



**THE MAGIC  
OF ROTARY**

**Rotary**  
Rowville Lysterfield



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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

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## DG Colin Byron and partner Leanne visit

The visit from District Governor Colin Byron highlighted for Club members, the broad priorities for Rotary in the coming year and provided some feedback regarding how effective our Club is in meeting Rotary goals.

The ongoing issue for Rotary in the developed countries has been for a number of years, and continues to be, retaining members. New members join but just as many leave, many within the first year or two. The reasons for this have been studied and fall into the basic categories of poor club experience, unmet expectations and change in personal circumstances. It is clear that the format of 'meeting, meal and speaker' does not suit everyone. If a new member joins with the expectation of making a positive impact on the lives of others in their community, this needs to be evident in the activities of the club. Colin echoed the sentiment of RI President Stephanie Urchick that Clubs should aim to be 'Irresistible'.

DG Colin outlined his vision to meet the goal of 'Attract, Retain and Form new clubs'. The key in his view is to form new style clubs that meet the needs of its members. Clubs such as Companion Clubs are growing in the US with flexible meeting styles such as meeting in a pub once a month to talk about the next project. Another possibility is to target an area of growth where no Club exists, such as in the Pakenham, Clyde, Officer region of Melbourne.

DG Colin also spoke about his 'Magic Moment' in Rotary, when he was involved with ROMAC. Two young girls were brought to Melbourne through ROMAC for surgery and Colin was overwhelmed with the assistance that was offered to ensure these girls were able to have their surgery and follow up care. Returning to their home country as healthy, fit girls was an exciting moment and a testament to the value of this Rotary program.

In reflecting on our Club activities, DG Colin was very complementary about the range of activities undertaken and the great atmosphere at our meetings. In addition, the formation of our Satellite Club was an innovative move that clearly meets the needs of some members, while still working for Rotary goals.

Leanne followed Colin at the microphone to outline the events in her life that have led her to the focus of her DG Partner Project, the Monash Children's Hospital Cancer Centre. Having her father die early in her life from cancer, Leanne found a protector in her older brother Terry. When he was diagnosed with cancer at an early age he channelled a lot of his remaining time and energy into fundraising for cancer treatment. Leanne feels it is a privilege to be able to honour his legacy by continuing this work in the hope of making the pathway a little easier for children suffering from cancer.

In support of Leanne's efforts, the Club will be donating \$500 to her project.

DG Colin and Leanne stated how they always enjoy visiting us and we thank them for making the time available in the midst of attending the multitude of activities that the 76 clubs of District 9815 organise.



**Home Club of  
PDG Daryl Moran**



## OUR CLUB AT WORK

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Rotaract Changeover and Days for Girls working bee

At this week's meeting, President Jenny pointed out the many activities that members have been involved in this past week. There were 14 separate activities, many with multiple members involved. From making Soup for Foothills Community Care to making Global Grants Submissions, we have been very busy.

The next few months don't look any different, kicking off next Monday with the Primary Schools' Speech Competition (please arrive by 6:30pm to help out with any jobs).

-Knox Nocturnals will resume at the start of Term 4. More volunteers are needed, especially as bus drivers. Have a talk to Jenny or Carol if you are interested. There is also need for someone to serve dinner.... A very easy task.

-The Berwick Antique Fair committee...Stephen, Kaye, Gary and Bob ask you to **SAVE THE DATE** for the Fair on **SUNDAY OCT 20th** from 9am-4pm.

-The 50th Knox Art Show plans are underway with the show taking place from **8th-10th Nov**. We are hoping for a special Opening Night so **SAVE THE DATE** for this too!

## Donations in Kind - Open Day Update

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Alan, Robyn, Ayanthi, Gary and Rajeev attended the Donations in Kind Open Day last Saturday.

Rajeev is photographed below next to an "Iron Lung". He discovered that these were used to keep Polio sufferers alive as their lungs had been paralysed by the disease. In one case, a sufferer lived in an iron lung for 72 years and during that time studied to become a Lawyer.

**END POLIO NOW END POLIO NOW!!!**

**DONATIONS WELCOME!**

In the last 24 years, Donations In Kind, has shipped 708 containers of equipment and supplies worth \$76 million to 36 countries and administrative regions.

Items which improve education, medical and maternal care are high on their priority list.

Locally they provide medical and mobility items free of charge to disadvantaged people in the community.

During 2023/2024 Donations In Kind supplied 215 patients with 346 items in 80 suburbs of Melbourne.



**APOLOGY:** The facts to the left are now correct.

happy  
birthday

## Member news snippets

Corinne and Les are back from the Kimberley and very grateful that the weather has been so kind since their arrival last Sunday.

### THANK YOU!!!!!!

A special thank you to their daughter Claire, who has edited and published the last 2 newsletters in their absence.

Top job Claire, will you do it again in Nov when we head to NZ please? Mum xx

### Is "Foo" back????.....

Who remembers the character "Foo"? ...well, it seems we have our own, giving instructions to Marg over the side gate as she had locked herself out of the house!!



- Good to hear that Bob is making some small improvements.
- Neil M has now moved into room 133 in the main building at Dame Nellie Melba Retirement Village and would love to have visitors. Call at the Reception desk in the main building for instructions as to how to find him.
- Adrian is taking each day as it comes and is also very happy to have visitors.

### August Birthdays:

2nd - Bob Morris

18th– Kate Kidd

### CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Congratulations to Fiona who was the only one to reply with answers to the Brain Teasers last week!



She answered 3 out of 5 correctly!

Clearly, she has nothing better to do or she is just smarter than the rest of us!!

Well done, Fiona! Thanks for participating!

See all correct answers below....



## Youth News

### PRIMARY SCHOOLS SPEECH COMPETITION

NEXT MONDAY 19TH AUGUST at 6:30pm (7:00pm start)

Performing Arts Centre,

Rowville Secondary College East Campus

Humphreys Way, Rowville

All Rotarians are invited to come and support the wonderful students and their schools. In a speech competition, audience is very important .

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!**



### ANSWERS

1. Turn me on my side and I am everything. Cut me in half and I am nothing. **What am I? 8**
2. What has cities, but no houses; forests, but no trees; and water, but no fish? **A MAP**
3. What is harder to catch the faster you run? **YOUR BREATH**
4. First I am dried, then I am wet. The longer I swim, the more taste you get. **What am I? TEA**
5. What 4-letter word can be written forward, backward or upside down, and can still be read from left to right? **NOON**

## ROSTERS—Foothills muffins and soup



**FOOTHILLS**  
COMMUNITY CARE

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—  
Tomorrow August 16th.**



**Please don't forget to fill in your availability on the upcoming rosters.**

**Extra BBQ for Share Space SUNDAY 25th August**

## PROGRAM

Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and Production	Program
19 August	<b>Primary Schools Speech Competition</b> (6:30pm for a 7:00pm Start)			
19-23 August	<b>Rotary Community Club Visits</b> (Groups of 2-3 suggested, check ClubRunner for Club details)			
27 August	Andy	Jeff	Ian John	Interplast - Janette Etherington
3 September	Kaye	Corinne	Daryl Alan	Training on defibrillator - Murray

## DISTRICT 9815 CONFERENCE



Bookings for the 2025 D9815 Conference are open **NOW** with an Early Bird price of \$295.

Book your spot early for the discount at what promises to be a great Inaugural District 9815 Conference.

Link for booking page:

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

**15 Members already booked! Don't miss out on your chance to be part of the fun!!**



Let's support our members....

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## 2024-2025 BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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

## 2024-2025 COMMITTEE MEMBERS and OTHER ROLES

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