan has visited 12 times and stayed with the locals for four months.

The project involved four elements:

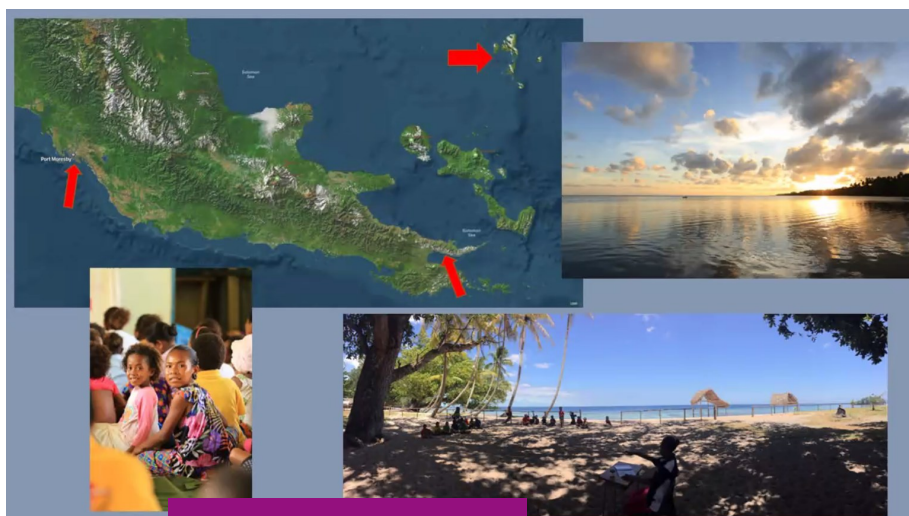
1. providing hospital beds
2. improving the hospital water supply

3. providing 250 desks for schools. Alan taught locals how to build the desks on site.
4. building composting toilets for the schools which would enable the composted waste to be put to use as fertilizer.

These toilets were built in 2016 and have started to deteriorate through age and some vandalism. For example, the woven matting used for walls is starting to fall apart.

A monetary contribution will be needed to repair the damage and Alan will put a proposal to the Board to this effect. It is fortunate an item has been provided in the Club Budget for this contingency.

## Kiriwina Island Update



Some aspects of Kiriwina Island



The composting toilets under construction in 2016

## Rotarians Against Malaria

Rotarians Against Malaria is a volunteer-run organization working to eliminate malaria. The primary focus of RAM has been the distribution of insecticide-treated nets to vulnerable populations in Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and more recently, Timor Leste. RAM has raised more than \$1.6 million to eliminate malaria since 2003. RAM works in conjunction with the Ministry of Health authorities in each country and complements the work of other malaria organisations, most notably the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

**We look forward to hearing more about this valuable Rotary program on March 7th.**

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### 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





President Kevin was pleased to receive a \$1000 cheque last week from the Noel Jones Community Support Program. This program aims to use a portion of their business profit to provide grants to strengthen local communities through training, support and resources.

This grant will be passed on to Gayle Dye's **Share Space**, which is providing valuable support to families in need in the Rowville area.

Many thanks to Noel Jones and well done President Kev for securing this grant.

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## Induction of new member Chris Golten

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At this week's meeting, Chris Golten was inducted into the Club.

Chris has become well known to our Club already as he has participated in a number of events including the Art Show in 2022.

We welcome Chris to the Club and look forward to his contribution

**Chris is welcomed by Secretary Heather and President Kevin**

### BUNNINGS BBQs

Next BBQ Dates

**Friday March 17th**

**Saturday March 25th**

**Friday April 21st.**



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### FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY CARE—MUFFINS

Thursday Feb 23rd	Kaye, Fiona, Sue & Pete, Jenny
Thursday March 9th	Marg, Heather, Corinne, Anita and Rajeev
Thursday March 23rd	Kaye, Fiona, Sue & Pete, Jenny
Thursday April 6th	Marg, Heather, Corinne, Anita & Rajeev

### Upcoming speaker—invite your friends

A wonderful opportunity to hear an outstanding speaker, plus a night when our Club will be joined by the Rotary Club of Greater Dandenong and Endeavour Hills, the Club of DGN Colin Byron. Pre-booking is essential on this date, so go to the trybooking link [HERE](#).

# FRIDA UMUHOZA


A survivor of the Rwandan genocide, Frida shares her story of resilience and forgiveness

**28th  
FEBRUARY**


\$26 per head

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60 Henderson Road,  
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6.30 pm for  
7.00 pm start



An update on the students that our Club supports in Uganda has been received from the Director of the school, Robin Yamaguchi. These students continue to do well with their studies in Year 12 and no doubt will be able to make a difference in their community when they finish their studies.



## Family Care Uganda

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### Thank you for the Grant for Year 12 Students in Jinja Progressive Academy, Uganda

Dear Rotary team members,

We are so very grateful for your most generous gift last year, to cover the fees for our students Adong Kevin and Lochiam Patrick, to sit their year 12 in sciences.

School just started last week on the 6<sup>th</sup> of February, so we paid their fees, with the funds you so generously sent.

We have some good news. At the end of the year, the Director of Studies said that our group of 5 students attending their school from the far north in years 11 and 12, who Family Care Uganda sponsors, were in the top 5 scorers! We are so proud of them and know you have chosen very earnest, bright and sincere students to invest in their futures. Thank you so much!!

On top of their receipts for their actual academic studies, we pay their transport the 9 hour and 12-15 hour travel to the school each way, then back again. We pay for their personal requirements and some needed extra food, sports wear, excursions and extra holiday study plans too.

Please find enclosed the receipts for them starting term 1 a few days ago. We'll keep you abreast of their progress, in this their toughest year. We are very confident that we'll do well, thank you for caring!

Sincerely,

Robin Yamaguchi  
Director



(L) Kevin Adong  
(R) Patrick Lochiam





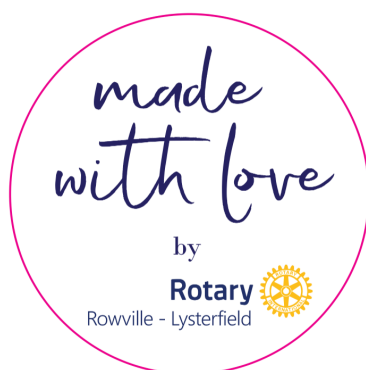
- Belated birthday greetings to Carol, for February 15th. In the upcoming week there are several birthdays: Anita (Feb 20th), Sharif (Feb 27th) and Sue B (Feb 28th). Warmest wishes to everyone for a happy celebration.
- Congratulations also to Murray and Janine who have welcomed their first grandchild, William Lee Mahoney. A very wonderful stage of life for Pop and Nana Neen. Best wishes to all the family.



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- A big thank you to Satellite Club member Fiona who has provided some stickers to accompany the muffin donations for Foothills community meals.



- The Club Street Library box is being well patronised. Our thanks to Satellite Club member Jen Luu who looks after this project, which is located outside her chiropractic rooms in Wantirna.
- Club members present this week will have noticed new menu options from Tosaria's, with two tier pricing. This will now give double the choices each week at a still very reasonable cost.



Our Guest Speaker Heidi reminded us of the FAST acronym for identifying a stroke victim.

- F** Face—is the face drooping on one side
- A** Arms—can the person raise both arms above their head
- S** Speech—is their speech normal
- T** Time—time is critical so get help as quickly as possible



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Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and production	Program
<b>February—Peace Building and Conflict Resolution</b>				
<b>28</b>	Marg	Jenny	Alan Carol Ian	<b>Frida Umuhoza</b> See details on page 5
<b>March—Water, Sanitation and Hygiene</b>				
<b>DISTRICT CONFERENCE IN CANBERRA—3rd—5th</b>				
<b>7</b>	Gary	Bob	Carol Ian John	<b>Gloria Hargreaves</b> Rotarians Against Malaria
<b>14</b>	Corinne	Steve	John Nathan Jenny	<b>Reporting back from District Conference</b> Update on foreign coin collection Ron Brooks
<b>21</b>	Pete	Stephen	Jenny Alan Bob	<b>‘What goes where?’</b> Recycling update from Knox Council representative
<b>28</b>	Ayanthi	Jeff	Alan Bob Daryl	<b>Annmarie Lambert</b> Orange Sky —portable laundry service
<b>April—Maternal and Child Health</b>				
<b>4</b>	Kate	Marg	Daryl Ian John	<b>Story Dogs</b>



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