

**Rotary meets
weekly at
Tosaria's Café
60 Henderson Rd
Rowville**

Tuesday 6.30 pm to
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

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**Home Club of
DGN Murray Wilson
PDG Daryl Moran**



This week - Tim Vesey—'Energy Developments'

In a very interesting presentation Tim Vesey, engineer and Project Manager for two businesses, outlined the current situation with regard to energy transition to renewable sources of power generation. He also highlighted the challenges faced for future energy provision.

Since 2010, use of renewable energy sources has grown from 10% to about 40% of usage, with Australia leading the way with rooftop solar, as 1 in 3 homes now have solar. The power sector greenhouse gas emissions in Victoria have fallen by 21%, largely due to the retirement of Hazelwood Power Station. To meet the legislated goal of 95% renewable by 2035, when all Victorian power stations are scheduled to be retired, wind and solar capacity must increase sevenfold! There is also the need for rapid expansion of ways to manage the variability of wind and solar (termed 'firming') with battery storage, gas fired power and pumped hydro.

A significant aspect of the energy transition is the increasing demand placed on the grid by the growth in Datacentres for AI and cloud services. Current data centre use is about 1% of national energy use but is expected to grow to around 11% by 2035. The amount of extra energy needed is nearly as much as the annual consumption of all four of Australia's aluminium smelters combined. The adoption of EVs with home electrification will also contribute to an overall increase in electricity use in Victoria of around 50% by 2036.

Tim's role with MVC Services is to work with the energy industry to identify locations for energy development and then provide support in securing the land and approvals for the project. For wind farms, data gathering relating to topography and monitoring wind behaviour takes a long time - the whole process, from site location to commissioning, takes 8 years.

Given the challenge of meeting energy needs now and in the future, Tim feels the timeline set for retiring the coal-fired power stations cannot be met. He is certain that legislation will have to change to ensure that Loy Yang continues to operate well into the future. He also feels that nuclear should be examined as an option and not become politicized. With regard to home energy solutions, he recommended installing solar panels, if there is sufficient roof space, but to be conscious of what size is needed for the family energy needs. Regarding installing a home battery, Tim pointed out that some EVs can be used as a source of power for the home, just like a battery, and this could be explored as an option.



Chair Neil with speaker Tim Vesey

It was interesting to note the costs to consumers: in early 2025 wholesale prices for renewable power averaged \$59/MWh, compared to \$115/MWh for coal and gas. The provision of poles and wires is 40% of the cost.

Cost to the Consumer

Technology Type	LCOE
Solar PV (Large Scale)	\$52
Onshore Wind	\$78
Coal (Black)	\$120
Gas (OCGT)	\$200
Nuclear	\$300

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MUFFINS ROSTER

23rd April Muffins	Mary, Pete & Sue, Glennys & Howard
7th May Muffins	Marg, Fiona, Heather & Bob, Anita & Rajeev
21st May Muffins	Mary, Corinne, Pete & Sue, Glennys & Howard
4th June Muffins	Marg, Fiona, Heather & Bob, Anita & Rajeev



PROGRAM

Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and Production	Program
APRIL - Environment				
28th April	Jeff	Marg	Andy R Bob	Dr. Daryl Moran - 'War and Memory; One Australian Story'
MAY - Youth Service				
5th May	Jenny	Daryl	John W Alan	Mukarum Jamil—Voratrix Global Youth Program
12th May	Kaye	Andy R	Alan Ian	How the CFA are using technology to impact the local community
19th May	Cheryl	Andy R	Ian Kevin	Andy R - Planning 2026/2027
26th May	Kevin	Marg	Kevin John W	Elenor Fofa - Lillie and Nick

UPCOMING CLUB DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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



WORLD IMMUNIZATION WEEK
24-30 APRIL



So far this year, 3 new cases of wild polio in Afghanistan and 1 in Pakistan.

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>

Heaps of new stalls coming to the next market including : fresh fruit and veg, Grumpy Gary Sauces, a maker of sauce bases, an olive oil seller. Some favourites outside are coming back: the egg man, the berry lady and the donut man. Promises to be another great market!

Induction of new members



A very pleasing event this week, inducting two new members.: Adrian Koepler (l) and Norman Oke (r).

Norman has joined the Sponsor Club and Adrian the Satellite Club.

Norman comes with previous experience as a Rotarian in Gujarat, India.

We look forward to getting to know our new members and encouraging their engagement with our activities.



Welcome Adrian and Norman!



Bunnings BBQs

Well done to the team for the last BBQ on Friday 17th—profit of just under \$1000. Thank you to Howard, Alan, Deb, Mary, John, Jenny and Sharon (emergency). Congratulations to the BBQ Captains, Ian and Marg.

NEXT BBQ—Friday May 1 See the link below for all the upcoming rosters.

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Redistricting of South Pacific Zone (Zone 8)

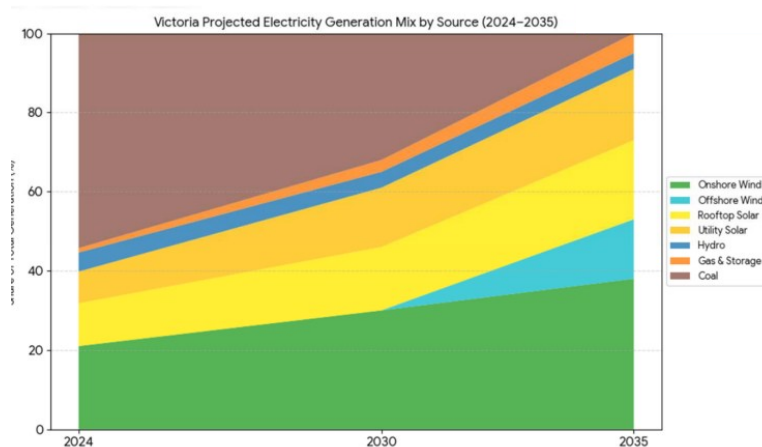
District Governor Nominee Murray Wilson gave the club an update on the process of redistricting the South Pacific Zone (that is Australia, NZ, Timor Leste, PNG and the Pacific Islands). This process is necessary as Rotary International considers Districts are only viable if they have over 1100 members. The formation of D9815 from the former districts 9810 and 9820 has resulted in a district with 76 clubs and 1877 members. Currently the number of members in the District is up by 17 from the start of the Rotary year. However, there are 6 districts in Zone 8 that are below 1100 members, plus two that are close to the cut-off. In addition, in planning for the future the aim has been to minimize the costs of administration by reducing the number of Districts in a zone. The proposal is to go from 19 districts to 10, with around 2700 members in each district. A committee was formed, consisting of a mix of DG, DGE and DGN Rotarians from across the Zone, including Murray, plus the Zone 8 RI Director Jennifer Scott and Andrew Best from the RISSPO Office in Norwest. This committee has worked hard to come up with a proposal, as the parameters for the new districts favoured by RI did not reflect the geographical reality of Australia.

As a result, the proposal is that on July 1 2028, D9815 will merge with the Tasmanian district, which has 41 clubs, plus gain a number of clubs from D9800 and D9879, giving a total of 129 clubs and 3,060 members. The new district number will be D9825.

A further change will be the institution of 3 new positions, Deputy District Governors, with a remit to work to support clubs in either the regional area, metropolitan area or in Tasmania. This is seen as an opportunity for younger Rotarians to gain some experience in the DG role, with perhaps a willingness to step up to be DG for the whole district. Murray stressed that how districts are formed has little impact on individual clubs, except for giving the opportunity for a wider network of Rotarians to interact with, such as at a District Conference. He also stressed that the role of DG is to support clubs in their work and that is their absolute focus.

We congratulate Murray on the work he has been doing on this committee as it is a challenging task to negotiate the expectations of such a large group of stakeholders.

Tim Vesey—'Energy Developments' (contd)



This graphic demonstrates that replacing the contribution of coal-fired energy production is very challenging in the time-frame that has been proposed.

The interest of members in this topic was illustrated by the number of questions that were asked. We are all somewhat wiser about wind turbines now and know that if the blades are facing the opposite way to the wind, there is likely to be a technician at work in the nacelle.

Warm thanks to Tim for taking the time to share these insight from his experience and knowledge. It was also lovely to meet young Ollie and Millie as well.

Visit to Cloude Hill Gardens

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.

Member News Snippets.....

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS APRIL

2nd - James Wilson

(Honorary Member)

11th - Heather

15th - Kaye

16th - Pradeep



- The FB training being run by Andy has been very useful, with lots of tools being explored to make it more efficient when making a FB post. If you are interested in joining next week, click on with the usual zoom link at 10 am on Monday morning (27th)
- Bob and Heather had a wonderful week in Sydney, with an amazing birthday celebration for grand-daughter Everlie. Daughter Lauryn is truly creative.
- Jeff and Veronica will be pleased that the weather is not as wintry as it was, now they are home from a lovely, sunny stay in Kirra Beach.
- Such gorgeous autumn weather for Kaye, Corinne and Les to be enjoying their trip to Bright.



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
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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 .

As the GNO gets closer, we are putting a lot of energy into sourcing prizes for raffles and the silent auction. We ask members to check their cupboards for any "gifts" that may have ended up there after Christmas and may be suitable for GNO. Even something small is good as we will be making up hampers with smaller items that go together. We will be making up Gourmet Hampers too, so items such as nuts, specialty chutneys, jams, sauces, chocolates, crackers etc will be gratefully received.

A bit of fun.....

Rotary 

'Rotary's Got Talent'

We invite you to
join us for a night of fun and
entertainment at our
**Fundraising event for
Monash Children's Hospital
Cancer Centre
Apheresis Therapy**

DATE: Saturday 2nd May, 2026
TIME: 6:30pm arrival for 7pm start
Lyndale Secondary College Theatre
Halton Road, Dandenong



Scan me for details
& tickets



Master of Ceremonies
the amazing Jonathan Usher


Special Olympics
Australia
Melbourne Eastern Ranges

Trivia Night

2026 National Games Fundraising

SATURDAY, 27 JUNE
6:30 PM

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR TICKETS
1 Ticket = \$20
10 Tickets = \$150



TEAM UP FOR THE ULTIMATE TRIVIA TEST
No BYO Alcohol | Club Bar Open | BYO Snacks
Knox Italian Community Club
99 Karoo Rd, Rowville 3178

Two very different Social events to mark in your calendar. 'Rotary's Got Talent' is looking like a great night's entertainment with the MC being Jonathan Usher and, no doubt, some fabulous acts. At \$25 per adult ticket it is a very cheap night's entertainment whilst supporting a very worthwhile cause.

The Special Olympics Australia Melbourne Eastern Ranges Trivia Night will be a lot of fun and raising funds for the 2026 National Games. President Bob and Heather will be going and it would be great to make up a table with other club members. If you would like to go, let Bob know.

DISTRICT 9815 CONFERENCE 2027—Save the date.....



Rotary 
District 9815

DISTRICT 9815 CONFERENCE 2027
A fun and inspiring weekend in the Hunter Valley

LOCATION	DATES
Rydges Hunter Valley Resort NSW	12-14 March 2027

Enjoy the surrounding Hunter Valley, connect with friends, and be part of a memorable Conference filled with fun, inspiration and great company.

**SAVE THE DATE and come ready to take up the
Challenge to Change.**

WHAT TO LOOK FORWARD TO

Inspiring speakers Fresh ideas, stories and conversations to energise your Rotary journey.	Fun conference atmosphere A welcoming weekend with friendship, laughter and memorable moments.
Beautiful surrounds Take time to enjoy the Hunter Valley and all the region has to offer.	Food, fellowship & fun Great dining, connection and plenty of time to relax and celebrate.

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**DISTRICT 9815
CONFERENCE 2027
OFFICIAL LAUNCH JULY 10TH
SAVE THE DATE
RYDGES HUNTER VALLEY
RESORT N.S.W.**

Put your thinking hats on as to how we may
get there....perhaps a convoy of cars?

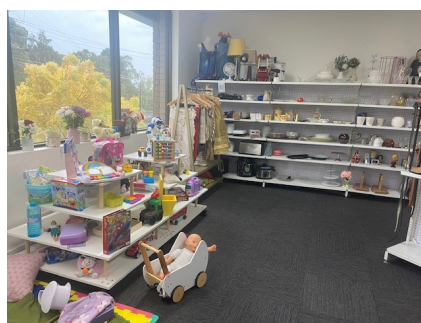
Theme for the Gala Dinner is
"Showtime"....plenty of scope in that one.

12-14 MARCH, 2027

COMMUNITY NEWS - Opening of FCC Hub, Upwey

A large crowd of dignitaries and supporters of Foothills Community Care, gathered for the opening of the Hub in Upwey on the 9th April. In attendance were Members of Parliament from both Federal and State level as well as local government councillors. Speeches were made to acknowledge the great facility that offers a home like environment to all who visit, and to thank the 110 organizations that have supported FCC in their development and ongoing work.

The multiple services that are offered by Foothills Community Care were highlighted, with great pride at the incredible number of meals provided to those in need. There was a tremendous atmosphere amongst the crowd and admiration for Stephen Barrington for his vision and leadership in developing such a remarkable service with the support of a large number of volunteers drawn from community organisations like Rotary and individuals to make it the success it is today.



Part of the Op Shop area that has been developed at the new Hub.

THANK YOU....Yellowstone Resources Group



Taylor Lord pictured with Corinne and a very large bag and boot full of goodies

Our thanks go to Yellowstone Resources Group (formerly Yellowstone Landscaping) for their extremely generous donation of items for our upcoming Girls' Night Out. Their generosity is very much appreciated, as it has been on past occasions as well.....



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Meeting timetable for the rest of the year:

		July	2, 16, 30
		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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