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Rotary
Rowville Lysterfield



NEWSLETTER 10, AUGUST 25, 2026

**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

Contact :

**President Andy Round
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**Satellite Club meets
at Tosaria's Café**

Alternate Thursdays at
7:30am

Contact :

**Chair: Kevin Harrison
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**Home Club of
DGE Murray Wilson
PDG Daryl Moran**



SUE DYMOND—CRAFTY COLLECTIVE MARKETS

There is no doubt that our speaker this week has been driven by her dream and passion, despite hearing from others that 'it will never work'. Her dream was to create an opportunity for people with disabilities to show the product of their creativity and to be able to sell this work at a market. The idea was prompted partly by the success that her daughter had selling her handmade jewellery online, particularly during COVID. Her daughter has Down Syndrome but is also a talented artist, potter, writer and much more. Sue wanted people like her daughter to be seen as who they are, not as someone with a disability.

The first Crafty Collective Market in 2023 was a great success, with over 30 stall holders, all with a disability, including the busker and the person running the café. Requirements for the stall holders were that they had to pay for their stall, had to produce quality products and had to stay at the market from the beginning to the end. To help manage anxiety there was a quiet sensory room set up if people needed time out. At the first market her daughter sold over \$800 worth of jewellery, many stall holders sold out and the café made \$2000. A further aspect of the success of the market was the fact that for many of the stall holders they had never felt that their work was valued; being able to sell the work was greatly confidence building. It also gave the stall holders a sense of purpose in producing their work and for some it meant they were able to put their own money towards things such as a holiday.

Running the market is with the support of the Ringwood Council who provide the Ringwood Community Centre as the venue at no charge. There is an active program of securing sponsorship that is used to pay for the stall holders' insurance, to provide tap 'n' go technology and to subsidise the cost of paying for a support worker to assist each stall holder. This was felt to be very important to ensure that there was no disincentive to being involved.

The Crafty Collective markets have been run yearly, although this year there will be two, one held on July 4th and the next one on November 7th. The number of stalls is now up to 40. Publicity to draw attendees is largely through extensive on-line advertising, through the support of a range of disability organisations and wide distribution of flyers. The market has become well known over time and people now seek it out. There is no entry fee and the market covers its costs from the stall holders fees. Some of the stall holders have been so successful that they have become quite entrepreneurial, some selling at mainstream markets. Most importantly, the stall holders are making some money and are fully immersed in the community, which is life-changing for many of them.

Sue declares that she wants the stall holders to be living their best life, fully integrated into the community. She would love to see a market like the Crafty Collective run in every council area and run each month, just like monthly Farmers Markets.

Next Market —Nov 7th at Ringwood Community Centre, 12.30—5.30pm.

Thank you Sue for your sharing your passion with us and best wishes for future successes.

Thank you also to Rajeev who suggested Sue as a speaker, having shared Toastmasters experience with her.



Sue Dymond with Rajeev

Saturday Coffee Catchup



Sat September 12th, 10 am at Tosaria Restaurant
Come along for a coffee and a casual chat, and breakfast if
you want

MUFFINS and SOUP ROSTER

27th August Muffins	Fiona, Heather & Bob, Anita & Rajeev
9th September Soup	Anita, Robyn L
10th September Muffins	Pete & Sue, Glennys & Howard
24th September Muffins	Fiona, Heather & Bob, Anita & Rajeev
7th October Soup	Glennys, Jenny
8th October Muffins	Corinne, Pete & Sue, Glennys & Howard



PROGRAM

Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and Production	Program
SEPTEMBER - Basic Education and Literacy				
1st September	Ian	Jeff	Alan John W	Lauren Newman— <i>Exercises for health and fitness</i>
8th September	Norm	Andy	Kevin Cheryl	Pres Andy - <i>Club Update</i>
15th September	Mary	Jenny	Cheryl Alan	Helen Comport— <i>Quilts of Valour</i>
22nd September	Robyn W	Norm	Alan Kevin	TBC
29th September	Club Social Night			

UPCOMING CLUB DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SAT 12th SEPT—Coffee Catchup—Tosaria Restaurant 10 am

FRI 18th SEPT - Business Breakfast - Churchill-Waverley Golf and Bowls Club, Bergins Rd, Rowville 06:45am-8:30am

FRI 8th OCT—Knox Business Awards Presentation

SAT 24th OCT - SHEBA Fundraising Dinner - Mulgrave Community Centre, 355 Wellington Rd, Mulgrave, 6pm

WED 4th NOV - District Final of the Primary Schools Speech Competition - Doncaster Secondary College, Performing Arts Centre, 123 Church Rd Doncaster(6:40pm for a 7pm start)

FRI 6th NOV— 52nd Knox Art Show Opening Night—Churchill Waverley Golf and Bowls Club, Bergins Rd, Rowville

SAT 7th NOV—SUN 8th NOV - 52nd Knox Art Show

FRI 20th NOV - Golf Day - Churchill-Waverley Golf and Bowls Club, Bergins Rd, Rowville (more details soon)



BUSINESS BREAKFAST #22



Rotary
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BUSINESS BREAKFAST

AUSTRALIA'S DRONES

18 SEPTEMBER | **6.45 - 8.30** | **\$65**
FRIDAY | AM | PER HEAD

Churchill-Waverley Golf & Bowls Club, 82 Bergins Road, Rowville

MEET OUR SPEAKER


GREG TYRELL
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 SCAN TO BOOK

ALL PROCEEDS TO ROWVILLE CFA

BOOKINGS CLOSE 11 SEPTEMBER

Why Attend BB#22 on 18 September?

- **PRESIDENT'S GOALS.** - To support President Andy Round's goal of providing funds and creating awareness for our local Rowville CFA, especially its Remote Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS)
- **A GOOD CAUSE TO SUPPORT** - All proceeds from ticket sales and raffles will go directly to the Rowville CFA
- **NETWORKING** - It gives our Rowville-Lysterfield community a chance to network with their local business owners and leaders
- **INDUSTRY INSIGHTS** - We get to learn about cutting edge industry insights, especially those involved in the defence, emergency services and transport innovation areas
- **EXPERT SPEAKER** - Our Guest Speaker **GREG TYRELL** is the Executive Director of the peak Australian body for drone technology
- **BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES** - Uncrewed systems and drones are rapidly expanding into commercial automation, logistics and asset monitoring. An informed understanding of these applications could spark new products, and better service or operational efficiencies for traditional businesses

RI CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD

Rotary International recognises the success of clubs around the world who have set goals for the Rotary year, recorded these goals on Rotary Club Central and who have achieved these goals. This recognition is called a Club Excellence Award (formerly the RI Presidential Citation).

Once again, our club has met the criteria and been awarded a Club Excellence Award.



The presentation of the certificate to PP Bob was made by President Andy.

Congratulation to PP Bob and to all the club members for another productive year of Rotary service.



Pres Andy congratulates PP Bob

ROWVILLE LYSTERFIELD COMMUNITY NEWS

The September edition of the RLC news is now available. Click [here](#) for the link and check p. 16

Member & Club News Snippets.....

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS AUGUST

1st - Ratnakar

2nd - Bob



- ◆ Helpers are needed for a Club BBQ at Wellington Village on Grand Final Day, September 26th. Let Andy know if you can help out.
- ◆ We are very grateful once again to have received a generous donation from the Gearon family, owners of Wellington Village.
- ◆ The vote on the new Club By-Laws resulted in a unanimous vote to accept the by-laws.
- ◆ We have the chance to run a BBQ for Knox Council on Australia Day; an indication of availability of helpers will be canvassed at next week's meeting.
- ◆ Jeff is investigating possibilities for a Friday night club dinner at the District Conference, perhaps at a winery.
- ◆ DG Emma will have a focus for the first half of the year on Domestic Violence awareness, with 2 weeks of action in October. More details to come.

TEA DANCE at VIV'S RE CARE

Last Wednesday, President Andy, Marg and Jenny were invited to attend a special night at Viv's ReCare, a Tea Dance. This was a lot of fun and provided a chance to meet some of the regular attendees plus enjoy the tasty home cooked meal that is provided—in this case chicken cacciatore and tiramisu. Yum!

Entertainment was provided by a live six-piece band that had a diverse repertoire which enticed a lot of the attendees onto the dance floor. Some very polished dancers did an impressive quickstep, others jived and we all enjoyed the hokey pokey and chicken dance. It was very evident how the love of music stays with people even as they are sliding into dementia.



Raffle winner Marg and Brian



Some of the members of the band 'Players'

There was a raffle on the night and Marg was lucky enough to win one of the hampers.

Such a lot of work has to take place to plan each gathering and to cook a lovely meal for up to 60 people and Brian, Jane and team do a magnificent job. As always, they made their appreciation known for the support they have received from Rotary through the RAWCS grant that we gained for them, matching funds provided from the 2025 Knox Art Show. Great to see the impact that can result from our fundraising!

RAWCS PROJECT and SHARE SPACE

A further RAWCS project has been established under the guidance of Alan, to provide funds for the work of Share Space. These RAWCS projects are eligible for a grant if they provide 'benevolent aid' to members of the community, and this outcome is clearly demonstrated by Share Space. It should be noted that a large donation to RAWCS from Dick Smith has made many of these projects possible over the last 12 months.

A RAWCS project matches donated money one-for-one, with a small administration fee. The Share Space project provides an opportunity for the public to support the work of Share Space and double the impact of their donation.

Visit the Share Space FaceBook page if you wish to donate.

Share Space Inc Donation Drive



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ALL DONATIONS ARE DOUBLED BY ROTARY UP TO THE VALUE OF \$10,000.

HELP SUPPORT OUR FOOD RELIEF PROGRAM AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO OUR COMMUNITY.

ALL DONATIONS \$2 AND OVER ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

DOUBLED UP TO \$20,000!

Australian Rotary Districts




DISTRICT 9815 CONFERENCE 12-14 MARCH, 2027



HUNTER VALLEY CONFERENCE 2027

RYDGES RESORT HUNTER VALLEY
12-14 MARCH 2027



BOOKINGS OPEN 1ST AUGUST

EARLY BIRD PRICING ENDS 31 DECEMBER 2026

BOOK EARLY & SAVE

SAVE \$50	SAVE \$30	
FULL CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE EARLY BIRD	CONFERENCE ONLY EARLY BIRD	GALA DINNER ONLY TICKET PRICE
\$295	\$195	\$140
After 31 Dec: \$345	After 31 Dec: \$225	After 31 Dec: \$140

WHY BOOK EARLY?

- Save on registration**
Keep more in your pocket with Early Bird pricing.
- Plan together**
Organise your Club group and make a weekend of it.
- More than a Conference**
Speakers, ideas, connection and Hunter Valley fun.
- A weekend to remember**
Friday adventures, Rotary Uncorked and Showtime.

TRAVEL MADE EASY

Bus transfers provided for Newcastle Airport and Friday activities

**MAKE IT A CONFERENCE.
MAKE IT A HOLIDAY.**

BOOK FROM 1ST AUGUST

rotary9815.org.au/page/district-conference-2027



EARLYBIRD TICKETS ON SALE NOW

- a great array of Friday activities to choose from - High Tea, Winery Tours, Golf, Pickleball etc
- Accommodation starts from \$275—use this code in the Block Code Field -

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Weekend at a Glance

- Thursday 11 March PM**
Registration desk opens.
- Friday 12 March**
Friday activities, VIP drinks for Past District Governors, Rotary Uncorked or Club dinners.
- Saturday 13 March**
First Timers Breakfast, Conference sessions, Expo, Alumni luncheon, Showtime Gala Night.
- Sunday 14 March**
Foundation Breakfast, Conference sessions, Finish with lunch.

Bunnings BBQs, KNOX BUSINESS AWARDS & THEATRE NIGHT

NEXT BUNNINGS BBQ FRIDAY 18th September



Big thank you to the team for the last BBQ: Cheryl, Deb, Alan, Robyn, Howard, Glennys, Marg and Captain Ian. \$751 profit.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/17MgWI6b0-pgyBCOxnsxee5WVuqVP-IpCgW9HpQbmfdI/edit?>



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KNOX BUSINESS AWARDS

Awards presentation October 8th

More details coming soon

<https://knoxbusinessawards.com.au/>

An important message from Kaye.....

I have booked 20 tickets at Her Majesty's Theatre for 1pm on Sunday 4th April 2027 to see the stage production of The Castle. The cost per ticket is \$100. Those interested in going please put your name, number of tickets required plus your phone number on the list that will be at our meeting each week. Alternatively, you can phone or email me to put your name down. Payment is due to me by our first meeting in January.

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Meeting timetable for the rest of the 2026:

July	2, 16, 30
August	13, 27
September	10, 24
October	8, 22
November	5, 19
December	3 (finish for the year)

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

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