

UNITE FOR GOOD

Rotary

Rowville Lysterfield



NEWSLETTER 30, MARCH 03, 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

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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**



PRESENTATIONS of FUNDING

There was a lot of love in the room this week as we welcomed special guests to our meeting.

FAMILY CARE UGANDA

Our club is very familiar with the work of Robin Yamaguchi, who is now an Honorary Member of our club, at the school she has run in Uganda for around 20 years, Family Care Uganda (FCU). We have had the opportunity to support the school in a number of ways and once again we were able to make funds available, this time to concrete the floor of the area that is used extensively for meals and gatherings of all sorts. Ensuring this area will remain dry as the monsoon season approaches will make a significant difference to the versatile use of this room and the comfort of the school cohort. Robin was effusive in her thanks for the support provided by our club, which was initiated largely by Marg and Ian after they visited the school. She also expressed thanks to other Rotary Clubs such as Monbulk and Belgrave, who recently provided funds for furniture for the library, and thanked Kaye for making tickets available for 1812 Theatre Productions as a fundraiser. In addition, as FCU is now a RAWCS project thanks to a submission by Alan, tax deductible donations have been made from various parts of Australia. Recent donations have enabled Robin to pay the yearly school fees for all the students who have moved on to secondary schooling this year.

The academic results that are achieved by the students from FCU are remarkable. In addition, the students learn valuable life lessons such as resolving conflict, in an environment of love. It is easy to see these students as potential leaders in their community.

If you wish to make a donation, the RAWCS link is here, type in 'Uganda' for the country to find it.

[Supporting Education - RAWCS](#)



President Bob and Robin



VIV'S RE CARE

Further visitors to this week's meeting were Brian Crowley and Jane Collyer, the backbone of Vic's ReCare, which operates out of the church hall at St Simons in Rowville. This organisation provides a fortnightly meal and entertainment, at no cost to participants, for people living with dementia and for their carers.

Viv's ReCare was designated as the recipient of our share of the profit from the 2025 Knox Art Show. By virtue of a RAWCS grant, which was available under the benevolent relief arm of RAWCS, the profit was matched, making a total donation of \$9200, sufficient to fund the Viv's ReCare meals for one year. Brian and Jane were ecstatic at this support, which will provide the opportunity to expand their work further.

MUFFINS ROSTER

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				
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

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 - Churchill National Park Barbecue Area 11:30am

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

SAT 4th April— Wellington Village Easter Fair—Wellington Village. Our involvement to be confirmed.

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



MAKERS and BAKERS MARKET

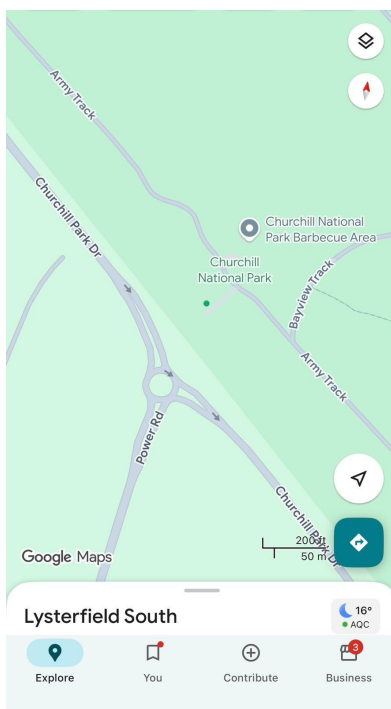


Makers and Bakers Market at the Rowville Community Centre, Fulham Road Rowville.

SUNDAY
MAY 3rd
9am—2pm

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

PICNIC IN THE PARK— Churchill National Park Barbecue Area



Heather has organised an informal “Picnic in the Park” on Labour Day, 9th March for those who would like to join in. This is now to be held at the Churchill National Park Barbecue Area, off Churchill Park Drive. See the Club WhatsApp for the map. 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)

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



As a further part of this week's meeting, time was spent producing polyurethane laminate shapes by tracing a template and cutting out, to be used in the production of shields to go in menstrual hygiene kits for Days for Girls. A notable aspect of the distribution of these menstrual hygiene kits is that there is an education module that is delivered, with flip charts and diagrams that explain what menstruation is about, as a means to remove the stigma and ignorance that exists in many countries. Access to menstrual hygiene products such as these kits improves health, access to education and ultimately economic security.

In the last financial year, Days for Girls Australia organised for 40,342 girls and women to receive DfG kits in 24 countries around the world. 17% of these kits were distributed in Australia.

Our club members were delighted to be able to make a small contribution to this process.

BUNNINGS



NEXT BUNNINGS BBQ 6th MARCH

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

Member News Snippets.....



MEMBER BIRTHDAYS MARCH

1st - John P

8th- Ian

DGN Murray passed on the fact to the Board that he often hears the name of our Club mentioned in a very positive way at other Rotary meetings. He feels very proud when he hears how well we are thought of.

A big pat on the back to all of our Club members for their role in achieving so much.

SOME HIGHLIGHTS from the MARCH BOARD MEETING

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

- * A thank you has been received from Foothills Community Care for the ongoing support with muffins, soups and the Reverse Advent Calendar Christmas hampers. Marg and Ian attended their volunteer thank you event, which was a bare-foot bowls night, where our Club was mentioned as a supporter.
- * Thank you to Andy for his work with social media advertising guest speakers.
- * Thanks to Kaye for organising the Theatre Night that raised \$1180 which will be used to buy a TV and security frame for Family Care Uganda.

YOUTH SERVICE REPORT

- * Welcome to Cheryl as the new Youth Chair.
- * The Park Ridge Earlyact Club is having a fundraiser for the Children's Hospital and we have been asked to support this by providing packets of teddy bear biscuits (plain ones). **Please bring along some biscuits to the next meeting.**
- * Cheryl is beginning the organisation of our Primary Schools speaking competition by approaching local schools to become involved. The District Final for this event is on Wednesday November 4th.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE REPORT

- * Planning for the Knox Business Awards is well underway.
- * As a means to involve other clubs in the Knox area, John W has presented to Knox and Bayswater Rotary Clubs and Andy has presented to Boronia Rotary Club. All these clubs showed interest in promoting the Awards in their community.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE REPORT

- * The Cambodia Project has been completed.
- * The student on Kiriwina who we have supported for her tertiary education, Rose, has travelled back to school for her graduation and will now seek a job in Port Moresby.

MARKET REPORT

- * March market had about 750 through the door and a great buzz in the room.
- * Profit of just under \$300. Will have a Mother's Day theme for the May market.

All club members are reminded that the minutes of each Board meeting are available for members to read on the google drive where all club documents are stored. If you need to be given access to this drive, please contact Alan.

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](#)

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: - jsthecrest3154@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



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

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*Proudly involved with
the Knox Business Awards*



Meeting timetable for the rest of the year:

March	12, 26	July	2, 16, 30
April	9, 23	August	13, 27
May	7, 21	September	10, 24
June	4, 18	October	8, 22
		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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