



**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

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**Home Club of
PDG Daryl Moran**



This week's speaker - Tom Mason

This week Tom Mason presented to a large group of members and visitors on the topic "The Human Hack." Tom is a self confessed geek (Tom's word) and the Strategic Partnership Manager at MLC Life Insurance. He is often called the IT Chief Investigator and looks into how IT challenges that present are able to be solved. Currently he is working on and assessing how Artificial Intelligence solutions can be used and is very much enjoying testing the boundaries and being able to find ways around these solutions to break them.



The difference between people and computers is that we use psychology to manipulate others but we use technology to manipulate computers. When using AI we can easily fool it by being mindful of the way we ask questions of it.

Social Engineering is a technique used to get people to do things that they would not normally do. As social beings, we can use these ways to help or hinder others. Asking a question of someone will generally put them on the defensive but if we make a statement it can generally get them to let down their guard and divulge something that they normally wouldn't, for example, their salary.

People like to help people and this is a way hackers can manipulate you. As humans, we want to be noticed, especially when we are being helpful.

In terms of security, we are unreliable and the weakest link. We are vulnerable and lazy, as many of us use the same email and password on various websites. This makes hackers very happy, as if they know one email username and password and are able to try it on various sites, it's like having a skeleton key to your accounts.

Tom was paid in the past as a hacker, and his role was to break into banks, government agencies and casinos. Thirty years ago it wasn't called hacking, it was called security testing. He was employed to find ways of breaking into these institutions and their departments and over those 6 years he had a 100% success rate by using a number of techniques.

His first example was doors, as the primary security point, as they block people from going in and out. However, many doors have their operating systems on the outside and can be easily accessed or the placement of the door does not take into account the roofing materials above it; or a key box located adjacent to an alarmed door with a key provided to turn off the alarm. But the "piece de resistance" was the example Tom gave of the back door of a bank, where an employee had actually written the keycode on the wall next to the door.

Tom was asked to break into a records facility for a government agency in Canberra where the code to enter the house was changed every day. His job was made very easy on that occasion as he was able to tap into human laziness. As one employee was heading home for the day, another was arriving for her shift. This lady shouted to the first, "What's the code Marge?" and of course, the first lady obliged by shouting it back for all to hear.

Stairs are interesting, as if you are coming down from a floor above, people are more likely to open the door for you than if you are going up. As humans, we perceive the higher status of someone standing above us on a set of stairs. Carrying boxes makes the job easier still as people see that you can't open the door and rush to open it for you. Instant access achieved. (Continued on page 5....)

ROSTERS—Foothills muffins

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



PROGRAM

Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and Production	Program
FEBRUARY - Peace Building and Conflict Prevention				
11th February	Bob	Heather	Kevin John	Toni Arafas - Stroke Foundation
18th February	Carol	Stephen	John Ian	Anton Hockey - RYDA
25th February	5th Tuesday No Meeting - Social Night (see right)			
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
18th March	Marg	Carol	Alan Bob	Janette Etherington - Interplast
25th March	Heather	Bob	Ian John	Jade Mainwaring - Knox Council Grants and Grants Processes

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SAT 15th FEBRUARY - COFFEE CATCH UP 9:30am - Tosaria's

SAT 22nd FEBRUARY - WELLINGTON VILLAGE COMMUNITY DAY BBQ - 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



COMMUNITY SHOWCASE– The RCRL In Action

Tamminya House

Our support over the last 4 years has been varied and includes:

- Christmas presents for the mums and children and a ham for Christmas lunch.
- Supplied items for Christmas raffle.
- Building elevated vegetable gardens in the backyard.
- Building and supply of 2 storage/seating boxes for the outside area.
- We applied for, and were successful in obtaining a grant to facilitate the building of an outdoor area that has a BBQ, café blinds, flooring, a heater and furniture. In this way the space can be used all year round.



Foothills Community Care:

RCRL has a very longstanding association with FCC and we supply slices/muffins on a fortnightly basis. This provides a sweet treat for clients who have meals delivered to their home. During the winter months we also provide soup for the community meal on Wednesday nights at Ferntree Gully. We have also made monetary donations, provided volunteers for FCC events, donated Christmas Hampers over the years and last Christmas made a significant contribution of items to their Reverse Advent Calendar appeal which provided Christmas hampers to dozens of families in need.

Over the last 12 months FCC have served over 45,000 fresh meals. They have delivered 15,000 food parcels and rescued 30 tonnes of food. Foothills Community Care work with in excess of 250 volunteers.

Backpacks 4 Vic Kids (B4VK)

B4VK's purpose is to provide crisis packs and gift packs to vulnerable babies, children, and youth in out-of-home care, emergency accommodation, are victims of crime and domestic violence, or homeless. Our club has been supporting B4VK since well before Covid, in a variety of ways and have:

- Provided monetary and physical support e.g. making and packing Christmas Santa Sacks, packing shelves and backpacks to name a few.
- The collection of Santa Sacks, knitted and other items from Peppertree Retirement Village for delivery to B4VK. There is a dedicated group of ladies at the village who, under the leadership of Beryl Brown, work tirelessly to make the lives of these vulnerable children better.
- Ongoing maintenance of gardens.
- Converting a shipping container using lining, flooring and shelving into a mini storage site for backpacks at the port of Melbourne, for easier access by child protection workers.

Impact of B4KV:

47,842 crisis packs delivered since 2014 providing \$9.6 million in material aid.

The number of children in care is growing by 17% every year with 24% growth in Aboriginal and Torres Straight islanders.

ShareSpace.Inc

Share Space Inc. offers 24/7 access to food, personal hygiene and essential items on a regular basis to local families and individuals, as well as emergency food packs to families in need of community support. They are based in Rowville and service Rowville/Lysterfield and the Knox Community.

The RCRL provides monetary support which provides meat packs on a weekly basis for the family food packs and we also make regular donations of bread and other items.

Viv's Care

Donation of \$300 to provide the fortnightly meal for sufferers of dementia and their carers..

Soap Aid

Collection of soaps e.g. motels/hotels to be melted down to make new cakes of soap that can be distributed to people in need of this commodity. There has been a noticeable reduction of infections with the supply of soap to these people in need, because of the improved hygiene.

Member news snippets...

February Birthdays

15th - Carol

20th - Anita

27th - Dr. Sharif



**Thank
You**

Wishing Kath a speedy recovery after her recent hip replacement. We are sure John will look after you very well!

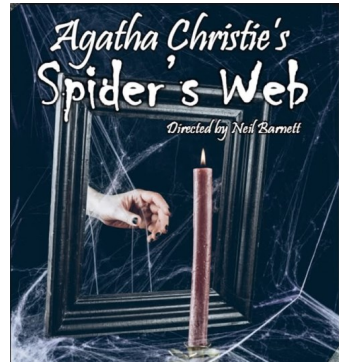
Many thanks to Kevin for making the new banner and Ian for making the storage boxes/seats for Tamminya House and donating them

Social Activities for February

WEDNESDAY 19th FEBRUARY - 1812 THEATRE NIGHT

A Theatre Night has been organised by our Social Convenor, Kaye, at the 1812 Theatre production of Agatha Christie's "Spider's Web". Always a great night, this one is special, at no cost.

Dinner before the show is at our usual venue, The Royal Hotel, Upper Ferntree Gully at 6pm and meet in the foyer at the 1812 at 7:45pm for an 8pm show. Please fill out the attendance sheet at a meeting or let Kaye know if you wish to come but won't be at a meeting before.

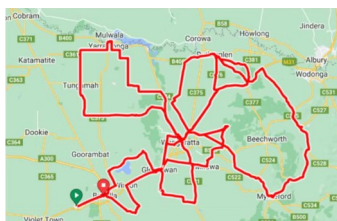


TUESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY - MINI GOLF

Tee off is at 6pm Tuesday 25th Feb at Morack Golf Course, Morack Road, Vermont South. 18 holes for \$11.50 per person and a round takes approximately 1 hour. Their restaurant & bar are open until 9pm, however dinners must be ordered by 8pm. There will be a clip board at each meeting until 18th Feb. Money is to be paid to Kaye prior so as to save time on the night. Hopefully if we can get 18 players we can have 3 teams, as a score card is for 6 per team. If you won't be at any of the club meetings before the

25th, please give Kaye a call to have your name added to the list & she'll give you the bank details to put the money into.

Rotary Ride for Medical Research



The 2025 Ride for Medical Research is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year and our own members Marg and Ian are participating yet again! To the left, is a map showing the 580km route that they will ride over 6 days from a base in Wangaratta.

Over the last 39 years participants have ridden 30,471kms and raised an incredible \$1,325,424!!!!

Australian Rotary Health is one of the largest independent funders of mental health research in Australia. They also fund a large range of broader health areas and provide scholarships for medical and nursing students from rural areas, and also Indigenous health students. ARH funds programs, that do not easily attract funding from other sources and promotes the findings to the community.

Rotary District 9815, has contributed over \$5 million since allocated grants commenced in 1985.

If you would like to support Marg and Ian with a donation and therefore ARH, please click on the link and go to Donate Now. All the best, Marg and Ian and enjoy the scenery!

[2025 Rotary Ride for Medical Research](#)



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

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**

Tom Mason talk from page 1 continued...

Tom then moved to the eyes, being the doorway to the soul. The positioning of someone's eye and the height of the eye gives us much useful information and allows us to manipulate them into doing things for us. It also reveals to us how much persuasive technique needs to be used to get what we want and whether they are introverted or not. Blinking rates also give much information to others. Handshakes and seated leg positions also give insight into peoples make up, whether they are dominant or submissive for example, competitive, or show nervousness or awkwardness.

In summary, the greatest way, to avoid being manipulated according to Tom, is to pick your nose! EEEWW!! Say no more!

Tom also shared some valuable tips for your own security:

- Any website that asks you for your name – do this unless it's a government agency. Put in your first name, hyphen and then whatever that company name is. Companies don't care what your name is as long as you are spending money. This is important because it allows you to know if your email address has been sold to other companies (which is a legitimate form of business) or if that organisation's data has been compromised.
- Set up a recurring reminder in your phone on the first of each month go to [this website](#) put in your email addresses and it will show you where that email has been compromised with a database security breach. It will also give you information about what details may have been taken which could be email address, password, home address etc
- Have 3 different types of email addresses if you use social media or shopping sites use one email address, for government agencies like the ATO and Medicare use a different address, and the third one for your banking. This method creates a gap, if the same address is used for everything it makes it easier for hackers to compromise you, especially if the same password is also used.

Tom was a very generous speaker and stayed on after the meeting to answer some extra questions.

We thank Tom for his very informative and entertaining presentation and for giving up his private time to be with us.

Bunnings

NEXT BUNNINGS BBQ FRIDAY 21st FEBRUARY



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 now have 2 Saturdays coming up. The first is on 22nd February at the Wellington Village Community Day. On the 19th April which is Easter Saturday we will be back at Bunnings. On this day Heather and Bob will only be able to do the Set Up first thing, as they are flying to Townsville for Bob's sister's 70th on Magnetic Island! Lots of spots to fill on the roster and we need a commitment from someone to do the pack up, clean up, storing of all the equipment and counting of the money. Because it's a Saturday we really need 4 people on each time slot as the 4th person will most likely have to shop for supplies whilst the BBQ is operating. Please consider adding your name to the list.



At the last Bunnings BBQ, this lovely young man (named Josh) saw the marquee as he was driving along Ferntree Gully Road and brought his friend in to experience this iconic Aussie gourmet meal!

The young woman is from Sth Korea and speaks very little English. Josh is also from Sth Korea originally but came to Australia in Primary School.

Both enjoyed their sausage very much!

Let's support our members....

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