

**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

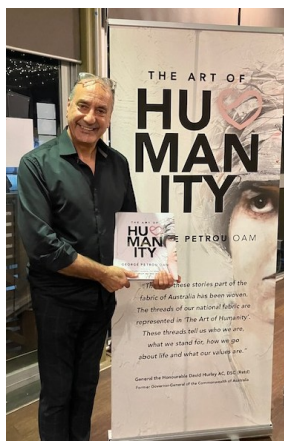
[Zoom meeting link](#)

Visitors are warmly welcome

Contact :

**President Jenny Moran
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This week's Speaker– George Petrou OAM



George has a very keen interest in Australian history and that is what has led him to do what he does. The Art of Humanity will be released in Canberra at the War Memorial on the 7th July and is a sequel to his first book The Art of Sacrifice. Interestingly, his presentation to us was the 23rd that he has done in recent times and the book has not yet been released. It would make a wonderful “Coffee Table” book.

The purpose of his books is to commemorate and remember the sacrifices and the wonderful humanity that these people have shown. They don't like to advertise what they do or look for kudos, in fact they shy away from it. George believes that we need to know their stories and that these people should be remembered. George linked Rotary to the meaning of humanitarian as it is what we practice.

Women are highlighted in the book as they are often left out or overlooked. The book is comprised of 6 sections: International

Trailblazers, Female Trailblazers, Male Trailblazers, WWoWW! (Wonder Women of World War I), Military Trailblazers and the last section Beacons of Hope, highlights a number of Australians of the Year from recent years.

There are 40 portraits (22 women and 18 men) and 40 Authors who have written a piece about each. These narratives are written by descendants, by people who are interested in the person and people who have already written about the person.

George chooses his subjects after having heard about them from friends and contacts. He then researches thoroughly before making his final choices. George believes that everyone who went to war has a story and that we must not forget the sacrifices made and the humanitarians who tried to help.

George has decided to exhibit and sell his portraits from the Beacons of Hope section for \$10,000 each and donate the money to the charities represented by the Australian of the Year subjects: Amar Singh (Turbans 4 Australia), Nic Marchesi and Lucas Patchett (Orange Sky), Dr. Daniel Nour (Street Side Medics), Valma Dempsey (50 years volunteering for St. John's Ambulance), Tom Calma (various First Nations Charities). The paintings have already been bought by a friend, who was instrumental in nominating each of these subjects.

“In exploring what makes a person a humanitarian, we uncover something essential about ourselves: a potential for goodness that transcends circumstance and background. This is not simply a collection of life stories; it is a testament to the boundless capacity for empathy that lives within each of us.....Each story invites us to imagine a world where compassion is as natural as breath and to realise that, perhaps, the seeds of that world already exist in each of us.” (Michael Williams)

George closed with a poignant quote from Pericles (Greek Politician, Statesman and General in ancient times), but the words are still powerful and relevant today.....“What you leave behind is not engraved in stone monuments....but woven into the lives of others.”

Please use the link to find out more about these Humanitarians and others and the wonderful record of their achievements.

<https://georgepetrou.com.au/the-art-of-humanity/>

We thank George for his inspiring talk and passion.



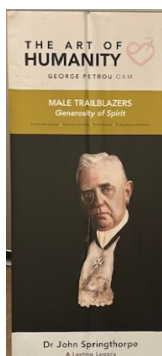
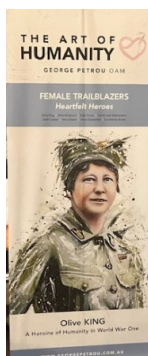
**Satellite Club meets
at Tosaria's Café**

Alternate Thursdays at 7:30am

Contact :

**President Kevin Harrison
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**Home Club of
DGND Murray Wilson
PDG Daryl Moran**



MUFFINS and SOUP ROSTER

15 May Muffins	Fiona, Corinne, Mary, Glennys
29 May Muffins	Marg, Fiona, Pete & Sue, Anita & Rajeev
04 June Soup	Kate, Glennys, Kylie & Brenton
12 June Muffins	Kaye, Jenny, Corinne, Heather & Bob
26 June Muffins	Marg, Fiona, Pete & Sue, Anita & Rajeev



PROGRAM

Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and Production	Program
MAY - Youth Service				
13th May	NO MEETING			
20th May	Andy R	Heather	Ian John W	The Next Rotary Year—Bob
27th May	Kate	Gary	John W Kevin	Murray Verso—End Polio
JUNE - Rotary Fellowships				
3rd June	Carol	Andy R	Kevin Daryl	Tech Workshops e.g. Google Drive, Google Sheets etc
10th June	Stephen	Max	Daryl Alan	Earlyact Leaders Visit
17th June	John W	Bob	Alan Bob	President Elect Club Forum

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SAT 17TH MAY - DISTRICT ASSEMBLY - online ZOOM

SAT 24TH MAY - DISTRICT ASSEMBLY— online ZOOM

SUN 1ST JUNE - MAKERS and BAKERS MARKET - Rowville Community Centre, Rowville

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

SAT 12th JULY - DISTRICT 9815 CHANGEOVER NIGHT— Pakenham Racing Club, Pakenham



Member news snippets...

May Birthdays

18th—Gary



BALI TRIP

Wishing all the Bali travellers a relaxing break away enjoying each other's company and some of the sights. Safe journey everyone! We will see you all looking very refreshed at the meeting on 20th May.



Our newest members, Glennys and Howard having a relax in WA on a bench donated by the Dunsborough Rotary Club.



INAUGURAL MARKET



Inaugural Makers and Bakers Market at the Rowville Community Centre, Fulham Road Rowville.

SUNDAY 1ST JUNE
9am—2pm

Roster out now. Please fill in when you can help.

BUNNINGS

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.



KNOX BUSINESS AWARDS 2025-Nominations Close 30th June

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:

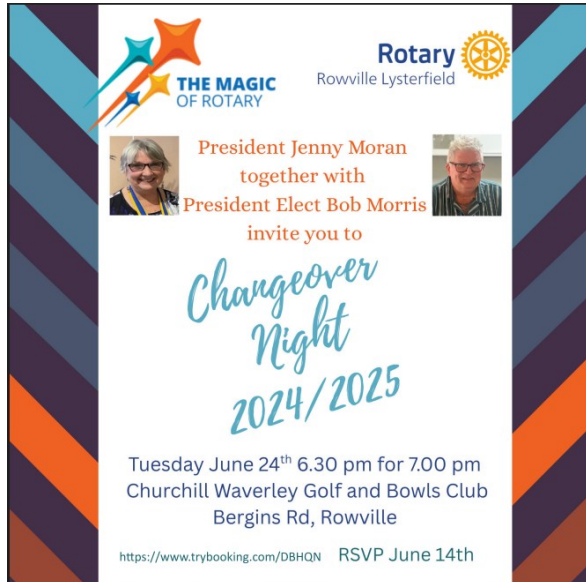
<https://knoxbusinessaards.com.au/referral/>

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

CLUB CHANGEOVER

Bookings for the Club Changeover Night are now open at:



<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1393665>

BOOK NOW!!!

Come and celebrate all our wonderful achievements for 2024/2025 in President Jenny's year and meet all the new Board Members who will be supporting President Elect Bob in his Rotary year.

Dress up for a very enjoyable evening.

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY



District Assembly by Zoom 2025

Are you ready to energize your Rotary journey, sharpen your leadership skills, and connect with like-minded changemakers?

Join in for inspiring **Rotary Learning Sessions** at this year's District Assembly – designed to ignite ideas, foster collaboration, and equip you with tools to make an even greater impact in your club and community.

Date: Saturday 17th and Saturday 24th May

Location: All sessions are online via Zoom

Time: starts from 9.00am and each session goes for 45 mins.

Whether you're a member eager to learn more about Rotary, a newly appointed President, Secretary or Treasurer stepping into leadership, or a seasoned Rotarian looking to expand your knowledge and impact, these sessions are designed to inform, inspire, and equip you with the tools you need to thrive.

- **Dynamic sessions** led by experienced Rotarians and session leaders
- **Interactive workshops** on leadership, service, and club innovation
- **Networking opportunities** that spark lasting partnerships

Let's come together to **learn, lead, and inspire**—because when Rotarians grow, our communities thrive.

You can **Register today for as many sessions as you would like to attend. Just choose which ones you would like to reserve your spot today!**

There will be brand new sessions such as learning about AI, new projects, how to take even better pics, social media, all you wanted to know about Finance, Leadership, among many other first-class sessions.

REGISTRATIONS are now open for all sessions. Go to the following link for a complete list of all the sessions on offer.

<https://rotary9815.org.au/Page/district-assembly-2025>

GIRLS' NIGHT OUT.....OH, WHAT A NIGHT!!!



Last Thursday night Tosaria Restaurant was turned into a sea of teal balloons as the Annual Girls' Night Out was supporting the Ovarian Cancer Research Foundation.

It was a wonderful night of laughter and chatter as 80 ladies came together to enjoy each other's company and support a very worthwhile cause. It was very moving too, as our Guest Speaker Laura Brooker, an Ambassador for the foundation, shared her story of the loss of her best friend Bec to this insidious disease. We thank Laura for her deeply personal story and how she remembers her friend and works every day to raise funds and awareness in Bec's memory.



Whilst having fun the ladies dug deep into their pockets and the result was a **\$5,000** donation to the Foundation, to continue the much needed research into this disease which claims far too many lives, as it is often only diagnosed in the later stages.

Congratulations to Heather and the GNO Committee and to all who donated prizes to make the night such a great success!

Many thanks too, to our MC Daryl, who kept everything moving along and to the waiters: Bob, Ian, Alan, Kevin, Andy R, Jeff, John W, John P, Gary and Rajeev who made the night fun and helped to look after us.



To all the Mums.....



Mother and daughter winning the coin toss!!
One has to wonder if they have been practising!
Congratulations girls!!

ROTARY UPDATE

REPORT ON COUNCIL OF LEGISLATION

The Council on Legislation meets every three years. Representatives selected by their districts gather to consider proposals designed to move Rotary forward and adapt to the changing times. The Council on Legislation was held in-person in Chicago 13-17th April. 480 Rotary members from around the world, each representing a single Rotary district, debated and voted on 78 proposals to change Rotary International's constitutional documents.

The representative from District 9815 to the Council on Legislation was PDG Tony Monley OAM FCPA.

A brief summary of the proposals which were adopted and which are most relevant to Club members is provided below.

25-01 To amend the purpose of Rotary clubs

25-06 To amend the deadline for the mid-year financial report

25-07 To decrease the number of members required to charter a new Rotary club (to 15)

25-15 To amend the duties of a governor

25-22 To amend the composition of the nominating committee for president

25-28 To provide that the Board may instruct a club to terminate the membership of a member or a Rotaractor

25-29 To provide a uniform process for removing officers and committee members for cause

25-49 To increase per capita dues

25-72 To remove the requirement to hold an annual district conference

25-76 To amend the names of the presidents-elect training seminar and district training assembly

A new Constitution will be drawn up and circulated to clubs for adoption in the next Rotary year.

THANK YOU....THANK YOU!!



On Monday Jenny and Daryl went off to Tamminya House with a few goodies to help brighten the kid's days.

The set of building blocks were well received with much delight. Also delivered were 3 sets of shelving for the storage of toys.

All of the above was paid for out of a Rotary Australia World Community Service(RAWCS) grant. Congratulations and thanks to all involved!

Robin Yamaguchi, founder of Family Care Uganda, holding "Rachel" and looking like all her Christmases have come at once!! She is so excited for the children and staff and is looking forward to setting everything up before the kids return to school and to also provide training for the teachers in the use of "Rachel".

Special thanks to the Rotary Club of Belgrave who have supported our project and have funded the Rachel-Plus.



ACHIEVEMENTS



- Our Family Care Uganda Project has made front page of the Rowville Lysterfield Community News. The digital copy of the May news is not out yet but will be soon. Please use the link to access the fabulous article and click on This Year's Editions at the top.

<https://rlcnews.com.au>

Congratulations to all involved in making this project a reality!

- Congratulations to Jeff on the receipt of another Paul Harris Fellow Award, this time with 5 sapphires, for his continued and generous support of the Rotary Foundation.
- Congratulations to Daryl too, for reaching the milestone of 35 years of service as a member of Rotary.



SATELLITE CLUB - KNOX BUSINESS NETWORK



The Knox Business Network Satellite club of the Rotary Club of Rowville- Lysterfield.
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Meeting timetable for the rest of the year:

May	1, 15, 29
June	12, 26
July	10, 24
August	7, 21
September	4, 18
October	2, 16, 30
November	13, 27
December	11

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