



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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SOAP AID

For many of us, being able to wash our hands with a cake of soap is such an everyday occurrence that we barely give it a thought. This is not the case in many parts of the world and the consequences are significant. The World Health Organisation has determined that handwashing with soap reduces hygiene related illnesses by 40%. At the start of COVID, WHO also determined that 30% of people across the world did not have access to soap. Currently 4 billion people across the world lack access to adequate sanitation and 1.5 million children die from hygiene related illnesses per year.

These facts underly the work of Soap Aid, as outlined by our Guest Speaker this week, Carol Bellew, who is the General Manager Operations.



This organisation, which grew from a casual conversation during a plane journey in 2011, has the mission to collect and recycle partly used soaps from accommodation venues and to distribute the soap to those in need, both locally and overseas. Since its inception, it has processed more than 300 tonnes of soap and made 3 million bars. A 12 kg box of soap is enough to supply three families with soap for one year. The soap distribution process is also accompanied by education about the need for hand hygiene. This education is often delivered at primary school level with the expectation that children then educate their families. Since 2016, Soap Aid has supported the End Trachoma program in indigenous communities in northern Australia.

One part of the work of Soap Aid is the 'Hotels to Hands' social enterprise program. Hotels and other accommodation venues pay a subscription to Soap Aid to recycle their partly used soaps. This gives hotels a focus on corporate social responsibility and is often endorsed strongly by the staff at the venue. Unfortunately, the trend towards bottled body wash and the like in hotels is an impediment faced by Soap Aid, but they are active in communicating the benefits of using hard soap. Amongst these benefits is minimizing the use of plastics and the CO₂ emissions that come with manufacturing plastic.

Eighteen months ago the recycling plant at Dandenong was established, which works with 'The Bridge' to provide jobs for people who need assistance in finding employment.

Soap Aid is funded partly by the 'Hotels to Hands' program but also by donations and fundraising activities. It has developed excellent partnerships with Government, Corporate and Community partners and particularly with Freight Partners who collect from all over Australia. The current goal is to raise \$120,000 by November 2024, which will enable even more soap to be recycled and distributed.



Home Club of
PDG Daryl Moran

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER—Caitlyn Smart, 23 July

Our RYLA Candidate , Caitlyn Smart, will be speaking at next week's meeting. Come and hear about the impacts this great program has had on Caitlyn and her future.



ENVIRONMENT NEWS - National Tree Planting Day 2024

To celebrate National Tree Planting Day 2024, Knox City Council and volunteers will be planting 3000 indigenous trees, shrubs, and ground covers at Koolamara Waters Reserve in Ferntree Gully.

It would be great to have a representation from our Club rolling up their sleeves and helping with this wonderful project which will increase native flora and fauna in the area.

Planting equipment and BBQ provided.



A mistletoebird photographed by Rae Nunan at Koolamara Waters.

When

Sunday, July 28, 2024

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Where

Koolamara Waters Reserve
Ferntree Gully VIC 3156

Parking is available on Blackwood Park Drive and Koolamara Blvd, Ferntree Gully.

*****Please let Arshad know if you can attend**

INDUCTION

CONGRATULATIONS to our newest Member, the first for 2024-2025, Andy Round who was inducted on Tuesday.

Andy has already helped out on several Bunnings BBQs and is currently working on the new Website.

We are sure you will very much enjoy being part of the team at Rotary Rowville-Lysterfield, Andy!



DISTRICT 9815 PARTNER PROJECT

There is still time to be part of the DG Partner Project Fundraiser.

Make sure to **RSVP** by Tuesday **30th of July** to

leannebyron59@gmail.com

Since we do not have a meeting on that night, it would be great to see a good representation there from the Club.

Payment details on flyer

Rotary 
District 9815

YOU ARE INVITED TO
our Fundraising event at:
Shangri-La Inn
Malaysian & Chinese Restaurant,
37-39 Brentwood Square
Forest Hill 3131

TUESDAY AUGUST 6
6:30PM FOR 7PM START

8 COURSE MEAL
COST: \$60 PER HEAD
Includes Chinese tea & corkage BYO Wine.
Beer & soft drinks available for purchase at own expense.

RSVP by July 30
leannebyron59@gmail.com

Payments to:
D9815 Partner Project a/c
BSB: 633 000
ACCOUNT: 217 861 194


SUPPORTING THE
DISTRICT GOVERNOR PARTNER PROJECT:
MONASH CHILDRENS CANCER CENTRE

 **THE MAGIC OF ROTARY**

Member news snippets

July Birthdays:

- 2 July Kath Williams
- 17 July Andy Round
- 31 July Stephen Palamara

- Only a few more sleeps before Jeff and Veronica can leave this dreadful cold behind! Bon Voyage!!



- Hope you are feeling tip top again soon Bob!

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Congratulations to Carol and Stephen who have been asked to co-ordinate the President Elect Learning and Development Program (PELD) for District Governor Elect Peter Behm.

Well done to you both!



Recycling Reminder

A reminder of all the recycling options that we have been utilizing and where to drop them off :

- ◆ Aluminium blister packs from medication – Blooms the Chemist (Stud Park) or National Pharmacies
- ◆ Old shoes such as runners (no stilettos or work boots) to Treadlightly collection points such as Rebel Sports
- ◆ Old blankets and towels – RSPCA
- ◆ Textiles – H & M Stores (they give a voucher for a 10% discount with each donation)
- ◆ Foreign coins and notes – Rotarian Ron Brooks from RC Bayswater to go to Give Every Child a Future
- ◆ Used stamps – Rotarian Camille Rogers from RC Glen Waverley (cut a decent border around each stamp)
- ◆ Electronic goods, mobile phones, printer cartridges etc- Officeworks (check their website for details)



A reminder from Knox City Council

Don't bin your batteries. Drop off used batteries for recycling at most major supermarkets, Bunnings and many other locations. Full list : bcycle.com.au/drop-off



Backpacks 4 VIC Kids-TRIVIA NIGHT

B4VK's Christmas in July Trivia Night

Saturday, 20 July 2024
7:00PM-10:00PM

South Eastern Masonic Centre
270 Hutton Rd, KEYSBOROUGH, 3173

\$47 pp which includes a Yummy Grazing Supper!

Full of festive fun, auctions, delicious treats, and trivia challenges, all to support Christmas 4 Kids in Care! Every ticket helps bring joy to children in need.

Raffle
Silent Auction
Prizes Galore



Tickets Now on Sale for
Our Christmas in July
Trivia Night!

Get ready to jingle all the way to an unforgettable evening of fun and festivity!

Let's support B4VK in their great work, by getting a table together for what promises to be a fun night! Please let Heather know if you want to attend.

ROSTERS—Foothills muffins and soup



FOOTHILLS
COMMUNITY CARE

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, Jenny, need someone else
11 September Soup	Kate, Kylie, Marg



Next Bunnings BBQ.....This Friday, July 19.

Pop past to support the team.

Thanks to those who have volunteered.

PROGRAM

Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and Production	Program
23 July	Jeff	Carol	Kevin Daryl	Caitlyn Smart—My RYLA experience Presentation of Club Action Plan
30 July	Kaye	Kevin	Alan John	Anita Wadhwa—My Family Story
06 August	DG Partner Fundraiser			
10 August	Saturday Coffee and Chat 9:30am at Tosaria			
13 August	Gary	Marg	Bob Kevin	District Governor Colin Byron to visit

Coffee catch-up morning—Saturday August 10th, 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!*



**At Tosaria's
Restaurant**

Let's support our members....

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Rotary-Club-of-Rowville-Lysterfield-171446576246728/?ref=bookmarks>

2024-2025 BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

President	Jenny Moran	Secretary	Heather Morris
Vice President	Murray Wilson	Treasurer	Neil White
President Elect	Bob Morris	Immediate Past President	Carol Constantine

2024-2025 COMMITTEE MEMBERS and OTHER ROLES

Community Service	Marg Vesey Kate Kidd Ian Vesey Ayanthi Gunatilake	Art Show Committee	Rajeev Wadhwa Carol Constantine Alan Lunghusen Gary Forrest
Youth Service	Max Williams Gary Forrest Daryl Moran Rajeev Wadhwa	Program Committee	Jeff Somers Kate Kidd Jenny Moran
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		Fundraising/ Sponsorship	Stephen Palamara Kaye Sharman
		BBQ Committee	Heather Morris Bob Morris Ian Vesey
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Vocational	John Williams Stephen Palamara	College Council Rep	
		Facebook	Stephen Palamara
Foundation	Neil White	Website	Committee to be
Membership	Bob Morris Kevin Harrison	Rowville Lysterfield	Confirmed shortly. Jenny Moran
Club Protection Officer	Carol Constantine	Community News	
Club Protection Assistant (WWCC)	Anita Wadhwa	On-to-Conference	Jeff Somers
		Social Convenor	Kaye Sharman