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Rotary
Rowville Lysterfield



NEWSLETTER 03, JULY 15TH, 2025

**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
DGN Murray Wilson
PDG Daryl Moran**



This week's speaker - Ash Nathan

ASH NATHAN – Founder of 1961 Coffee

Our speaker this week grew up in Sri Lanka and started his career in hospitality at the age of 17 in London, where he trained as a Chef at the Ritz. In the 90s he came to Melbourne, as chefs were in demand, and he was able to get permanent residency quite quickly. He worked at the Sofitel and Novotel for around 15 years and then at the Blue Train Café at Crown. In the hospitality trade he has always loved meeting lots of different people and connecting with them. Sometimes the people he has met have been notable personalities, such as Pete Sampras. There is no doubt Ash is a real people person!



In 2011 Ash created his coffee roastery, 1961 Coffee, and Café CoffeeHead in Camberwell, a large restaurant with 120 seats, which he ran for 14 years. His business model has always been focussed on encouraging people to think differently in cooking and also in roasting. The café was very busy and popular and he was very connected to the community, still keeping in contact with some of his customers even today.

In a sense his life has come full circle, as Ash's grandfather owned a coffee plantation in Sri Lanka and he has memories of roasting coffee beans with family from an early age.

When he started roasting coffee, Ash soon started receiving awards, winning the Best New Roaster in 2014. Ash outlined that it can be difficult to roast two different bean types together and takes a lot of skill. The tasting notes depend a great deal on where in the world the coffee beans were grown – his favourite beans are from Brazil. There is a lot of work for the farmers involved in processing the beans, from picking the cherries, giving them time to dry out and then they have to be washed. 1961 Coffee has a business model that is dedicated to sustainable practices, producing a natural product with nothing added and rewarding the farmers appropriately.

Two years ago, 1961 Coffee was moved to Corporate Avenue, Rowville, where he continues to roast coffee in the evenings to service on-line orders, while working in hospitality during the day.

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MUFFINS and SOUP ROSTER

24 July Muffins	Corinne, Fiona, Pete & Sue, Anita & Rajeev
30 July Soup	Kylie, Robyn W, Robyn L
07 August Muffins	Kaye, Mary, Corinne, Heather & Bob
21 August Muffins	Marg, Fiona, Pete & Sue, Anita & Rajeev
27 August Soup	Glennys & Howard, Kate, Robyn L



PROGRAM

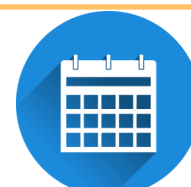
Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and Production	Program
JULY - New Leadership				
22nd July	Kaye	Kevin	John Daryl	Restore One Cambodia Project - Jen Luu
29th July	Corinne	TBC	Alan Ian	TBC
AUGUST - Membership and New Club Development				
5th August	Andy R	Heather	Ian Kevin	The Challenges of Leadership in Education - Nicole Pryor

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SUN 3rd AUGUST - MAKERS and BAKERS MARKET - Rowville Community Centre, Rowville

WED 6th AUGUST - FUNDRAISING THEATRE NIGHT - 1812 Theatre, Upper Ferntree Gully

MON 18th AUGUST - PRIMARY SCHOOLS SPEECH COMPETION - Rowville SC, Performing Arts Centre



Member news snippets...

JULY Birthdays

Kath - 2nd

Andy R - 17th

Fiona - 19th

Raman - 26th

Stephen - 31st



A few members have been under the weather with various viruses over the last week or so. Heather has had issues with her back. We send them all, our very best wishes!

Carol, in particular, has had pneumonia, and is still not 100%. Take it easy Carol! Wishing you a full and speedy recovery!



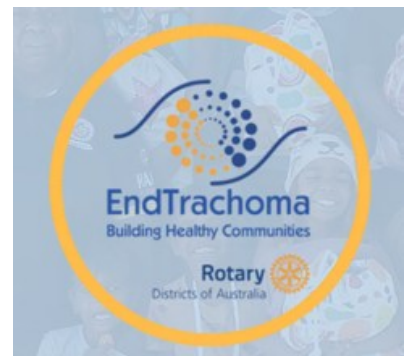
UPDATE on END TRACHOMA PROGRAM

Club members will remember our participation in the End Trachoma Project in 2023, when 120 hygiene kits were assembled and sent to the remote community of Nganmarrinyanga in NT.

At a recent meeting, the Project Manager for End Trachoma, Sandi Fulcher, outlined that 11,000 hygiene kits have been provided across Australia by Rotary clubs. The impact of these kits has been a significant factor in the fact that trachoma has virtually been eliminated in the far north. An ongoing project now is Healthy Homes, where health workers visit homes to highlight the importance of maintaining cleanliness in the home. This project is also looking at strategies to address other health issues in the remote communities, such as scabies.

Communication with communities such as Nganmarrinyanga can be very limited, making it difficult to receive information about how the hygiene kits were received. However, it was stressed by those who have visited these communities that the response is uniformly 'It is wonderful to know that someone cares'. So, the effort from all club members in this project was well appreciated.

A further update was given regarding the used stamps project, which provides funds for the End Trachoma project. Since Rotarian Camille Rogers took over this project, \$11,000 has been raised; a wonderful result.



1812 THEATRE NIGHT FUNDRAISER



“Every marriage needs a little fantasy to keep it sparkling. Behind the gingham curtains, being a domestic goddess isn’t as easy as it looks.

Home, I’m Darling is a dark comedy about sex, cake and the quest to be the perfect 1950’s housewife.”

1812 THEATRE FUNDRAISER
WEDNESDAY 6TH AUGUST
TICKETS \$20 EACH

Home, I’m Darling promises to be another very entertaining night. Feel free to invite family and friends along. At \$20 it is a very cheap ticket and all the funds raised come back to the Club.

If you wish to have dinner beforehand, Kaye is organizing a table at the Royal Hotel at 6pm.

Please let Kaye know if you wish to attend.

BUNNINGS

Last Sunday’s Bunnings BBQ resulted in a **\$2079.65** profit!!! What a fantastic result on a day that called on members to display their wonderful team spirit yet again!

With so many of our usual BBQ volunteers enjoying themselves overseas, we had a smaller than usual team.

Many thanks to Jeff, who went to Morris’ at 7:45am to load both the cars and then did a double shift on the BBQ from 11:30am through to 4:00pm during the busiest time of the day. Also thanks to Robyn and Alan who arrived early to unpack the cars at Bunnings; and Anita and Rajeev who did a longer shift from 11:30 through to 2:30pm. Finally, special thanks to Bob’s sister Jenny, who is in Melbourne at the moment (now lives in Bundaberg, Qld.) and also helped out at the BBQ for a couple of hours.

Bob and Heather did an amazing job of organizing yet another massive BBQ with all the work that goes on behind the scenes and were well supported by : Alan, Robyn L., Corinne, Stephen, Jeff, Rajeev, Anita, Bob and Bob’s sister Jenny.



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Ash Nathan - 1961 Coffee

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Ash provided a few tips for the passionate coffee drinkers in the room. Firstly, after coffee is roasted it should be left for 8-10 days, to allow time for the flavour to develop. Coffee beans should never be stored in the fridge and are best stored in a dark place. The flavour continues to develop after roasting and after 4-5 weeks is at its best, starting to drop off after 10-12 weeks.

In Ash's opinion, and probably an opinion shared by many in the room, the coffee in Melbourne is the best in the world. His explanation for this is due to the Melbourne weather. There is also the element of well-experienced baristas, who are trained to taste the coffee every hour and adjust the grind when needed to ensure optimum extraction.

In conclusion, Ash reflected that while there have been ups and downs in his career, the journey overall has been truly fantastic.

We thank Ash for making the time to share his interesting story with us.



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Meeting timetable for the rest of the year:

July	10, 24
August	7, 21
September	4, 18
October	2, 16, 30
November	13, 27
December	11

Come and join us at Tosaria's @ 7:30 AM
and expand your business
and also make a difference through **Rotary**

Let's support our members.....



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