

# UNITE FOR GOOD

## Rotary Rowville Lysterfield



NEWSLETTER 35, APRIL 7, 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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**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**



## Visit to the Rotary Club of Greater Dandenong and Endeavour Hills

The “Heatherton Room” at the Dandenong Club was all abuzz as Rotarians arrived for a joint meeting. Seven tables of 10 filled up quickly. It was an informal night centred around the great projects both clubs have been involved with and a good opportunity to socialise.

The only formalities involved the presentation of a PHF +1 to Kam for his outstanding fundraising efforts for many charities over the years totalling \$100,000 and most recently for Prostate Cancer Australia which he is now clear of after a Stage 4 diagnosis last year.



His wife Christine was also honoured with a Service Above Self Award for her dedicated and exceptional service to the community. Her generosity, compassion and unwavering commitment making a lasting impact in others' lives.

Anne was inducted into the Satellite Club (Impact Collective) having shown amazing resilience through personal challenges. Rather than stepping back, Anne has chosen to step forward and support others who face similar challenges and to make a difference in their lives. She reflects and lives the ideals of Rotary.



Howard from RCGDEH gave us an overview of a project in Sri Lanka which involves the installation of solar panels at a cost of \$17,000 at an orphanage up in the jungles of the highlands. The orphanage was donated by Peter Weerasekera in the 1950's and caters for 80-100 children. Often there are power blackouts that last days and these result in the spoilage of food for the children. Consequently, money has to be spent on replacing the food rather than education and living costs. The new solar panels will ensure food security.

Alan from RCRL talked about a project which involved providing a new motor and safety kit for a rescue boat in Kirawina, PNG, which has now saved 35 lives. The boat, used for both fishing and rescues was originally funded by Alan, Robyn and another Rotarian but ran into trouble when someone fuelled it incorrectly and blew up the motor. The RCGDEH helped us fund a replacement motor.

Alan also talked about our Family Care Uganda Projects which RCGDEH helped to fund. The school is a boarding school and was set up by a local Rowville lady, Robin Yamaguchi, for the daughters of Boy Soldiers who fought in the 20 year war.

Solar panels and a battery system were installed, providing lighting and power for computers, enabling extended study hours. A maize grinder costing \$1,900 was provided to the school and surrounding villages, reducing transportation costs. The RACHEL internet server, with 2TB storage, offers offline educational resources to staff and students. The next project involves the concreting of the main assembly/meeting space which is also used by the community.

David gave an update on the work of Disaster Aid Australia. This organisation is a project of the RCGDEH and was set up in 2010. It aims to provide safe water for every child and has provided 400 Sky Hydrants to over 140 locations. Brian told us a little bit about the installations in Bhutan and how they always attract a large crowd of locals wanting to see what the Aussies are doing. Part of the success of the project is the training up of locals to do installation and maintenance. Sustainability is important. Brian always makes sure he drinks the water to demonstrate that it is safe to drink. (Continued on p.6....)

## MUFFINS ROSTER

|                    |                                             |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 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  |
| 21st May Muffins   | Mary, Corinne, Pete & Sue, Glennys & Howard |



## PROGRAM

| Date                | Registration | Chair  | Setup and Production | Program                                                        |
|---------------------|--------------|--------|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| APRIL - Environment |              |        |                      |                                                                |
| 14th April          | Andy R       | Bob    | Alan/Ian             | Sandra Sursock - Australian Rotary Health                      |
| 21st April          | Kate         | Neil   | Andy R<br>Bob        | Tim Vesey— Engineer and Project Development                    |
| 28th April          | Jeff         | Marg   | Andy R<br>Ian        | Dr. Daryl Moran - 'War and Memory; One Australian Story'       |
| MAY - Youth Service |              |        |                      |                                                                |
| 5th May             | Jenny        | Daryl  | John W<br>Alan       | Mukarum Jamil—Voratrix Global Youth Program                    |
| 12th May            | Kaye         | Andy R | Alan<br>Ian          | How the CFA are using technology to impact the local community |
| 19th May            | Cheryl       | Andy R | Ian<br>Kevin         | Andy R - Planning 2026/2027                                    |
| 26th May            | Kevin        | Marg   | Kevin                | Elenor Fofa - Lillie and Nick                                  |

### UPCOMING CLUB DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**THUR April 9th - Grand Opening of the Foothills Community Hub** - 62-64 Main St Upwey 4-5:30pm

**SUN 3rd May - Makers and Bakers Market** - Rowville Community Centre

**TUES 12th May - Visit Cloudehill Garden and Nursery** - 89 Olinda-Monbulk Rd, Olinda 3:30pm - Talk by Jeff, a Bonsai expert, followed by a tour of the gardens

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

**SAT 11th Jul— Brunch at Tosaria with Guest Speaker** - Tosaria 10am



## 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>

## ROTARY DISTRICT 9815 Ride For Medical Research



**THANK YOU**



*"Tan and I would sincerely like to thank our Club and members for supporting us in the Ride for Medical Research 2026.*

*19 riders and 10 support people raised just short of \$35K, riding 526kms! Tremendous effort!*

*A big thank you also to Kevin for making the Corflute signs for Camp Chardie; Jenny for designing a postcard for all the participants and to Fiona for printing them.*

*Thank you all!"*

*Kind regards,*

*Marg*

## 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!**

## BUNNINGS

### NEXT BUNNINGS BBQ FRIDAY 17th APRIL



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

## Youth News - Kids Helping Kids



**Family Care  
Uganda**

Our EarlyAct Club at Park Ridge PS has recently made a donation of \$1300 through RAWCS to Family Care Uganda. It is hoped that the money will buy some much needed sports equipment and may even include a basketball ring. The club members have dedicated so much time to selling Zooper Doopers to other students during lunch times. A job well done!

Robin, from FCU has been overwhelmed by their generosity and hard work; and knows how much the children in Uganda will enjoy and benefit from the new equipment. She can't wait to get back there and tell everyone about this heartfelt generosity.



On Tuesday 12th May we have planned a visit to the Cloudehill Gardens and Nursery in Olinda at 3:30pm. We will be given a talk by Jeff, a Bonsai expert, and then a tour of the gardens. It is hoped that many members will be able to attend. The normal meeting will take place in the evening at Tosaria's but there will be some social time somewhere beforehand for those who would like to take part. Further details in the next few weeks.

 **CLOUDEHILL**

## INVITATIONS FROM OTHER CLUBS

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

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

**RC Greater Dandenong and Endeavour Hills IMPACT COLLECTIVE** - **Rotary's Got Talent Night, SATURDAY 2nd MAY 6:30pm** Lyndale Secondary College Theatre, Fundraiser for Monash Children's Hospital Cancer Centre, Halton Rd Dandenong

## Member News Snippets.....



### MEMBER BIRTHDAYS APRIL

2nd - James Wilson  
(Honourary Member)

11th - Heather

15th - Kaye

16th - Pradeep

- Jenny and Daryl had a wonderful time in South Korea and noticed just how clean everything was.....no rubbish (no rubbish bins either) and no graffiti!
- Cheryl and Kevin have headed to Japan. Here's hoping they get to witness the spectacular cherry blossoms somewhere on their travels
- If you have any news snippets you want to add to the newsletter, please let the editor know
- I hope you are enjoying the cooler nights and mornings and the start of the colour in the leaves



## GIRLS NIGHT OUT—BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

**GIRLS Night Out**

A NIGHT OF ENTERTAINMENT, RAFFLES, SILENT AUCTIONS & MORE

Get a group together >>>

<https://www.trybooking.com/DJNKF>

**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  
Whealers Hill

**ENQUIRIES**  
Jenny Moran - 0404 893 870

**BOOK ONLINE!**  
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ALL MONEY RAISED GOES TO JULIA ARGYROU ENDOMETRIOSIS CENTRE

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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.

There is a dedicated spot for the waiters to book their ticket on the Trybooking site, at a reduced amount which just covers the meal.

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 onto Jenny .

## Article continued from p.1.....

Lastly, Alan from RCGDEH Satellite Club IMPACT COLLECTIVE told us a little about the Melbourne Youth Chorale. Alan has had a close connection with the MYC for many years because of his daughter, who was born blind. He serves on the Board as Vice President and encourages Rotary clubs to support the growth of the Melbourne Youth Chorale and its inclusive music education programs which support 150 kids in 6 choirs. The story highlights the importance of providing opportunities for musical education to all children, regardless of their background or circumstances.... "because every child deserves the gift of music". (MYC Handout)

*This visit provided us all with an opportunity to enjoy the company of other Rotarians and to see and hear about the important work that is and has been done over many years. We thank the Rotary Club of Greater Dandenong and Endeavour Hills for their invitation and hope that we can continue to UNITE FOR GOOD and work collaboratively well into the future.*



## ROTARY SOUTH PACIFIC ZONE 8 CONFERENCE, 2026



[Rotary South Pacific Zone 8 Conference](#)

**OCTOBER 30 - NOVEMBER 1, 2026**

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### 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 also make a difference through **Rotary**

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## 2025-2026 BOARD MEMBERS

|                          |               |                                 |                |
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| <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 |
| Youth Service Chair         | Cheryl Harrison         | Facebook                               |                             |
| International Service Chair | Alan Lunghusen          | Website                                | Andy Round                  |
| Environment Chair           | Gary Forrest            | Newsletter                             | Corinne Baillie             |
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| Foundation                  | Neil White              | On-to-Conference                       | Heather Morris              |
|                             |                         | 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             |                                        |                             |