



**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**



## This week's speaker - Lisa on "A parent's dilemma"

This week's speaker, Lisa, made an enormous impact on us all and left us being so grateful that we were not faced by the challenges that she has endured over the past 2 years.

Lisa firstly painted the picture of her life before the troubles began. She shared a beautiful home with her husband and 4 children and liked to travel every year. They were just a very normal family. They were very happy and had a great life but then their youngest started having trouble at school and they decided to move him to a different school. At first everything seemed to be going really well, until her son made a friend.

Lisa met the boy a few times but felt that he may not have been the best friend for her son to pal up with but it was important that he was making friends. However, this new friend was involved in drugs and the boys were only in Year 8.

The son started using drugs and became increasingly manipulative and uncontrollable and was often out with his friends, causing trouble. One night, the police called Lisa about her son's involvement in a stolen car incident. The son denied involvement, but Lisa found two mobile phones in his room, leading to a fight and Lisa breaking his phone. Child Protection took the son away, placing him in a residential care unit, which Lisa believes is the worst place for a child.

Lisa's son escalated to using ice and committing crimes and at the age of 15 was already an ice addict. The police were frustrated with the son's behaviour and Lisa pleaded with them to keep her son in custody but he was released on bail multiple times. The son had over 200 charges waiting for him when he was finally arrested and Lisa was desperate for help. She contacted various media outlets to raise awareness about her son's situation. The son was eventually remanded and spent time in custody, which Lisa saw as a necessary break in the pattern.

The police supported Lisa, acknowledging her as a "normal parent" who was against her son's behaviour, not one who was enabling the behaviour. Lisa faced challenges in getting help from authorities, who have refused to speak to her. She has continued to plead for her son's detention, feeling grateful for the support from police. The son was released on ankle monitoring, but he quickly got into trouble again when the bracelet was removed.

Lisa's son was arrested again and ended up in the hospital with severe injuries from police dogs after a police chase. He was eventually sentenced and is currently serving his time in Cherry Creek near Geelong where he has been for 8 months. Lisa has been attending programs for loved ones of addicts and is hopeful for the future.

Lisa continues to advocate for her son and to try and change the community perception that this anti social behaviour springs from bad parenting because that is not always the case. She says she has met a lot of great mums who are doing what she is doing and trying to support their kids and get them off the drug and crime rollercoaster.

On March 14, Lisa's son will come home and she is hoping that 2 men running an organisation called "Not Today Derek" with lived experience of drugs and crime, will be able to help turn her son's life around. She feels positive about the future as finally her son has admitted that he never wants to go back inside and is looking forward to starting work in a business owned by a friend of the family and starting Boxing. Unfortunately, there is no drug rehab available for kids his age.

*We thank Lisa for her compelling story, resilience and determination to help her son and others going through similar journeys. Her son is very lucky to have such a great mum! We wish Lisa, her son and family all the very best in the next phase of their life together.*

## MUFFINS ROSTER

|             |                                           |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Muffins TBC | Kaye, Mary, Corinne, Heather & Bob        |
| Muffins TBC | Marg, Fiona, Pete & Sue, Glennys & Howard |



**FOOTHILLS**  
COMMUNITY CARE

**FCC are moving to a new premises in Upwey. Renovations are currently in progress and they are hoping for the works to be completed very soon. Dates and delivery details will be confirmed soon. Thank you for your patience.**

## PROGRAM

| Date                                             | Registration                                                             | Chair   | Setup and Production | Program                             |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| FEBRUARY- Peace Building and Conflict Resolution |                                                                          |         |                      |                                     |
| 10th February                                    | Robyn W                                                                  | Marg    | Kevin<br>Daryl       | Luke Vesey - CFO Finemore Transport |
| 17th February                                    | Corinne                                                                  | John P  | Ian<br>Alan          | Mark Jones - Sheldrick/KOCH         |
| 24th February                                    | ROTARY COMMUNITY CLUB VISITS - Please fill in your name on Google Sheets |         |                      |                                     |
| MARCH - Water, Sanitation and Hygiene            |                                                                          |         |                      |                                     |
| 3rd March                                        | John W                                                                   | Jenny   | Ian<br>Alan          | Days For Girls Project              |
| 10th March                                       | Kaye                                                                     | Alan    | Andy R<br>Kevin      | Mark Jones - Borneo Orangutan       |
| 17th March                                       | Glennys                                                                  | Heather | Kevin<br>Daryl       | Adriene - The Joy of Pottery        |
| 24th March                                       | Howard                                                                   | Bob     | Daryl<br>John W      | Matt Allen - Metro Trains           |

### UPCOMING CLUB DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**SUN 15th February**-International Chair Event - ZOOM

**WED 18th February** - Free Viewing of "Clue" at the 1812 Theatre - sign up at a meeting or call Kaye

**SUN 1st March** - Makers and Bakers Market - Rowville Community Centre

**SAT 7th March** - Bocce Club Open Day BBQ -Rowville Community Centre



## MAKERS and BAKERS MARKET



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

**SUNDAY**  
**MARCH 1ST**  
**9am—2pm**

If you didn't try any of the baked goods from the Baker's Stall at the market last weekend, make it your mission next time!!!

Mmmm, mmmm, mmmm.....so good!!! Corinne promises that you won't be disappointed!

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

## NO MEETING 24TH FEBRUARY - CLUB VISITS

Please note that there is no meeting on Tuesday 24th February. Instead President Bob has asked that members attend a meeting at another Club in our Rotary Community Group.

This is an opportunity to meet other Rotarians and see how other clubs operate, exchange ideas and network. It is hoped that members will be able to share their experiences at a later date.

It was suggested that members get together in small groups of 3-4 and maybe travel together to the meetings.

Heather has compiled a list of all the clubs with contact details so that you can contact the club to organise your visit. Please find the list on Google Sheets.

## ART SHOW 2026

# KNOX ART SHOW



Planning is underway for the 52<sup>nd</sup> Knox Art Show in November, with a committee meeting planned for Sunday February 8<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm on zoom.

**If you would like to be part of this committee, please contact Jenny for further information.**

The first task for our club is to decide which organisation we recommend as one of the three recipients of the profit from the 2026 Art Show. If you have a suggestion, bring your idea to the next Club meeting or contact Jenny.

## FOR YOUR ATTENTION

Due to a positive response from members, we will be running a BBQ for the Bocce Club Open Day on Saturday 7th March.

The BBQ will serve egg and bacon rolls early, followed by sausages until close and be the usual prices that we charge, with all monies raised coming back to the club.

This will take place at the Rowville Community Centre 8:30am– 2:00pm over 2 shifts. There are still a couple of spots available.

If you are able to assist, please fill out the roster included under Bunnings BBQs 2026 on Google Sheets.



A Theatre Night at the 1812 has been organised by Kaye on:

**WEDNESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY**  
**8PM**

Dinner at the Royal Hotel Upper Ferntree Gully prior to the play at 6pm for those wishing to have a meal.

Please add your name to the list at a meeting or call Kaye 0404059509 so she can add you

There is no cost for this performance.

## Member news Snippets.....



### MEMBER BIRTHDAYS FEBRUARY

20th - Anita

27th—Dr Shariff

- Veronica has been unwell but is glad to be home. She is doing very well and we wish her a speedy and full recovery.
- Kaye had surgery a couple of weeks ago to replace a finger joint. She is very happy with the way things are looking and is hoping that her 12 week recovery period passes quickly.

We send our best wishes to both of them.



Corinne was enjoying some quiet time chatting with her 3 year old granddaughter about all manner of things, when she suddenly asked a very serious question.....

“Nonna, why do you have stripes on your skin?” After a few seconds, Corinne realised that the stripes were wrinkles!!! Such an observant little pet.



### SHOUT OUT FROM MARG.....

She has had a conversation with Steve from Foothills Community Care. They are in need of volunteers to help with painting of their new premises behind the IGA Supermarket in Upwey.

If you are able to give some time, even an hour, on Friday, Saturday or Sunday, please head down and they will welcome you with open arms!

**The Annual Ride for Medical Research 2026**

**Rotary District 9815** | **2026 Ride for Medical Research**

**Search for the Centre of Victoria**

**Supporting Australian Rotary Health** | **Rotary Districts of Australia**

Last year we raised a further \$50,861.00 for Australian Rotary Health, bringing the total raised by both the old D9810 & D9820, now D9815, to an amazing \$2,476,285.00. The next "Ride For Medical Research" will take place in the week of March 22 - 27, 2026, marking 41 years of fundraising for medical research and health, this will be the second ride organised under the banner of D9815.

Registration for this popular fundraising event will open in November 2025, with strictly limited places, so get in early to secure your place. (Cost for riders is \$1,135.00, support crew/drivers \$950.00)

For early bird registration (opening in October), please pre-register your interest, in either riding or driving, by please send an email to Stephen Spiers: - [jshtcrest3154@outlook.com](mailto:jshtcrest3154@outlook.com)

Join us for the "Search for the Centre of Victoria" 2026, Woodend to Kyneton.

**APPROXIMATELY 578KM OVER 6 DAYS**

Day 1: Woodend > Harcourt - 71kms  
Day 2: Marong > Rheola > Inglewood > Lockwood - 103kms  
Day 3: Maldon > Maryborough > Dunsilly > Marong - 115kms  
Day 4: Lockwood > Castlemaine > Maldon > Newstead - 110kms  
Day 5: Marong > Tarnagulla > Bridgewater > Raywood - 115kms  
Day 6: Harcourt > Kyneton - 68kms  
(Distances subject to change due to road/traffic conditions.)

Marg and Ian are again joining the District 9815 Ride for Medical Research, "Search for the Centre of Victoria" 2026, Woodend to Kyneton. This year the ride is covering approximately 568 kms over 6 days in Central Victoria from 22-27 March. With the recent fires, this may not be as scenic a ride as it has been in the past.

There will be a link provided in the coming weeks if you would like to make a donation and sponsor Marg and Ian.

### Next BUNNINGS BBQ Fri 20th FEBRUARY

Please add your name to the roster if you are able to assist.



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

## INTERNATIONAL CHAIR Event

### ZOOM EVENT

**Sunday, Feb 15, 2026 at 10:00am**

**Sharing ideas, insights and a renewed sense of purpose in the area of International Service**

To attend, please register via the Zoom link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/SAQJ1v3WSoioNkYPVnNH9g#/registration>

Once registered, you'll receive your personalised Zoom access details.

If you're unable to attend on this occasion, we completely understand. In that case, please send a brief apology by email to the organiser at [international@rotary9815.org.au](mailto:international@rotary9815.org.au), so we can keep our records up to date.

**Please register or apologise by Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February.**

## ROWVILLE LYSTERFIELD COMMUNITY NEWS

The latest edition has been published and Jenny has written another fabulous article about our club's endeavours both locally and internationally. Follow the link and go to the Current Year Editions tab to see it on page 16.

<https://rlcnews.com.au/>

## CLUB VACANCIES

President Bob is looking for a member to fill the following 2 vacancies.

**YOUTH CHAIR** - as Max is busier than ever in his new role, he is unable to continue as Youth Chair. We thank Max for his work over the last few years in this area.

**TREASURER** - as we all know, Neil has been the Treasurer for many, many years and does an amazing job keeping our books in order. Neil will continue as Treasurer in the next Rotary year (2026/27) but will be stepping down in the following year. We are looking for someone who would be willing to be trained and mentored by Neil over the next 15 months before taking over the role in 2027/28. We thank Neil for his work in the past and for the next 15 months before passing the baton.

## DISTRICT 9815 CONFERENCE 13-15 MARCH, 2026



**FULL CONFERENCE including GALA DINNER - \$340 pp**  
**(Includes a green Polo Conference Shirt)**



If you have not booked as yet and have any questions, please get in touch with Heather, who will be happy to help.

Venues for the Club Dinner on the Friday night as well as breakfast on both mornings have been organised. Thanks to Jeff, who organised this on a recent holiday in Tasmania.

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

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the Knox Business Awards*



### Meeting timetable for the rest of the year:

|          |        |           |                       |
|----------|--------|-----------|-----------------------|
| January  | 29     | July      | 2, 16, 30             |
| February | 12, 26 | August    | 13, 27                |
| March    | 12, 26 | September | 10, 24                |
| April    | 9, 23  | October   | 8, 22                 |
| May      | 7, 21  | November  | 5, 19                 |
| June     | 4, 18  | December  | 3 Finish for the year |

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>Vice President</i>    | Murray Wilson | <i>Treasurer</i>                | Neil White     |
| <i>President Elect</i>   | Andy Round    | <i>Immediate Past President</i> | Jenny Moran    |
| <i>President Nominee</i> | Marg Vesey    |                                 |                |

## 2025-2026 COMMITTEE CHAIRS and OTHER ROLES

|                             |                         |                                        |                             |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Community Service Chair     | Marg Vesey              | Program Committee                      | Bob Morris<br>Rajeev Wadhwa |
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| International Service Chair | Alan Lunghusen          | Website                                | Andy Round                  |
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|                             |                         | Rowville Lysterfield                   | Jenny Moran                 |
|                             |                         | Community News                         |                             |
| Membership                  | Kevin Harrison          | Social Convenor                        | Kaye Sharman                |
| Club Protection Officer     | Bob Morris              | Muffin and Soup Roster                 | Kate Kidd                   |
| Makers and Bakers Market    | Bob Morris              | Art Show Chair                         | Jenny Moran                 |
| BBQ Coordinators            | Ian Vesey<br>Marg Vesey |                                        |                             |
| War Memorial Project Chair  | Daryl Moran             |                                        |                             |