



NEWSLETTER 9AUGUST 20, 2024

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

Primary Schools' Speech Competition















CONGRATULATIONS!!

Well done, to Max and all the helpers on Monday night for a successful Primary Schools Speech Competition. Although only 8 students participated, they were well supported by a large group of families and teachers who listened intently and were impressed by the high standard of the speeches. The Judges - Jeff, Rajeev and Corinne, certainly had their work cut out for them.

Karoo Primary School deservedly received the perpetual shield for the third year in a row! Congratulations to the winner, Luke and runner up Nicola from Park Ridge P.S. who received 'Teen' vouchers to spend at a variety of stores. Well done, to all the contestants!

We are hoping to hear Luke again at our meeting on 10 Sept, along with his family and teachers.

Thanks again to all involved for making it such a great night.! The students for working so hard to be ready for their presentations, the teachers for their great guidance and support, the families for their encouragement and support.

At a Club level, Max (our Youth Chair) for his organisation, Jenny for lots of background work, the Judges (as above), Carol for Time Keeping and catering for the lovely supper, Kate for attaching the mics, Gary for tea and coffee making flare, Bob for manning the registration table and all the other Rotarians who attended to be part of the audience. A wonderful team effort!

Next week's SpeakerJanette Etherington- Interplast



CHANGING FUTURES THROUGH MEDICAL CARE AND TRAINING

In Australia we know that if we ever need medical care we will be treated by highly qualified medical staff, quickly and effectively.

However, in our immediate neighbourhood of the Asia Pacific region this is not the case. A lack of resources coupled with limited training of medical staff means that people with repairable conditions are not treated fast enough or well enough, if they are lucky enough to be treated at all

It is estimated that annually, 143 million people go without surgical attention they urgently need, according to the Lancet Commission on Global Surgery.

Of those, a staggering 99 million of those cases are in the Asia and Oceania region where Interplast operates.



Rotary Club Springvale City
Invite to visit temple and share dinner with our Club at:



HOA NGHIEM TEMPLE- 442-448 SPRINGVALE ROAD SPRINGVALE

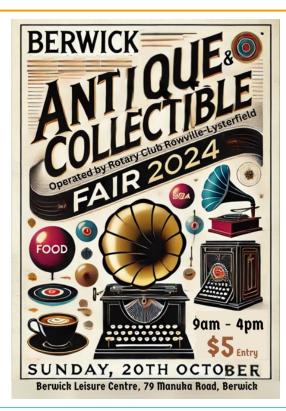
on Thursday 19th September 2024 at 6pm.

We will arrange a tour of the temple and then have dinner at the restaurant next door.

Will need numbers by Monday 16th September so we can book a table as it is very popular amongst the locals.

*** Please let Jenny know if you are attending

BERWICK ANTIQUE & COLLECTIBLE FAIR- 20th October



2024 Berwick Antique & Collectible Fair!

We are thrilled to announce that we will be hosting the 2024 Berwick Antique & Collectible Fair!

Mark your calendars for a treasure-filled day at the **Berwick Leisure Centre at 79 Manuka Road, Berwick.** Join us on Sunday, October 20th, from 9 AM to 4 PM.

We are honored to continue the tradition and enhance this vibrant community event.

All proceeds will be directed towards our local community projects making every purchase a contribution to a great cause!

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

Let's make it a day to remember! Looking forward to seeing you there!



Member news snippets



Anita and Rajeev are unable to provide muffins to Foothills on Monday 2nd of September. If you are able to help out please let Jenny know.

August Birthdays: 2nd - Bob Morris 18th– Kate Kidd

- Great to hear that although he has been having lots of medical appointments, Pete sends his greetings and is keen to get back to the club! As he can't drive at night (at the moment), we are looking for some volunteers who can pick him up and deliver him home. Please let Jenny know if you can help.
- The first meeting of the Rotary Community Group 3 is on Sunday, which is the group to which we belong, with our Rotary Community Group Leader Murray. Bob and Jenny will be attending. It will be interesting to see what we can learn from the other Clubs in this group and what projects may arise from our collaboration.
- Bob is improving everyday. As he is still unable to drive, he walked to the Speech Competition, so that he could lend a hand. Thank Bob!
- Who knew you could use a stapler to replace the covers on the Art Show display stands?



Alan and Rajeev, hard at work, behind the scenes.



END TRACHOMA KITS UPDATE

President Jenny has received the following email updating us on the End Trachoma Kits that were packed several months ago.



Hi Jenny,

I have attached a couple of photos however I don't have many I'm sorry as the nurses, doctors and specialists have been distributing them for me. This works well as they can chat with people about Trachoma, Scabies etc. at the same time.

They have also been distributing them to families at the Outstations who have very limited access to shops and I know they have been greatly appreciated.

Thank you kindly,

Kellie Bithell

Senior Teacher

Nganmarriyanga School





INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Our International Chair Alan, who is also RAWCS District 9815 Chair, is presenting at the Southern District Annual RAWCS meeting on Saturday 24th August. The Southern District area covers all Rotary clubs in Victoria and Tasmania.

Our club is currently working on the following 3 Projects and Alan is looking to encourage other clubs to support them. The 3 projects are :

- 1. The Kiriwina Education Aid Project
- 2. Family Care Uganda—Primary School
- 3. Kiriwina Aid Project—Rescue Boat Support

After the extensive work on the original Kiriwina Aid Project which provided hospital beds, hospital water supply, toilets at the Primary school as well as 250 desks, Alan began to mull over what else could be done to help these people other than providing continued material help. He was inspired by Nelson Mandela who said, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

The Rotary Club of Rowville Lysterfield has been working on a project to enable deserving students to further their education and apply the benefits to their people back on the remote island of Kiriwina, PNG.

So far we have funded two very capable students to complete a 3 year Primary Teacher training course on the mainland of PNG. Both of these students are now qualified Primary School Teachers and educating their people into the future.

We are now focusing our efforts on these three students. (see right)

Family Care Uganda educates Orphans, Refugees, Children of Child Soldiers and the remote lk people of the north. It promotes peace by bringing together children of warring tribes. The school operates as a boarding school with 24/7 security.



The elders of the Ik community approached the school asking for help to improve the lives of their children. There have now been a number of these young people who have not only received an education in the usual reading, writing and arithmetic but also in modern farming techniques. They then return to their villages and take with them the knowledge to improve the whole community by applying what they have learnt.

What are we doing at the school with the project that we are starting?

- Installing solar lighting throughout the school including classrooms, main hall and dormitories to enable classes and study times to be extended into the night hours.
- 2. Funding scholarships for promising students to progress to secondary school.
- 3. Installing security lights in outside areas
- 4. Providing a maize grinder so that the school can grind their own product and also allow access for the local villagers to also process their grain rather than take it to costly facilities significant distances from the area.
- 5. Providing training in the maintenance of the Solar Power Systems and the operation of the Maize Grinder.



Kiriwina Aid Project-Rescue Boat Support

The dinghy was originally supplied to provide a source of protein for a group of villages.....But it has also saved 28 lives. The major source of protein on Kiriwina Island comes by way of fish. Most of the fishermen on the island fish every day in dugout canoes, something they have done for many generations. These canoes are barely seaworthy and are most suitable for very calm waters. They have to fish every day because there is no refrigeration on the island. The dinghy we provided feeds many people in the northern part of the island. Still the dugout canoes venture out on what may appear to be a clear day. When the weather turns bad, and a southerly wind blows, the canoes often get blown out to sea. So, our fishing dinghy has also become a rescue boat. Any other rescue boats are at least two hours away. Unfortunately, the outboard motor has failed and to replace it we need an additional \$3000.00 over the amount that we have available for a replacement engine.

ROSTERS—Foothills muffins and soup

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







Next Bunnings BBQ—September 20th

A fantastic result at last Friday's BBQ with a profit of **\$828.20**! Many thanks to the team on the day—Corinne, Les, Alan, Xavier, Jeff, Kaye, Jenny, Ian and Marg.



** Extra BBQ for Share Space SUNDAY 25th August

PROGRAM

Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and Production	Program		
19-23 August	Rotary Community Club Visits (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		
10 September	Stephen	Kate	Ian John	Rotary Community Leader (DOF) - Murray		
17 September	John	Stephen	Alan Bob	BELRag (Basic Education and Literacy Rotary Action Group) ZOOM Neil W. "Member Behind the Badge"		
19 September	Attending RC Springvale City for a Tour of Hoa Nghiem Temple and dinner after (Please see flyer on p.2 for further details. Please let Jenny know if you are attending)					



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....



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-

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