



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

Contact :

President Jenny Moran
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This week we got to know our newest members a little better with John P, Mary, Robyn W and Jenni giving us a “snippet” of their lives.

Mary is second eldest in a family of 6 children and spent her early years in Romsey. After finishing school, Mary worked at the CBA and then moved to Nhill where she also had 6 children and lived for 22 years. Mary worked part-time for the NAB after her youngest started school and moved to Melbourne when the youngest finished school as all her children had already done. When she met John she gained 3 stepchildren, which now means 13 grandchildren between them.. Mary worked at the NAB for 33 years before retiring in 2020. Mary comes from a large family of Kellys, but not THE Kellys, and has 100 first cousins. At their last family reunion there were 500+ descendants from Mary's grandparents. In her retirement Mary loves to research travel deals and has travelled widely with John.



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

Alternate Thursdays at 7:30am

Contact :

President Kevin Harrison
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Family is very important to Robyn W who is the youngest of 3 by some years and her mother described her as “a pleasant surprise”. Robyn is fortunate to still have her parents in her life at 95 (Dad) and 90 (Mum). Whilst her Dad is in care now, her mum still lives in the family home. Robyn has 2 daughters aged in their early 20's whom she describes as her world. Career wise Robyn is a Primary School teacher, much against the advice of her parents. Her first school was in Traralgon East and Robyn joined Rotaract. She very much enjoyed the friendships she made. On her return to Melbourne after 2 years, Robyn arrived at Noble Park PS and had no idea that she would spend the next 30 years there! She did have 8 years away from the classroom to bring up her daughters. In the early days at Noble Park she joined the Rotaract club of Waverley but this finished when she turned 30. She still retains today, many of the friends she made at Rotaract and cherishes these friendships remembering the fun times she had. In the last 2 years Robyn has been working at the Berwick Fields PS. She loves teaching and is not planning on retiring any time soon. She loves the fact that every day is different and gives her something to laugh about.

Jenni is friends with John and Kath and met them through the travel industry when she first started 30 years ago. Jenni is the middle child in her family, with an older brother and a younger sister. After leaving school Jenni studied to become a radiographer and worked for 7 or 8 years as a cardiac radiographer at the Epworth. Whilst she very much enjoyed her job, she decided to take a working holiday and ended up doing 2 overseas trips; one of which was 6 months in a Kombi van driving from London to Istanbul. She decided at the end of that trip that she wanted to work in travel as she was already planning trips for family and friends and enjoyed it so much. So she went back to study and gained her certificate and is now the proud owner of Helloworld Vermont South. She loves the business and managed to navigate the challenges of Covid which she said has proven the benefit of booking travel through an agent who can provide you with support whilst overseas. It is clear that Jenni really enjoys her work. In her personal life, Jenni is an avid AFL supporter of the Blues and loves the F1. For many years after she lost her own 2 little dogs, Jenni worked with dog shelters and fostered dogs and prepared them for adoption. She is happy that she has joined Rotary and likes the fact that she is giving back to the community, as a sense of community is important in this “me” world.

John P spent his early years in Lapoinya in Tasmania and told us that he hung around with 3 other boys in the town and that by the time he left at the age of 7, the group “were legends” because of the mischief they caused but they never got into trouble. A bit of a larrikin was our John at a very tender age! His family moved to Burnie which is a port town facing Bass Strait. One of the things John recounted fondly was travelling along the road along Bass Strait with the moon shining so brightly and reflecting off the water. A wonderful thing to behold and something he has enjoyed for all these years. At the age of exactly 21, John moved across the Strait to Melbourne and took up work with the Salvation Army for 30 years. Working at a grassroots level around Australia feeding people and doing welfare work. The highlight was being responsible for prison work and court work in Victoria with a team of 45 people. John dealt with offenders sitting on concrete one minute and with judges in their chambers the next. He held a white card that got him into all institutions in Victoria. One time John spent a night in Pentridge....but it was to feed the prisoners, as the officers were on strike. After finishing with the Salvation Army John became a Fundraiser for various organisations including the Stroke Foundation, MND Victoria and Vision Australia. John even hosted a radio program on gardening at one stage.

Thank you to Mary, Robyn, Jenni and John! It was great hearing about your lives pre Rotary. The members of the Rotary Club of Rowville-Lysterfield welcome you all and look forward to working closely with you.

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



MUFFINS ROSTER

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



PROGRAM

Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and Production	Program
APRIL - Environment				
15th April	Corinne	Bob	Andy R 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
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

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

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

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



Community



Some necessary jobs were completed last Friday at the Uniting Church Community Garden. There was even time for a chat on the phone!



Another BBQ was held for the Hawks Junior Football Club last weekend. Everything went well after the BBQ was assembled first thing by Bob, Heather, Andy R and Petra. Our thanks to all the volunteers on the day.



This week's meeting - Peter Ryan - Life Activities Club Knox Inc

Peter Ryan joined us from Life Activities Club Knox Inc where he is President. It is one of the largest seniors clubs in the City of Knox and is managed and organised by volunteer members catering for pre-retired and retired people aged, but not restricted to, 55 plus.

Formed in 1986 it is a not for profit, non-political, non-religious and inclusive club. With an average of 200 members, the Club provides over 20 different social activities to encourage people to socialise, make new friends, learn new skills and overcome loneliness.

Activities are held during the day or evening on weekdays and at weekends and new activities are added from time to time in response to member requests.

They have clubrooms in Ferntree Gully near the station and also meet in public places and members homes. With a "try before you buy" offer, you can go along to any of the activities up to a total of 3 times before deciding whether to join. Membership is \$25 per person per year and covers insurance and the quarterly Newsletter.

Thank you Peter for sharing details of your club with us!



MAKERS & BAKERS MARKET

Rotary
Rowville-Lysterfield

Rowville Community Centre
40 Fulham Road Rowville
8am to 2pm, Sunday 4th May 2025

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Member news snippets...

April Birthdays

11th - Heather

15th - Kaye

28th - John W



Happy Travellers this week include:

- Marg who is still in Japan
- John and Mary who are heading off to Fiji (off to the airport at 3:30am!!!)
- Kate who is heading to Morocco.

SAFE TRAVELS EVERYONE!!!



Congratulations to Gary who was presented with a Certificate to celebrate 20 years of Service as a Member of Rotary, by our Membership Chair, Bob.



Gary has many great stories to tell about his time in Rotary, ask him!



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

COMMUNITY - NEW PROJECT

One of our newer members, Andy Round, took to the podium at the meeting. He walks his dogs early in the morning and has noticed that the lower carpark at Stud Park Shopping Centre is becoming overrun with people living in cars and vans. We are so fortunate to live comfortable lives and sleep in comfortable beds. We don't have to think about sleeping on dirty, rat infested mattresses, or carry our belongings around in shopping bags. Most of us have families around us and lead comfortable lives. Unfortunately this is not the same for everybody.

Andy has discovered that Rowville lacks community help and support for the homeless and he wants to do something about that. There isn't even a Laundromat in the Rowville area so that these people can restore some dignity. Feeding yourself is an issue if you don't have a job. Accessing medical care is very difficult. Having no fixed address makes everything harder. This is happening in Rowville, right under our noses. So what can we do??

Andy wants to organize a Walk-a-Thon. He is not expecting members to participate but he is planning to walk for 24 hours from 10am on 22 November to 10am on 23 November. But he wants our support by walking in our own way, walk as long or as far as you want - around the block, around the clothesline, whatever suits you. Ask family and friends to sponsor you, so that we can add to the money Andy raises.

But Andy wants to also involve the community and make them aware that this is happening in a local shopping centre where people drive past every day and don't pay any attention to the growing number of cars and vans. Ultimately, he wants to involve the community in helping these people, who are homeless for a myriad of reasons and are doing it so tough in our community but seemingly, not visible.

Andy wants to involve students in local schools and get each school to organise a lunchtime walk round their sports oval or playground. He envisages providing awards/recognition for participants. Maybe offer trophies for the student who raises the most money, the best class and also the best school. Ideally, going to schools and giving a presentation about the homeless as the more we can make people open their eyes and see what is happening the better.

Lots of social media posts plus articles in the community newspaper would inform a wider audience. Andy would also like to be able to have a display at Stud Park to raise more cash and awareness.

He has already approached Orange Sky who provide mobile Shower and Laundry facilities throughout Melbourne for the homeless and has organised to meet with them this week along with our President Elect, Bob. Once they do this, they will be able to start things moving.

Want to know more? Want to help? Talk to Andy about this very worthwhile Project.



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.



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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3 WEEKS TO GO!!!!!!

DISTRICT 9815 CONFERENCE 2026

ROTARY 9815 DISTRICT CONFERENCE
13th-15th March 2026
Hobart Tasmania



Next year's Conference dates are less than a year away at the Grand Chancellor Hotel Hobart. Special Rotary room rates are available.

Book now to ensure your accommodation. Cancellation is possible up to 7 days before with no penalty.

<https://www.grandchancellorhotels.com/hotel-grand-chancellor-hobart/rotary-conference-2026>

BE INSPIRED.....BOOK NOW!!



BUNNINGS

NEXT BUNNINGS BBQ—EASTER SATURDAY— 19th APRIL

Thank you to all the members who have volunteered their time to help on this day! A shout out and big thank you to John P and Mary who have put themselves down for a double shift.

Bob is rostered on the 11:30am-1:30pm shift too. If anyone is available to take Bob's place, it would be very much appreciated and would mean that Bob and Heather can organize the last minute things before they fly to Townsville in the afternoon, without having BBQ duty in the middle of it all!



Let's support our members....



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