

UNITE FOR GOOD

Rotary Rowville Lysterfield



NEWSLETTER 16, OCTOBER 14TH 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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**Satellite Club meets
at Tosaria's Café**

Alternate Thursdays at
7:30am

Contact :

Chair: Kevin Harrison
0419919011

**Home Club of
DGN Murray Wilson
PDG Daryl Moran**



VIC SES—John Murphy

John Murphy, the Acting Controller for Vic SES regional area 3, visited us this week to share some information about the structure and function of the SES. He set his talk in context detailing that the SES has 154 stations in Victoria with 5,500 volunteers and 300 full time staff. Across Victoria last year, the SES responded to 38,109 incidents and 340,722 volunteer hours were contributed; interestingly, storm incidents increased last year by 107% on the previous year. The SES also receives a significant number of calls where people have driven their car through the back wall of their garage, when applying the accelerator instead of the brake!

Knox SES covers an area of around 100,000 people with 65,000 homes and about 40,000 business premises. In this area there are 13 fire stations and 3 police stations. The SES works with a range of other agencies: Ambulance Victoria, Vic Police, Fire Rescue Victoria and the CFA.

When called to an incident, the SES is the control agency that determines how other agencies are utilized. For example, when working with Vic Police at a crime scene the SES has a role to preserve the crime scene with actions such as providing lighting and marquees to cover the scene if rain threatens. In the case of bushfire, the SES works in incident control centres to provide supplies such as meals, tents and toilets for the fire fighters. If the firefighters are unable to leave the line, supplies will be taken to them. The main role when working with Ambulance Victoria is in patient recovery. A frequent call out is to help mountain bikers at Lysterfield Lake who get into trouble, and there was one rescue per week last year involving over-ambitious hikers at the 1000 Steps track.

Other SES roles involve helping communities threatened by flood waters with filling sandbags and some units even have a special trailer that is designed for filling sand bags without the tedious task of shovelling sand. They also assist with a lot of emergency repairs to buildings and removing fallen trees that constitute a traffic hazard. They are allowed to use lights and sirens to get to a scene quickly when there is a risk to road traffic. Last year in Knox they responded to 434 calls for assistance with fallen trees.

John provided some useful advice about preventative action that may help avoid needing the SES:



1. For a **water leak**, turn off the water supply at the water meter and then call a plumber. Many people do not know where the water meter is, so make sure you check this out.
2. For a **leaking roof**, prevent this by cleaning the gutters annually, to ensure the water can flow freely.
3. To prevent **trees falling**, prune branches and remove dead limbs. For dead trees, contact an arborist for removal.
4. To prevent flooding, keep drains clean. If water starts to come up through a drain, use a plastic bag filled with soil to slow it down.

It is amazing to think that all of these efforts are conducted with zero cost to anyone who makes a call for help!

We thank John for his time and sharing his expertise with us.

MUFFINS and SOUP ROSTER

16 October Muffins	Glennys and Howard, Fiona, Pete & Sue, Anita & Rajeev
22 October Soup	Kate, Glennys and Howard, Kylie
30 October Muffins	Kaye, Mary, Marg, Heather & Bob
13 November Muffins	Marg, Fiona, Pete & Sue, Glennys & Howard
27 November Muffins	Kaye, Mary, Corinne, Heather & Bob



FOOTHILLS
COMMUNITY CARE



PROGRAM

Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and Production	Program
OCTOBER - Economic and Community Development				
21st October	Howard	Kate	Andy R Alan	Australian Wool - Chris Watt
28th October	Mary	John	Alan Ian	Special Olympics—Michael Migliacco Plus AGM
NOVEMBER—The Rotary Foundation				
4th November	NO MEETING—CUP DAY HOLIDAY			
5th November	SETTING UP FOR ART SHOW—from 4 pm			
11th November	Kaye	Andy	Ian John W	Alma Reynolds— The Rotary Foundation
18th November	Rajeev	Daryl	John W Jenny	'Behind the Scenes' Pip from 1812 Theatre

UPCOMING CLUB DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FRI 17th OCTOBER—BUNNINGS BBQ—Scoresby

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

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

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

SUN 2nd NOVEMBER—MAKERS and BAKERS MARKET—Fulham Road, Rowville

FRI 7th NOVEMBER—KNOX ART SHOW GALA OPENING NIGHT—Churchill-Waverley Golf and Bowls Club, Rowville

SUN 23rd NOVEMBER— CLUB SOCIAL EVENT AT KIRKS on THE ESPLANADE, Mornington

**BBQ Roster is under Bunnings
BBQs in Google Sheets.**



UPCOMING EVENTS



Rotary
Rowville - Lysterfield



Sheba Fundraising Event 2025

18th October, 2025
Saturday, 6:00 PM

Glen Waverley Community Centre
700 Waverley Rd, Glen Waverley 3150

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MORE about the SES

What do we do?



Tree Down Traffic Hazards



Safer Communities - Together

Protective gear is very important for the safety of the SES crews and includes:

- a Kevlar helmet
- overalls that are treated with fire retardant
- heavy boots, gloves and goggles

The Knox SES unit consists of 3 trucks, 3 4WD vehicles, 1 field operations vehicle equipped with radio, computers and the like and 4 trailers, including a lighting trailer and a storm trailer.

What do we wear?



Operational Uniform



Safer Communities - Together

Member news snippets...

OCTOBER Birthdays

1st—Sue Mac

10th—Alan

18th—Robyn L

18th—Jenny M



A contact of Jenny Moran is seeking old handbags to use for a '**Share the Dignity project**'. The handbags will be filled with toiletries, makeup, hygiene products etc and distributed to women who are sleeping rough.

If you have a handbag that is no longer of use but which is in reasonable condition, please bring it to a meeting to give to Jenny.

While Jeff is visiting 'the Apple Isle' he has been on the lookout for cafes and restaurants for the Club breakfasts and dinner during the District 9815 Conference in March next year. If you were not at the meeting this week but are going to the Conference, Heather would like to know if you will be joining the rest of the Club members for the Friday dinner and for breakfast on either Saturday or Sunday, or both. Then bookings can be made for the appropriate number. Thanks Jeff for taking on this task.



Travellers next week are Sharon who is off to Japan, plus Gary is also travelling to Japan for his work.

Happy travels.

It was good to see Neil back this week after his trip to Italy and Croatia. Corinne and Les have now left Croatia and, after spending time in Budapest (see the beautiful photo), are now on a river cruise, headed for Amsterdam.

Kath and John are still travelling and have also been in Croatia. Poland is also on their itinerary.



NEXT BUNNINGS BBQ Friday October 17th

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



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

SUNDAY

2nd NOVEMBER

9am—2pm

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

51st KNOX ART SHOW



KNOX ART SHOW
 Saturday 8th and
 Sunday 9th November
 10 am to 4:30pm

Rotary
 Bayswater and Rowville—Lysterfield

Great artworks and photographs
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 82 Bergins Road Rowville

Exhibiting Artists apply at
www.knoxartshow.org.au
 Artwork is available on-line

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The Knox Art Show has been supported by a grant from the Knox City Council Community Development Fund

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Planning is well underway for the 51st Knox Art Show, in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Bayswater.

Members are encouraged to attend the Gala Opening Night on Friday 7th November from 7 pm.

Bookings for Opening Night are available from the

[Knox Art Show website](#)

There will also be the need for a lot of physical assistance in setting up the show and manning it over the weekend.

Setting up will commence at 4 pm on Wednesday 5th. As there is no Tuesday meeting that week due to the Melbourne Cup holiday, it is hoped that many members can be available on Wednesday evening. Helpers will also be needed throughout Thursday and Friday.

Thank you to all those who have put their name on the roster already. We look forward to more helpers adding their names.

CHRISTMAS is COMING!



DIARY DATE

Christmas Celebration

TUESDAY 2ND
 DECEMBER AT 6.30 PM

AT THE HOME OF
 CHERYL AND KEVIN
 HARRISON

More details to follow

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.

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.

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**

RECYCLING REMINDERS

A reminder regarding some of the recycling options that are able to be utilized

- ◆ Aluminium blister packs from medication – Bloom's the Chemist (Stud Park) or National Pharmacies
- ◆ Old shoes such as runners (no stilettos or work boots) to Treadlightly collection points such as Rebel Sports
- ◆ Old blankets and towels – RSPCA
- ◆ Textiles – H & M Stores (they give a voucher for a 10% discount with each donation)
- ◆ Foreign coins and notes – Rotarian Ron RC Boronia, to go to Give Every Child a Future
- ◆ Electronic goods, mobile phones, printer cartridges etc- Officeworks (check their website for details)
- ◆ Small soaps from hotels etc—Soapaid
- ◆ Batteries—many supermarkets



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Meeting timetable for the rest of the year:

October	2, 16, 30
November	13, 27
December	11

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and also make a difference through **Rotary**

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