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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 Jenny Moran 0404893870



This week's speaker.....

This week's speaker, Grant Murray, is an adventurous spirit who loves camping and exploring the remotest regions of the country. This adventurous nature led him to apply to the Australian Antarctic Division in 2019 for a job as a carpenter. After an extensive application process, followed by 3 months of training, he found himself in the coldest, windiest and driest place on earth... Antarctica... which was his home for the following 18 months. His location at Davis Station, 5,000 km from Australia, took two weeks to reach in an Ice Breaker, sometimes through seas as high as 9 metres.

Whilst selected for his carpentry skills, Grant was trained in a range of skills, such as fire fighting, rescue and surgery, with training in the latter at Royal Hobart Hospital. His skills were called on frequently, particularly to suture wounds and he did have to perform one operation during his time at the Station. Other tasks involved helping scientists with their experiments.

Travelling to other parts was a fun part for Grant as the transport varied between helicopter, quad bike and Haglund vehicle. The accommodation and food were of a very high standard and there were many special meals for birthdays and events such as Christmas. When not actually working there was plenty to do, especially in summer with the possibility of hiking in the Vestfold Hills or going out in the Zodiac boats to observe the wildlife. He commented that there is a restriction on going any closer to the animals than 5 metres, but if you make the right sorts of noises the animals will come to you, which is acceptable. Grant's favourite was the seals who frequently visited the station.

The photographic opportunities were amazing, as illustrated by the wonderful photographs Grant showed during his presentation, particularly photographs of the Aurora.

Grant shared that at times it was quite hard to be so far away from family, even though communication was very frequent and easy. One member of the crew who was with him was very badly affected and had to be medivacced back to Australia. Despite the challenges at times, Grant would love to go back for another stint.

We give our thanks to Grant and to his wife, Iwona, for sharing his experience with us.



Home Club of PDG Daryl Moran



Visit to Disaster Aid Australia—9 July

Get ready for an informative visit to Disaster Aid Australia coming up on Tuesday 9th July in place of our usual meeting. It will include a tour, a presentation and a demonstration of a working Skyhydrant (weather permitting). There will be a 2 course meal included at a cost of \$25 (card/cash). Soft drinks



are available to purchase or there is a bottle shop close by but you are welcome to BYO. Numbers are limited to a maximum of 20, so first in best dressed!

Address is: 92 Doveton Avenue, EUMEMMERING

EMAIL JEFF BY SUNDAY NIGHT TO SECURE YOUR PLACE!!!!



News

Congratulations to Alan and Marg for making successful submissions for grants from the Rotary Foundation.

Firstly, a grant for a Scholarship for Uganda Family Care.

The young man who has received the Scholarship has been working at the school for some time.

Although he had started his Degree he was unable to continue to pay the fees when his father died and had to withdraw from the course.

The second grant is for Kiriwina Toilet Maintenance.

Both grants total \$2000 plus \$2000 provided by our club, bringing the total for each project to \$4000.

Well done to Alan and Marg who worked tirelessly and persevered through some difficult moments to make these submissions and secure these much appreciated grants.





A Heartfelt Thank You....

A thank you from Uganda Family Care on hearing about the Scholarship grant....

"We can't express how extremely grateful we are, for the time you've put into this application. I realise, that with the request having gone in almost a year before the next intake, it's been a real patience tester and challenging. We are very confident though, that investing in Aaron, is indeed investing in a very large number of children and disadvantaged young people. His gifts, skills and lively involvement in his pupils' growth and learning have

been exceptional already. After a degree of input and further training, we are sure he is going to be amazing!

Thank you for caring! Thank you for focusing your giving in a way that it's going to impact many young people in the next years. We are

so touched and impressed by the genuinely focused giving of Rotary and we salute you and thank you!"

Sincerely,

Robin Yamaguchi

Director



CONGRATULATIONS...

Our congratulations to Alan Lunghusen who has been announced as the Assistant to PDG Janne Spiers who has been appointed as District 9815 International Chair.

Alan's vast experience with Kiriwina(PNG), Uganda Family Care, SHEBA and RAWCS will undoubtedly help him to assist other Rotarians and/or Clubs with their development of International Projects.



Member news snippets

July Birthdays:

2 July Kath Williams

31 July Stephen Palamara

- Jeff and Veronica are heading to warmer temperatures on a Kimberley Cruise (Broome-Darwin)
- Corinne and Les are doing the same at the end of the month (Darwin-Broome)
- After much packing, storing and unpacking Jenny and Daryl have moved into their new home this week. Wishing you both all the best!!



Which member double booked our Club Changeover dinner but did not realise she hadn't booked the District 9815 Changeover?

Apparently, she was telling all who asked, that she and her husband were going to the District Changeover!

Luckily a couple of spots were available up the front in the Dignitaries area whilst the rest of our club members sat towards the back!

Sounds like a mistake worth making, Marg!!!



THANK YOU!!!



To Beryl Brown for making 200 Santa Sacks for B4VK so far this year!!! Also, thanks to all who provide the sheets, which after washing by club members, are delivered to Beryl to repurpose into the sacks. A great team effort!!

ROSTERS—Foothills muffins and soup

8 July Muffins	Heather, Fiona, Rajeev & Anita, Jenny
17 July Soup	Kate, Kylie, Jenny
22 July Muffins	Marg, Kaye, Corinne, Pete & Sue
5 August Muffins	Heather, Fiona, Rajeev & Anita, Jenny
14 August Soup	Kate, Kylie, Anita
19 August Muffins	Marg, Kaye, Corinne, Pete & Sue
2 September Muffins	Heather, Fiona, Rajeev & Anita, Jenny
11 September Soup	Kate, Kylie, Marg





Next Bunnings BBQ—July 19. Another great result last Friday with a profit of \$577.45! Thanks to Alan, Kaye, Jeff, Ian and Bob (AKA Superman), as he worked both shifts!

PROGRAM

Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and Production	Program		
9 July	Visit to Disaster Aid for an update on recent Skyhydrant installations, and much more					
	92 Doveton Ave Eumemmerring					
	Meet at 6:45pm for a 7pm sharp start—meal provided for \$25 (BYO is Ok)					
16 July	J eff	Bob	John	Carol Bellew—Soap Aid		
			Ian			
23 July	Stephen	Carol	Kevin	Caitlyn Smart—My RYLA experience		
			Daryl			
30 July	Kaye	Daryl	Alan	Anita Wadhwa—My Family Story		
			John			
6 Aug	NO MEETING TONIGHT— DG Partner Project Fundraiser					
	(see Flyer included in the Newsletter)					

Coffee catch-up morning—this Saturday July 6th, 9.30 am

A chance for those who cannot make it to an evening meeting to build their connections within the Club.

All welcome—come for 10 minutes or come for an hour!



Let's support our members....











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CONTACT DETAILS

Club website https://rotary.completecircleconsulting.xyz/.

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2024-2025 BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

PresidentJenny MoranSecretaryHeather MorrisVice PresidentMurray WilsonTreasurerNeil White

President Elect Bob Morris Immediate Past President Carol Constantine

2024-2025 COMMITTEE MEMBERS and OTHER ROLES

Community Service	Marg Vesey	Art Show Committee	Rajeev Wadhwa
Ž	Kate Kidd		Carol Constantine
	Ian Vesey		Alan Lunghusen
	Ayanthi Gunatilake		Gary Forrest
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	Gary Forrest		Gary Forrest
	Daryl Moran	NT 1	Jenny Moran
	Rajeev Wadhwa	Newsletter	Corinne Baillie
International Service	Alan Lunghusen	Fundraising/Sponsorship	Stephen Palamara
	Marg Vesey		Kaye Sharman
	Ayanthi Gunatilake	BBQ Committee	Heather Morris
Environment	Arshad Samsudeen		Bob Morris
Vocational	John Williams		Ian Vesey
Foundation	Neil White	Rowville Secondary	Rajeev Wadhwa
Membership	Bob Morris	College Council Rep	
	Kevin Harrison	Facebook	Stephen Palamara
Club Protection Officer	Carol Constantine	Website	Committee to be
Club Protection	Anita Wadhwa		Confirmed shortly.
Assistant (WWCC)			Website is a work in
			progress (see link
			above)
		Rowville Lysterfield	Jenny Moran
		Community News	
		On-to-Conference	Jeff Somers
		Social Convenor	Kaye Sharman