



THIS WEEK'S MEETING.....

**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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President Jenny Moran
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**Satellite Club meets
at Tosaria's Café**

Alternate Thursdays at 7:30am

Contact :

President Kevin Harrison
0419919011

**Home Club of
DGND Murray Wilson
PDG Daryl Moran**



Unfortunately, our speaker was unable to come to our meeting, but with the room bursting with members and visitors there were plenty of other things to hear about, see and celebrate. President Jenny reminded us of the increased impact of our fundraising with the help of the Rotary Foundation. The Foundation receives donations from clubs and individuals which it invests. All money raised in Australia stays in Australia and the money invested is returned to clubs through either District Grants or Global Grants. We are currently awaiting confirmation from the District Governor that we have received a grant of \$5,500 to support our Uganda Family Care Project.

A lot of individuals donate to the Foundation and donations which grow to US\$1000 are awarded a Paul Harris Fellow. Our member Murray was recognized as a multiple PHF with a double ruby pin. Murray is a great example of the Rotary motto "service above self". We congratulate him on receiving this very prestigious award and will, no doubt, see him wearing it at the District Conference next weekend.



The Knox Art Show profits are divided between RC of Bayswater and Rowville-Lysterfield. The Treasurer of the Art Show, Barrie Vickers was asked to present our cheques to our 2 charities for 2024. Each was presented with \$1,750. Deb Weston, Secretary of the Board of Management, accepted on behalf of Tamminya House and expressed her gratitude for all that our club does for them especially gardening and general maintenance, as well as the new outdoor space for the children. Gayle Ace-Dye and her daughter, Jess, from Share Space Inc gratefully accepted their cheque and said that it would help to feed over 700 locals doing it tough.



John Peck President of the Rotary Club of Greater Dandenong and Endeavour Hills came along to our meeting along with 2 other members. He had been in discussion with President Jenny and Murray had spoken last week at their meeting, about how clubs within our community group could come together and help each other to make projects come to fruition. With this in mind they have made a donation of \$5,000 to our club to assist with the Uganda Project! An amazing gesture which we gratefully accept. Thank you all for your generosity which will make a significant difference to the children in Uganda.

John W spoke about the Knox Business Awards which were launched again by our club last year as it had been 24 years since they were awarded through the Knox Leader newspaper. We went ahead with a small committee of members and organized the presentation of several awards at a special breakfast.

However, John explained that we needed endorsement from Knox City Council. On Tuesday night, this came to fruition when Councilors voted in support of Motion 169- Council support for the Knox Business Awards, proudly run by the Rotary Club of Rowville-Lysterfield. As Stephen wrote in his announcement message to members, "This is a major milestone and sets the stage for us to grow the Awards even further in the coming year and beyond....Now we can launch this year's awards with the support of the council." Our congratulations to John W and Stephen for their unwavering work and commitment to the Knox Business Awards and to those who have supported them in this endeavour.

Allan told us about and showed us a device called "Rachel" which effectively is the internet you have when you don't have the internet.

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MUFFINS ROSTER

03 April Muffins	Marg, Fiona, Pete & Sue, Anita & Rajeev
17 April Muffins	Kaye, Mary, Corinne, Heather & Bob
01 May Muffins	Marg, Heather & Bob, Pete & Sue, Anita & Rajeev
15 May Muffins	Fiona, Corinne, Mary, Glennis Hocking



PROGRAM

Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and Production	Program
APRIL - Environment				
1st April	John P	Marg	John W Kevin	Shia Smart– Simple Steps Members– Conference Reports
8th April	Marg	Jeff	Kevin Daryl	New Members Behind the Badge
15th April	Kate	Bob	Daryl Alan	PE Club Forum– Bob
22nd April	Kevin	Daryl	Alan Bob	David Jordan– serving Naval Officer
29th April	5th Tuesday - No Meeting - RESTAURANT DINNER - Eating House, Rowville			
MAY - Youth Service				
6th May	Jeff	Neil	Bob Ian	George Petrou - The Art of Humanity

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

SAT 5th APRIL - Rowville Junior Footy BBQ, Eildon Oval, 12 pm - 4pm

FRI 25th APRIL- ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE, followed by breakfast at Montania, FTG

THURS 1ST MAY-GIRLS' NIGHT OUT – Tosaria Restaurant Rowville, 6:30pm

SUN 4TH MAY- INAUGURAL SUNDAY MARKET– Rowville Community Centre

TUES 24TH JUNE– CHANGEOVER NIGHT– Waverley Churchill Golf and Bowls Club



ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT DOING GOOD in the COMMUNITY

This last week has been very busy for Club members, with lots of opportunity for 'Service Above Self', and some socializing as well. The photos tell a story, but everyone needs to be acknowledged....



On Thursday there was a fortnightly muffin delivery, so thank you this week to Kaye, Corinne, Jenny, Heather & Bob. On Thursday morning, a hamper was put together and wrapped beautifully, as a raffle prize for the MSA Trivia Night. Thank you to all the club members who contributed items and to Heather and Jenny for the expert cellophane wrapping.



Friday night saw four members, Carol, Jenny, Daryl and Stephen doing their rostered jobs at the Knox Nocturnals Youth Program. Also on Friday, Marg and Ian returned from their week-long 600 km ride in the Wangaratta area, raising funds for Australian Rotary Health. The total raised by all the participants is nearing \$40,000, which is a fantastic effort, as is facing the daily ride of around 100 km in all sorts of weather. Well done Marg and Ian!

On Saturday morning, nine members turned up for the coffee catchup. As two of the newest members attended, this was

an excellent opportunity to get to know them a little better.

Saturday night five members represented the Club at the MSA Trivia Night. Whilst their lack of knowledge of NBA, NBL and soccer was a clear disadvantage, the general knowledge round was a winner. Thanks to Gary, Bob, Heather, Daryl and Jenny for attending. The Klep family showed great appreciation for the support in terms of attendance, the hamper for a raffle prize and the donation of \$500 in memory of Adrian.



Sunday followed with an early start for Heather and Bob, with the first of the BBQs to support the Rowville Junior Football Club. The gorgeous weather must have brought out all the families, so it was very busy, almost non-stop all day, firstly with egg and bacon rolls and then sausages. There was wonderful support from our Club members and this again was much appreciated by the committee members from the Rowville Hawks. Thank you to Bob and Heather as the organisers and to Murray, John P, Mary, Ian, Gary, Carol and Jenny.



This week we look forward to a trip to Bendigo, to enjoy the inaugural Rotary District 9815 Conference.



Special thanks go to Doug Lord, from Yellowstone Landscaping in FTG, who attended our Rotary Information Night a couple of weeks ago. When he heard we were collecting items to make up a gourmet hamper for the MSA Trivia Night he donated about \$400 worth of toys which were used as the 4th prize in the major raffle on the night.



Member news snippets...

March Birthdays

1st John P

8th Ian



The Ride Wrap Up (Marg)

The Ruby Ride for Medical Research was extremely successful from a fundraising and social exercise.

579.4 kms ridden, with storms at Glenrowan, heat of 42.8C due to the heat from the bitumen and 46 mls of rain!

Sincere thanks to the Club, Satellite group and individuals for their sponsorship. We are hopeful that \$40,000 will be the final figure raised for research.

Kev stepped Club Chardie (after ride refreshments) to another level, with our super confluence signage and the Lions Club of Colac donated 3 fruit cakes to keep us pedaling.

Ridiculous that you have just ridden this number of kilometres and need to go on a diet when you get home!



WAR MEMORIAL PROJECT– Can you help?

Daryl spoke at this week's meeting about a War Memorial Project that he and Murray have been thinking about and researching for a number of years. They are looking to construct a War Memorial in Rowville to meet the following objectives:

- Establish a place to honour the Australians, Americans and Italians who lived in the Rowville Military Camp (on the corner of Wellington and Stud Roads) from 1942-1946.
- Consolidate all current Rowville-Lysterfield war memorials and plaques.
- Consolidate the lists of names of service personnel from Rowville-Lysterfield, especially to note and honour those who died in war.

Daryl and Murray are looking for some help with this massive work load and need interested members to join them on a committee. Although they have already done a lot of work to make their submission to the Board for approval, there is a lot more to be done.

The site for the Memorial needs to be where it is easily accessible to the community, including students from local schools and a place to hold services.

If you are interested in being involved in this very interesting and worthwhile project, please contact either Daryl or Murray to learn more.

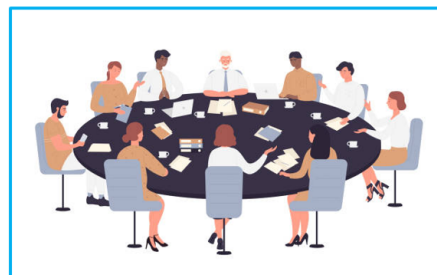
'War Memorials fulfil our need to recognize, remember and learn about the profound losses and achievements of war'

Australian Department of Veteran's Affairs website

WAR MEMORIAL TEAM

Stage 1 – First Steps Phase
Stage 2 – Design Phase
Stage 3 – Funding Phase
Stage 4 – Future Usage Phase

- Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer.
- Chair of each Stage x 4
- Team members x ?
- Seconded non-Rotarians as needed



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It contains 2Tb of data space but although it looks a bit like a router it doesn't connect to the internet and therefore can be used in remote areas. It can be loaded with all sorts of websites when you have access to the internet and then it can be used without internet, to access the loaded content. In remote areas, such as the school in Uganda, up to 50 computers can connect to "Rachel" simultaneously. Wikipedia and numerous educational websites, covering a broad range of areas and suitable from primary school to tertiary level are loaded onto the unit that Allan showed us. At a cost of approximately \$1300 it is an amazing resource for schools in remote areas. This one is going to Uganda Family Care very soon.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE SOCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Conference Club Dinner

Friday 28th March
Lake View Hotel
204 McCrae Street Bendigo
6:30 for 7:00pm

Saturday and Sunday Breakfast

Boardwalk Café
Cnr McCrae and Nolan Streets
7:45am

ROTARY 9815 DISTRICT CONFERENCE

We are better together



28TH MARCH TO 30TH MARCH, 2025
RED ENERGY ARENA, BENDIGO, VICTORIA

Please email Jeff as soon as possible, to let him know which of the above you will attend. Thank you to those who have RSVP'd jsomers@ozemail.com.au

GIRLS' NIGHT OUT

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN.....

This is always a fabulous night with lots of fun, conversation and laughter. This year there will also be some "secret" entertainment! Book your tickets as soon as you can! Get your daughters, sisters, mothers and friends together on a table.

All money raised this year will go directly to the Ovarian Cancer Research Foundation.

If you have anything you would like to donate for the raffle table or silent auction please let Heather know. Even something small can be put together with other items to make a hamper-style prize.

Any male members who want to volunteer as waiters on the night, please talk to Heather.

John P put up a proposal that we go along to the Uniting Church Rowville on Friday week and do some gardening, put in a new garden bed and maintain the beds that are there. He suggested that we harvest whatever is available on Friday and give to the ShareSpace Inc on Saturday for distribution to the families that they help.

WHEN
Thursday 1st of May 2025
@ 6:30 pm

COST
\$65 pp - Includes welcome drink & 2 course dinner
Drinks at bar prices

WHERE
TOSARIA'S RESTAURANT
60 Henderson Road
Rowville (off Kelletts Road)

BOOK ONLINE!
Via trybooking

ENQUIRES
Heather Morris - 0419 376 743

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Bunnings

Next BBQ for ROWVILLE HAWKS



Saturday April 5, 12 noon - 4 pm at Eildon Oval.

NEXT BUNNINGS BBQ—EASTER SATURDAY— 19th APRIL

On the 19th April (Easter Saturday) we have another Bunnings BBQ. Lots of spots to fill on the roster still. Because it's a Saturday and Bob will be on a plane, 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.



Let's support our members....



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