



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 :
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WHEELCHAIRS FOR KIDS



A wonderful meeting was held this week, with a visit from the EarlyAct club members from Park Ridge Primary School, plus three of their teachers. These young people were very attentive as they listened to a presentation from Rotarians Grant Klaaysen and Russell Hayes about the project 'Wheelchairs for Kids' (WfK). This project commenced in 1996 due to the vision of a Rotarian after had seen the difficult conditions in which disabled children live in various parts of the world. Since that time, over 62,000 wheelchairs have been manufactured in a factory on the outskirts of Perth and have been shipped to over 90 countries. The organisation has over 800 volunteers who themselves gain great benefit from being involved in such an impactful project.

The wheelchairs, which weigh around 20 kg, are very rugged and tested to ensure they are suitable for all types of terrain. Various improvements over the years of the program have resulted in features such as puncture proof tyres. The children who are to receive the wheelchairs are identified by a disability agency in their home country and the wheelchairs are provided free of charge, with the additional comfort of a warm knee rug and a teddy. The wheelchairs are fitted by a trained clinician such as an occupational therapist and the adjustments that are available ensure the wheelchair will still fit the child as they grow.

There is no doubt that receiving a wheelchair is not only life changing for the recipient but in fact has enormous impact on the whole family and the community in which they live.

The cost of manufacture for each wheelchair is \$275. Shipping the wheelchairs to where they are needed is one of the biggest financial challenges, with some help available through organisations such as World Vision US, who help ship to African villages.

WfK is keen to spread the word about this valuable service, working with the premise that while they cannot solve the issue of mobility for all the disabled children in the world, to help even one child can mean the world to them.



We look forward to being able to support WfK and thank Grant and Russell for their time and for the ongoing work they do for this amazing organisation.



Satellite Club meets at Tosaria's Café
Alternate Thursdays at 7:30am
Contact :
President Kevin Harrison
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KEEP A LOOK OUT



Spectacles Drive for SHEBA Eye Health project.

SHEBA are able to make use of unwanted/retired spectacles. Check your cupboards and drawers to see what you can find and bring them along to our next meeting

Criteria:

The spectacles need to be **SINGLE FOCUS** only

(No Bifocals or Multifocals)

Home Club of
PDG Daryl Moran



Member news snippets...

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9th - Murray, Corinne

19th - Neil W

22nd - Arshad



Corinne and Les have reached the mid point of their cruise and have arrived in the Marlborough Sound area at Picton. Beautiful views of surrounding mountains and the sea.

The weather has been very kind with mild temperatures and mainly blue skies.

They are very much enjoying their time away with friends whom they met in Canada nearly 14 years ago.



THE IMPACT OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

The question has been asked on occasions ‘Why should I join Rotary and pay a subscription to work as a volunteer, when I can do that for free with other organisations?’

One significant reason is the access to The Rotary Foundation and the grant money that it makes available. Many grants match club money one-for-one, but by leveraging the links with other clubs and Districts across the world, the multiplying factor can be far more than that.

As an example, the completion of the recent Kiriwina Safety Boat Project was at a cost to the Club of \$4,600. Contributions from a District Grant of \$3,400, from another Rotary club in our area and from some individuals brought the total value to \$11,050.

Also, at the moment there is an application for a Global Grant underway for Family Care Uganda which will commit \$12,080 of Club money to a project that will gain total funding of \$54,360.

The impact gained from this allocation of funds, especially in areas of the world such as Kiriwina Island and Uganda, is enormous. The lives of many are changed for the better by our involvement in this process.

This impact becomes even more significant when we look at the figures over the last ten years. For the projects completed over this period, the Club contribution has been \$42,314.00, for a total value of project work of \$254,878.00. If we assume that the grants submissions that are currently underway are approved, the total will then become - Club contribution to the projects \$54,314.00

Projects total \$329,878.00

It is hard to visualize quite how much impact this money will have had on the recipients but there is no doubt that it is so much more than just helping at the local soup kitchen.

CLUB CHRISTMAS BREAK UP INVITATION



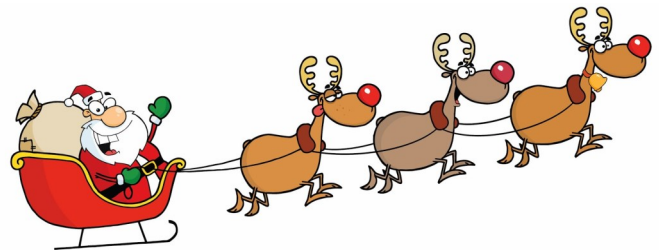
Please see to the left, an invitation to our Christmas get together, on **Tuesday December 10th**.

It will be fully catered for with a complimentary glass of champagne. (\$30 per head to Club Admin Account please)

This year we have decided to do a small KK, so everyone is asked to bring a small gift of under \$10 in value that would be suitable for either gender, preferably not wine or chocolates. So, thinking caps on!

As the venue is in a gated community, there is a pin pad at the gate and the code is **0514#**. It is also possible to follow other cars in. Jenny suggests car pooling as there is not a lot of parking.

We will be using an area in the clubhouse, which is just inside the gate. There is a pool table and lawn bowls also available for those who want to partake.



COMMUNITY NEWS

DELIVERIES TO SOAP AID AND BACKPACKS 4 KIDS

Ian collected 5 tubs of toys as shown in the back of the Ute from Peppertree Village and delivered to B4KV for the packing of Christmas Stockings. Sally was saying there would be 7000 delivered to children this year.



Beryl and her helper made in excess of **800** stockings for this purpose.

Two supermarket bags of soap was also collected from Beryl and what we had collected at the Club and delivered to Soap Aid in Dandenong. A huge thank you to Beryl for doing and coordinating these donations, and Ian for delivering the goods.



INCREDIBLE

VISIT TO EarlyAct Club

The enthusiasm and energy of the EarlyAct members brought a wonderful buzz to the room when they visited us on Tuesday 26th.

The members of their executive shared with us their most recent activities and all the Rotarians were very impressed that the young people had raised \$1000 through the sale of zooper doopers. They are also working on writing stories to make into books to donate to Rotary. These books will be much appreciated by the children who are the recipients.

Our thanks to the 22 members of the club who attended and chatted in such a friendly way with our Rotarians. They should all be very proud of what they are achieving. A huge vote of thanks to the three teachers, Elaine, Nicole and Andrew, not only for giving up their evening to attend the meeting but for the ongoing guidance they are providing to these young people.

ROSTERS—Foothills muffins

09 December Muffins

Marg, Kaye, Corinne, Pete and Sue



NEXT BUNNINGS BBQ MONDAY 9th DECEMBER

We have been allocated extra BBQs in December in the lead up to Christmas. Dates are : Monday 9th Dec, Monday 16th Dec, Friday 20th Dec and New Year's Eve on Tuesday 31st Dec. Please add your name to the rosters on Google Sheets if you can help. These extra BBQs represent an excellent boost to our fundraising efforts for the year. Thank you to Bunnings for this opportunity!!



COMMUNITY



As we approach the Christmas season, it is timely to think about those who will not have the Christmas that we will have and reach out to them with some Christmas cheer.

In the past, we have taken part in the Foothills Community Care Reverse Advent Calendar and provided individual hampers, following the guidelines on the right.

There has been a slight change to the Program and so we will need you to bring your donated items to the meeting on the 3rd December and then the packing will happen at Tosaria's on the same night.

It is not necessary to stick rigidly to the suggested items.

1 PASTA	2 TINNED FRUIT	3 BISCUITS	4 CEREAL	5 HONEY
6 GRAVY	7 COFFEE	8 PASTA SAUCE	9 TINNED TOMATOES	10 MINCE TARTS
11 CHOCOLATE	12 LONG LIFE MILK	13 CHRISTMAS PUDDING	14 RICE	15 GIFT CARD
16 TINNED SOUP	17 TEA BAGS	18 VEGEMITE/SPREAD	19 TINNED TUNA	20 TOILETRIES
21 DESSERT MIX	22 CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS	23 DONATE TO FOOTHILLS	24 CHRISTMAS CAKE	25 A LITTLE SURPRISE



Simply place an item each day in a box and return to one of our donation points to get them to **FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY CARE**

Any Non-Perishable food items are welcome,
Please ensure items are within their best before dates.
We are unable to distribute medications or alcohol in hampers



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PROGRAM

Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and Production	Program
DECEMBER– Prevention and Treatment				
03 December	Corinne	Marg	John Daryl	Reverse Advent Calendar packing, dinner and brief meeting
10 December	 CHRISTMAS BREAK UP at Jenny and Daryl's see details on page 4 			
JANUARY– Vocational Service Month				
14 January	Kaye	Kevin	Daryl Alan	Positive Paecce– Essan Dileri

CLUB GOOGLE REVIEWS - HOW TO...



If unable to scan the QR Code, go to Google Maps and search “Rotary Club of Rowville-Lysterfield.” Click on Reviews which will take you to the section where you can add your review by clicking “Write a Review.”

When leaving your review, it would be very helpful if you could add some (BUT NOT ALL) of the following language:

- The Rotary Club of Rowville-Lysterfield
- Friendly
- Community focused
- Supportive of many local charities
- Focused on helping local and international projects
- Great supporters of local projects who work with families and individuals who are less fortunate than most
- Cook a great sausage at the Bunnings BBQs

Let's support our members....



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