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Rotary
Rowville Lysterfield



NEWSLETTER 07, AUGUST 12TH, 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

Contact :

President Bob Morris

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This week's speaker - Will Ghost

Will Ghost is a Rowville local who attended Rowville SC and is now studying a Diploma of Business at Swinburne and hopes to complete a degree in Marketing and Finance. Will is also a twin, so you may see his brother, when you are out and about in the local area.

Will was also our 2025 RYLA Candidate. Our Club sponsored Will by covering his costs to attend this week long program at Phillip Island. RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) is a program which aims to develop leadership potential in young people aged 18 to 30 and to help them to build connections. RYLA aims to equip these young people with various skills, tools and techniques which they can use to improve their capabilities in leadership in a wide variety of settings such as study, work and also involvement in the community.



Will was very excited about a week away down at Phillip Island. He thought it was a great opportunity to meet a lot of new people and make some new connections and to improve his leadership skills by learning the key fundamentals of what makes a good leader. He also thought it would be a good way to relax and have some fun. It was a very busy week with long days, but well worth it.

There were 41 participants in all who were broken up into smaller groups for the week's activities. Will's group were the Purple Penguins

Some highlights of RYLA were making new friends and forming connections with them. Will liked listening to all the team leaders' speeches throughout each day.

He enjoyed seeing the Rotary Expo with stalls highlighting all the wonderful things that Rotarians do around the world. He really enjoyed the Rymazing Race, which is a play on words for the amazing race. The Purple Penguins had to work together to solve puzzles using teamwork and positivity whilst facing many challenges to get the best possible result. One of these activities



involved putting up a tent whilst blindfolded and relying on the instructions of those in the team who were not blindfolded.

There were guest speakers throughout the week whom Will really enjoyed. These speakers inspired and encouraged the young people to be the best version of themselves using their own core values which make up who you are and importantly, to work with what you have.



The Disney dress up night was a hit and a lot of fun, with everyone dressing up and enjoying themselves. Will chose Mr. Potatohead as his character for the night. The social connections Will has made are continuing to work well with a busy WhatsApp group, Instagram catch ups and getting out and about with the Purple Penguins.

All in all, Will very much enjoyed his time at RYLA and has learnt a lot of valuable things which he will be able to use both socially and in the work environment which will help him in the business world. He very much sounds like a collaborative leader of the future.



Our thanks to Will for sharing his RYLA experience with us. We hope to have you back in the future to hear more from you. All the best!



Satellite Club meets at Tosaria's Café

Alternate Thursdays at 7:30am

Contact :

President Kevin Harrison

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Home Club of

DGN Murray Wilson

PDG Daryl Moran



MUFFINS and SOUP ROSTER

21 August Muffins	Marg, Fiona, Pete & Sue, Anita & Rajeev
27 August Soup	Glennys & Howard, Kate, Robyn L
04 September Muffins	Kaye, Sharon, Corinne, Heather & Bob
18 September Muffins	Marg, Fiona, Pete & Sue, Anita & Rajeev



FOOTHILLS
COMMUNITY CARE



PROGRAM

Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and Production	Program
AUGUST - Membership and New Club Development				
19th August	Ian	Jeff	Andy R Alan	God and the Angel - Vivian Leigh and Laurence Olivier's tour of Aust and NZ- Shiroma Perera- Nathan
26th August	Gary	Marg	Alan Ian	Mothers and Babies Hospital in Nepal - Ray Hodgson
SEPTEMBER - Basic Education and Literacy				
2nd September	Rajeev	Stephen	Ian Bob	Update on SHEBA Project - Dr Sharif
9th September	Marg	Robyn W	Andy R Alan	TBC
16th September	Heather	Neil	Alan Ian	Update on Family Care Uganda - Robin Yamaguchi

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FRI 15th AUGUST - Knox Nocturnals BINGO NIGHT - Senior Citz Hall, Ferntree Gully

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

THURS 21st AUGUST - SATELLITE CLUB MEETING with Guest Speaker - Tosaria Restaurant, Rowville

SAT 20th SEPTEMBER - FUNDRAISER FOR MSA (in memory of Adrian Klep) - details to come

THURS - 9th OCTOBER—KNOX BUSINESS AWARDS - Waverley Churchill Golf and Bowls Club, Rowville

SAT 18TH OCTOBER - SHEBA FUNDRAISER - details soon



Primary Schools Speech Competition Final

The Final of the Primary Schools Speech Competition will be held next Monday 18th August at the Performing Arts Centre at Rowville Secondary College Eastern Campus.

There are 5 local schools competing this year with 2 contestants representing each school.

We are in need of a couple of volunteers to man the registration table in the foyer to assist with the Attendance Sheets.

The competitors would love to do their speeches in front of an enthusiastic audience, so please come along as an audience member. The speeches over the last several years have been outstanding

Restore One update from Dr. Jen Luu on the Library Project

Restore One High School is building more than just a library - we are creating a gateway to opportunity, imagination, and lifelong learning.

Reading changes lives. It fuels education, sparks personal growth, and strengthens communities. Yet for many in our school and surrounding community, access to books and learning resources remains out of reach.

Our vision is to create a vibrant library that offers more than just books—it will be a hub for learning, creativity, and connection. In time, it will grow into a full information center, offering access to the digital world and opening doors to new possibilities for students and families alike.

Every donation, big or small, brings us one step closer to transforming lives through literacy.

If you would like to learn more about Restore One Charity and/or to donate, please use the link.

<https://www.restoreone.org.au/>

Thank you for your generosity and belief in the power of education,
Jen

KNOX COMMUNITY GARDEN

John P filled us in on the Knox Community Garden where we have access to a plot approximately 10m x 3m. John tends the plot and likes to do 4 cycles of planting of veggies per year. The idea is to plant and look after the plot and then harvest and sell the veggies at the Market with funds raised going to our fundraising account.

At the moment, the winter veggies have finished and John would like us to think about picking up a packet of seed when out shopping, plant these and look after them until they can be planted into the plot or buy a punnet of seedlings which can be planted now.

John invited all members to think about going and spending some time in the Community garden and do some planting, watering, mulching and weeding. The whole garden is 10 acres and we may be able to use the excess crops produced by others to sell at the market as well. The Plot number is 131 and you are welcome to contact John if you want to know more or want to help. It's a great way of making ourselves more visible in the wider community.

The Knox Community Garden is located at **51 KLEINERT ROAD, BORONIA.**



Member news snippets...

AUGUST Birthdays

2nd - BOB

18th - KATE



- John W has headed off for his extra long trip to the UK and Europe. We wish him a safe and happy time, making many memories!
- Andy R has achieved the 116km walk for the NBCF but is now walking to see just how many more Ks he can do! He would love some more sponsors to donate to the cause. Please click on the link to the left if you would like to help.

Andy R has signed up to do a minimum 116km walk to raise funds for the National Breast Cancer Foundation through the Step Up to Breast Cancer walk in August. He is doing this in memory of Daphne, Kevin's mother.

If you would like to support Andy by sponsoring him, please use the link below. He is hoping to raise \$500.

In Australia, 58 people per day are diagnosed with breast cancer. By donating to the NBCF you are supporting vital research to help save lives.

<https://fundraise.nbcf.org.au/fundraisers/>



Wishing Carol a full recovery from her third bout of Pneumonia over the last several weeks.

We hope that you can fully shake it this time!!!!



BUNNINGS

NEXT BUNNINGS BBQ FRIDAY 15th AUGUST



Roster is full but some spots left on the roster for 29th August

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1yZ2CCLKH5cvbjSV1ZpT46xjpsngO9Ir1BXYB6B5axeo/edit?usp=sharing>



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

SUNDAY
7th SEPTEMBER
9am—2pm

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Alan informed us that the Uganda Project has been officially closed off (solar panels and maize grinder). We are now looking at the possibility of concreting the common room, which will make a huge difference. The estimated cost is \$10,000, so we will be applying for a \$5,000 grant and the club will put up the remaining \$5,000.

We are also be applying for a grant for \$5,000 and will donate \$5,000 towards the Library for the Restore One High School. This will not be for books but will cover the cost of the fit out with shelving and equipment. Dr Jen Luu is heading to Cambodia at the weekend and will be doing a community assessment as part of the grant application. There is more information about this library on p.3 of this newsletter.

The Eye Project is still not finished as we are still waiting for the doctor who was running it to recover from a car accident. There is not much more to do but over 25,000 people have already received eye operations, treatment for eye diseases or spectacles.

COMMUNITY NEWS

After our recent project at Tamminya House replacing all the mattresses, Marg acknowledged Ian for the time and kilometres spent disposing of all the old mattresses. Mighty effort, Ian! Marg also acknowledged and thanked Jeff for all his efforts with the shed and the garden at Tamminya.

**Thank
You**

Marg asked members to think about possible community projects in our area. Although we already support quite a few local charities and groups, there is room for more. Please let Marg know about any suggestions that you may have.

IN OTHER NEWS.....

There has been a lot of talk in the last 12 months over how we go about presenting as a more professional organisation. The windfall we had last week from the GWS Automotive Group, because we had a representative at the draw of the Community Raffle, will be used to provide a new audio-visual system. There will be a series of cabinets and a big screen TV which will all be on wheels and the speakers will be built in, so it will be a much easier plug-in. There'll be no projector, no cables on the floor, no rocket science to try and put things together. Currently, if Alan or Ian are not at a meeting, the rest of us are wandering around trying to get things working.

If we have a big meeting, which is often the case, we can wheel everything down to the end of the room and turn the tables around to face it, and end up with a much more user-friendly environment. Tosaria's will be able to use it for functions if someone wants to plug a USB in and show photos. The whole idea is to make it easy to use. The whole system will make it much quicker and easier. We still can't quite get away from the lectern and being anchored there if someone is on Zoom, but we're working on that one as well. Alan has done a lot of work in designing this and we thank him for his diligence.

Further good news is the replacement of the club laptop which has made Corinne's job of producing and editing the newsletter every week very tiresome indeed. Some weeks have meant around 10 or so hours if the laptop has been on a "go slow". Just booting up sometimes takes forever. Corinne is looking forward to speeding up the process considerably (although the operator may be partially to blame due to lack of tech knowledge!!!!).

- The Berwick Antiques and Collectibles Fair planning is well under way and set to take place on 26th October. Stephen is very pleased that there are 36 out of 40 stalls already booked. There will be a couple of food stalls—our BBQ and a Waffle Van as well as a Coffee Van. Although Jeff, Kaye and Gary are on the planning committee more volunteers will be needed on the day. There is also a clash with the next Budgerigar Show so something will need to be worked out so that both events can be manned.
- The Knox Business Awards nominations have closed and finalists will be announced in the first week in September.
- There is a new rules document from Bunnings which Ian will distribute to all members. Please make some time to familiarize yourself with these requirements.

DISTRICT 9815 CONFERENCE 13-15 MARCH, 2026



<https://rotary9815.org.au/page/district-conference-2026>



2026 CONFERENCE Early Bird OFFER

From 1st August 2025 - 31st
December 2025

**FULL CONFERENCE including
GALA DINNER - \$295**

(Includes a green Polo
Conference Shirt)

From 1st January 2026—\$340

**Friday sport/social events & Friday
Club Dinner are extra**

A fundraising night that promises to be a lot of fun!
Support the Knox Nocturnals Youth Program by getting
a table together.

Rotary
CLUBS of
FERNTREE GULLY & BAYSWATER

BINGO NIGHT

IN SUPPORT OF KNOX
NOCTURNALS YOUTH PROGRAM

Gather your family, friends, and fellow
bingo enthusiasts for an evening of thrilling games,
fabulous prizes, and unforgettable memories.

Cash Prizes for each game, snacks, coffee, drinks
and bingo tickets available for sale

FRIDAY 15TH AUGUST
Arrive from 6.15 PM
Eyes down at 7.00 PM

\$10 Entry per person
Includes a raffle ticket for a \$200 Italian Dining Voucher

For All Enquiries
Contact **Stephen Palamara** on 0419 004 125
Senior Citizens Hall
160 Underwood Road Ferntree Gully

**THIS FRIDAY
ORGANISE A TABLE
LOTS OF FUN TO BE
HAD!!!**

SATELLITE CLUB - KNOX BUSINESS NETWORK



The Knox Business Network Satellite club
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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**

SATELLITE CLUB MEETING
THURSDAY 21ST AUGUST
7:30 AM TOSARIA'S
ALL WELCOME!!

Guest Speaker Kristine
Ash from
Simple Steps

*****Please let Kevin know if you will
be attending**

Let's support our members.....



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