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Rotary Rowville Lysterfield

NEWSLETTER 20, NOVEMBER 10TH, 2026

This week's meeting - CLUB UPDATE

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

Rotary District 9810 CERTIFIED Hybrid Meeting Club

With Remembrance Day falling the following morning, the meeting opened with a thoughtful reflection from Daryl on the importance of remembering those who served, giving thanks for their sacrifice, and moving forward in a way that honours their legacy. It was a fitting introduction to a night focused on service, community and the future.

Youth programs continue to thrive across the club. Cheryl reported on the recent District Primary School Speech Competition Grand Final, where our club representatives competed strongly against the best speakers from across the District. While placings proved elusive, the courage shown by the students, particularly after overcoming some nervous moments, was a reminder of the value these programs provide.

The highly successful Earlyact Club at Park Ridge Primary School continues its fundraising efforts for Share Space through the sale of Zooper Doopers and there is now excitement around the possibility of establishing a second Earlyact Club at Rowville Primary School. Discussions with school staff have already generated strong interest, and further conversations are planned.

Our club will also be represented at Karoo Primary School's Christmas Extravaganza in December, providing another opportunity to connect with the local community and promote Rotary's work.

Internationally, Alan reported on the successful conclusion of the recent Sheba fundraiser, with funds now transferred to support ongoing health and community projects in Bangladesh. He also shared news of a developing food security crisis on Kiriwina Island in Papua New Guinea, where prolonged dry conditions are creating significant hardship. Closer to home, discussions are underway regarding a potential grant-supported partnership with a Boronia food bank.

Environmental activities continue to progress, with Gary maintaining links with local environmental groups and following discussions around future projects in the Knox area.

John wrapped up another successful Knox Business Awards program, reflecting on a strong presentation evening and excellent media coverage including a front page article in the Rowville-Lysterfield Community News. Planning has already begun, to identify lessons and improvements for next year.

One of the night's major talking points was the success of the recent Knox Art Show. Jenny reported that over 350 visitors attended across the weekend, with 28 artworks sold and more than $10,000 expected to be distributed to community causes. The revised layout, strong attendance and positive atmosphere received widespread praise from artists and visitors alike. Please see the detailed Art Show Report and photos on pages 5 and 6.

There was disappointment that the planned Golf Day had to be cancelled due to low booking numbers, reflecting current economic pressures. However, a significant positive emerged, with Bendigo Bank asking the club to partner with them on a future golf event supporting mental health initiatives. Importantly, strong relationships with sponsors and supporters remain intact, providing a solid platform for future events. *(Continued on p. 6….)*

MUFFINS and SOUP ROSTER

19th November Muffins	Fiona, Heather & Bob, Anita & Rajeev
3rd December Muffins	Corinne, Pete & Sue, Glennys & Howard



FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY CARE

PROGRAM

Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and Production	Program
NOVEMBER - The Rotary Foundation				
17th November	Jenny	Gary	Kevin Cheryl	Daryl - A Very Lucky Country
24th November	Sharon	Cheryl	Alan John W	Earlyact Update
DECEMBER—Disease Prevention and Treatment				
1st December	Heather	Jeff	Alan Bob	Glaxton Saunders - Leading Into a Merry Christmas
8th December	Howard	Andy	Bob Kevin	Club Update
15th December	NO MEETING - CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY			
JANUARY - Vocational Service				
20th January	Our first get together will be on **WEDNESDAY 20th January**, 2027. It is a Vocational event at Alameda Homestead Nursery. Please see article on p.6 with further details			
	NO MEETING - AUSTRALIA DAY - BBQ at Vesey's			

UPCOMING CLUB DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

WED 11th NOV - 1812 Theatre Night - 1812 Theatre, Rose Ave, Upper FTG

TUES 15th DEC - Christmas Break Up at Kevin and Cheryl's - 13 Tali Karng Close, Rowville

WED 20th JAN 2027 - Alameda Homestead Nursery Visit - 105 Fisheries Rd, Devon Meadows

TUES 26th JAN - Australia Day BYO BBQ at Vesey's - 12 Clow Ave, Upper Ferntree Gully



Member Snippets....

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER

3rd - Brenton

9th - Murray

9th - Corinne

19th - Neil



- Jeff is recovering well from his recent hand surgery
- Barbara is feeling better after a recent bout of pneumonia and we send her our best wishes for a speedy recovery



- A small celebration to mark Murray's 70th birthday (and Corinne's) took place after the meeting. Thanks to Jenny for providing cake and slice! A special thank you from the CFA for only putting 7 candles on the cake!!
- Neil and Michelle are currently in Spain. We wish them a happy holiday making lots of memories.



BUNNINGS

NEXT BUNNINGS BBQ FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER



The roster for this BBQ is full however, 18th December needs some extra helpers. As this is the week before Christmas, Bunnings will be very busy, which generally means a busy BBQ too. Ideally 4 people per shift would work best.

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DISTRICT SPEECH COMPETITION FINAL

The Final of the District 9815 Primary Schools Speech Competition was held on Wednesday 4th November at Doncaster Secondary College. The District Governor Emma Clark and District Governor Elect Murray Wilson were in attendance, along with many Rotarians, family and friends of the Finalists. As well as Murray, Daryl (District Youth Chair), Cheryl (Club Youth Chair) and Kevin represented our club.

There were 14 Finalists who spoke on a variety of topics and proudly represented their schools. These students spoke eloquently and passionately about their chosen topics and were judged by members of Toastmasters International against a specific set of criteria. It was inspirational to hear these primary school students expressing themselves with such confidence.

Our congratulations go to all the finalists but unfortunately, there could be only one winner. The judges awarded the following 3 places:

1st Place - Nicky Liu Beverley Hills PS

2nd Place - Giselle Chan Doncaster PS

3rd Place - Chloe Min Templestowe Heights PS



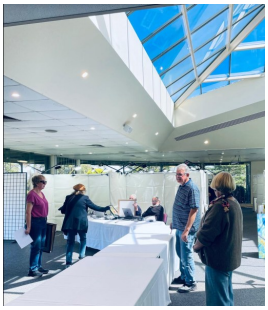




52nd KNOX ART SHOW



The consensus from all feedback indicates that the 52nd Knox Art Show was a raging success on a number of levels. There was a real buzz in the air on Friday night as the sizeable gathering enjoyed drinks and cocktail nibbles while viewing the artwork and chatting. The formal opening, this year taking place in Spikes Bar, was a very appropriate way to launch the event, with very warm speeches from both the Mayor, Paige Kennett and DG Emma Clark. The judges provided very insightful analysis of how they awarded the prizes, with the only hitch to the very slick PowerPoint presentation put together by President Andy being due to the artist substituting a painting without following the procedure and changing the entry. Ironically, no one would have known, or possibly cared, except that the substituted painting won the Best Oil or Acrylic Award!





Information about all the Award-winning paintings can be found on the Knox Art Show website: www.knoxartshow.org.au

The following two days fell into the same pattern, with a great vibe and a lot of visitors in the building. The total number recorded at the door was 355, which would not count the Rotarians who zipped in through the other entrance, ready to do their duty. There were many very positive comments about the new layout and the new lights that gave wonderful illumination, due to the ingenuity, skill and hard work of Alan. Sales were quite brisk, and the result, selling 28 pieces of art, was very pleasing, given that the economic environment seems quite bleak at the moment. We look forward to a final tally of the outcome, but it will be above $10,000 as a rough estimate.

A big thank you must go to all the sponsors who help to make this possible and who are listed on the Knox Art Show website.

A particular highlight of the weekend was the fact that so many members of the Club took the time to do a rostered shift and to help with setting up or bumping out. A real sense of engagement with this event has developed among our Club members. Invaluable help with installing the advertising signs and transporting the screens was provided by ever-reliable Ian V. We also appreciated the help from our new friends Max and Sienna, and the Casey-Cardinia Rotaractors who helped with the setup, plus a couple of Knox RC members. With so many helpers, the bump-out was incredibly slick. All paintings were delivered, either to the delighted purchaser or the artist, and the screens were dismantled and loaded onto the truck, by not long after 7.30 pm. Possibly a record!





There is an enormous amount of work, and thinking, that has gone into the success of the 2026 Knox Art Show, but the feeling of accomplishment seeing it come together makes it a very, very rewarding experience.

There is always a spot on the organising committee for anyone who feels that they would like some closer involvement and have some skills to offer.



All members of the 2026 committee deserve a big pat on the back for shouldering various tasks over the last 12 months. Thank you to Andy, Bob, Deb, Gary, Glennys, Rajeev and Sharon. In particular, the roles that Alan, Barrie and Ron play in bringing it all together are invaluable, especially as our Club members are still learning the finer points of running an Art Show. A huge thank you to all three.

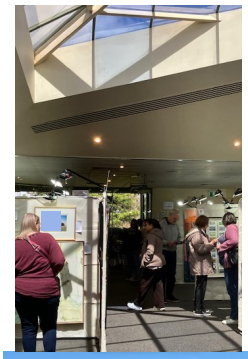
Warm thanks to everyone for your support.





Jenny Moran

2026 Knox Art Show Convenor




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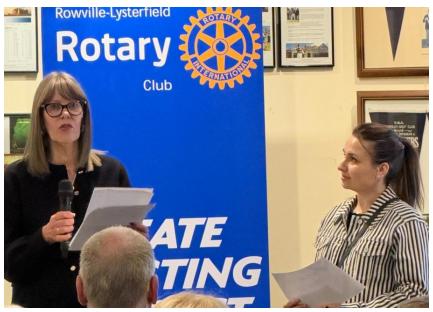



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The Art of Love



Many people visiting the Art Show were enthralled by the detailed work in the large mosaic pieces, including a horse and a tiger. A chat with the artists, Dianne and Houcine, when they were collecting these pieces gave an insight into their passion for their art and their interesting life.

The Arabian horse mosaic took the two of them 7 months, working 7 days a week, with only about 5 days of rest in all that time.

Their passion for mosaic work was the common bond that fuelled an on-line relationship for four years, with Houcine in Switzerland and Dianne in Melbourne. As Houcine had no English, Dianne's schoolgirl French was the basis of their common language for quite a while.

Six-monthly visits helped the romance to develop until they married and Houcine relocated to Melbourne in 2019. They now both teach their unique mosaic work online, with yearly workshops in Tunisia, Houcine's birth country. A very interesting life indeed!

Jenny

CLUB UPDATE continued from p.1.....

DGE Murray also gave us a district update and spoke about his visits to 70% of clubs in the district, noting that he is well on track to achieve his goal of visiting 100% by June 2027. Murray's focus in his year will be Australian Rotary Health whilst also continuing DG Emma's legacy of domestic violence prevention, youth, environmental projects and disaster recovery. Murray believes that there is a strong link between Youth and Environment and would like to see this connection encouraged and enhanced. He also outlined plans to establish a District 9815 scholarship through Australian Rotary Health as part of his term as District Governor. Murray also announced that the District website has had an overhaul and encouraged all members to have a look and a "play".

The evening closed with discussion about strengthening the club's social media presence. In encouraging news, our young friends Max and Sienna have agreed to help coordinate future social media activity, helping the club reach new audiences and tell more of Rotary's stories online.

From youth development and international service to community events and future opportunities, the club continues to

PROGRAM JANUARY 2027

January is Vocational Month. When talking to David Button recently Marg asked if it would it be possible for our Club to come and visit his family's nursey , the Alameda Homestead Nursery at Devon Meadows. This would be an informative and social event especially as David is going to invite other Clubs to join in the experience.

The first meeting back in January should have been Tuesday 19th January but it has been decided to cancel that meeting and this event will take place instead, on Wednesday 20th January.

There will be more information when we have numbers, but the initial discussion with David is to bring our own meat and drink and we will split members to bring salads /desserts. On a previous occasion David organised food trucks to attend for catering, which was really effective so we can consider this as an alternative option.

What David needs to know is the approximate numbers who are going to attend. Can you please book on the following link ASAP:

events.humanitix.com/vocational-visit-alameda-homestead-nursery

This should be a great event and hopefully many members will be able to attend.

CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY



Our Christmas Party will be held at Kevin and Cheryl Harrison's on Tuesday 15th December at 6pm.

As parking is very difficult you are asked to car pool or park around the corner and walk in.

Please BYO drinks, meat, glasses and chairs.

There will be a spreadsheet coming out shortly with items for the sharing table e.g. salads, desserts etc. Please add your name to that list when it becomes available.

Further information soon.

It has also been suggested that instead of a Kris Kringle, that members bring something along from the list on the right, in support of the Rotary Club of Frankston North and their "New Start Bags" project, supporting victims of domestic violence and other vulnerable people.

A large box or bag will be provided for the donations. Please do not wrap.



UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Share Space Inc is running a Christmas Festival on Sunday 22nd November
- Karoo Primary School has a Christmas Extravaganza on Thursday 10th December
- Knox Festival is on Saturday 27th February, 2027

Please note that we have been invited to set up a stall at the Christmas Festival and the Christmas Extravaganza. These are great opportunities to showcase to our local community what we do and we will be looking for volunteers.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2027– Update from Jeff

Please see below the latest update from Jeff, our On-to-Conference person.

If you have not booked but intend to go to conference make sure you take advantage of the savings if booked before December 31st2026.

Book online at: https://www.rydges.com/rates/#/-valley/ or Phone: 02 4991 0000 – Don't hang up if the phone is answered with something other than Rydges Resort Hunter Valley.
Use booking code: **2703ROTARY_001**

I found them to be very helpful and efficient when I rang and booked rather than booking online.

TRANSPORT

If you need assistance with flights from Melbourne to Newcastle direct please contact Kath Williams. Buses are available at $25 per head each way for the transfers between Newcastle Airport and Rydges Resort.

FRIDAY NIGHT FUNCTION

As a majority of members have chosen not to book the Friday night function at Rydges, the following arrangements have been made for our club members attending the conference.

FRIDAY 12TH MARCH 2027

LOVEDAY BREWBAR - Less than 10 minutes from Rydges.

6:00pm

BOOKING – Currently 15

TRANSPORT: Car share as sufficient members are driving to conference.

MENU

https://lovedalebrewbar.com/food-drink/

Conference attendees please confirm to me by email if you want to be included in this option so I can re-confirm the booking.

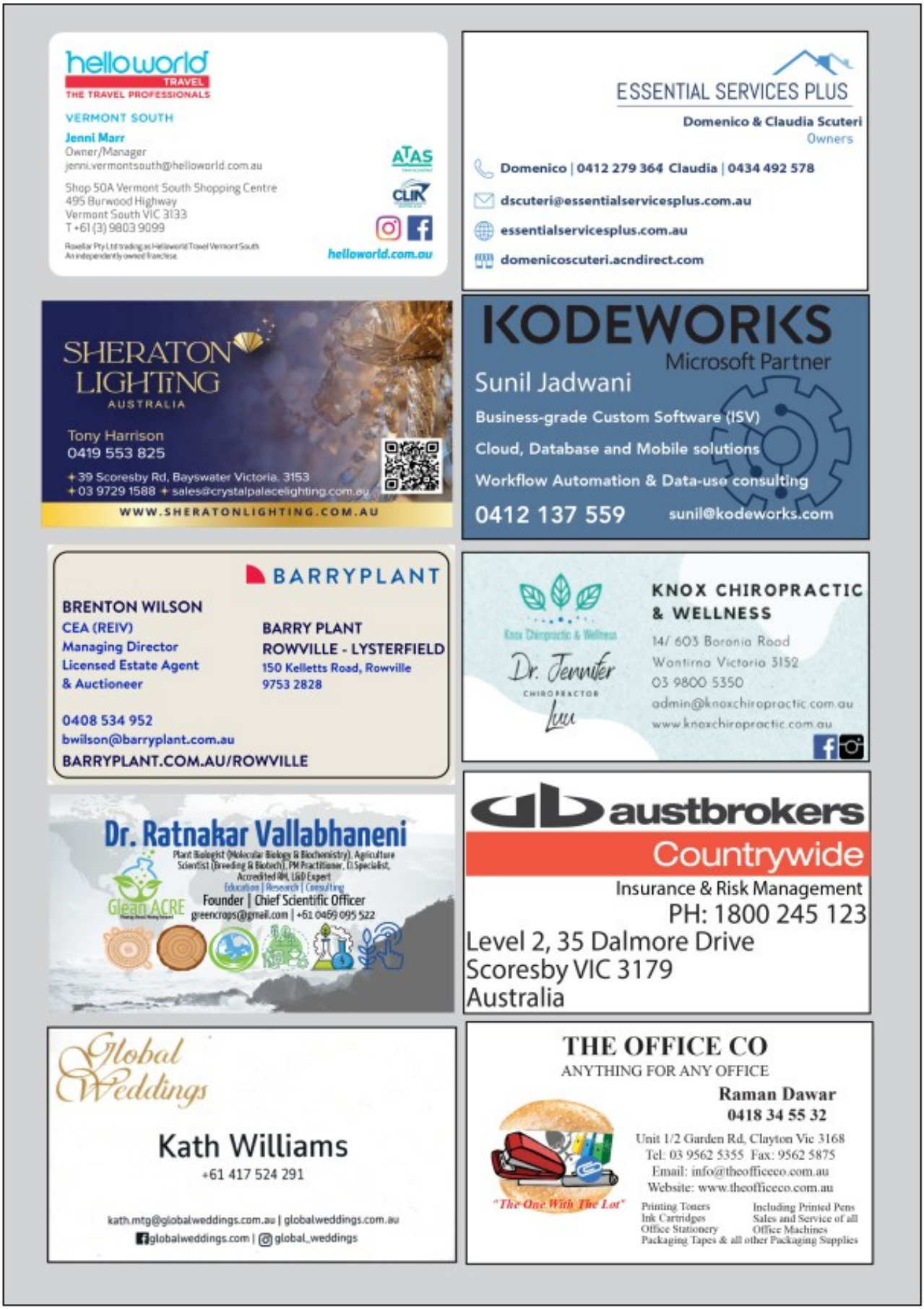
Thanks to Jenny Moran for assistance in finding this venue.

Jeff



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

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CONTACT DETAILS

Club website: https://www.rowvillerotary.com.au/
District website : https://rotary9815.org.au
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Rotary-Club-of-Rowville-Lysterfield-171446576246728/?ref=bookmarks

2026-2027 BOARD MEMBERS

President	Andy Round	*Secretary*	Heather Morris
Vice President	Alan Lunghusen	*Treasurer*	Neil White
President Elect	Andy Round	*Immediate Past President*	Bob Morris
President Nominee		*Board Member*	Marg Vesey

2026-2027 SERVICE CHAIRS and OTHER ROLES

Community Service Chair	Sharon Ferdinands	**Program Committee**	Marg Vesey Heather Morris
Youth Service Chair	Cheryl Harrison	**Social Media**	Max & Sienna
International Service Chair	Alan Lunghusen	**Website**	Andy Round
		Newsletter	Corinne Baillie
Environment Chair	Gary Forrest	**Rowville Secondary College Council Rep**	Rajeev Wadhwa
Vocational Chair	John Williams	**On-to-Conference**	Jeff Somers
Foundation	Neil White	**Rowville Lysterfield**	Jenny Moran
Membership	Kevin Harrison	**Social Convenor**	Kaye Sharman
Club Protection Officer	Daryl Moran	**Muffin and Soup Roster**	Glennys Hocking
BBQ Coordinators	Ian Vesey Marg Vesey	**Art Show Chair** **Girls' Night Out Chair**	Jenny Moran Jenny Moran
War Memorial Project Chair	Daryl Moran	**Knox Business Awards** **Business Breakfast Chair**	John Williams Daryl Moran