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Rotary Rowville Lysterfield



NEWSLETTER 12, SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2025

This week's speaker – Robin Yamaguchi

**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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**President Bob Morris
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**Satellite Club meets
at Tosaria's Café**

Alternate Thursdays at 7:30am

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**President Kevin Harrison
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Home Club of

DGN Murray Wilson

PDG Daryl Moran



At this week's meeting we were pleased to welcome Robin Yamaguchi founder of Family Care Uganda. She expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Rotary Club of Rowville-Lysterfield as well as Greater Dandenong and Endeavour Hills and Belgrave for their donations and support. The benefits of the recently installed solar panels have been massive, not the least of which is providing the children with reliable light so that they can read at night. Prior to the installation, they were using generators which provided very poor light which was impacting the children's vision. The solar system has also provided safety for the children when they need to go to the toilet at night or need to move around the compound at night.



The RACHEL (Remote Area Community Hotspot for Education and Learning) has been an invaluable learning tool as computers and the internet have not been available due to the unreliability of the power and also the surges of power through the generator. It is basically a sophisticated server that contains all manner of educational material e.g. the Khan Academy, documentaries and encyclopaedic materials, and anything relevant to the national Curriculum, such as classes to help the children learn English, reading, science etc and can be added to, as needed. Learning outcomes have been improved since RACHEL arrived.

The maize grinder has also made an enormous difference by saving so much time and money for the school and the neighbouring community. Maize is a staple food in Uganda and important in the daily diet. Ever since the school was built they have made trips to the nearest village several kilometres away to grind maize/corn. This took time and money travelling and waiting. The new grinder is located at the school by the fence and is open for use whenever neighbours need to grind. It's not only convenient but also brings a small income to the school.

The power of education and of Family Care Uganda, is being experienced more and more. The students, who have come from extremely impoverished backgrounds and been subjected to and witnessed horrendous events are now becoming leaders in their community, or thriving on the opportunity of education to overcome their personal situations. Education is so valued there as it is seen as a way out of the vicious cycle of poverty.

The outstanding success of the students at Robin's school is because of love, support and education. As a result, many students have gone onto secondary and later tertiary education and become teachers, doctors, engineers, nurses, midwives, social workers, business people, to name a few. Those past students are now giving back to their community.

The next project is to concrete the hall so that some furniture can be installed and provide a learning space for the children. The area will also provide shelter for students and staff during the monsoonal rains and stifling heat of the summer. It will also mean that the kitchen can be moved closer and be protected from the elements. It is also envisaged that the space will be used for the community to teach life skills and to provide counselling to many in need in the community.



Robin also thanked Alan (International Chair) for his patience and diligence in achieving the grants which were so important to these projects and for overcoming all the obstacles along the way.

We thank Robin for her passion and hard work in helping these young people achieve their best, through her unwavering support and love and the Rotary Clubs of Rowville-Lysterfield, Greater Dandenong and Endeavour Hills and Belgrave for helping make Robin's dreams a reality.

MUFFINS and SOUP ROSTER

18 September Muffins	Marg, Fiona, Pete & Sue, Anita & Rajeev
24 September Soup	Kylie, Kate, Robyn W
25 September Muffins	Kaye, Jenny, Sharon, Heather & Bob
09 October Muffins	Glennys and Howard, Fiona, Pete & Sue, Anita & Rajeev
22 October Soup	Kate, Glennys and Howard, Kylie



FOOTHILLS
COMMUNITY CARE



PROGRAM

Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and Production	Program
SEPTEMBER - Basic Education and Literacy				
23rd September	Jeff	Jenny	Ian Daryl	Lite Haus - Jack Growden
30th September	NO MEETING - SOCIAL NIGHT			
OCTOBER - Economic and Community Development				
7th October	Kate	Gary	Bob Kevin	TBC
14th October	Carol	Max	Kevin Andy R	Safety - Alan Richmond (Knox SES)
21st October	Stephen	Neil	Andy R Alan	Australian Wool - Chris Watt

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

SAT 27th SEPTEMBER - WELLINGTON VILLAGE GRAND FINAL BBQ

SAT 27th SEPTEMBER - POP UP STALL ROTARY PR - Waverley Gardens Shopping Centre

TUES 30th SEPTEMBER - CLUB DINNER - Caesar's, Upper Ferntree Gully

SAT 4th OCTOBER - SENIORS FOOD FESTIVAL - Officer Sikh Gurdwara, 33 Officer Rd, Officer

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

SAT 18TH OCTOBER - SHEBA FUNDRAISER - Glen Waverley Community Centre

FRI 24TH OCTOBER - POP UP STALL - WORLD POLIO DAY - Stud Park

SUN 26th OCTOBER - BERWICK ANTIQUES & COLLECTABLES FAIR - Berwick Leisure Centre

SUN 26th OCTOBER - BUDGERIGAR SHOW CATERING - Rowville Community Centre



SOCIAL NIGHT - CLUB DINNER at CAESAR'S UFTG



TUESDAY 30th September

6:30pm

Caesar's Restaurant

1182 Burwood Hwy

Upper Ferntree Gully

Please let Kaye know if you will be attending

ARCARE Aged Care Facility has extended an invitation to us for a tour of their brand-new facility in Lysterfield. There will also be an afternoon tea following the tour.

TUESDAY 23rd SEPT at 3:30pm, 34 Wellington Rd, Lysterfield. Please let Marg know ASAP if you would like to attend.

UPCOMING EVENTS

KNOX BUSINESS AWARDS PRESENTATION

BREAKFAST AWARDS PRESENTATION 2025

Thursday 9 October

7:00am - 8:30am

Waverley Churchill Golf Club

Rotary



An initiative of

the Rotary Club

Rowville-Lysterfield

Tickets available online and include a delicious buffet breakfast.

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October, 2025

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Sheba Fundraising Event 2025

18th October, 2025
Saturday, 6:00 PM

Glen Waverley Community Centre
700 Waverley Rd, Glen Waverley 3150
BOOK NOW at
<https://www.trybooking.com/DFIRU>
www.sheba.ngo



\$50
Dinner Contribution

Get more details. Mail us:
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BBQ Roster is under Bunnings BBQs in Google Sheets.

Use the QR Code to book your place at the Annual SHEBA Fundraising Event

SATURDAY 18TH OCTOBER

Member news snippets...

SEPTEMBER Birthdays

9th - Kevin

15th - Tony

18th - Daryl



- This week we see Kath, Corinne and Les head off to Western Europe, all returning at the end of October.
- Jenny and Daryl are due back and very much looking forward to sleeping in their own bed after 7 wonderful weeks in Europe and the UK. We hope the jet lag is short lived!!!
- Jenny will be taking over the Newsletter for me over the next 6 weeks whilst I am away. Thank you Jenny! I am sure you will enjoy using the new club laptop which has made an enormous difference to the time it takes each week!



How wonderful to feel the warmth of the Spring sunshine just a few days ago and see the wonderful floral displays in people's gardens!



BUNNINGS

NEXT BUNNINGS BBQ FRIDAY 19th SEPTEMBER

Thank you to all our volunteers.



<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1yZ2CCLKH5cvbJSV1ZpT46xjpsngO9Ir1BXYB6B5axeo/edit?usp=sharing>



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

SUNDAY
5th OCTOBER
9am—2pm

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/16QvHXSGDYayD5DYgq0mZkKUC-rNe3MLA/>

Other Information from this week's meeting....

Leanne Byron also attended the meeting representing the Rotary Club of Greater Dandenong and Endeavour Hills, who made a large donation to Family Care Uganda a few months ago. Leanne told us a little about how it is the only Rotary Club in Dandenong but that the club was struggling with membership. Many members were looking at moving on as the club was not as active as it had been in the past.

Leanne looked at setting up a Satellite Club and as a result the Impact Collective Satellite Club was born. It is a Zoom club with 13 members and also holds hybrid meetings from time to time with a face to face meeting once a month. As Leanne is the PDG's partner, she wanted to be able to continue the great fundraising she had begun in 2024-2025 through the District Governor Partner Project in support of the Monash Children's Cancer Centre and it's Apheresis Therapy program.



This now forms the most important project of the Impact Collective. With funds raised over the past year of \$142,000, Leanne shared with us that in her mind, this was always going to be a 5 year project with the ultimate aim of raising \$1 million. There is a Global Grant application in the pipeline, and we wish Leanne well with this.

The next big fundraiser for this project is a High Tea and all are welcome to come along. Please see details on the flyer.

Other projects being undertaken by the Impact Collective include setting up a Street Library in the not too distant future.

The club also supports Afri-Aus Care in Springvale South which helps the African community with mental health and other services. The Impact Collective is also supporting a garden project and kitchen renovation for Afri-Aus Care.

Viv James from the Impact Collective spoke about his project in Sri Lanka. Since the civil war there has been an enormous need for counselling and he is hoping to set up counselling at the school level with counsellors who are experienced with trauma. He sees this as a way to give hope, to the young in particular.

Impact Collective also support the Melbourne Youth Chorale which supports young people with disability. The parents either pay what they can afford towards this or pay nothing. There is a Showcase on next weekend at the Emerald Performing Arts Centre with free tickets available for Rotary members. (Details on p.6)

Thank you Leanne and Viv for showcasing the work of the Impact Collective Satellite Club.



Rebecca Lemin from the Rotary Club of Belgrave also visited this week to hear the update on Family Care Uganda. The RACHEL donated by the club is certainly having a huge impact.

Rebecca spoke to us about a Learn to Dance session coming up on the 11th October. She spoke enthusiastically about going along and learning a few dance steps along the way, with lots of fun as well. (Details on p. 6)

OTHER NEWS.....



**WORLD POLIO DAY
IS 24 OCTOBER**



October is polio month on the Rotary calendar. There has been some very positive news in the last couple of weeks regarding pop ups and Sharon has organised a pop up for polio awareness, on

Friday the 24th October at Stud Park shopping centre. Watch this space for more details coming soon.

Volunteers will be needed for 2 events coming up on **Saturday 27th September**.

As in past years, we have been asked to run a BBQ at Wellington Village shopping centre, 11am-2pm.. Details out soon.

We will also be involved with the Rotary Clubs of Waverley and Monash Glen Waverley another in a pop up at Waverley Gardens shopping Centre advertising Rotary and what we do. A couple of volunteers will be needed to man this.

The District Primary Schools Speech Competition Final will be held at Doncaster Secondary College, 123 Church Rd Doncaster on 26th November at 6:40pm for a 7:00pm start. Our 1st and 2nd place awardees, Levon and Audrey will be attending. All members are invited to attend in support of these students.

INVITATION

We have been invited to the Officer Sikh Gurdwara, for their Seniors Food Festival. They are asking for our support with either a home cooked vegetarian meal or to come along and assist in the cooking of meals on the day.

Cooking starts at 10am and serving of meals from 1pm on the 4th October at Officer Sikh Gurdwara 33 Officer Rd, Officer

IMPORTANT NOTICE



President Bob has asked everyone to please consider doing the "DoFoodSafely" online learning program. It only takes approx. 30 mins and it would be very valuable when rostering BBQ events. Only 6 members have done it recently. It is also recommended that people doing muffins and soup complete it. It is a free, non-accredited online learning program, provided by the Dept of Health Victoria. It is designed to help you understand how to safely work with and handle food. When you are ready, use the link to access.

<https://dofoodsafely.health.vic.gov.au>

OTHER ROTARY CLUBS' EVENTS - OCTOBER

WHAT'S ON??

Please see below, a list of events being held by other Rotary Clubs which you may be interested in attending. Contact Bob for further details.

20TH SEPTEMBER - MELBOURNE YOUTH CHORALE - SHOWCASE 2025 - Emerald Performing Arts Centre 3:30pm-5:30pm, 425 Belgrave-Gembrook Rd, Emerald (Email Kerry for free Rotary tickets: manager.myc@gmail.com)

11TH OCTOBER - LEARN TO DANCE - Tecoma Uniting Church Hall, 3:15-5:30pm, BELGRAVE RC

31ST OCTOBER - BINGO - FTG Senior Citizens Hall, 6:00-8:30pm, FERNTREE GULLY &

BAYSWATER RC



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

SATELLITE CLUB - KNOX BUSINESS NETWORK



The Knox Business Network Satellite club of the Rotary Club of Rowville- Lysterfield.
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 President: Kevin Harrison 0419 91 90 11
 Secretary: Dominic Scuteri
 Treasurer: Neil White
 Vice President: Fiona Johns

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

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