



**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**



MARTIN ROCHE "ALL ABOUT SHIPPING"

A very different topic was presented to us this week, by Martin Roche, who has had a career spanning 35 years in shipping freight all around the world. Martin, born in Wales, followed a family tradition, as both his father and grandfather were in shipping. He highlighted that it takes ten years of shipping experience and academic study to be granted a Masters licence.

There is no doubt that Martin only scratched the surface of the interesting stories he has to tell of his experiences. He also illustrated the changes in the management of shipping freight, from derricks and cranes to the massive container ships and ultra large crude carriers.

Early experiences included travelling up the Amazon River, 1000 miles from the ocean, for loads of coffee and timber to be taken back to the UK. Ships such as the Almeda Star carried meat from Argentina to the UK and was temperature controlled so that different loads could be carried at different temperatures.

Martin sailed on many ships from the Blue Star line, including the Fremantle Star, that plied a route from the west coast of the US to New Zealand. On arriving in Australia, Martin joined the BHP fleet, for example on the Iron Duke, which carried a load of 110,000 tonnes of iron ore from Port Kembla to Hastings, for processing at a rolling mill there. Martin was less than complementary about the state of Australian shipping, such as fleet maintenance, which he attributed to the highly unionized state of this industry in this country.

It was impressive to hear the details of the ultra large crude carriers (ULCC) which can carry 3 million barrels of oil, with 160 litres in each one. While these ships sit barely above the water line, they extend around 18.5 m below the surface and can be up to 400 m long. They are designed to flex on the waves and have to be manoeuvred by 5 tugs. Trying to stop a ULCC is almost impossible as it has so much momentum.

The advent of huge container ships has entailed intricate planning of how the containers are loaded and how they are lashed down. The consequences of ignoring the loading plan can be catastrophic, as Martin illustrated with a pertinent photo, as containers falling overboard become a huge hazard for other shipping.

In answer to questions about dealing with piracy, Martin outlined that the only thing to do is to employ deterrent methods as the pirates are armed with AK47s and usually high on dope. One typical deterrent is to hire half a dozen men from the Port of Colombo who bring with them high-powered sniper rifles!

A fascinating insight into an essential industry to ensure we can receive the consumer goods that we want in a timely way. Thank you Martin.



CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

A big thank you to the 15 club members who turned up on Sunday morning for Clean Up Australia Day. We were very fortunate that the weather was very mild and we made good progress down both sides of Kellett's Rd between Stud Rd and the Rowville Lakes Shopping Centre. Thanks to: Arshad, Gary, Kate, Kaye, Heather, Bob, Murray, Max, Daryl, Mary, John, Jenni, Kevin, Cheryl and Jenny.



Wonderful Team Effort!



EARLY ACT LEADERS @ PARK RIDGE

On Monday this week the Earlyact leaders for 2025 were presented with their badges by President Jenny at the School Assembly.

The young leaders were very proud to be taking on their roles and we are sure they will do a great job, as has been demonstrated by the leaders in previous years. Our Rotary Club is very appreciative of the support offered to this program by Elaine McClure, the teacher who is the champion of this program at Park Ridge PS. We look forward to seeing these leaders and Elaine at a Club meeting in the near future.

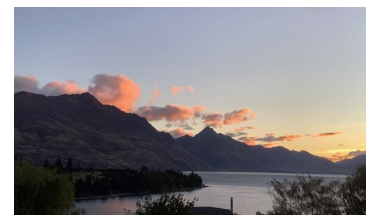
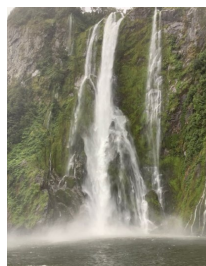


Member news snippets...

March Birthdays

1st John P

8th Ian



Corinne and Les are very much enjoying their holiday in beautiful New Zealand. They have been very lucky with the weather with mild temperatures and sunny skies for the most part. Their cruise on Milford Sound was a bit rainy but this made it even more special by increasing the number of waterfalls that were visible. They are currently in Queenstown for a few nights and very much enjoying their accommodation with a view over Lake Wakatipu and the Remarkables. Mother Nature is very humbling and kind of makes the views in Wantirna pale a little! Oh, and they are doing their very best to keep the NZ hospitality industry afloat!!



Warm Welcome

Congratulations to our newest members, Mary Kelly and Robyn Willis. We look forward to working with them both and know that they will be valuable members of our Club.



Congratulations



Huge congratulations to our Club member Murray Willson, who has been announced as the District Governor Elect-Designate. This means that in July Murray will become the DG Elect and will commence a three-year journey, to become the District Governor for District 9815 in the Rotary year 2027-2028. In this role, he will have oversight of 78 Rotary clubs spreading across a large part of Victoria. We are sure that Murray will fulfil this role with great aplomb and wisdom and we will be behind him to provide support in any way possible. Congratulation also to Janine, who will no doubt support Murray throughout this busy, exciting and fulfilling period of their life together.



Bunnings

NEXT BUNNINGS BBQ—FRIDAY 21st MARCH

On the 19th April which is Easter Saturday we have another Bunnings BBQ. 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.



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, Mary, Corinne, Heather & Bob



PROGRAM

Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and Production	Program
MARCH - Water, Sanitation and Hygiene				
11th March	Kaye	Daryl	Kevin 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 - Details to come			
15th April	Kate	Bob	Daryl Alan	PE Club Forum— Bob

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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



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>

Let's support our members....

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Vice President Murray Wilson

Treasurer Neil White

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Immediate Past President Carol Constantine

2024-2025 COMMITTEE MEMBERS and OTHER ROLES

Community Service	Marg Vesey	Art Show Committee	Rajeev Wadhwa
	Kate Kidd		Carol Constantine
	Ian Vesey		Alan Lunghusen
	Ayanthi Gunatilake		Gary Forrest
Youth Service	Max Williams	Program Committee	Jeff Somers
	Gary Forrest		Kate Kidd
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	Rajeev Wadhwa		Bob Morris
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	John Williams		Rajeev Wadhwa
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		College Council Rep	
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		Antique Fair	Stephen Palamara
		Committee	Gary Forrest
			Kaye Sharman
			Jeff Somers