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Rotary Rowville Lysterfield



NEWSLETTER 29, FEBRUARY 24, 2026

**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
Contact :

President Bob Morris
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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**



PRESIDENT'S REPORT- A Collage of Photos

Instead of writing a report on the first half of 2025-2026, President Bob has chosen to highlight some of the great moments captured in photos. As the old saying goes....a picture is worth a thousand words. A busy half year, with more to come in the next half.



Welcoming 3 new members

Tony,
Dr.Ratnakar and
Sharon pictured
with her
daughter, Lauren

51st Knox
Art Show



Fabulous Youth
Programs -
RYLA, Pri-
mary Schools
Speech
Competition,



Our very own
DGN in his
World Congress
hat



An amazing Guest Speaker list which covered a huge array of topics



Giving back to the community through many
initiatives and many more that have not been
mentioned

Donation of toys for Tamminya House from
Yellowstone Landscaping

MUFFINS ROSTER

26th February Muffins	Mary, Corinne, Pete & Sue, Glennys & Howard
12th March Muffins	Marg, Fiona, Heather & Bob, Anita & Rajeev
26th March Muffins	Mary, Corinne, Pete & Sue, Glennys & Howard
9th April Muffins	Marg, Fiona, Heather & Bob, Anita & Rajeev
23rd April Muffins	Mary, Corinne, Pete & Sue, Glennys & Howard



PROGRAM

Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and Production	Program
MARCH - Water, Sanitation and Hygiene				
3rd March	John W	Jenny	Ian Alan	Days For Girls Project
10th March	Kaye	John W	Andy R Kevin	Mark Jones - Borneo Orangutan
17th March	Glennys	Heather	Kevin Bob	Adriene - The Joy of Pottery
24th March	Howard	Alan	Andy John W	Matt Allen - Metro Trains
31st March	NO MEETING (5th Tuesday) - CLUB DINNER			
APRIL - Environment				
7th April	Sharon	Andy R	John W/Alan	Rajeev and Ratnakar - Global Grant information
14th April	Andy R	Bob	Alan/Ian	Sandra Sursock - Australian Rotary Health

UPCOMING CLUB DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

FRI 6th March - Bunnings BBQ - Scoresby

SAT 7th March - Bocce Club Open Day BBQ - Rowville Community Centre, 8am-2pm

MON 9th March - Picnic in the Park - Peregrine Reserve, Dandelion Drive, Rowville 11:30am

TUES 31st March - Club Dinner - Montania's Ferntree Gully

WED 27th May - Girls' Night Out - Mulgrave Country Club



MAKERS and BAKERS MARKET



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

**SUNDAY
MARCH 1ST
9am—2pm**

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/16QvHXSGDYayD5DYgg0mZkKUC-rNe3MLA/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=108019844417789794781&rtpof=true&sd=true>

PRE EASTER MARKET



PICNIC IN THE PARK— PEREGRINE RESERVE

Heather has organised an informal “Picnic in the Park” on Labour Day, 9th March for those who would like to join in. This was originally meant to be at Jell’s Park but it was not possible to book a spot. It is now proposed that we meet at Peregrine Reserve, Dandelion Drive, Rowville from 11:30am.



Heather and Bob will endeavour to go early and find a suitable area for the group.

**BYO EVERYTHING
FROM 11:30AM
MONDAY 9TH MARCH**

(Food, drinks, glasses, chairs, picnic rug etc etc)



GIRLS NIGHT OUT WED 27TH MAY MULGRAVE COUNTRY CLUB

Girls’ Night Out 2026 is booked for 27th May at the Mulgrave Country Club. We still need the men to come along and be waiters on the night to serve the ladies drinks at the tables and do other tasks such as selling raffle tickets.

In the past, the men have worn “Tuxedo T-Shirts”. If you would like to be a waiter on the night and require a T-shirt please contact Alan, who will order one for you. Please do this soon whilst there is still plenty of time.

The men will be able to order their meal on Trybooking at a reduced price.

We are also needing prizes for the night which can be used in raffles and/or silent auction. Any donations will be gratefully received. Next time you are out and about please think about asking for a voucher from the business you are visiting.....car service, restaurant, café, accommodation, hair dresser, bottle shop etc. Thank you for your support!

DAYS FOR GIRLS - WORKING BEE 3rd March

The meeting on March 3rd will have a different format. Jenny will give a brief outline about the work of Days for Girls, which was the recipient of her fundraising for the DG Partner's Project in 2020-2021.

After this introduction, there will be a working bee with some simple tasks to complete to assist with the preparation of hygiene kits that are distributed by Days for Girls. This will involve either tracing or cutting, so an easy task for all to be able to assist.



PLEASE BRING A PAIR OF SCISSORS TO THIS MEETING (per person).

BUNNINGS



NEXT BUNNINGS BBQ 6th MARCH

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

Last week's Bunnings BBQ realised a profit of **\$742.45**, another mighty effort!

A big thank you to Ian and Marg for their great organisation and the rest of the team for their work—Cheryl, Phil, Corinne, Jeff, Sharon. Special thanks to Phil who is a friend of Kevin's and has helped us before on several occasions! He is keen to continue being an "emergency" if needs be.

SCATTER MEETING - Morans visit to Cranbourne RC

In response to the expectation to visit another club this week, Jenny and Daryl attended a meeting of the Rotary Club of Cranbourne, which also gave Daryl the chance to speak briefly about the District Youth Programs.

The format of the meeting was more formal than our usual meetings, starting with a toast to Australia and incorporating things such as the Sergeant's session. A fine for those not wearing their Rotary pin netted quite a deal of money for the Foundation... perhaps something we could do from time to time!

The guest speaker Marcel, one of the members, recounted his life story in a very humorous manner. It was impressive to hear how his parents, coming to Australia in 1952 as migrants from the Netherlands, worked hard to build a life for their children. Marcel now runs a large construction company building cricket grounds, including doing a lot of work for Melbourne City Council.

The Cranbourne RC are very proud of a project completed in 2003 when they built a house which was auctioned and resulted in \$120,000 profit, to go to local causes. The members were all very welcoming and Jenny and Daryl enjoyed visiting this club.



Member News Snippets.....



MEMBER BIRTHDAYS FEBRUARY

20th - Anita

27th—Dr Shariff

ZOOM/AV TRAINING SESSION

A Zoom/AV Training Session will be held at 5:30pm prior to the meeting on Tuesday 3rd March.

Come along and learn or refresh your skills on how to set up for meetings and breakout rooms.

Alan isn't always on scene and we need more people to be able to handle this job.

ALL WELCOME – Cheat sheet provided



- Corinne and Les are heading off on a road trip to the Gold Coast. They are hoping for fair weather and a bit of relaxation time with a couple of sets of friends who live up there. They are also spending a week in Pt Macquarie on the way home. Could be their last trip in the green Commodore which has been a great touring car.

- Glennys and Howard are making the most of their retirement and enjoying beautiful New Zealand.

- Many thanks to Jenny for taking over the Newsletter whilst I am away



Great to hear that Alan has been discharged from hospital and is fighting fit.

He still needs to take it easy but we will look forward to seeing him at a meeting soon.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Ian got some practice in for the upcoming District Conference Bowls, hopefully leading to another victory for the club! Let's make it 3 in a row, Ian!!



Marg and Ian attended the Barefoot Bowls Night put on by Foothills Community Care in thanks and recognition of their many volunteers and supporters, without which Foothills wouldn't be possible.

The new Hub in Upwey opened on Monday and the FTG premises will continue providing meals on a Wednesday evening.

The RCRL received a special thank you for the ongoing support we have given to FCC over many years. Partnerships like this are what Rotary is all about - people coming together to strengthen our local community.

2026 Ride for Medical Research

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.

The Club has donated \$1100 to this very worthy cause, splitting the funds between Marg and Ian.

If you would like to make a personal donation and sponsor Marg and/or Ian please click on the link below:

[2026 Ride for Medical Research | Australian Rotary Health](https://rotary9815.org.au/page/district-conference-2026)

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

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

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 > Dunolly > 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)

DISTRICT 9815 CONFERENCE 13-15 MARCH, 2026



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

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

If you still haven't booked and would like to, bookings close on next FRIDAY 27th FEB

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*Proudly involved with
the Knox Business Awards*



Meeting timetable for the rest of the year:

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

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and expand your business
and also make a difference through **Rotary**

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