

UNITE FOR GOOD

Rotary
Rowville Lysterfield



NEWSLETTER 21, NOVEMBER 18TH 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

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Home Club of

DGN Murray Wilson

PDG Daryl Moran



This week's speaker-Pip Le Blond

This week's speaker Pip Le Blond, a theatre director with over 30 years experience as an actress in community and professional theatre. Pip has appeared in film and television and has directed many productions. She has received many awards over the years for her acting as well as her directing. She is the Office Manager at the 1812 Theatre and even hands out the choc tops at interval. Pip enlightened us as to the extensive process of producing a play at the 1812 Theatre in Upper Ferntree Gully.

The process begins with choosing the plays for the following season. A committee of 6 people sit and read a large number of plays and then discuss their choices. They try to choose a mixture of genres - comedy, drama, thriller to keep the audiences engaged. It can be a very long and tedious task. Our member, Kay has been involved in play selection.

Part of this process also involves applying for the rights for each play. This can cost around \$3,000. Any music also requires permission at \$100 per piece. Some scripts list the music to be used which must be adhered to and others have to be worked out by the director. It takes at least 8 months to choose the plays for the following year. Once a play and director are chosen the work really begins.

The next step is working out the set. The set designer, reads the script and designs the set. Sometimes they do detailed drawings which include stage measurements or they may make a model of the set. This is reminiscent of a room in a doll's house with all the walls, furniture and appliances set out. Digital drawings may also be done. These set designs help both the actors and the lighting designer who works on placement and direction of the lighting. The sound designer reads the script and works out with the director, what sort of music is required if it is not already in the script.

The director also looks for a wardrobe designer who also reads the script and works out what pieces the actors require and once the actors have been chosen goes about measuring each actor and sourcing each costume. In days gone by, costumes were mainly sewn individually. These days Op Shops have become a valuable resource and the wardrobe designer mainly does alterations if needed.

At this stage, it is time for auditions. Although the actors might audition for a particular part, they may be chosen for another. Great care is taken not to just choose the best actor but to match the actor to the part e.g. do their physical characteristics match the role they are portraying? This is quite a long process for the director and their assistant as there are usually several people auditioning for the same part. Interestingly, there are no under studies for the roles. In instances where an actor is unable to be on stage someone else will fill in reading the lines directly from the script, so that the play can go on.

Once the auditions are complete, the director gets all the cast together and they read through the whole play in character. On that same night the wardrobe designer will be there measuring each person and the set builders will start the process of building. Bit by bit the set is built whilst the actors are rehearsing, 3 nights per week. Lighting and sound come in as well as the play starts to take shape. (Continued on p.3.....)



MUFFINS ROSTER

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. There are still some spots available. Please let Kaye know if you would also like to attend.



PROGRAM

Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and Production	Program
NOVEMBER—The Rotary Foundation				
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



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Two other very important people are the stage manager and stage assistant. They work alongside the director and the stage manager knows everything that is going on. The stage assistant follows the directions of the stage manager and moves items as needed. The stage manager is in charge of details like a doorbell ringing and will inform the sound person when this is coming up.

Once opening night comes, the director's job is done and they step back only coming in to check that all is running as it should from time to time. The stage manager is in charge and is there for every performance following the script very closely. The stage manager is the person who lets the front of house know that they can ring the bell and let the audience into the theatre.

As a not for profit group RCRL have been involved in several fundraiser/dress rehearsal nights thanks to Kaye's organisation. It's great that the club can benefit from some extra dollars and that the cast and crew have an opportunity to do their dress rehearsal with a live audience.

Pip told a couple of stories about the theatre resident "ghosts". Next time we go, we should keep an eye out for one!!!

All of these people are volunteers—actors, directors, stage managers, designers, office staff, backstage, front of house. No-one is paid and the 1812 survives purely on ticket sales. They are always looking for volunteers, especially for front of house.

We thank Pip for her time and talk about what it involves to put on a production at the 1812 Theatre.



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 hamper plus sort the remaining items, pack so they can be delivered 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.

Packing will start at 7pm followed by dinner, as usual. There will be no meeting on this night.



REVERSE Advent Calendar

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

1 PASTA	2 BISCUITS	4 HONEY	5 COFFEE	7 GRavy
8 TINNED FRUIT	3 CHRISTMAS PUDDING	6 PASTA SAUCE	12 MINCE TARTS	16 VEGEMITE / SPREAD
13 GIFT CARD	14 RICE	10 DONATE TO FOOTHILLS	11 CEREAL	15 TEA BAGS
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



** Heather is still struggling with back pain and under strict instructions from the Chiropractor to lay flat, which means she has to rest and forego her usual juggling act of jobs as Club Secretary. Hope you are feeling much better soon!

** Our President Elect, Andy R attended the pre-PELDS training at the weekend and found it to be very informative and helpful with many networking opportunities with the other Presidents Elect. Unfortunately, following the weekend, Andy has found himself in hospital again. We send him our best wishes for a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing him very soon.

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 in the lead up to Christmas.

Many, many gaps still on the roster, particularly early with Table Set up and Traffic Control. Please add your name if you are able to give some time.

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

BUNNINGS BBQs

BUNNINGS BBQ held last Saturday November 15th

A huge thank you to the BBQ Team: Heather, Bob, Kate, Kaye, Mary, Robyn W, Alan, Robyn L, Daryl, John P, Cathy (Marg's niece) under the Leadership of Ian and Marg.

The magnificent profit of **\$2430.93** was well worth the furious pace under the gazebo!! Once again, a magnificent team effort!

Next Friday BBQ is this coming Friday November 21st

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



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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

BSB 633000 ACC 156363616 and add your name to SHEET'S



OTHER NEWS.....

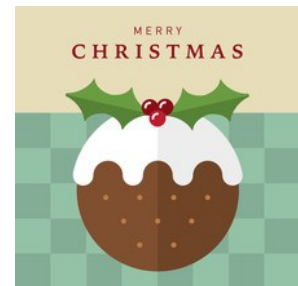
CHRISTMAS CAKE AND PUDDING SALES

6th and 13th DECEMBER

10am-2pm (while stocks last)

We have been offered the opportunity to sell Christmas Cakes and Puddings at Bunnings Scoresby.

Bob will be doing the 6th, but we need 4 volunteers please for the 13th with 2 people 10am-12pm and 2 people 12pm-2pm. If you can help, please let Bob know.



We have had a lot of travellers this year and many of you probably came home with a little bit of foreign currency. If you would like to donate it to Rotary please bring the spare cash to next week's meeting and give to Jenny who will then follow-up and pass onto the person collecting on behalf of Rotary.

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

The 31st December is fast approaching, so if you want to benefit from the discounted "Early Bird Offer", you need to book now. Don't miss out on this saving of \$45 per head. A great weekend is assured.



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

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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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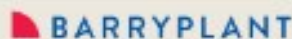
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