



**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 :

**President Jenny Moran
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This Week's Speaker - Anton Hockey - RYDA

Anton Hockey, the Program Coordinator for Victoria and South Australia, gave a very interesting presentation at our recent meeting on RYDA, the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness program.



This program has a mission

of making our roads a safer place by empowering and motivating young people through world class education, with a vision of saving lives.

RYDA was launched in 2001, originally as a Rotary project, and has grown in its scope over the succeeding years. The content is reviewed yearly by an academic board, including child psychologists, who advise on how to make the content and delivery most appropriate for developing young minds.

The program grew out of the knowledge that while young people are 10% of the population, they make up 20% of the fatalities in car accidents. In regional areas, youth make up 77% of the fatalities. In fact, fatalities are just the tip of the iceberg as, for every fatality, there are 30 times the number of injuries, many with life long implications. The graphical information is startling, to see how much at risk P-platers are just after they gain their licence.

The RYDA program is based around evidence of what works with engaging young people, specifically:

- Small groups
- Explicit, age appropriate, contextually relevant and appropriately challenging activities
- Material that targets risky behaviour
- Interactive activities
- Supporting the curriculum in schools to reinforce and revise the material

The workshops are run as six 30 minute sessions covering various topics:

- Road choices – identifying key risk factors such as fatigue and distraction
- Crash Investigators – a crash survivor identifies crash factors
- Speed and Stopping – a practical demonstration establishes the relationship between speed and stopping distance
- Mind Matter – explores how mind state is a significant road safety risk factor
- Driver SOS – “drive so others survive”
- The “I” in Drive – how personality impacts risk on the road, with a self-reflection activity and role plays to model how to speak up

In 2024 RYDA ran 500 workshops in Australia and NZ, delivering the program to 62,000 young people in 711 schools. (Cont'd page 4)



**Satellite Club meets
at Tosaria's Café**

Alternate Thursdays at 7:30am

Contact :

**President Kevin Harrison
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**Home Club of
PDG Daryl Moran**



ROSTERS—Foothills muffins

06 March Muffins	Marg, Fiona, Pete & Sue, Anita & Rajeev
20 March Muffins	Kaye, Jenny, Corinne, Heather & Bob
03 April Muffins	Marg, Fiona, Pete & Sue, Anita & Rajeev
17 April Muffins	Kaye, Jenny, Corinne, Heather & Bob



FOOTHILLS
COMMUNITY CARE

Please check the Muffin Roster dates as there was an error made!! We are providing muffins once a fortnight but each team does them every 4 weeks.

PROGRAM

Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and Production	Program
FEBRUARY - Peace Building and Conflict Prevention				
25th February	5th Tuesday No Meeting - Social Night (see p.4)			
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
APRIL - Environment				
1st April	Kaye	Marg	John Kevin	Shia Smart– Simple Steps Members– Conference Reports
8th April	MYSTERY NIGHT' - TBC			

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

District Conference is coming up quickly on 28th-30th March in Bendigo. If you would like to go and be part of the very large group from our club please book now. If past Conferences are anything to go by, it should be lots of fun! Cost is frozen at \$345 until 14th March.

<https://rotary9815.org.au/sitepage/district-conference-2025/conference-home-page>

Coffee and catch up last Saturday morning



A group of 11 members met at Tosaria's last weekend for coffee and catch up. It was great to see everyone, with some having breakfast and others just a coffee/tea. Most were there for about an hour and a half but Murray had to scoot off after his coffee as, apparently, life gets busier when you retire!!

It was lovely to see Ayanthi, as she has work commitments which prevent her attending Tuesday evening meetings. Nevertheless, she has been very busy with the Sri Lanka Project (see below).

SRI LANKA PROJECT



Last Saturday, Ayanthi explained the progress of her project to provide computers to five schools in Sri Lanka. During a recent visit to see her brother in Sri Lanka, Ayanthi visited a number of primary schools in the area, where the suggestion that some secondhand computers could be provided was greeted with great enthusiasm. With the guidance of Alan, Ayanthi was able to work through a series of essential negotiations, including getting signed Memoranda of Understanding from the schools, plus investigating what is involved in clearing customs in Sri Lanka. With these details clarified, the Club Board has agreed to finance the shipping of the computers via Trico International Melbourne. The Principals of the five schools have received letters from the Club as confirmation that the computers will be provided, with the next step now being for them to present the letters to the Education Department in Sri Lanka for approval. Ultimately this will result in customs duty being waived when the computers arrive.

Congratulations to Ayanthi for her initiative and perseverance in following through with her idea to help young people in her country of birth. Thank you also to Gary and Bob for sourcing the computers and to Alan for his guidance in the process to follow and the questions to ask.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SAT 22nd FEBRUARY - WELLINGTON VILLAGE COMMUNITY DAY BBQ - Rowville

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

SUN 2nd MARCH - CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY - Rowville Lakes Shopping Centre

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

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

SAT 22nd March - 2nd ANNUAL MSA TRIVIA NIGHT - details to follow

FRI - SUN 28th-30th MARCH - DISTRICT 9815 CONFERENCE, Red Arena, Bendigo



Social Activities for February

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.



Clean Up Australia Day—March 2nd

Date: Sunday March 2

Time: 9 am - 11 am

35th Anniversary



Location: Meet at Rowville Lakes shopping centre. We will be cleaning up the nature strips on both sides of Kellets Rd from there down to the Stud Rd corner. As this is quite some distance, we will do what we are able to manage. Kevin has kindly offered to bring his trailer to take the rubbish bags away.

Bring: sturdy shoes, appropriate sun protection, long-handled tongs if you have some - these can often be purchased from \$2 shops quite cheaply and are very handy.

Provided by Clean Up Australia : rubbish bags, 8 sets of gardening gloves (you can bring your own if you have them)

The club will provide: drinking water, hi-vis vests, First Aid Kit

Afterwards, if you have time, we will adjourn to the coffee shop (Choco Bean) at Rowville Lakes for coffee and cake (President's shout)

RYDA Article (Cont'd from page 1)....

RYDA has had great endorsement from participants and their teachers. Of 1800 teachers surveyed 97% said that the RYDA course should be compulsory for all students. Recent negotiations have also led to support for RYDA from Victoria Police.

The cost per student for the day is around \$70 but as RYDA receives funding from organisations such as Beaurepaires, they are able to offer it for as little as \$29 per student.

While in Victoria RYDA is now a program run independently of Rotary, many Rotary clubs are involved in various ways such as:

- Communication and liaison with school leadership to encourage schools to participate
- Volunteering for a RYDA workshop, to support the presenters by being timekeepers
- Providing links to other sources of community support
- Financial support for a school to enable them to send students, possibly by funding students at \$15 per head, or providing the buses to take the students to the venue

Several members of our Club have assisted at a RYDA workshop and it may well be possible to have more involvement in the future.

Our thanks to Anton for his very informative presentation.

Ride For Mental Health

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.

<https://rotaryrideforresearch.raiselysite.com/>

Member news snippets...

February Birthdays

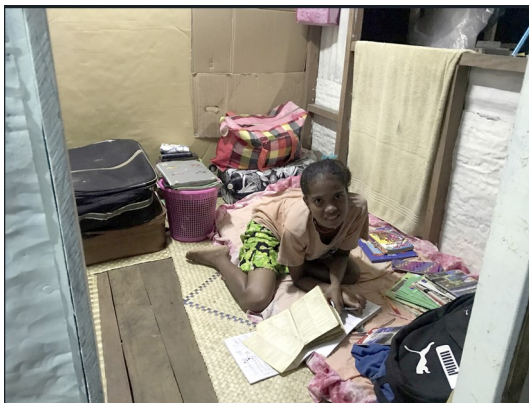
15th - Carol

20th - Anita

27th - Dr. Sharif



International News



ROSE ABRAHAM EDUCATION PROJECT

Rose as a younger student doing her homework

Alan gave an update on the project for which we received a District Grant, the education of Rose Abraham, a young resident from Kiriwina Island. This island lies off the coast of Papua New Guinea and is basically a coral atoll. The people of Kiriwina live very simple lives, subsisting on fish and yams, gathering water from caves and wells and with little chance for employment. Over ten years Alan has helped these residents with projects such as building school desks and teaching the local men how to build them, building composting toilets at the primary school and more. However, Alan has reflected that the only chance to really improve the lives of those on Kiriwina Island is through education. The Club has assisted two young people to complete training as Primary Teachers and they are both now working as teachers, one on the mainland and one back on Kiriwina.

Alan met Rose several times when visiting the island and soon realised that she showed that she was a student with promise and determination to make the most of her education. Subsequently, Alan and Robyn have assisted Rose with her tertiary education in the first year of a course in HR Communications at an institution in Mt Hagen. This year an application for a District Grant was approved to assist Rose to finish her second and final year of this course. At the moment, Rose is en route back to Mt Hagen to resume this course.

Bunnings

NEXT BUNNINGS BBQ THIS 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. Next Saturday, 22nd February we will be at the Wellington Village Community Day running the sausage sizzle. Roster is full, but feel free to come down and support the workers and mingle with the crowd.



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 (more than 1 person needed). 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. **STILL PLENTY OF VACANT SPOTS ON THE ROSTER.** Please consider adding your name to the list.

Some of our members will be setting up a BBQ as part of this wonderful local community event. Join in the celebration and support local business. The Ritchies Food & Wine Expo sounds like a bit of fun.



Let's support our members....

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