

UNITE FOR GOOD

Rotary Rowville Lysterfield



NEWSLETTER 17, OCTOBER 21ST 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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President Bob Morris

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**Satellite Club meets
at Tosaria's Café**

Alternate Thursdays at
7:30am

Contact :

Chair: Kevin Harrison

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Home Club of

DGN Murray Wilson

PDG Daryl Moran



CHRIS WATT—Australian Wool Industry

Chris Watt is the Project Officer—Product and Processing Innovation at the Australian Wool Industry (AWI) which is a not-for-profit organisation funded by Australian woolgrowers. Their focus is on research and development to better the lives of all those involved in the wool industry, from the sheep and farmer to the consumer.



Australia is the biggest supplier of superfine merino wool worldwide, with 85% of this wool being sent to China. Wool has many benefits as a material as it is natural, renewable, biodegradable, comfortable, versatile and has high performance. The product categories for which it is used are: luxury apparel, casual wear, performance wear, work wear, uniforms, footwear, interiors and automotive. AWI has various areas of interest: supply chain optimisation; sourcing support; research, development and innovation; training and education; marketing and events. Some of innovations being explored by AWI researchers in China, Italy and other places across the globe were quite amazing and a few are outlined below.

Yarn development involves making functional blends of wool with other materials such as graphene, corduna, Xlance and cocona. These blends provide the benefits of wool with enhanced properties. For example, wool denim is a wool-cotton blend that gives the thermal regulation of wool while being a softer fabric than normal denim. Wool faux fur is being developed which will appeal to those who have ethical objections to using animal hides. The wool fibre is on a base and is brushed until giving a fur effect. Wool is also being used in swimwear, where a fast drying product has been developed. Greatly of interest is wool alginate yarn which combines wool with carbon alginate from brown seaweed. This product has increased fire resistance, is more breathable and has antistatic properties, which gives improved skin comfort and hydration. Wool is even being used in shoes, with knitted uppers that are breathable, comfortable and odour resistant, a big plus with sports shoes!

Another interesting innovation is the creation of circular seamless knitting. This creates a tube of fabric from which a garment can be made without seams. This process has the benefit of being quick and easy, hence making the product cheaper, plus there is no waste. The garment produced has enhanced comfort and breathability. An interesting video showed the process underway, with the completed garment produced in a very short space of time.

Further research is taking place with dyeing. One process uses natural plant products, including by-products such as coffee grounds, to produce the colour. In waterless dyeing, called the Colourizd process, the pigment and a binder are injected into the yarn fibre bundle. The benefits include no water waste and dyeing can occur in small amounts at a time. A further innovation in this area is digital printing; spraying pigment onto the wool to create intricate patterns. Multiple layers of spray can even result in a 3-D effect.

In response to a question, Chris assured as that the claim by Icebreaker that they can provide details of the location from where the wool of the garment originated is genuine. He expects that more companies will go down the same path to ensure traceability of the raw materials.

The gathering reflected on what a pity it is that so little processing of wool takes place in Australia currently and Chris pointed out that not only do we lack the machinery needed for such processes, we now lack the technical and scientific expertise that is required.

More information on this topic is available through the Woolmark Learning Centre or at woolmark.com

This was a fascinating talk and we are very appreciative of Chris spending the time with us.

MUFFINS and SOUP ROSTER

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



PROGRAM

Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and Production	Program
OCTOBER - Economic and Community Development				
28th October	Mary	John P	Alan Ian	Special Olympics—Michael Migliacco Plus AGM
NOVEMBER—The Rotary Foundation				
4th November	NO MEETING—CUP DAY			
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 Le Blond from 1812 Theatre
25th November	Tony	Corinne	Jenny Kevin	Visit from the Park Ridge Earlyact Club

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

UPCOMING CLUB DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

TUES 2nd DECEMBER— CLUB CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION—Rowville



RECENT HAPPENINGS—SHEBA NIGHT

Once again this year, a number of Club members enjoyed the SHEBA night. As always the food was a highlight, with wonderful samosas and curries to enjoy. The entertainment was provided by a Bangladeshi dancer and a singer, both of whom did a great job. Mary was thrilled to win a raffle prize and Bob was presented with a plaque of appreciation from the organisers.

The Club was very pleased to be able to donate \$2000 to the SHEBA program.

As Dr Sharif reported recently, the SHEBA Eye Care Program has come to an end with the completion of the 25th Eye Camp. Through this project, around 30,000 of the poorest and most vulnerable in Bangladesh have gained increased awareness of common vision issues and what can be done to treat them. The total number of beneficiaries of the project were:

- Screened and treated 2787
- Spectacles provided 800
- Cataract surgeries 301

Well done Dr Sharif and the SHEBA team.

Our Rotary Club is very pleased to be able to contribute to such an impactful project.



RECENT HAPPENINGS—BACKYARD BLITZ

The following email has been received from Taylor Lord from Yellowstone Landscaping.

Hello Corinne, Marg and Rotary Club of Ronville-Lysterfield,

The Backyard Blitz 2025 event on Saturday was a wonderful success, and I'd like to thank you for your valued contribution to the day. With the help of our volunteers, suppliers, and generous donations, we were able to make the event possible, and your support played a big part in that success.

The Backyard Blitz event this year highlighted the challenge for families living with autism, ADHD, anxiety and mental health challenges. Bob and Heather popped in to see how it was going and are shown here with Doug Lord and Taylor Lord.



This week Bob and Heather also visited the Rotary Club of Knox and are seen here with the President of this club, Darren Hill.



Member news snippets...

OCTOBER

Birthdays

1st—Sue Mac

10th—Alan

18th—Robyn L

18th—Jenny M



Travellers this week:

- ◆ Kath and John are in Croatia
- ◆ Corinne and Les are cruising down the Danube River
- ◆ Murray and Janine are cruising around the Pacific, visiting Vanuatu and other islands.
- ◆ Gary is in Japan
- ◆ Sharon is in Japan
- ◆ Glennys and Howard are heading to New Zealand.

Good to see Jeff back from his trip 'overseas' to Tasmania.

We are not a club that has a fines session, but if we did, the first candidate this week would have been the Club member who turned up to the Bunnings BBQ with their lycra pants inside out! Only noticeable because of the big white tag hanging out the back!

NEXT BUNNINGS BBQ Saturday November 15th

Note: this is an extra BBQ and, being Saturday, should be very busy.

Hence there are 3 shifts organized.

Please check the roster as there are still many gaps.



Next Friday BBQ: November 21st

Profit from the BBQ last week \$1103.65

Thank you to the team: Ian, Marg, Alan, Robyn, Sharon, Kaye, Daryl and Jenny. A very productive day.

<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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Bookings for Opening Night of the Art Show can be made on the website

[Knox Art Show website](http://www.knoxartshow.org.au)

We are hoping for an excellent turnout of Club members to make this a memorable night.

Highlights of the Art Show to which we can look forward:

- Official Opening by Cr Susan Pearce
- Musical entertainment by the talented guitarist Alejandro at the Opening Night
- Water colour painting demonstration by Antionette Blyth on Sunday 1—3 pm
- A display of student work from Rowville Secondary College
- Some ceramics on display and for sale by Adrienne Mann
- Over 470 paintings and photographs on display and for sale

CHRISTMAS is COMING and A SOCIAL GATHERING



JOIN US FOR OUR CLUB

Christmas PARTY

DECEMBER **2nd** 6.30 PM

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\$40 PER HEAD SEE HEATHER'S EMAIL FOR DETAILS

A social gathering for members and families will be held on Saturday November 23rd at Kirk's on the Esplanade, Mornington from 12 noon. Please let Kaye know if you can attend.



OTHER NEWS.....

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



2026 CONFERENCE

Early Bird OFFER

From 1st August 2025 - 31st December 2025

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

(Includes a green Polo Conference Shirt)

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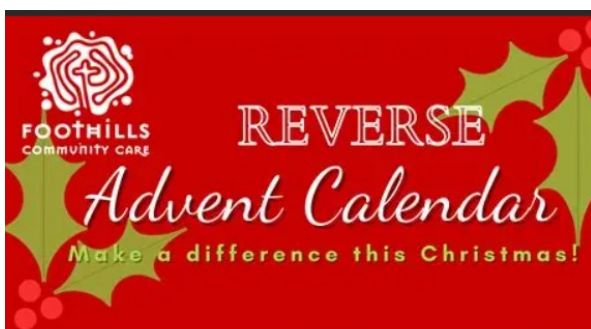
REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR HAMPERS for FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY CARE PACKING NIGHT December 9

As we have in recent years, we are going to support Foothills Community Care by collecting items that can be packaged up to make Christmas hampers for families in need. Suggested items are shown below.

Club members are encouraged to make a collection of suitable items, perhaps adding one to each shop between now and the packing night.

On **Tuesday December 9** we will gather at Tosaria's and pack a few Hampers, plus sort the remaining items for convenience and deliver them to Foothills to be included in their hampers.

Foothills has distributed around 400 hampers annually to families in need and we are pleased to be able to make a contribution.



What to Include

Non-perishable food, toiletries, Christmas treats, pasta, biscuits, tinned goods, coffee, tea, rice, and more!

Let's support our members....



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Meeting timetable for the rest of the year:

October	30
November	13, 27
December	2 Christmas Breakup 13 Tali Karng Close 7pm start

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

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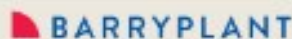
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