



**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

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THIS WEEK'S SPEAKER—John Lawrence BELRAG



Basic Education and Literacy Rotary Action Group (BELRAG) is a resource to improve the literacy of people, particularly those in remote areas with low literacy skillsets or resources. 17% of the world's adult population (over 15 years) lack basic literacy skills meaning, 1 in 9 adults are not literate. Improvement in literacy becomes fundamental in making changes and moving forward.

One of the ways John has been involved through BELRAG is with a project called "Teacher in a Box". It helps people read and learn in remote areas where there is no internet, by using a server and a refurbished laptop. Another way BELRAG assists is by training the teachers which is very important to literacy outcomes.

The "Teacher in a Box" project started off as a club project and has grown to the point where BELRAG have provided 130 servers to 24 countries including PNG, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Cambodia, and Africa because the lack of resources has to be overcome.

In all the countries where "Teacher in a Box" has been set up they have firstly started with the relevant Department of Education, taken their curriculum and placed it onto the server so that each school involved has access to the authentic national curriculum. They also source and often take American and Australian videos and have these dubbed with the language where they are going to be used.

Interestingly, the "Teacher in a Box" servers have also been used by others in the community since the range is approximately 500m. The server becomes a search engine for others trying to research things as well as the resource for students doing homework on phones or tablets. The servers can be updated regularly by remote means. "Teacher in a Box" is relevant to a particular community, every server is customized for that group and done with the authority of the local government and the school authority. The servers go to areas where they want it, demand it, really need it and will look after it.

More broadly, BELRAG tries to assist clubs with ways of being engaged and trying to help both locally in their communities, and overseas which is where BELRAG is mainly focused. They broadcast very regular webinars using speakers from around the globe to impart knowledge and information and to help clubs with their projects. BELRAG also rewards outstanding education and literacy projects globally, including both monetary and recognition prizes. This helps to ensure that they promote literacy opportunities and create a positive and lasting change. Clubs can join with BELRAG to promote literacy on a wider scale.

A question was asked by Jeff in terms of AI and its implications. John related a story of how it is already being used to help. A really good basic book on how to build structures from PNG and written in Pigeon English was taken to Indonesia to be refined. AI is being used to translate the original document. This means that a module can be put onto the servers on how to make water tanks, construct buildings etc in a simple way which was first created in PNG in the 50s; and is still relevant today in helping villages to make themselves self-sufficient and sustainable by building their own school rooms, toilet blocks etc. A great use of AI now and hopefully into the future.

Thank you John for your time and information about BELRAG and for joining us on Zoom.



**Home Club of
PDG Daryl Moran**



HELP NEEDED....

The knitters at Peppertree Hill Retirement Village are in urgent need of wool to keep up their good work of knitting for B4VK . They also knit for the Youth Outreach program being run under the B4VK umbrella. This involves knitting beanies gloves, scarves and rugs to provide what warmth they can to the street kids. Even wool scraps (less than a ball) can be used by the ladies as they can incorporate stripes into the items they are knitting, or knit small squares of different colours that can be joined to make rugs. If you can help, please bring along your wool to a meeting and it can be collected and delivered to the village. Thank you!



TAMMINYA HOUSE



This week Ian and Jeff went to Tamminya House to have a look at what needed doing in the garden.

They eagerly got to work on the raised garden beds and filled them with fresh soil so that they can be planted with vegetables. Jeff brought along some seed potatoes and other vegetable seeds.

The sandpit was topped up with new sand too. The children will enjoy playing in the fresh sand and looking after the veggies in the garden.

There is weeding to be done down the side of the house so Ian and Jeff are calling for anyone who would like to lend a hand with this. Your help would be much appreciated!



Our sincere thanks to Manna Gum of Upper Ferntree Gully who donated the soil and sand.



EARLYBIRD TICKET PRICE FINISHES 30TH SEPTEMBER

<https://rotary9815.org.au/sitepage/district-conference-2025>

GET YOUR TICKET TODAY!!

Member news snippets...

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9th - Kevin

18th- Daryl



We need a muffin maker for the 30th of September and 28th October to replace Fiona please!!

President Jenny recounted again that there are many volunteer hours being spent by Members of the Rotary Club of Rowville-Lysterfield. Many of these hours are spent sitting at computers but there are many spent personally “on the job”.

This past week the face-to-face interactions were:

Soup making and delivery to Foothills at FTG

Muffins making and delivery to Foothills at Upwey

2 members attending Taminya House to evaluate garden works and beginning those works

6 members at a working bee to start making new covers for the Art Show display stands

2 members reporting on RCGs and District International Aid Projects at the President’s Meeting

2 members reporting on District Youth at 2 separate club meetings

All in all, a very busy week!!



Details for those attending Adrian’s Funeral:

Friday 20th September at 11 am

St. Jude’s Church, George Street Scoresby.

For those unable to attend there is a Livestream at:

[The Funeral Service for Adrian Klep \(vimeo.com\)](https://www.vimeo.com/...)

BERWICK ANTIQUE & COLLECTIBLE FAIR 2024
 Operated by Rotary Club Rowville-Lysterfield
FAIR 2024
 FOOD
 9am - 4pm
 \$5 Entry
SUNDAY, 20TH OCTOBER
 Berwick Leisure Centre, 79 Manuka Road, Berwick

ALWAYS A FUN NIGHT.....

Saturday 19th October 2024 6.00 pm

Glen Waverley Community Centre
 700 Waverly Road
 Glen Waverley 3150

Dinner contribution \$40/ person

www.sheba.ngo sheabet@gmail.com

SHEBA Fundraising Event 2024
 Primary Health Care Initiatives and Community Development Projects

For stall holders or more information, please visit our new website at www.berwickantiquefair.com.au

Please use the link and book now:
<https://www.trybooking.com/CVHBO>

ROSTERS—Foothills muffins and soup

30 September Muffins	Heather, Jenny, Anita and Rajeev, ???
9 October Soup	Kate, Kylie, Anita (last one for 2024)
14 October Muffins	Marg, Kaye, Corinne, Pete and Sue
28 October Muffins	Heather, Jenny, Anita and Rajeev, ???
11 November Muffins	Marg, Kaye, Corinne, Pete and Sue



FOOTHILLS
COMMUNITY CARE



NEXT BUNNINGS BBQ—

Next Friday - September 20th

Thank you to all those who have volunteered!

October is a busy month for BBQs, please add your name to the rosters on Google Sheets as soon as possible.



Inaugural Knox Business Awards

Rotary
Rowville-Lysterfield

2024 Knox Business Awards Presentation

Thursday, 24 October 2024
Starting at 07:00 AM - 8:30 AM

Tickets \$30
included Hot Buffet Breakfast,
Coffee, Tea and Orange Juice
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**SOMETHING A LITTLE
DIFFERENT...**

OCTOBER 8th

A CELEBRATION AND PLANNING NIGHT

Gather from 6.00 pm, meeting 6.30 - 7.30 pm.

No guest speaker, but time to celebrate achievements and plan for the busy time ahead.

At 7.30 pm, those who wish, may depart but if you wish, it will be time to share a meal together (meals will be ordered at the start to enable them to be ready in time).

PROGRAM

Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and Production	Program
21 September	This Saturday Coffee and Conversation at Tosaria's 9:30am			
24 September	Marg	Jeff	Ian Daryl	Footy Theme with Footy Food Wear your Footy Club Colours
01 October	Carol	Neil W	Alan John	Foundation with District Chair Alma Reynolds Dr Sharif- SHEBA update + event
08 October	Bob	Heather	Ian Daryl	Celebration and Planning Night 6:30-7:30pm (see p.4 for details)
15 October	John	Carol	Ian Alan	Ken Mirams District Youth Protection Fabian Pasquini Austbroker Referrals
19 October	SHEBA FUNDRAISER EVENT Glen Waverley Community Centre 6pm			
20 October	BERWICK ANTIQUE & COLLECTIBLES FAIR Berwick Leisure Centre 79 Manuka Rd Berwick 9am-4pm			
22 October	Kaye	Daryl	John Kevin	Anton Hockey RYDA

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SAT 19th OCTOBER—SHEBA Fundraiser Event—Glen Waverley Community Centre

SUN 20th OCTOBER—Berwick Antique and Collectible Fair—Berwick Leisure Centre

THURS 24th OCTOBER—Knox Business Awards—Churchill - Waverley Golf and Bowls Club

FRI 8th-SUN 10th NOVEMBER—50TH Knox Art Show- Churchill - Waverley Golf and Bowls Club

WED 20th NOV- BUSINESS BREAKFAST- Churchill - Waverley Golf and Bowls Club

TUES 10th DEC—CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP—TBC



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