

UNITE FOR GOOD

Rotary Rowville Lysterfield



NEWSLETTER 22, NOVEMBER 25TH 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

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Chair: Kevin Harrison

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Home Club of

DGN Murray Wilson

PDG Daryl Moran



PARK RIDGE EARLYACT CLUB VISIT

This week's meeting was attended by the members of the Park Ridge PS EarlyAct Club their teachers and parents. They presented a summary of all of their fundraising achievements over the last school year and presented us with a "hands on" activity which was a lot of fun and taught us a valuable lesson.



The students:

- Sold Easter eggs to raise funds for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal
- Gave each Park Ridge student (521 of them) a gift of a handmade origami box containing an inspiring quote and a bouncy ball symbolising that no matter how hard things are, we can always "bounce back"
- Hosted the Great Park Ridge Bake Sale on Open Night and raised \$400 for Wheelchairs for Kids
- Held a Big Freeze Day where students wore Big Freeze beanies or socks and some took on the teachers in a stomp rocket challenge. Monies raised went to the Fight MND Foundation
- Selling Zooper Doopers with money raised going to ShareSpace Inc (their 3rd year supporting ShareSpace Inc)
- Have also hosted mini-golf and stomp rockets in the school yard at recesses, providing lots of enjoyment for other students

A highlight tonight was having a workshop in how to make our own origami box. The students moved around the room helping Rotarians (some of whom were struggling) to complete the task and then presented us with our own bouncy ball. We will be able to put these to great use when times get tough and remember the lesson taught to us by the Park Ridge EarlyAct Club.....no matter how hard things are, you can always bounce back! A great symbol of resilience, which is such an important quality to possess.

The EarlyActors were involved in a range of activities throughout the year and achieved some fantastic results. They are looking forward to another strong year of community service in 2026.

We thank them and their teacher leader, Elaine McClure, for their dedication and commitment to helping others. Thank you all for sharing with us tonight!

MUFFINS ROSTER

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



A big thank you to all the helpers who have provided soup and muffins over the whole year. Your help and dedication is very much appreciated.



PROGRAM

Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and Production	Program
NOVEMBER—The Rotary Foundation				
DECEMBER—Disease Prevention and Treatment				
02nd December	No Meeting—Club Christmas Celebration			
09th December	WORKING BEE - REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR at Tosaria’s			
JANUARY—Vocational Month				
13th January	Rajeev	Kevin	Alan Ian	TBC

UPCOMING CLUB DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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

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 as well as the BBQ. Please add your name if you are able to give some time.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/16QvHXSGDYayD5DYgq0mZkKUC-rNe3MLA/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=108019844417789794781&rtpof=true&sd=true>

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	BISCUITS	4 HONEY	5 COFFEE	7 GRAVY
2	3 CHRISTMAS PUDDING	6 PASTA SAUCE	12 MINCE TARTS	16 VEGEMITE / SPREAD
8 TINNED FRUIT	9 TINNED TOMATOES	10 DONATE TO FOOTHILLS	11 CEREAL	15 TEA BAGS
13 GIFT CARD	14 RICE	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

FOOTHILLSCARE.ORG.AU

More from this week's meeting.....

It was timely to have Robin Yamaguchi give us an idea of how the children at Family Care Uganda pass their free time when there were students at our meeting. Robin gave a bit of background about the way the school in Uganda was set up and how the students go from strength to strength with encouragement, love and support.

Robin showed us the improvised toys the children make to enjoy in their free time. A ball made from old jeans and fabric tied with twine which doesn't bounce but can still be used to throw, catch and kick. Another ball made from banana leaves and string tightly wound into a football. A game of billiards using nuts as balls. The usefulness of empty juice cartons, bottle tops, sticks and string to make wonderful toy cars. All of them bringing laughter, fun and happiness to those using them

Pets are very common in Australia, but not so in Uganda. People cannot afford the luxury of pets when they can't afford to feed themselves and their families. The children at the school find orphaned monkeys and carry them around and play with them as pets until the monkeys turn one year old and then generally go off and find a mate.

It was interesting to see how different play time is for these children in Uganda when compared to children in Australia.



President Bob presented Robin with an Honorary Membership to the Rotary Club of Rowville-Lysterfield for her hard work and effort in Uganda and for exemplifying the Rotary core value of Service Above Self. Congratulations, Robin!!

Afterwards, Robin was heard to say - "I am so touched Marg to have been accepted as a member. I just love the team.....their humanity, but they are at the same time so fun and real!"



Sarah-Jayne from the Community Employment Partnership at Belonging Matters gave us an update on their successes. She explained that they work with people who have intellectual disabilities and autism to find meaningful jobs in the community, at award pay rates. This work is not usually fulltime.

They have quite a few jobseekers who have found employment and have been celebrating some milestones. A young man, Tim works at the Morack Golf Club through a connection with the Nunawading RC. A Rotarian from the club knew someone from the golf club and set up a meeting with Tim who has been working now for a year.

Another young person, Emily, has worked at Women's Health East for 2 years, after a member of Box Hill Central RC contacted someone they knew at that work place.

Sarah-Jayne highlighted a young woman Cailan who lives out this way and is currently looking for work. She is friendly, creative and organised. Cailan is looking for work in admin, retail, photography or a creative space. Her work skills include: typing, email, using Canva, filing, stock inventory, customer service and more.

Rotarians can be involved by just having conversations within their networks. The average person has a network of approximately 611 people. Through your work place or business, the group you play golf with, your family members, friends, the café where you get your morning coffee.....so many opportunities to have conversations. Rotarians can play a pivotal role by being out in the community and having conversations. The Community Employment Partnership is looking for introductions so that they can help those on their books.

If you are able to help in some way please contact—



LUNCH AT KIRK'S ON THE ESPLANADE



A smallish group went down to Mornington last weekend to Kirk's On the Esplanade. A wonderful time was had by all with great food, laughter and fun.

Thank you Kaye, our social convenor, for organising another great day out!





*Wishing you all a Christmas
season filled with joy and
time to enjoy the company of
family and friends.*

Merry Christmas

Bob

BUNNINGS BBQs

BUNNINGS BBQ held last Friday November 21st

A huge thank you to the BBQ Team: Alan, Robyn, Murray, John, Mary and Marg under the very capable leadership of Ian and Marg resulting in another fantastic profit of \$1031.85!!!

Next BBQ is Wednesday 17th DECEMBER followed on Friday 19th DECEMBER with our regular BBQ

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>



MEMBER BIRTHDAYS DECEMBER

8th—Sharon

13th—Steve

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

Thanks to those who have paid.

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



OTHER NEWS.....

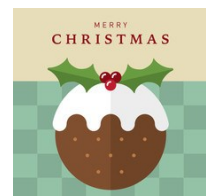
- The release of the videos that were made a few weeks ago to advertise Rotary to the community will take place at the Dendy Cinemas in Brighton on Friday 12th December. Our Club will be featured in this presentation. All are welcome! If you would like to attend, please contact Bob ASAP.
- Bob, Heather and Kaye attended the 2025 Celebration of Philanthropy at the Royal Women's Hospital last week. They were very humbled to know that both the CEO and Head of Nursing came looking for representatives of our club to thank them personally for our donation of \$5000 (from GNO) and for the Transilluminator for the NICU.
- Dan and Dani from The Block were also present, as they sadly lost their newborn daughter, Billie, at 10 days old and were so supported by the NICU staff. When they heard about our club's support of the hospital, Dan offered his time to come to the next GNO. Plans are now underway to make it the biggest one to date.
- Looking towards the new year there are several opportunities being investigated. These include a Rowville Collectibles Fair, looking into the possibility of managing the Seebeck Hall, revitalising the Holland Festival through the cooperation of clubs in the Community Group.
- The possibility of setting up a Specific Project Satellite Club to fund rural schools in India at approximately \$850 per year. Rajeev is doing some preliminary work with this.
- If you are posting club related material on Facebook or Instagram try to ask a question so that we will hopefully get some responses



Our thoughts and prayers are with Pradeep and family at the recent passing of his mother-in-law and the sad news that his father-in-law has been discharged from hospital with an inoperable cancer.

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.

DISTRICT 9815 CONFERENCE 13-15 MARCH, 2026



2026 CONFERENCE

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31st December 2025**

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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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