



**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

President Elect Bob, took to the podium this week and urged us to think about the Rotary year ahead and what we would like the club to achieve.

It was an opportunity to think about and reflect on the last 12 months and to revisit all the good work we do. Bob asked us to think about the direction we would like to take next year and to make suggestions as to how we might do this. Thinking about all the projects we currently run and whether some of these may drop off our list to make room for new projects or whether some current projects may get bigger and better.



After dinner we moved to the back of the room where we found butcher's paper sheets labelled with the headings: Community Projects, International Projects, Youth, Fundraising, Vocational, Social Events.

Current projects and events were already listed on the appropriate sheet and we were encouraged to add anything that we would like to see the club do. Several new items were added to various lists.

We were each given 12 green stickers to place next to anything we wished to continue next year or anything new we would like to try. If we had a strong

desire for anything in particular to go ahead then we could use more than one sticker to accentuate that particular project/event.

Bob will now go away and collate all the information which will be presented in the Club Forum in a few weeks.

Tonight was about giving each member an opportunity to earmark particular projects that they would like to see continue and/or make suggestions for new projects (members not present are still able to do this).

We were also given a planning sheet asking us to select an area/areas of service that particularly interest us and whether we would be prepared to go onto a committee for these and also whether we would be prepared to lead a project. There is also room on the sheet to make suggestions for new projects.

Please fill these in and get back to Bob as soon as you can. If you do not have one please contact Bob for your copy.

Murray also gave a brief report on Neil's behalf re the budget and how this actually works. Whilst it may look like we have quite a large amount in our accounts at different times, we must always be mindful that the bulk of it has been earmarked in the budget to fund our many projects for the year. We can't be dipping into a particular pot for something that is not in the budget without affecting the balance. As an example, Murray stated that we can't just decide to put money raised at the next Bunnings BBQ towards something that has just popped up. The Bunnings BBQ amount of \$14,000 for the year has already been "spent" by being allocated to various projects for the year. If we take that money from the next BBQ out of the equation then some other project which is already funded through the budget will suffer.



MUFFINS and SOUP ROSTER

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				
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
24th June	CLUB CHANGEOVER NIGHT Waverley Churchill Golf and Bowls Club, Rowville			

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SAT 24th MAY - DISTRICT ASSEMBLY— online ZOOM

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

SAT 14th JUNE - COFFEE CATCH UP at 9:30am - Tosaria Restaurant, Rowville

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

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



NEXT BUNNINGS BBQ FRIDAY 20th JUNE



Member news snippets...

May Birthdays

18th—Gary



Who in our club was a budgie keeper, back in the day??



Congratulations to Daryl, who was presented with another PHF with 3 red stones for his continuing financial support of the Rotary Foundation.

INAUGURAL MARKET— Spread the word



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.

BUDGERIGAR SHOW CATERING

A huge thank you to all the wonderful team who gave up time on Sunday to help with this first time event. Led by our fabulous coordinators Heather and Bob, the team were: Jenny, Daryl, Glennys, Howard, Robyn W, Marg, Ian, Corinne, Gary, Murray, Carol, John P., Mary and Andy (photographer).....sincere thanks to all.

There were many challenges including cooking sausages, onions, bacon, eggs and hamburgers on induction cooktops!! Very different to having a nice hotplate! But our “chefs” took it in their stride and soldiered on.



Everyone worked so well together to get the ordered items to the pick up counter. The clean up/pack up went very smoothly with everyone on the shift pitching in so that we could all get home at a reasonable time.

Although there were quite a few items leftover, we were able to donate rolls and bread to ShareSpace Inc, Heather and Bob bought some items and other items such as drinks, can be used on the next Bunnings BBQ. No doubt, Heather has written many notes so that we can be better prepared for the next one in November.

All in all great fun was had by everyone and the final profit was \$462.45. Hopefully, we can build on this next time!

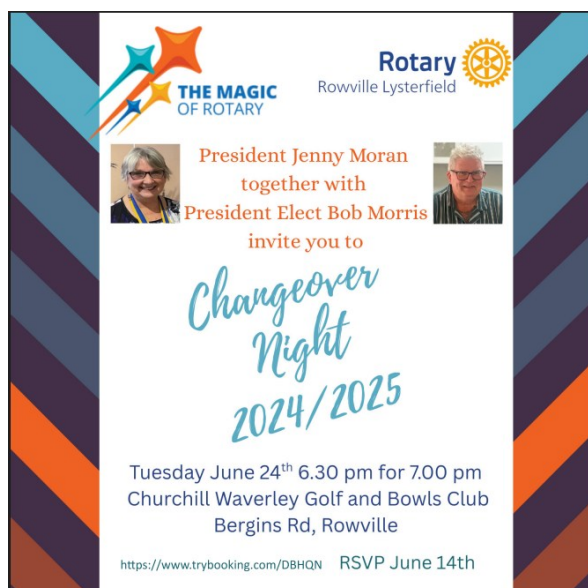
KNOX BUSINESS AWARDS 2025-Nominations Close 30th June

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

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

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 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>

EMPOWER SRI LANKA THROUGH EDUCATION and HEALTHCARE

A few months ago, Ayanthi came to Saturday Coffee and Conversation morning and told us a little bit about a dream she had, to empower students through education in her home country of Sri Lanka, following a holiday there in December 2024.

The Rotary Club of Rowville-Lysterfield has been a large support, encouraging Ayanthi and providing money to pay for shipping. From within the club, Ayanthi was fortunate to have great assistance from our experienced International Chair, President Jenny and Gary.

Jenny followed up often to ensure that the project was progressing and to help with suggestions of how to overcome the many hurdles.

Alan has been an invaluable source of knowledge and has advised Ayanthi along the way getting her on the right track from the start. He advised her to do a Community Needs Assessment and how to go about it and also to obtain a Memorandum of Understanding with all the schools concerned. Alan also helped Ayanthi by doing the draft project plan.



With the help of her brother who contacted schools to establish their needs, Ayanthi turned her holiday into a mission to meet Principals and do the Community Needs Assessment and to get the Memorandum of Understanding signed off.

Her brother not only drove her around to a number of schools but also helped to draft a letter for the schools to gain approval from the Sri Lankan Education Ministry.

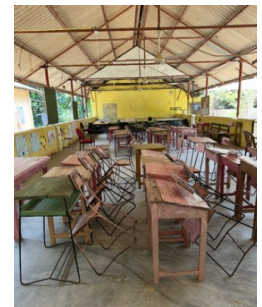
Gary supported Ayanthi and helped tremendously by sourcing 15 computers and a laptop from his workplace and Bob also donated a laptop. With his van very full, Gary took Ayanthi to a transport company in Dandenong last weekend, where they both

packed the computers into a 1.5 cubic metre shipping crate.

Jenny Foster and Peter Siebel from the Rotary e-Club of Change Makers (District 9790) put Ayanthi in contact with the Rotary Club of Badulla who will help to clear the computers from SL Customs and then transport them to Kurunegala where Ayanthi's brother will distribute them to schools.



Although there were many challenges to face, including understanding the rules and regulations in Sri Lanka when sending used computers and also obtaining all relevant approvals, Ayanthi would like to continue with the project next year. With club support, she would like to continue to provide computers as well as investigating what other needs these underprivileged schools have and look into helping hospitals as well. Congratulations Ayanthi, you must be so proud to see your project coming to fruition!



COMMUNITY NEWS

Our Community Chair Marg, noticed that the beds at Tamminya House needed to be replaced and, in fact, were secondhand from the setting up of the house some years ago. So with a District Grant for \$2000 and a contribution from our Club for \$2112 we have been able to purchase 5 single beds and bases and 12 bunk bed mattresses including delivery to the house!

Marg spent a lot of time acquiring quotes from various bedding stores and eventually contacted Snooze Knox.

We are extremely grateful to Michelle, from Snooze Knox, for organising the purchase of the commercial grade bedding at cost price, to support a necessary and valuable organisation in our local community.

The Rotary Club of Rowville-Lysterfield and Snooze Knox working in partnership to improve lives in our local community.



BALI PROJECT

The recent trip to Bali by sixteen club members was a wonderful experience, with the chance to experience the hospitality of John and Kath Williams at their beautiful villas, Seseh Beach Villas. The sumptuous villas and the steamy, tropical climate were enjoyed by all, with the opportunity for much swimming, eating, massages and building friendships.

In addition, it provided the opportunity to investigate the possibility of a local project in Bali. Part of this investigation involved a visit to Panti



Asuhan Salam Orphanage, where we donated various children's books, toys and clothing. The children, ranging in age from 9 years old to 19, sang for us, surprising us with a rendition of 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing' and 'Go Tell it on a Mountain'. The latter song included some different words from the usual, that is, 'Go tell it on a mountain, that Jesus Christ is born'. The people running the orphanage, Mr. and Mrs. Gusti, are committed Christians and hence the children,

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On that evening, we also met for a BBQ with 4 members of the Rotary Club of Bali Canggu, who provide active support to the orphanage. The setting, on the grassy sand dune at the edge of the ocean, was magical. It was very interesting to chat to these Rotarians who have become resident in Bali from Switzerland and England. As seems to be very often the case, their club is very small, with an even smaller number of active members.

Further conversations were held between Club members around how best to provide some assistance in Bali. With the general agreement in our club that supporting the education of young people in developing countries is the best way to help not just one individual, but their family, their village and ultimately their country, a decision was made.



Hence, we had great pleasure in announcing the awarding of the inaugural bursary 'The Williams Family Seseh Bursary' to a young Balinese student, Emma, who works part time at Seseh Villas. This bursary will allow her to complete her University education, which is currently being funded by her brother and her part-time work, and to move on to a career in International Relations. Emma is very aware of the distressing conditions in which many young people live in Bali, and she is very keen to help others who are less fortunate.



This photo says it all...

The appreciation expressed by Emma and her brother, Guti, was very heartwarming and we look forward to continuing the relationship and hearing about her progress over the next three years. This bursary was also in recognition of the generosity of Kath, John and daughter Narelle, in making our stay not only possible but so memorable.

Emma's brother, Guti, as proud as punch for his sister



Kath, John and Narelle Williams with recipient, Emma.

More photos from the Budgie Show catering....



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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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