

Rotary

Rowville Lysterfield



NYSF—Tom and Justine Block

At our meeting this week, Justine Block spoke with great passion about the pathway of son Tom to attending NYSF, the National Youth Science Forum. Justine was keen to always encourage Tom to explore different opportunities, seeing this as a path to finding an area of passion. Pivotal in this process was the chance to work with a team in a NASA—run competition, to design an experiment to be conducted on the International Space Station. Tom and his team won the competition and so their experiment went into space. From this experience, Tom realised the impact of science in the real world and his passion was ignited.

His NYSF experience at the end of Year 11 was impacted by COVID and became a virtual experience. Despite this, it was still one of the best things he has ever done. There was a range of fantastic speakers with a particular highlight being a zoom tour of CERN conducted by the Chief Engineer of CERN. The impact that science has on humanity became apparent with lectures on things such as cancer research and an enthralling talk by Peter Doherty on his research into treatment for stomach ulcers.

One of the most powerful aspects for Tom was making connections and friendships with others who are similarly passionate about science, friendships that have continued.

Two further outcomes from attending NYSF were the invitation for Tom to help interview the next round of NYSF candidates and the opportunity to attend RYLA, the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy.

RYLA 2022 was an amazing and powerful experience, with great speakers and building friendships with like-minded people. Even though the week was cut short due to a COVID outbreak, the attendees developed strong connections and are now in continuing contact. The leadership techniques Tom learned have been of great value and he often refers to the notes he compiled.

Tom and Justine both praised Rotary for the opportunities they provide for young people through NYSF and RYLA which are both life changing experiences.



Tom and Justine Block

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](#)

Board meetings: first
Monday of each
month at 7 pm by
zoom. Use the zoom
code above.

All members are wel-
come to attend but
cannot vote.



**Home Club of
IPDG Dr Daryl Moran**

Kiriwina Update—Alan Lunghusen

A few months ago Alan was contacted by his Kiriwina offsider, Emanuel, because the composting toilet block that Alan helped build a few years ago was deteriorating badly. In the months since, the toilet block has been largely stripped of its walls and roofing and repairs undertaken. The polycarbonate roof has been largely replaced with corrugated iron and some of the internal walls are now cement sheeting. Local timber has been sourced and cut to shape and the stairs moved to a better location. The timber for doors ran out so Emanuel pulled up his own timber verandah to use for the doors and, in the absence of metal hinges, car tyres have been cut up for hinges. The refurbished toilet block is nearing completion, a very pleasing result.

Environment—Gary Forrest

A number of Environment Days coming up:

Saturday 23rd June—Friends of the Gully treeplanting at Chatham Ave Reserve, FTG, from 10 am to 1 pm. There is the prospect also of our club running a BBQ on that day.

Friday 21st July— National Tree Planting Day for Businesses 10 am—12 noon on the Ferny Creek trail.

Sunday 30th July— The grant gained as part of the Queen's Jubilee Grant will be put towards the National Tree Planting Day

It is also hoped to make a grant application to District to assist with the local Powerful Owl Project. The Powerful Owl is becoming an endangered species and diminishing numbers of owls has a detrimental effect on the ecosystem, with animals such as possums flourishing without this predator.

Other Club News and Rowville Roundup

- A big thank you to Secretary Heather from President Kevin, on behalf of us all, for the hours of work that she has put into compiling documentation for District Awards and Rotary Citations.
- The refit of a container to become a mini-site for Backpacks 4 VIC Kids is nearing completion. It is now located at the Melbourne Port and two working bees have been organised in the next week to finish it off. The Port Authority will do the final painting. Adding to the grant that had already been received, the Port Phillip Authority has now donated \$8,000 to provide ME (My Essentials) backpacks. Enormous thanks to Bob, Ian and Alan for all the work on this project.
- Our thoughts are with Adrian and Patty as Adrian struggles with continuing ill health. Members are encouraged to keep in touch with him either by phone or dropping in.
- The chilly Melbourne night was in great contrast to the location from where John zoomed in to this week's meeting—lolling beside the pool in Bali. Murray is also sunning himself, holidaying with Janine in Coolangatta. Carol was an apology too as she is fighting a nasty bug.
- A significant number of Club members will be attending RICON23 starting this Saturday and we wish them a very enjoyable and stimulating time. There are 14 members who will be acting as volunteers at the 'Night at the Museum' signature event and hearty thanks goes to them from the Co-Ordinator of Volunteers, IPDG Daryl.

Very exciting news from our member Dr Sharif this week - a grant application which was made to Balwyn Centenary Grants has been approved.

This grant of \$24,000 will enable the setting up of a Community Based Vision Care and Blindness Prevention Program in Rural Bangladesh. This program has been a goal of Dr Sharif for some time and will have a huge impact in the area where it will run.

The project, which will run over two years, is anticipated to reach over 30,000 people with an awareness campaign and to screen over 3,000 people for common vision defects. About 500 people will receive free glasses and around 300 will receive corrective eye surgery for conditions such as cataracts.

Congratulations to Dr Sharif and thank you to Alan who guided the grant application process, putting to good use his extensive experience. This is a very significant project. Well done!

The Balwyn Centenary Grants were started in 2021 to celebrate 100 years of Rotary in Australia. The availability of millions of dollars to help other Rotary clubs perform their humanitarian work is due to the funds generated by the Camberwell Sunday Market, run partly by the Rotary Club of Balwyn. This market has become an icon and tourist attraction and generates large amounts of money every year.

District Leaders' Meeting

On Friday last week PE Carol attended the District Leaders' Meeting, where outgoing Presidents and in-coming Presidents met with the District Leadership team for an update.

Among other topics discussed was the current state of Youth Programs, which are now almost back in full operation after the hiatus caused by COVID. IPDG Daryl, as in-coming District Youth Chair, spoke about connecting with Gen Z. DGE Ian has made a commitment to encouraging Clubs to establish Interact and Earlyact Clubs in their area and it is pleasing to know that our Club has communication happening re establishing an Earlyact Club at Park Ridge Primary School. The Club Board has also approved the sponsorship of a RYLA participant. At the moment Youth Exchange is still under review as a District program.

Members may have also noticed that there is a new Rotary Constitution which has been circulated by the District Secretary and which will be adopted by our Club in due course.



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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



(Below)
Neha and Nidhi



On Sunday, a number of members of the Club enjoyed a fabulous spread and entertaining games at the Knox Rotaract Biggest Morning Tea in aid of the Cancer Council. The event was organised by Knox Rotaract, largely Co-presidents Nidhi and Neha, with support from parents Anita and Rajeev. All the Wadhwa family had spent a vast amount of time preparing the wonderful array of food, while Nidhi and Neha had worked hard to secure sponsorship and prizes from many local businesses.

(R) Rajeev and Anita
(Below) John Poke, Cr Darren Pearce, Nidhi,
Neha, Cr Meagan Baker, IPDG Daryl



(Below)
Kaye and daughter
Justine





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BUNNINGS BBQs

Next BBQ Dates

Friday June 16th
Friday July 21st
Friday August 18th



BBQ TOTAL THIS WEEK
\$927.25

FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY CARE—MUFFINS & SOUP

Thursday June 1st	Marg, Heather, Corinne, Anita & Rajeev
Wednesday June 7th—soup	Kate, Brenton, Rajeev and Anita
Thursday June 15th	Kaye, Fiona, Sue & Pete, Janine
Thursday June 29th	Corinne, Anita & Rajeev, Marg, Pam
Wednesday July 5th - soup	Kate, Brenton, Fiona
Thursday July 13th	Kaye, Fiona, Sue & Pete, Pam
Thursday July 27th	Marg, Corinne, Anita & Rajeev, Janine`
Wednesday August 2nd—soup	Kate, Brenton, Marg
Thursday August 10th	Kaye, Fiona, Sue & Pete, Pam
Thursday August 24th	Marg, Corinne, Anita & Rajeev, Janine
Wednesday August 30th—soup	Kate, Brenton, Allyson
Thursday September 7th	Kaye, Fiona, Sue & Peter, Jenny

Thank you to all the BBQ helpers this week:

Alan, Robyn, Jeff, Kaye, Marg, Phil, Ian, Les and Corinne.

Another successful result and much fun had by all.



Let's support our members in their business endeavours.

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Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and production	Program
May—Youth Service				
25	Invitation to attend a Breakfast Meeting with the Satellite Club at 7.30 am at Tosaria’s Guest Speaker from Beyond Water. RSVP to Kevin if you wish to attend.			
27	‘Night at the Museum’ Signature event for RICON23—volunteering roles			
30	‘Streets of Melbourne’ dinner as part of RICON 23 No meeting at Tosaria’s restaurant			
June—Rotary Fellowships				
6	Chris	Kate	Alan John Jenny	Reflection on RICON Comments from some of those who attended Singing Practice Update on Knox Nocturnals Youth Program Jenny and Carol
13	Ayanthi	Gary	John Stephen	Update on Organ Donation Phoebe Storey
20	Club Changeover Night—see the invitation in the email from PE Carol			
27	Pete	Jeff	Alan John Ian	Singing for Youth Mark Jones

District 9810 Changeover Night—Saturday July 1st at Southern Golf Club.

See email from District Secretary Judith Eadon with all the details.



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District 9810

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