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Rotary Rowville Lysterfield



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**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 Bob Morris
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THIS WEEK'S MEETING—CEP

The Community Employment Partnership (CEP) is an initiative of Belonging Matters, which aims to address some of the barriers to employment and to increase employment outcomes for people with intellectual disabilities and/or autism. Belonging Matters is a not-for-profit organisation which believes that communities are strengthened by being inclusive.

Our speakers this week were from this program: Sarah-Jayne Markwell, Patricia Wilson and Rachel Ovari. Between them, they provided an interesting insight into the value and positive outcomes that have accrued from this program since its commencement in 2019. In this time, CEP has found jobs for 29 people with disabilities and has continued to provide support at every point on the journey.

Employment is important for all people; it gives us a sense of self-worth, purpose, financial security, relationships and friends. However, people with intellectual disability and/or autism are one of the most underemployed groups in Australia, with only 16% employed in the open market and only 5% have paid work as their main source of income. CEP works to open up networks to provide employment opportunities where there is benefit to both the organisation and the individual. The benefits to the business' bottom line include:

- Fewer accidents
- Lower absenteeism
- Lower hiring costs
- Builds staff morale
- Employee likely to stay in the job longer
- Builds good staff relationships

CEP is built on a model of Rotary Employment Partnerships, started 25 years ago in Alberta, Canada, by Rotarian Wendy McDonald. Wendy was motivated by the case of her son, who was told at an early age that, due to his intellectual disability, he would never have a job. Since starting this Employment Partnership, 850 jobs have been secured for clients, all with award wages. Wendy has been awarded the highest award in Rotary, the Service Above Self award, for her work in this area.

Further insight was provided by Rachel, who has secured work at Knox Leisureworks, after believing that she would never get a paid job. Rachel works on the front desk as a Customer Service Officer and likes meeting new people and chatting with them. She has also been responsible for tidying the racks in the retail store and helping in the café. Rachel has become a valuable member of the team and has taken on new responsibilities. Her supervisor spoke very warmly about how she sets a wonderful standard for others with her politeness and work ethic.

CEP is always looking for business leads, where the addition of such a staff member can ensure that a range of jobs that might be let slide can be attended to, lifting the morale of everyone.

We thank Sarah-Jayne, Patricia and Rachel for spending time with us and sharing this information about a very valuable organisation.



**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**



PICS FROM THE FIRST MEETING OF 2025-2026



Welcome to the new Rotary Year 2025-2026 under President Bob. Even with many apologies, there were still 30 people present.

Our trade mark "buzz" in the room was very evident, with lots of chatter and laughter.

We are ready for the new year and look forward to what it may bring!



BITS and PIECES.....

THANK YOU JENNY!!

President Bob presented PP Jenny with a photo book depicting the year just closed under her leadership with a heartfelt thank you for all that she achieved.

No doubt Jenny will be able to put her feet up and thumb through the pages with a cup of tea or coffee in hand and reflect on the year that was with pride.....and have a break now from all things Rotary!

Enjoy your "me" time Jenny!



CONRATULATIONS MARY KELLY!!!!

Our congratulations go to Mary, who has been appointed as one of 7 District Insurance Officers for District 9815 for the new Rotary year.

We are very fortunate to have such easy access to a DIO, once she learns the ropes.

RYLA NEWS

Our RYLA candidate:

Will Ghost is studying a Diploma of Business at Swinburne Uni, and has an interest in the Police Force. He plays football, although injured at the minute, and has played for the Rowville Hawks in his junior years.

He attended Rowville Secondary College and is looking forward to going to RYLA and improving his leadership skills.



MUFFINS and SOUP ROSTER

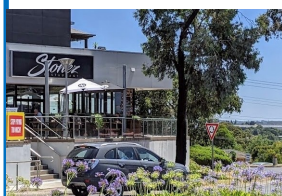
10 July Muffins	Kaye, Jenny, Corinne, Heather & Bob
24 July Muffins	?????, Fiona, Pete & Sue, Anita & Rajeev
30 July Soup	Robyn W, Kylie & Brenton, Kate
07 August Muffins	Kaye, Mary, Corinne, Heather & Bob
21 August Muffins	Marg, Fiona, Pete & Sue, Anita & Rajeev



***Volunteer needed for Muffins on 24 July.
Please contact Kate if you can help.***

PROGRAM

Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and Production	Program
JULY - New Leadership				
8th July	NO MEETING - CLUB DINNER at STONEZ Restaurant 6:30pm, Stud Park			
15th July	Jenny	Kate	Kevin John	Ash Nathan - 'Dine with Ash - The 1961 Coffee Session'
22nd July	Kaye	Kevin	John Daryl	Restore One Cambodia Project - Jen Luu
29th July	SCATTER MEETINGS—TBC			



There is no meeting next Tuesday 8th July but Kaye has organised a Club Dinner at Stonez Restaurant, Stud Park, Rowville. Thank you , Kaye!

The restaurant is on the roundabout near Woolies and has a varied a la carte menu and is licensed.

Please let Kaye know if you are coming and haven't done so already on **0404056506**.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SUN 6th JULY - MAKERS and BAKERS MARKET - Rowville Community Centre, Rowville

TUES 8th JULY - CLUB DINNER - Stonez Restaurant, Stud Park, Rowville

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

SUN 13th JULY - BUNNINGS BBQ - Bunnings Scoresby

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



Member news snippets...

JULY Birthdays

Kath - 2nd

Andy R - 17th

Fiona - 19th

Raman - 26th

Stephen - 31st



- Some of our travellers have headed off overseas. We wish Mary, John P, Marg and Ian safe journeys and happy times ahead!
- We look forward to them sharing their stories and photos with us when they get back. Stay cool! Europe is struggling through a heatwave as we get colder days ahead!
- Neil and Michelle are off to Sydney for an extended stay by the sea where it should be a bit warmer, but possibly more wet.
- Kath, John and family are heading to Bali to celebrate Kath's 80th birthday!! A fantastic way to mark this milestone!! HAPPY BIRTHDAY, KATH!!!

VICTORIA DAY AWARDS - Congratulations Marg!!



The Knox Community Victoria Day Awards 2025 were presented on Tuesday evening.

Our very own Marg Vesey was presented with her award by Kim Wells in recognition of her service to our community.

Congratulations to Marg on receiving this very prestigious award.

We are lucky to experience your dedication, hard work and commitment to the community as our Community Service Chair.

MAKERS AND BAKERS MARKET - Spread the word



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

NEXT SUNDAY
8am—2pm

NEXT BUNNINGS BBQ SUNDAY 13th JULY

Still plenty of spots available on the Roster. If you can help, please fill out as soon as you can.



Laughter is the best medicine.....

Quotes from some modern day philosophers.....

John Glenn...As I hurtled through space, one thought kept crossing my mind - every part of this rocket was supplied by the lowest bidder.

George Roberts...The first piece of luggage on the carousel never belongs to anyone

Robert Benchley...I have kleptomania, but when it gets bad, I take something for it.



SATELLITE CLUB - KNOX BUSINESS NETWORK



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Meeting timetable for the rest of the year:

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

Come and join us and expand your business
and also make a difference through **Rotary**

Let's support our members.....



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2025-2026 BOARD MEMBERS

<i>President</i>	Bob Morris	<i>Secretary</i>	Heather Morris
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<i>President Elect</i>	Marg Vesey	<i>Immediate Past President</i>	Jenny Moran

2025-2026 COMMITTEE CHAIRS and OTHER ROLES

Community Service Chair	Marg Vesey	Program Committee	Bob Morris Rajeev Wadhwa
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Makers and Bakers Market	Bob Morris		
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