

UNITE FOR GOOD

Rotary Rowville Lysterfield



NEWSLETTER 20, NOVEMBER 11TH 2025

This week's speaker—Alma Reynolds

**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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Chair: Kevin Harrison

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



November is Rotary Foundation month and the District Foundation Chair, Alma Reynolds, spoke at our meeting.

Each year the Rotary Foundation is assessed by a group called Charity Navigator, an Independent US organisation which assesses the worthiness of charities to which people wish to make donations. It's top rating is 4 stars, and the Rotary Foundation has achieved 4 stars for 17 consecutive years with a constant score of 100/100. It has a low administration

cost of only 9%, so that 91% of your money goes directly into programs and projects world wide. In comparison, other charities have admin costs of 30-45%.

The Foundation does not provide Global Grants without a community assessment which is the first step in ensuring that communities are involved in the process, by finding out exactly what they need, and not assuming that we know best what they need. Then the application process can begin to hopefully give that community what they need, using Rotary expertise. An application for a District Grant can be made to cover the costs of a community assessment. Sustainability of the project is also vital and must be demonstrated as part of the application process. Alma highlighted the Kiriwina Project and how others had gone in there and done wonderful things which did not hold up after they left. Thankfully, Alan has worked hard to ensure sustainability. Part of sustainability includes sourcing products locally, buying supplies locally, using local labour. All these components help with sustainability and community development.

Rotary engagement is also important. To obtain a Global Grant, an Australian club works in partnership with a Rotary club overseas. The grant is paid to that club to spend on the project. This means that there is much less chance of money being misused or even disappearing altogether as often happens with other charities.

World Fund match means that the money a club is putting towards a project can be multiplied for better and more far reaching effect. A club may have fundraised \$10,000, but by applying for a District grant and a Global grant they can have a \$30,000 impact. This makes amazing projects possible with far less spend from the club.

The last part of the Global Grant (and District Grant) process involves Stewardship. A report must be written which demonstrates that you did what you said you would and that you have put in place elements that make it sustainable into the future well after Rotary leaves. We must be accountable for the money received and distributed.

All of the above contributes to the ongoing 4 star rating from Charity Navigator and the fact that people who contribute to the Foundation can do so with confidence.

The Foundation is made up of 4 different funds - the Annual Fund, the Endowment Fund, the Polio Fund and the Disaster Fund. But where does the money come from? It relies on club and personal giving which used to be the Centurion Club but is now known as Every Rotarian Every Year and recognises donations of US\$25-99. A sustaining member is one who donates US\$100 or more to the Annual Fund. A Paul Harris Fellow is awarded when a Rotarian contributes a total of US\$1000 (over time) or their club recognises their input to the community or to Rotary by donating US\$1000 in their name.

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KNOX 51st ART SHOW

The Art Show last weekend was the culmination of months of organising and planning and in many respects was a great success. Opening Night ran very smoothly and the comments by both the judges, Regina Hona (painting) and Alan Lunghusen (photography) were very succinct and informative. The opportunity for a few of the artists present to chat to Regina for further advice was also appreciated.

Whilst the number of sales over the weekend was not strong, the feedback on the Show was excellent. Many of the visitors, including many artists, commented on how well it was presented and the high quality of the artwork on show. One young artist commented that it was "an awesome show", which we can take as high praise. We wait to hear what the financial outcome will be, but the solid level of sponsorship from various businesses will help ensure there is a profit to pass on to our recipient organisations.

The level of support from our Club members, plus many members and past members of the Rotary Club of Bayswater, was incredible and in fact indispensable. In addition to the organisation required in the lead-up, there is a heavy demand for 'person-power' to assemble the show, man it over the weekend and disassemble it on Sunday evening. It was impressive how smoothly this process ran, thanks to having so many hands on deck.

A big thank you to everyone who so willingly lent a hand in any way, every contribution is very much appreciated. A huge thank you to the committee members who have worked so enthusiastically for the whole year to bring this together: Barrie Vickers, Ron Bridges, Alan Lunghusen, Bob Morris, Sharon Ferdinands, Gary Forrest, John Poke and Rajeev Wadhwa.

Art Show Committee Chair Jenny Moran





MUFFINS ROSTER

13 November Muffins	Marg, Fiona, Pete & Sue, Glennys & Howard
27 November Muffins	Kaye, Mary, Corinne, Heather & Bob
11 December Muffins	Marg, Fiona, Pete & Sue, Glennys & Howard



FOOTHILLS
COMMUNITY CARE



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.



PROGRAM

Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and Production	Program
NOVEMBER—The Rotary Foundation				
18th November	Jeff	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
DECEMBER—Disease Prevention and Treatment				
02nd December	No Meeting—Club Christmas Celebration			
09th December	WORKING BEE - REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR at Tosaria's			

UPCOMING CLUB DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

TUES 2nd DECEMBER— CLUB CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION—Rowville

TUES 9th DECEMBER— Reverse Advent Calendar—sorting and packing of items—Tosaria's

TUES 13th JANUARY—CLUB MEETINGS RESUME



THANK YOU.....

An email sent to Jenny and Christine Anderson (RCFTG).....

Hi Jenny and Christine,

I just wanted to say a massive thank you to you both and to your clubs for providing delicious and hearty soups at our Ferntree Gully community meal over the past few months.

Having your soup in the middle of a cold winter really made the difference, especially to many who came sleeping rough and struggling in many ways.

They were so well received and we are incredibly grateful for your ongoing support in this, and many other ways.

Thank you!

warm regards

Stephen

Stephen Barrington

CEO

Foothills Community Care

SUPPORTING FOOTHILLS—REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

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

NOVEMBER

1st—Veronica

9th—Murray

9th—Corinne

19th—Neil

22nd—Arshad

- Sad news this week, that Alan and Robyn had to put their little dog Ben down. He was a much loved family member for 16years and will be very much missed.
- Rajeev and Anita are still away enjoying a holiday in India
- Jeff announced that he has recently made a donation of \$500 to the Rotary Foundation from the sale of his books. Well done, Jeff!



President Bob being presented with a certificate from the Rotary Foundation by DG Peter for our club's contribution to the Rotary Foundation 2024-2025

LAST MARKET FOR 2025



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

SUNDAY
DECEMBER 7th
9am—2pm

The last Makers and Bakers Market is coming up on the 7th December and promises to be a big one!

Bob announced that we are now able to use the Electronic Signs by applying for permits through VicRoads. The signs were used for the last market and made a considerable difference to the number of people coming through.

Many, many gaps still on the roster. Please add your name if you are able to give some time.

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

ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT

As usual, another busy time at RCRL. Although we welcomed many visitors from other clubs including Berwick, Casey and Springvale City a couple of our members were visiting other clubs this week.

- John P was at another club in his role as Rotary Community Leader
- Daryl was at another club's speech competition in his role as District Youth Chair
- We delivered a number of old handbags and toiletries to DGE Emma as the Rotary Club of Emerald will soon be having a packing night for Share the Dignity. Thank you to all who contributed to this very worthy cause

NEXT BUNNINGS BBQ NEXT Saturday November 15th

Note: this is an extra BBQ and, being Saturday, should be very busy.
Hence there are 3 shorter shifts organized.

*** There is still a spot left on the 8:30-11:30am shift if anyone can help**
Next Friday BBQ: November 21st

Thank you to all who have volunteered to be available for the extra Bunnings BBQs in January.



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

CHRISTMAS is COMING

Christmas dinner can be paid for by depositing \$40 per head into the Club fundraising account.

Bring your own drinks.

Bring a non-gendered KK gift to a value of \$10.



Please transfer \$40 per head into the Club Account and make sure to reference it with Christmas Party + your name

BSB633000 ACC 156363616 and add your name to SHEETS



OTHER NEWS.....

Bob announced that we have been invited to “The Women’s 2025 celebration of philanthropy” since we were supporters earlier with purchasing a Transilluminator for the NICU.

If you would like to attend, please let Bob know by Friday as he is hoping to workout some carpooling.

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A Paul Harris Society member is someone who pledges to donate US\$1000 per year to the Foundation. Major donors are those who donate US\$10,000 either as a single or cumulative donation. The important thing to remember, is that every dollar donated in Australia, stays in Australia, and every little bit helps. You can login at any time to track your donations over time.

Think about making the Rotary Foundation your charity of choice.

If you have any questions, or would like to know more, please speak to our Foundation Chair, Neil White.

We thank Alma for coming to speak to us tonight about the Rotary Foundation.



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

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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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