

Rotary

Rowville Lysterfield



President Carol's Message

Last week the members of the Rotary Club of Bayswater joined Rowville-Lysterfield to present \$5,000 to Stephen Barrington from Foothills Community Care. The funds were raised at the 2022 and 2021 Knox Art Show. Stephen Barrington was very appreciative of the donation for Foothills Community Care, as demand continues to rise each week.

Speaker – Essan Dileri (via zoom) - Rotary Peace Fellow

PP Jeff Power introduced Essan Dileri to members and then we got to enjoy a very good presentation. He spent a total of 11 years living with family in Pakistan and when they returned home there was nothing – the house was destroyed and their possessions gone. They returned to Pakistan and he did his final Secondary schooling before going to University and eventually completing a Masters degree.

Essan ended up back in Afghanistan and saw an opportunity to get the farming communities away from a dependence on growing opium poppies and saw that there was a market opportunity in growing Sunflowers to in turn enable them to harvest the saffron which was a major export and had the benefit of being legal. He proceeded to obtain development funds in 2009 which allowed him to fund 2 districts with \$60,000 each to enable the transition from opium crops to sunflowers for the extraction of saffron. This broke the connections with Drug and criminal gangs and ensured the survival of the local farming communities.

Following on from the project in Afghanistan he came to Australia pursuing a continuation of his project and even planned a 3 month return to Afghanistan however his family were being hounded by the drug lords etc so he and his family returned to Pakistan. Realising the danger for himself and his family Essan applied for refugee visas to Australia – a process that took more than 2 years to complete.

Essan is now in Australia and his children are at university or a couple of years off. Unfortunately, his marriage broke-up but he appreciates the networks of support available to him. He is now heavily involved in community work and is looking to get involved in international projects for the betterment of disadvantaged people.

Where:

Tosaria's Café
60 Henderson Rd
Rowville

When:

Tuesday, 6.30 pm
for 7.00 pm start

Meetings are
hybrid unless
wise Visitors
are warmly
welcomed

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Hybrid Meeting

[Meeting Zoom Link](#)

*Board meetings: first
Monday of the month
at 7 pm by zoom.*

*All members are
welcome to attend
but cannot vote.*



Home Club of
IPDG Dr Daryl Moran

Other Club News and Rowville Roundup

August Birthdays –

Patty Klep	13 August	Linda Percy	19 August
Bob Morris	2 August	Kate Kidd	18 August

Foothills Community Roster

FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY CARE—MUFFINS & SOUP

Thursday August 10th	Kaye, Fiona, Sue & Pete, Pam
Thursday August 24th	Marg, Corinne, Anita & Rajeev, Janine
Wednesday August 30th—soup	Kate, Brenton, Allyson
Thursday September 7th	Kaye, Fiona, Sue & Peter, Jenny

Fundraising – Wine and Cheese Tasting

A wine maker will be on site on the night with several varieties of wine for tasting and for sale. The average cost of a bottle is \$25. There will also be cheese platters for enjoying between tastings. Come along and join the fun.



**Fundraiser
Wine and Cheese Tasting**

Rotary 

Club of Rowville - Lysterfield
Where: The 1812 Theatre
3 Rose St, Upper Ferntree Gully.
When: Saturday 2nd September
7:30pm
Only \$20.00


Book Here
<https://www.trybooking.com/CKKWZ>

The poster features a photograph of a wine and cheese platter with two wine glasses, one containing red wine and the other white wine. The background is a warm, golden-brown color.

Forward program 2023-2024

Newsletter 1
2023-2024



CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD

July – New Leadership
August – Membership and New Club Development
September – Basic Education and Literacy
October – Economic and Development
November – Rotary Foundation
December – Disease Prevention and Treatment
January – Vocational Services
February – Peace building and conflict resolution
March – Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
April – Maternal & Child Health
May – Youth Service
June – Rotary Fellowship

Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and production	Program
August – Membership & New Club Development				
8	Kaye	John	Ian John	Kim Wells Update on plans in Knox
15	Max	Peter	Ian John	Marcus Robinson Insurance Compliance
22	No Zoom Father's Day Pack's, Packing night, Torsaria's			
29	Cluster Meeting Knox Club			
September – Basic Education & Literacy				
2	Social Night Wine & Cheese fundraiser (Saturday night) Foyer 1812 Theatre			
5	Kate	Max	Stephen Alan	Steve Pilmore Commando Trust
12				TBC
19	John	Murray	Ian Alan	District Governor's visit DG Ian Ballantine
26	Rowville Fire Brigade			
October – Economic and Community Development				
3	Marg	Jeff	Kevin Alan	Rebecca Redfern All Abilities Tennis
10	Jenny	Daryl	Stephen Ian	David Esmore Disabled Sailing
17	No Meeting			
18	Girls Night Out Fundraiser 6.30pm for 7pm			
24	Kaye	Max	Stephen Alan	Melissa McShane Bionic Institute



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District 9810

Website: <http://www.9810rotary.org.au>

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2023-24 COMMITTEES		On-to-Conference	Murray Wilson
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