

# UNITE FOR GOOD

# Rotary

Rowville Lysterfield



NEWSLETTER 18, OCTOBER 28TH 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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**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



## SPECIAL OLYMPICS—Michael Migliaccio

Our visitors this week were from the Melbourne Eastern Ranges Special Olympics group. They were Ian Hampton, James McMullen and Michael Migliaccio. Special Olympics is a community-based volunteer sporting organisation which provides sport training for athletes with special needs, including those with intellectual disabilities and/or autism. Michael, our speaker, is a national coach for bocce, which he is very passionate about.

There are 7 Special Olympics clubs across the state that provide programs such as:

- Weekly grassroots sports training
- Inclusive sport in schools
- Games and competition
- Athlete leadership
- Online learning

The sports offered by the local club are: basketball, swimming, bocce, 10 pin bowling, tennis, athletics, soccer netball and golf. At the recent National Games in Launceston the Special Olympics bocce team, of which James was a member, returned with 81 medals; a great effort.

*Special Olympics aims to unleash the human spirit through the transformative power and joy of sport. Their motto is "Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt".*

Special Olympics clubs need to spend a lot of time fundraising to help their athletes travel to state and national competitions. They are supported by the Law Enforcement Torch Run each year, plus they hold events such as dinners and discos. Michael encouraged those present to come along to a bocce session as it is great fun.

Special Olympics clubs have a goal that together they will:

- Change lives
- Provide opportunities
- Create friendships
- Build confidence
- Have fun!

James highlighted how he first became involved with playing bocce, which he found he really enjoyed, so he has continued to participate in this sport and is now training as a leader.



Ian, Michael and James

Further information can be found at

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## a 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        |



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## A CHUCKLE FROM THE AI MEETING SUMMARY—a very useful resource!

### Test Call Communication Check

The meeting transcript appears to be a series of test calls or greetings, with participants saying "Hello, 1, 2, 3" multiple times. There was no substantive discussion or decision-making during this meeting, as evidenced by the lack of meaningful content in the transcript.

## PROGRAM

| Date                           | Registration                      | Chair   | Setup and Production | Program                                               |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| 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<br>John W        | Alma Reynolds—<br>The Rotary Foundation               |
| 18th November                  | Jeff                              | Daryl   | John W<br>Jenny      | 'Behind the Scenes'<br>Pip Le Blond from 1812 Theatre |
| 25th November                  | Tony                              | Corinne | Jenny<br>Kevin       | Visit from the Park Ridge Earlyact Club               |

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

## UPCOMING CLUB DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**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



## MEMBERS OUT and ABOUT

Last Thursday a number of members of our Club visited the Rotary Club of Springvale City and enjoyed a visit to the Hoa Nghiem Buddhist Temple in Springvale. A presentation by one of the founders of the temple outlined some of the guiding principles of Buddhism, principles which lead to enlightenment. He highlighted that finding 'merit' means that you intentionally refrain from harmful activities and engage only in positive pursuits. This creates good karma; harmful activities lead to bad karma which can't be avoided. He also explained the significance of a number of the items inside the temple, such as the scriptures, which take pride of place. He pointed out the drums which are used to keep the beat for the chanting and the statues which are Buddhas disciples. The importance of meditation as a tool was emphasised, starting with brief periods

of meditation and building to longer sessions. After a tour of the temple the visitors enjoyed a vegetarian meal of corn soup, spring rolls, fried tofu and fried rice. All very delicious! All the members of our Club appreciated the chance to visit this temple and to build our relationship with another Rotary Club within our Community Group.



## VISITS TO OTHER CLUBS and COMING EVENTS

Over the last few weeks, President Bob, accompanied by Heather, have been out and about visiting other clubs. They have been very interested to see how other meetings run, plus making further connections within our Rotary Community Group. Most recently they have visited the Rotary Club of Casey, where there was an interesting, if somewhat graphic, presentation on Interplast. A visit to the Rotary Club of Knox was a lunchtime meeting at the Knox Club. Last week they visited the Rotary Club of Bayswater, who have a special venue in which they meet, their own club rooms. All members of the club are encouraged to visit other clubs; there will be a meeting in February next year that will be specifically set aside for this purpose.

In his District 9815 role as Chair of Youth Services, Daryl visited the Rotary Club of Mt Eliza this week, to speak about Youth programs. The Mt Eliza RC has an Earlyact Club and is keen to start a Primary Schools Speech Competition.

John P is settling into his role as Community Group Leader and is getting to know the clubs in his Community Group.

Over the next few weeks Bob and Heather will be busy turning sausages at the following events:

- Thursday Oct 30 Bunnings Halloween BBQ 5—7 pm
- Friday November 7th Karoo Primary School 1—6 pm

Our Club members have been invited to attend a donor recognition function at the Royal Women's Hospital on November 20th. This invitation is due to our donation last year that led to the purchase of a transilluminator, a device which simplifies the insertion of intravenous tubes into tiny babies. Bob would like to encourage a number of members to attend. More details to come shortly.



A few other proposals for next year were outlined, such as doing the carparking at Chesterfield Farm and taking part in the Knox Fest. More details to come after these ideas are discussed at a Board meeting.

## Member news snippets...

### OCTOBER Birthdays

27th—Ayanthi

### NOVEMBER

1st—Veronica

9th—Murray

9th—Corinne

19th—Neil

22nd—Arshad



Some of our Club travellers are back home or in transit, so we look forward to seeing John and Kath and Corinne and Les some time soon. This week our travellers are:

- ◆ Sharon is in Japan
- ◆ Glennys and Howard are in New Zealand
- ◆ Rajeev and Anita are heading to India
- ◆ Murray will be heading to Qld for the Zone 8 Conference.

### CONGRATULATIONS

*At the AGM this week Andy Round was nominated and elected as President Elect, to become President in 2026-2027.*

*Marg Vesey was elected as President Nominee, to be President in 2027-2028.*

## 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 gaps.

### Next Friday BBQ: November 21st

Thank you to the team who ran the catering at the Budgerigar Show last Sunday, which raised around \$300.

Thanks to Bob, Heather, Alan, Robyn and John P.

<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

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

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

[Knox Art Show website](#)

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 Sunday 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



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

## REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR HAMPERS for FOOTHILLS

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 in this graphic.

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.



### REVERSE Advent Calendar

**FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY CARE** **Make a difference this Christmas!**  
Here are our suggested items

|                      |                        |                           |                            |                             |
|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1<br>PASTA           | 2<br>BISCUITS          | 4<br>HONEY                | 5<br>COFFEE                | 7<br>GRAVY                  |
| 8<br>TINNED FRUIT    | 3<br>CHRISTMAS PUDDING | 6<br>PASTA SAUCE          | 12<br>MINCE TARTS          | 16<br>VEGEMITE/SPREAD       |
| 13<br>GIFT CARD      | 9<br>TINNED TOMATOES   | 10<br>DONATE TO FOOTHILLS | 11<br>CEREAL               | 15<br>TEA BAGS              |
| 17<br>LONG LIFE MILK | 14<br>RICE             | 18<br>TINNED TUNA         | 19<br>TINNED or CUPPA SOUP | 20<br>CHOCOLATE             |
| 22<br>DESSERT MIX    | 21<br>TOILETRIES       | 23<br>CHRISTMAS CAKE      | 24<br>A LITTLE SURPRISE    | 25<br>CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS |

Simply place an item each day in a box and return to one of our donation points to get them to **FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY CARE**

Any Non-Perishable food items are welcome.  
Please ensure items are within their best before dates.  
We are unable to distribute medications or alcohol in hampers

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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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## 2025-2026 BOARD MEMBERS

|                        |               |                                 |                |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
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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<br>Rajeev Wadhwa |
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|                             |                         | Community News                         |                             |
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