



Rotary

Rowville Lysterfield



NEWSLETTER 26 JANUARY 21, 2025

THIS WEEK - Visit to the Sikh Temple

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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Satellite Club meets
at Tosaria's Café

Alternate Thursdays at 7:30am

Contact :

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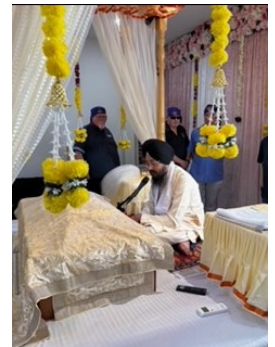
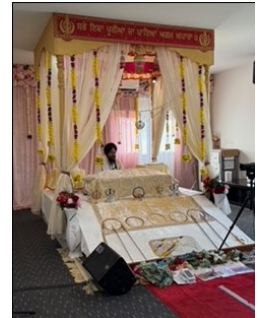
Home Club of
PDG Daryl Moran



The meeting this week took an entirely different slant, with a visit to the Sikh Temple Gurdwara Sri Guru Nanak Darbar, at Officer. After donning a head scarf and removing our shoes, we entered the prayer room, where a member of the community was reading from the holy book, seated under a very elaborate canopy. In fact, 'reading' was not quite accurate as he was relying entirely on his memory as he chanted the lesson for the day.

Our host for the evening, Harpreet Singh Kandra, outlined that there is very often a translation of the verses in simple language shown on the big screen, to ensure the correct interpretation of the verses. Harpreet was very informative about the history of the temple, the community it serves, the mode of worship and the core principles of the Sikh faith. What comes across clearly is that this faith, built on the principles of love and compassion, is expressed through the actions of the community. As an example, there is always food available at the Gurdwara, at no cost to those who partake. Part of our visit was sharing a meal together, which consisted of a tasty potato curry, chickpea curry, rice, fresh roti and gulab jamun to finish. This is in keeping with Sikh traditions all around the world: one awe-inspiring example of this is the Sikh Temple in New Delhi that feeds over 10,000 people in one day.

During COVID the Gurdwara community provided bags of groceries, with a recipe book, to many families in the area who were in need of support. They are very much aware of living in harmony with nature and have planted thousands of trees on the property. A further practical project they have initiated is 'Engaging Safely with Water' program, in conjunction with Cardinia Leisure, which aims to teach adults from multi-cultural backgrounds to swim and enjoy the water safely.



This was a very informative visit and we very much appreciated the willingness of Harpreet to provide such a lot of information and to answer our multitude of questions. Thank you.

ROSTERS—Foothills muffins



06 February Muffins	Marg, Fiona, Pete & Sue, Anita & Rajeev
20 February Muffins	Kaye, Jenny, Corinne, Heather & Bob
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PROGRAM

Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and Production	Program
JANUARY - Vocational Service Month				
28 January	Gary	Marg	Alan Bob	Risha Bhatia - Neonatal Medicine - Royal Women’s Hospital
FEBRUARY - Peace Building and Conflict Prevention				
4th February	Andy R	Heather	Bob Kevin	Tom Mason - The Nigerian Princess and the Evolution of Scams
11th February	Bob	Corinne	Kevin John	Toni Arafas - Stroke Foundation
18th February	Carol	Stephen	John Ian	Anton Hockey - RYDA
25th February	5th Tuesday No Meeting - Social Night (see below)			
MARCH - Water, Sanitation and Hygiene				
4th March	Stephen	Kate	Ian Daryl	Martin Roche - All About Shipping
11th March	Kaye	TBC	Daryl Alan	Rotary Information Night

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SAT 15th FEBRUARY - COFFEE CATCH UP - Tosaria's Restaurant, Rowville

WED 19th FEBRUARY - 1812 THEATRE Free Night to see Spider's Web - Rose Ave, Ferntree Gully

TUES 25th FEBRUARY - SOCIAL NIGHT - MINI GOLF - Morack Golf Club

SUN 2nd MARCH - CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY - TBC

TUES 11th MARCH—ROTARY INFORMATION NIGHT - Tosaria Restaurant, Rowville

SAT 15th March - HOLLAND FESTIVAL - Caribbean Gardens, Scoresby



Member news snippets...

January Birthdays

Jeff- 7th

Rajeev- 15th

Marg - 24th



- The Rotary Ride for Medical Research is on again between March 16-20th. Organisers are desperately looking for a driver who can tow a trailer. If anybody is interested please contact Ian 0427350221 or Marg on 0455500428.

Community

A heartwarming email received from Foothills Community Care.....

"Hi friends at Rowville/Lysterfield Rotary

We just wanted to take a moment to say a huge THANK YOU for your amazing support of our recent 2024 Foothills Christmas Lunch!

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to welcome over 250 people to share in the joy, love, and connection of Christmas. For many, this day was a chance to feel valued and part of a community during what can be a difficult time.

Your contributions made all the difference, and we couldn't have done it without you.

We've put together a video capturing the highlights of the day, and we'd love for you to watch it on YouTube or Facebook (see links below). It shows some wonderful memories and I hope it puts a smile on your face!

We have also attached for you our Certificate of Appreciation.

Wishing you a fantastic start to 2025, and we're so grateful to have you as part of the Foothills family making a positive dent in our local community".

With heartfelt thanks,

Stephen

Stephen Barrington

CEO

Foothills Community Care

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?si=MBkC-mZjwpKVXGtz&v=EH3d5LK7Plo&feature=youtu.be>

<https://www.facebook.com/FoothillsCommunityCare/videos/1132275735276436/?rdid=7vU9z0sRZJI6g4MH#>



Coffee catch-up morning—Saturday 15th February, 9.30 am

A chance for those who cannot make it to an evening meeting to build their connections within the Club.

All welcome – come for 10 minutes or come for an hour!



*At Tosaria's
Restaurant*

SPECIAL EVENT - KNOX ROCKS

The Rotary Club of Boronia has been running a youth program called Knox Rocks, where they teach young people the art of song writing as a form of self expression. They then put music backing to the songs and take them to a professional recording studio so that the participants have a life long keepsake. The program is designed to assist in improving mental health, building confidence, and creating self belief and self worth.

This program has previously been funded by grants and/or the Rotary Club of Boronia. This year there will be a concert, where the songs will be revealed in a public performance.

Ticket sales will help fund the program as well as promoting Rotary in a progressive way to a broader audience.

This is a ticketed event that will include an evening of music with 6 different acts as well as the songs written this year.

Please see opposite, the flyer with all the details. It would be great if they could fill the venue and create a great atmosphere for the presentation of the songs.

Being able to present the songs in a public performance will be a special experience for the program participants. Please consider going along and spread the word to others whom you know.



1 MAR 2025 | **EV'S YOUTH CENTRE, CROYDON**
7-10PM (ENTRY FROM 6:30PM)
TICKETS \$25

KNOX ROCKS

**SONGWRITING WORKSHOP
FINALE CONCERT**

**2 STAGES, HEAPS OF MUSIC
ORIGINAL SONGS, MULTIPLE BANDS
& ARTISTS**

SCAN CODE FOR TICKETS & MORE INFO

ALCOHOL & SMOKE FREE EVENT

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A YOUTH FOCUSED INITIATIVE BY **Rotary Club of Boronia**



Bunnings

NEXT BUNNINGS BBQ FRIDAY 21st FEBRUARY

Last Friday's Bunnings BBQ was an outstanding success with a very healthy profit of **\$929.45!!**
 Thanks go to the wonderful team, Alan, Robyn, Murray, Jenny, Daryl and Andy R led by Bob and Heather.

Heather has published the rosters for the rest of the Rotary year in Google Sheets as "2025 Bunnings Barbeques". If you are able to help, please fill in the roster/s as soon as you can. For those members who are not able to help out on the Friday BBQs, we have a Saturday coming up on the 19th April which is Easter Saturday. Please consider adding your name to that list.



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