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Rotary Rowville Lysterfield



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**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**



Guest Speaker - Matthew Allen

This week's speaker was Matthew Allen from Metro Trains where he has worked for the past 9 years. Matthew began his journey as an Authorised Officer (Ticket Inspector) and now works in community education. Although he focussed on trains, he has a broad knowledge of the whole transport network.

The first step in planning a journey is to look at a timetable. Matthew suggested looking online or using the App as this gives you real time information, unlike a paper timetable, which you can still get at a manned station, if required.

When you look at the screen, you ideally want to see a green dot next to your train line which means the train is running. black is a suspended service. And red is a major delay and orange a minor one. The beauty of using this system is that it will give you all the necessary information – the expected delay time, whether replacement busses have been ordered, on a minor delay it will tell you the issue and the risk of a delay extension etc. Always a good idea to check before you travel.

There is an accessibility button which is for people who haven't travelled for a while, may be going to a new station or for someone that has accessibility issues. Click on your train line, and then on the station you want and it will give you information such as if the station is manned, whether there are toilets and if they are open, whether there is a big gap from the train to the platform. All of these things help you plan ahead.

All Myki cards are a full fare card, so if you are entitled to a concession, make sure you take the card to a manned station and ask them to put the concession on it. This way you will ensure that you receive the 50% concession to which you are entitled. If you receive an email that your card is about to expire and that you can extend it for another 2 years, take that to a manned station and they will do that for you. They can also transfer money on an old expired card to a new card.

If you need to top up your Myki, be aware that the machines will only give up to \$10 in change so you may end up putting more on your Myki than you intended. If you don't want to use a credit/debit card you can actually put a couple of coins in the machine and then travel to a manned station where you can ask customer service staff to put the credit on and they will give you the exact change. Make sure you wait for the receipt though. One cent of credit will ensure that you can tap on.

The safest place to stand at a station is in the safety zone marked on every platform. From here you can be seen by Metro staff. If you have an Emergency, push the red button. The emergency does not have to be a medical emergency, it can be anything that requires help e.g. leaving something on a train or dropping something on the tracks. Every carriage has 3 Emergency intercoms so you can talk to the driver. If you have fallen asleep on the train and don't know where you are, press the button and talk to the driver who can give you some assistance.

Metro staff are there to help you but often are abused as they are the first point of contact when something goes wrong. If you approach them for assistance, Matthew assured us that they would do everything in their power to help. Protective Service Officers man stations from 5pm until the last train and they will assist wherever needed. If you do not feel safe walking across the carpark to your car, ask a PSO to walk with you. (Continued p. 4.....)



Matthew with Alan and a
coveted Rotary mug

MUFFINS ROSTER

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
7th May Muffins	Marg, Fiona, Heather & Bob, Anita & Rajeev



PROGRAM

Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and Production	Program
MARCH - Water, Sanitation and Hygiene				
31st March	NO MEETING (5th Tuesday) - CLUB DINNER at MONTANIA			
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
21st April	Kate	Neil	Andy R Bob	Tim Vesey— Engineer and Project Development
28th April	Jeff	Marg	Andy R Ian	Dr. Daryl Moran - ‘War and Memory; One Australian Story’
MAY - Youth Service				
5th May	Jenny	Daryl	John W Alan	Mukarum Jamil—Voratix Global Youth Program

UPCOMING CLUB DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SUNDAY 29th March - BBQ at Seebeck Oval for the Rowville Junior Football Club

SUNDAY 29th March - Wellington Village Easter Fair

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

FRIDAY April 3rd - BBQ at Seebeck Oval for the Rowville Senior Football Club

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

Speak to President Bob if you can help at any of these events.



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>

Meeting with a difference

This week's meeting was somewhat different as we were inundated by 19 members of the Rotary Club of Emerald and District. They attended on their Social Night, the 4th Tuesday, and had lots of fun. There was a real buzz in the room and President Bob suggested that we would visit them at some stage.

President Peter Brock (not THE Peter Brock) and DGE Emma Clark spoke to us about the similarities between our two clubs and the energy we all bring to our various projects. RCRL is half the age of Emerald and District which is celebrating its 46th birthday on the 28th and has a similar member number. It was appropriate to sing Happy Birthday, although it might be recommended that some people do not enter "Rotary's Got Talent". (see below)



Both of the clubs have strong involvement with youth with Emerald having two Earlyact Clubs and an Interact Club. RL is currently looking at establishing another Earlyact Club and reestablishing an Interact Club at Rowville Secondary College.

Emma highlighted the fact that we have so many members involved at the district level too with Murray, Alan, Heather, and Daryl all very busy in their various roles and Jenny agreeing to take on a role with Foundation next year. Emma congratulated our club on the Art Show, Market and Kiriwina Island.

She is impressed that both Rowville-Lysterfield and Emerald have President Nominees in place. Emma loves that we do the club experience so well

and have solid leadership succession planning in place. Both clubs continue to grow rotary and by doing this, can achieve so much more out in the community.

Emma mentioned the cancellation of the cruise conference and the organising committee has already pivoted to Plan B and we should all receive details of that soon.

The meeting concluded with a game of Kahoot organised by Heather.



Many thanks to Peter, Emma and all the members who attended from the RC Emerald & District. We hope you enjoyed coming along to our club meeting!

"Rotary's Got Talent" a fundraiser for Monash Children's Hospital Cancer Centre Apheresis Therapy on Saturday 2nd May has been organised by Leanne Byron. For more details see the latest District 9815 Event Schedule.

CLUB NEWS

FACEBOOK TRAINING – Improve your skills

PE Andy Round has offered to teach Club members some skills that will enable them to prepare more focused and effective FB posts.. These will be 3 x 1 hr sessions at Tosaria's at 10 am on Mondays: April 13th, April 20th and April 27th. Please let Andy know if you will be attending and what level of experience you have with FB.

ALL WELCOME!

The St. Simon's BBQ on 23rd March only ran over a 4 hour period but resulted in a fantastic profit of **\$1002.81**. Many thanks go to Heather, Andy, Jeff, John P, Mary and the wonderful Patsy, who worked alongside the Rotarians like a Trojan! It was a great day which was very busy right from the start and not only sold sausages but did some great PR for the Club. The parents who normally would run the BBQ at the Twilight Sports were grateful to be able to watch and cheer on their children. Special thanks to President Bob who organised this one.

BUNNINGS

The last Bunnings BBQ on 20th March resulted in a healthy profit of **\$734.80**. Many thanks go to the team - Alan, Robyn, Andy, Kev, Cheryl, Deb and Marg and to Ian and Marg for their leadership and hard work in getting all the necessary supplies as well as setting up and packing up; a mammoth task, each and every BBQ.



NEXT BUNNINGS BBQ FRIDAY 17th APRIL

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1yZ2CCLKH5cvbJSV1ZpT46xjpsngO9Ir1BXYB6B5axe0/edit?usp=sharing>

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Matthew told us about a fabulous service called Travellers Aid which is free for people needing assistance. You can call them a day before you are due to travel so they can organise help. This may be a buggy to take you from point A to Point B, it may be meeting you at your train and assisting with luggage, loading it on the buggy and taking you to their office for a quiet waiting area before they take you to your regional train. The service is completely free. Both Flinders Street and Southern Cross are extremely busy stations and whilst you may be able to navigate your way to these stations, finding your way around and to the correct platform maybe quite difficult.

The other free service that both stations offer is a Companion Service. If you have an appointment at one of the hospitals, are going to the Tennis or have a Theatre ticket to use, they will provide someone to take you there. Sometimes there just isn't someone available within your personal network that can help out. This service requires 3 days notice.

Matthew also briefly spoke about the new Metro Tunnel and how the train drivers and staff are adjusting. Apparently, there have been a few drivers overshooting the platforms which then means the new platform doors don't align with the train doors, but this is a minor issue and easily fixed by reversing back. One of the best things in the new stations are the electronic signs above the platform doors which inform passengers of how many people there are in each carriage. This gives passengers an opportunity to walk to a different door on the platform where the number of people in the carriage is less.

If you haven't already taken a trip into the tunnel it might be something that you will enjoy doing and at the weekend travel is free for Concession Myki holders.

We thank Matthew for his very informative and entertaining talk. It is clear that you enjoy your job!

Member News Snippets.....



MEMBER BIRTHDAYS MARCH

1st - John P

8th— Ian



Moran's experience today dressing up in traditional Hanbok clothing. A bit different from yesterday where they dressed down when visiting a spa where no swimming costumes were allowed (segregated bathing)!!

GIRLS NIGHT OUT—BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

GIRLS Night Out

A NIGHT OF ENTERTAINMENT, RAFFLES, SILENT AUCTIONS & MORE

Get a group together

WHEN
Wednesday 27th of May 2026
@ 6:30 pm

COST
\$75 pp – Includes welcome drink & 2 course dinner
Drinks at bar prices

WHERE
MULGRAVE COUNTRY CLUB
469 Wellington Road
Wheeler's Hill

ENQUIRIES
Jenny Moran – 0404 893 870

BOOK ONLINE!
<https://www.trybooking.com/DJNKF>

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A reminder that our 'waiters' need to book also and, if a 'tuxedo' T-shirt is required, let Alan know so that he can order them in good time.

Good quality pre-read books will again be on sale as Mystery Books at the GNO.

Donations are needed but books need to be in "as new" condition. Please pass on to Jenny .

On March 31st there will be a Club dinner at Montania Café, Bar and Restaurant, Shop 52 Mountain Gate Shopping Centre, 1880 Ferntree Gully Road, Ferntree Gully.

Please let Kaye know if you will be attending.



INVITATIONS FROM OTHER CLUBS

RC MONASH GLEN WAVERLEY - Multicultural Inclusion Day, **SUNDAY 29th MARCH 10 AM**
Mulgrave Community Centre, 355 Wellington Rd, Mulgrave

RC SPRINGVALE CITY - Polio Fund Raising Night, **THURSDAY 23rd APRIL 6:30PM**

Saigon Rex Restaurant, Level 1/17 Balmoral Avenue, Springvale

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:

[Donate to Ride for Medical Research](#)

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.

(Quote from the Ride for Medical Research website)



Marg and Ian before the big ride began



ROTARY SOUTH PACIFIC ZONE 8 CONFERENCE, 2026



Another chance to hear some impactful speakers and learn more about Rotary is this conference.

Venue: Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre

Date: Friday 30th October—Sunday 1st November.

The host for this event is Rotarian Tony Monley OAM, well known to many as he is a member of D9815.

Link for further details: [Rotary South Pacific Zone 8 Conference](#)

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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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