



**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

DGND Murray Wilson

PDG Daryl Moran



This week's meeting.....

With ANZAC Day coming up this week, it was timely to hear from Chief Petty Officer David Jordan, serving in the Australian Navy, who talked about his pathway into the Navy, the changes that have become apparent in the Armed Services over this time and what ANZAC Day means to him.

In his final year at school David was keen to become a firefighter, as he was a member of the Selby Fire Brigade. Realising that he would only be accepted with some life experience, he considered joining the Army but ultimately enlisted in the Navy, where he trained to become a Combat Systems Operator (CSO). The CSO is responsible for the above water combat, which is now a very technical task, compared to 20 years ago when David worked initially with HF circuits. After training at Cerberus and in Sydney, David joined HMAS Paramatta for a three year stint which included travelling to the Middle East, around South-East Asia, North-East Asia, China and Russia. A promotion to leading seaman led to a shore job, after which time he volunteered for HMAS Tobruk. This was a great experience, despite the age and limitations of the ship, as he worked with a small group in the Ops Room and had a great deal of responsibility.

After six years in the Navy, David opted to reconsider his ambition to be a firefighter, leaving the Navy and applying to the CFA. He was devastated when he did not get an offer, even though he had reached the interview round. After working in various jobs such as being a yoga instructor, David returned to the Navy and quickly gained a promotion to Cerberus as a Petty Officer, training people in aspects such as presentation skills. A posting to HMAS Watson came with a promotion to Chief Petty Officer and the task of Chief Instructor in Maritime Warfare. David hopes to become a Lieutenant in the coming year or two and we look forward to following his progress.

One challenge for leadership in the armed services of today is to keep the standards up, such as the standard of fitness. The armed services have changed and in many ways are keeping up with the times, for example, there is a lot more flexibility with haircuts and dress standards and beards are allowed. Coming out of the Vietnam War, the Armed Service's culture was not good: change was needed both culturally and organisationally. This has led to the New Generation Navy, where the old regime of bullying and strict hierarchy no longer applies. Everyone in the Navy has a voice now, unlike when the leading seamen were treated like gods; a complaint or a compliment can be freely voiced. A further challenge is to maintain motivation when not in a conflict state. The Navy now is in a training state, largely training for a response to a cyber war, but constant training can lead to 'training burnout'. A further challenge is that joining the Armed Services is now seen as a way of having an adventure and gaining skills and experience, before leading onto a different job, without a sense of doing service. It was noted that TV advertisements for the Armed Forces reflect this scenario very clearly.

Reflecting on ANZAC Day, David commented that once the day was about catching up with friends and sharing experiences after the March and service. For many it is a way to honour those who served, often with an element of grieving, and he is personally very pleased to see how the younger generation respond respectfully to the atmosphere of ANZAC services, even at the football. For him, personally now, ANZAC Day is a time to gather with family and to acknowledge that family members are the ones who make a sacrifice to enable their loved one to follow this path of service.

Thank you to David for sharing his story in such an engaging and enlightening way.



MUFFINS ROSTER

01 May Muffins	Marg, Heather & Bob, Pete & Sue, Anita & Rajeev
15 May Muffins	Fiona, Corinne, Mary, Glennys
29 May Muffins	Marg, Fiona, Pete & Sue, Anita & Rajeev
12 June Muffins	Kaye, Jenny, Corinne, Heather & Bob



PROGRAM

Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and Production	Program
APRIL - Environment				
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
13th May	NO MEETING			
20th May	Andy R	Heather	Ian John W	Jade Mainwaring-Knox Council Grants and Grant Process
27th May	Kate	Gary	John W Kevin	Murray Verso—End Polio
JUNE - Rotary Fellowships				
3rd June	Carol	Bob	Kevin Daryl	President Elect Club Forum

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

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

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



Member news snippets...

April Birthdays

11th - Heather

15th - Kaye

16th - Pradeep

28th - John W

happy
birthday



Heather and Bob managed to get away from the Easter Saturday BBQ at 1:20pm to fly to Townsville and transfer by boat to Magnetic Island. They have been enjoying the pool, views on the island, hand feeding rock wallabies and catching up with Bob's family to celebrate his sister Jenny's 70th birthday.

SOCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

-**ANZAC DAY** Dawn Services will be held in several areas in Knox. Members are invited to attend their chosen venue and then meet for breakfast at 7-7:30am at Montania in Mountain Gate. Please let Kaye know ASAP if you wish to attend, so that she can make the necessary booking.

-**TUESDAY 29th APRIL** is the 5th Tuesday of the month and Kaye has organized dinner in a private room at the Eating House, Wellington Village. Booking is for 7pm but you may like to meet in the Bar at 6:30pm for a pre dinner drink. Please let Kaye know ASAP if you are attending (if you have not filled out the attendance sheet) as she must confirm numbers.

KNOX BUSINESS AWARDS 2025

Hi Fellow Rotarians,

We'd really appreciate your help in spreading the word about the **Knox Business Awards!**

How you can help:

- **Like and share** our Facebook page to help amplify the message:

<https://www.facebook.com/Knoxbusinessawards>

- **Refer a local business** that you believe deserves recognition:

<https://knoxbusinessaards.com.au/referral/>

Let's work together to shine a spotlight on the amazing businesses in our community. Your support truly makes a difference!

Warm regards,
John Williams & Stephen Palamara

MEMBERSHIP



A big welcome to the Rotary Club of Rowville-Lysterfield to Howard, Glennys and Pradeep who were inducted at this week's meeting.

We know that you already feel part of this group of amazing Rotarians and that you all have so much to give.

We look forward to working closely with you all in making a difference in the lives of others, both within the local community and beyond.

WELCOME

GIRLS' NIGHT OUT

This is always a fabulous night with lots of fun, conversation and laughter. This year there will also be some "secret" entertainment!

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.

We are in need of a couple of bottles of Spirits or Liqueurs which can be used for the Coin Toss competitions. Have a look in the back of your cabinets....you might be surprised at what you find! Please let Heather know if you can help.

1 WEEK TO GO!!!!!!

STILL SEATS AVAILABLE

GIRLS' Night Out

Get a group together

A NIGHT OF ENTERTAINMENT, RAFFLES, SILENT AUCTIONS & MORE

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

EASTER SATURDAY- 19th APRIL

The Bunnings BBQ was a great success last Saturday. The Team was "under the pump" for most of the day and this resulted in a massive profit of **\$2115.52!!!!** It was a warm day so that made things a bit unpleasant but the profit on the day made it all worthwhile. Special thanks to all the members who gave their time to make it such a great success: Bob, Heather, Alan, Robyn, Andy R, Ayanthi, Jenny, Daryl, John P. Robyn W, Jeff, Kaye, Mary, Kevin and Corinne.



NEXT BUNNINGS BBQ FRIDAY 20th JUNE

There is no monthly BBQ in May due to the fact that so many "regulars" will be in Bali. Next BBQ is scheduled for 20th June.

Let's support our members....



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