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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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President Bob Morris

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'War and Memory—One Australian Story' Daryl Moran

Australian Military history has always held a great interest for Daryl, in particular, stories of individuals and their experience in wartime. As an amateur family historian he has researched and written unpublished accounts about his father's wartime experiences in the RAAF in World War II as well as other family members who served in World War I on the Western Front as members of the 37th Battalion. Daryl is a published author with 4 books to his credit.



This year marked the 110th anniversary of the first Anzac Day Service in 1915. In 2026, we live lovely comfortable lives, but if we can step back more than 100 years we can begin to understand why Gallipoli and Anzac form such an important part of the Australian psyche and how devastating it was for our country to lose 8700 Australians over the 8 months of the campaign.

Anzac Day is a sombre one, and originally designed as a funeral service without a body as the families had nowhere to go. Today, there are 3 things we do: remember all 102,000 Australian lives lost; remember and give thanks for their sacrifice; remember to move forward with life and protect the freedoms for which they died and to teach the next generations of these important points.

Daryl's presentation focussed on his first book "Empire's Noble Son," which was published in 2019 and tells the story of Walter Horace Carlyle Buntine (Lyle) who was educated at Caulfield Grammar School. Co-incidentally, Daryl worked there for many years and during his time there had access to over 250 letters that Lyle wrote to his family and these formed the basis of his research into Lyle's war experiences. Sadly, he was one of 60,000 Australians who lost their lives in WWI with 20,000 who were never found.

School life in the early 20th century was very different from today. Pre WWI schools taught God, King, Empire and Country. There were a only small number of secondary schools as most students left school at 14 years. Muscular Christianity permeated society and provided a robust way of living. It was a very militaristic society with compulsory conscription introduced in 1913 for all boys aged 12 to 18 to serve in School Cadets. This was a way to ensure knowledge of guns and their use.

Athleticism and, Australian Rules Football in particular, was seen as a valuable preparation for the army and sport was used in recruitment posters. Lyle's own father, who was Principal of CGS, wrote in his school report of 1918 that "*Football has been of great value in developing the character of the Australian soldier.*"

In his 3rd year studying Medicine at Melbourne University, Lyle sailed to England and joined the

British Army Medical Corps and from there followed his dream of flying with the Royal Flying Corps which is now the Royal Air Force, the oldest air force in the world. He flew a plane similar to the one illustrated on the left. A two seater with the engine directly behind the pilot and an observer at the front who could photograph the land below, drop hand bombs or defend the plane with a machine gun mounted at the front and rear of his seat. No parachute if things became difficult.

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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**



MUFFINS ROSTER

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
MAY - Youth Service				
5th May	Jenny	Daryl	John W Alan	Mukarum Jamil—Voratrix Global Youth Program
12th May	Kaye	Andy R	Alan Kevin	How the CFA are using technology to impact the local community
19th May	Cheryl	Andy R	Kevin John W	Andy R - Planning 2026/2027
26th May	Kevin	Marg	Andy John W	Elenor - Feed One Feed All - Lillie and Nick
JUNE - Fellowship				
2nd June	Ian	John P	John W Bob	Michael Johnson - The World of Bees
9th June	Robyn W	Jenny	Cheryl Alan	Sue Dymond - Market with a Difference

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 3:00pm -
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 Louise Perryman from Knox Police - Tosaria 10am



AVENUES OF SERVICE AWARD



Murray, District Governor Nominee, presented Andy with an Avenues of Service Award for Club Service.

The award honours not only the recipient's achievements but also serves as a motivation for others.

Andy, with less than 2 years as a member, has made significant contributions to the club. These include revamping and maintaining the club's website, setting up social media platforms, taking photos for publication on the website, newsletter and social media. Andy is also a member of the KNOX Business Awards Committee and has rewritten criteria and application forms and established a club database. He has recently also been running training sessions for members to assist them in the writing of FaceBook posts. Andy is also our President Elect for the 2026/2027 Rotary year.

He is a worthy recipient of this prestigious award. Congratulations, Andy!



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

SUNDAY
MAY 3rd
9am—2pm

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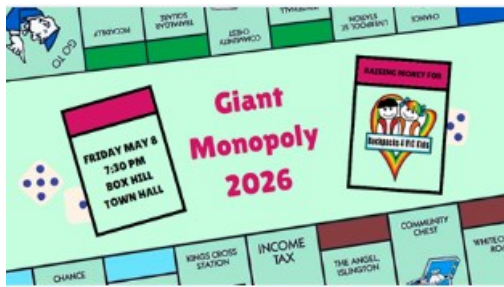
Heaps of new stalls coming to the next market including : fresh fruit and veg, Grumpy Gary Sauces, a maker of sauce bases, an olive oil seller. Some favourites outside are coming back: the egg man, the berry lady and the donut man. Promises to be another great market!

Bunnings BBQs

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

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/17MgWI6b0-pgyBCOxnsxee5WVuqVP-IpCgW9HpQbmfdI/edit?gid=1103626758#gid=1103626758>

Whitehorse Rotaract Giant Monopoly Night 2026



The famous *Giant Monopoly Night* is back, and you're invited to take your place on the board! Giant Monopoly is a night of wheeling, dealing, and going directly to jail (without passing Go OR paying \$200).

This year Whitehorse Rotaract is proudly raising money for Backpacks 4 VIC Kids!

Booking link <https://events.humanitix.com/giant-monopoly-2026>

◆ Date: Friday 8th May

- ◆ Doors open: 7:15 PM | Game starts: 7:30 PM
- ◆ Location: Box Hill Lower Town Hall (1022 Whitehorse Rd, Box Hill VIC 3128)
- ◆ Tickets: \$20-\$25
- ◆ BYO snacks, food & drinks

Anything is possible at our giant, life-sized game of monopoly, so join us this May and roll the dice to help support Backpacks 4 Vic Kids!

SPEAKER CONT'D FROM p.1.....

In fact, Lyle was awarded a Military Cross for bravery when he saved the life of an observer by reaching out and grabbing his clothing as he was falling from the plane and pulling him into the seat and all this after being shot in his upper arm. He fought in the Battle of the Somme where 20,000 were killed on the first day and 60,000 became casualties and the allies only advanced 8 kms in 5 months.

After surviving all this he returned home and was diagnosed with PTSD and banned from flying but returned to Scotland where he trained others in aerial machine gunnery. He went up in a plane with a student pilot who crashed the plane into the ground and both were killed.

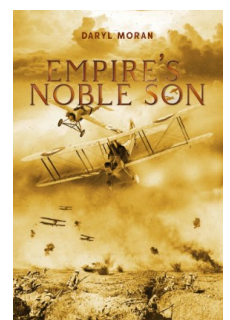
Sadly, his parents received a brief telegram informing them of his death and waited 6 weeks for a letter with more information. Like so many other grieving families, his parents kept all his letters, photos, newspaper articles, medals and other mementos, including the bullet that wounded him and part of the propellor from the plane. His body never came home and he was buried in the little town of Girvan where his parents paid for a headstone. Daryl and Jenny were privileged to visit the grave when they travelled to Scotland last year.

For so many grieving Australian families having something that belonged to their loved one was a way of keeping them alive. Some made shrines or left the bedroom of the loved one exactly as it was when they went to war. Others, often mothers and wives, went to Europe and Turkey searching for missing loved ones in the hope that they would still be alive.

Nearly every Australian family at that time was touched by the war. 60,000 died in the war and a further 60,000 died in the three years post war due to suicide, alcoholism and domestic violence. The highest rates in our country's history.

We thank Daryl for an interesting and insightful presentation and for sharing his passion for military history with us.

Lest we forget.....



Visit to Cloudehill Gardens

On Tuesday 12th May we have planned a visit to the Cloudehill Gardens and Nursery in Olinda at 3:00pm. 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 to come.

 **CLOUDEHILL**

Member News Snippets.....

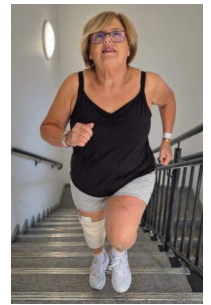
MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

MAY
18th - Gary



- We wish Janine all the best in her recovery after a knee replacement late last week. She is now in Rehab and hopes to be home in a week. It might be a while before she can run up the stairs but AI gives us hope that it won't be long.

Wishing you a very speedy recovery, Janine!



- And who was this driver sitting in his car, a 1959 Austin Healey Sprite Mark 1 outside Tosaria's? Hoping to be incognito? I think not!



KNOX BUSINESS AWARDS - Nominations and referrals open on Friday, 1st May4

GIRLS NIGHT OUT—BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

GIRLS Night Out

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!
<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1538165>

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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.

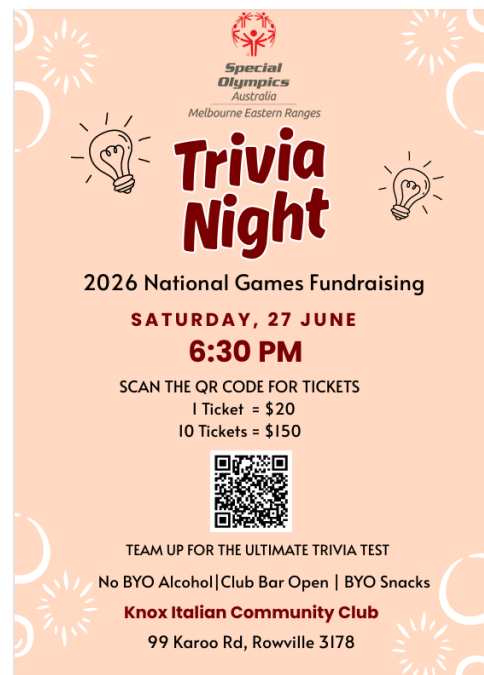
Donations are needed but books need to be in "as new" condition. Please pass onto Jenny .

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, jars of olives, 3 4 crackers etc will be gratefully received.

We are also looking for baskets or boxes that would make suitable containers for our hampers.

Hampers will be put together at a working bee at Morris' on 14 May from 5pm.

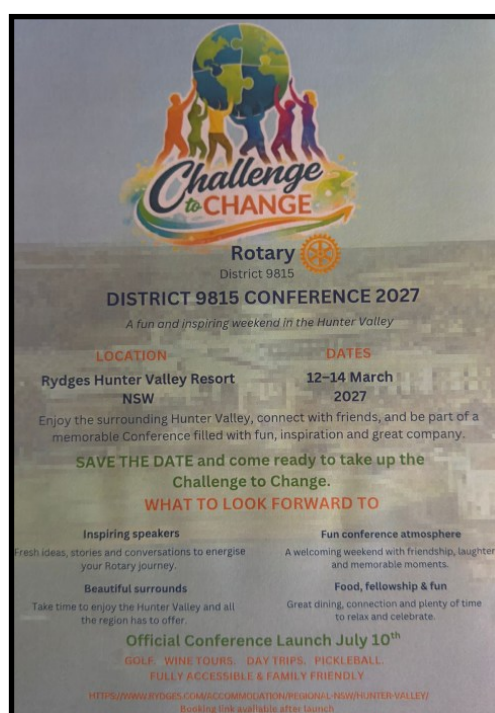
A bit of fun.....



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.....



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

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Meeting timetable for the rest of the year:

		July	2, 16, 30
		August	13, 27
		September	10, 24
		October	8, 22
May	7, 21	November	5, 19
June	4, 18	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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