Newsletter 2023-2024





Welcome to 2024 🕹

Welcome to 2024. It is hard to believe that this Rotary year is progressing so quickly. A big thank you to all members for your support so far, I am looking forward to the second half of the year.

Sharene Hassan, Being a Muslim in Australia



What a great night. We were treated to a wonderful presentation by our guest speaker who was very frank about what it is to be a Muslim in Australia. Sherene was the child of immigrants to Australia and only fully adopted the religion as she became an adult.

Sherene talked about the process of adopting her religion as a Muslim. She went on to describe what is being a Muslim in Australia. Her parents migrated to Australia in 1966 and worked hard to assimilate into the community. It was not until starting year 9 at high school that she identified as Muslim.

Sherene went to university to study Science and subsequently accompanied her husband who was pursuing a career in a similar field as he worked in Adelaide and Alice Springs to complete his studies. She also spoke about the events of 9/11 and the impacts this had on Muslim people in Australia.

She then went on to deliver a slide show in Power Point which gave us lots of information about being Muslim and Islam as a religion. What was particularly interesting was that there are approximately 1.5 billion Muslims in the world. Sherene went on to talk about the interactions with the community in general and the effects of events in the middle East and how these effected the knowledge and understanding of non-Muslim people.

Sherene's presentation and her response to question by members went a long way to educating us about how Islam is a major factor in how the people of the world inter – relate.

There were many questions and views presented in the Q&A session after dinner and the net result was the improved understanding of members about Islam.

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

Meeting Zoom Link

Visitors are warmly welcomed

Contact President Carol Constantine 0408 501 542





Knox Nocturnals

A reminder that the next training session for the Knox Nocturnal Youth Program will be held on Saturday 3rd February at 9am-12noon at the club rooms of the Rotary Club of Bayswater, Marie Wallace Reserve, Cnr Mountain Highway and King Street, Bayswater. Please register for the training via the Website at <u>https://knoxnocturnals.org</u>.

Bunnings BBQ's 2024



We return to the third Friday of the month, February onwards. The roster will be updated soon and available via the link <u>Bunnings Roster 2024</u>.

The 6 January BBQ raised \$2164.75 and 27 January BBQ raised \$2,248.50. What a fabulous result!



FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY CARE Muffins & Soup Roster

Thursday 8 th February	Marg, Kaye, Corinne, Pete & Sue
Thursday 22 nd February	Heather, Fiona, Rajeev & Anita, Jenny
Thursday 7 th March	Marg, Kaye, Corinne, Pete & Sue
Thursday 21 st March	Heather, Fiona, Rajeev & Anita, Jenny
Thursday 4 th April	Marg, Kaye, Corinne, Pete & Sue
Thursday 18 th April	Heather, Fiona, Rajeev & Anita, Jenny
Thursday 2 nd May	Marg, Kaye, Corinne, Pete & Sue
Thursday 16 th May	Heather, Fiona, Rajeev & Anita, Jenny
Thursday 30 th May	Marg, Kaye, Corinne, Pete & Sue
Thursday 6 th June	Heather, Fiona, Rajeev & Anita, Jenny
Thursday 20 th June	Marg, Kaye, Corinne, Pete & Sue

Upcoming events in February ...

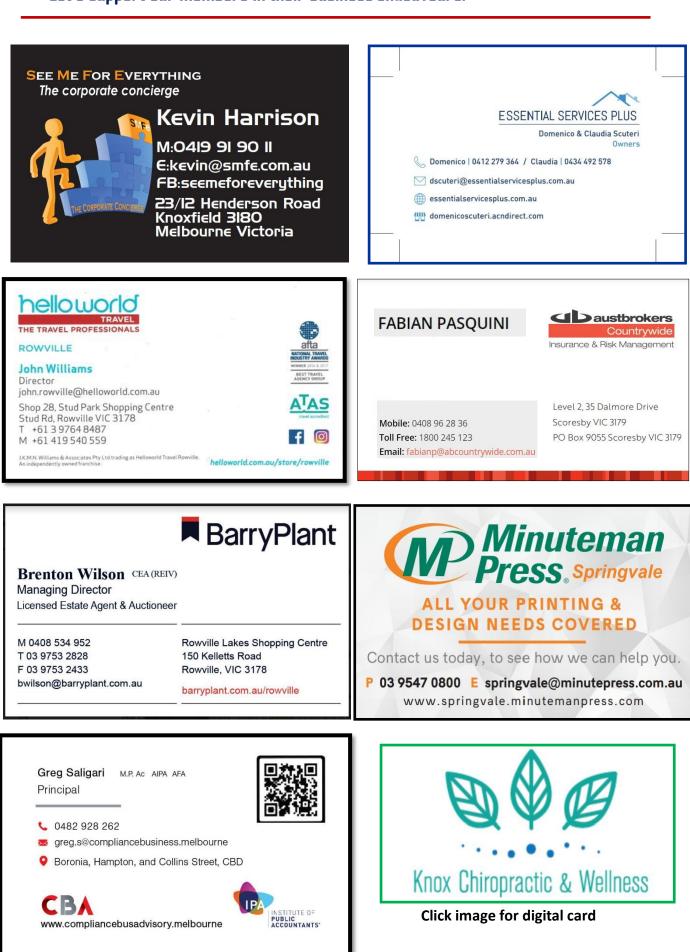




Program 2023-2024

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Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and production	Program	2023-2024	
Novembe	er – Rotary Found					
January – New Leadership						
30	Ayanthi	Gary	Alan John	Dale Singleton Retirement Living	2	
February – Peace Building and Conflict Resolution					CREATE HOPE	
6	Heather	Bob	Bob Ian	Amie Zwag Music and more		
13	Corinne	Daryl	Alan John	Brad Turner, MND	July – New Leadership August – Membership and	
20	Marg	Neil V	V Bob Ian	Dianne, Gavin McIntyre ROMAC	New Club Development September – Basic Education	
21	Theatre Night (fundraiser) Mother & Son, 1812 Theatre				and Literacy October – Economic and	
27	Jeff	Rajeev	v	Julie Kennedy Rowville Secondary College	Development November – Rotary Foundation	
March – V	Nater, Sanitation	December – Disease				
5	Murray	Jenny	,	Packing Night Kits for End Trachoma	Prevention and Treatment January – Vocational Services February – Peace building	
12	Jeff	Peter	В	Catherine Eggleston Clue Detective Puzzles	and conflict resolution March – Water, Sanitation	
19	Heather	Bob		Rebecca Redfern All Abilities Tennis	and Hygiene April – Maternal &	
22-24th	District Confere	ence, Wa	Child Health			
26	Ayanthi	Kate		2024 Conference Reports	May – Youth Service June – Rotary Fellowship	

Let's support our members in their business endeavours.



Board & Committee Chairs

2023-24 BO	ARD MEMBERS	OTHER ROLES		
President	Carol Constantine			
Vice-President	Kevin Harrison	Rowville Secondary		
Secretary	Heather Morris	College Council Rep	Rajeev Wadhwa	
Treasurer	Neil White	Newsletter	Peter Batterham	
President Elect	Jenny Moran	Facebook	Stephen Palamara	
President Nominee	Bob Morris	Website	Alan Lunghusen	
Immediate Past Presi	dent Kevin Harrison		Stephen Palamara	
		Club Protection Officer Carol Constantine		
2023-24	COMMITTEES	Program Committee	Jeff Somers	
			Kaye Sharman	
Community	Jenny Moran		Peter Batterham	
	Murray Wilson	On-to-Conference	Murray Wilson	
	Kaye Sharman	Art Show Committee	Rajeev Wadhwa	
	Ayanthi Gunatilake		James Wilson	
Youth Service	Max Williams		Alan Lunghusen	
	Gary Forrest	Rowville Lysterfield C	ommunity News	
	Rajeev Wadhwa	Correspondent	Jenny Moran	
Environment	Kate Kidd	BBQ Committee	Bob Morris	
	Gary Forrest		lan Vesey	
Foundation	Neil White	Rotaract	Rajeev Wadhwa	
	Carol Constantine		Anita Wadhwa	
International	Alan Lunghusen			
	Marg Vesey			
	Arshad Samsudeen			
	Ayanthi Gunatilake			
Vocational	John Williams			
	Neil Marshall			
	Stephen Palamara			
	Chris Golten			
Membership	Daryl Moran			
	Chris Golten			

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