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Rotary
Rowville Lysterfield



NEWSLETTER 39, MAY 5, 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**



This week's speaker - Mukarram Jameel - Voratix

Our speaker tonight was a very impressive young man, known as MJ, who has a passion for public speaking and debating. MJ began public speaking in primary school in Sri Lanka and has built his skills to the point where he is now a private public speaker tutor and a debating coach at Haileybury College. He is also one of Australia's youngest TEDx organisers. All this is in addition to studying a science degree at Monash University.

MJ feels that the skills of public speaking are very important as life skills: no matter what career path is chosen, being able to communicate ideas to others is a critical part of being successful. Hence MJ has started the organisation Voratix Academy. This organisation provides free workshops, in schools, libraries, youth centres and community halls, presented by volunteer presenters.

The workshops are two hours in length, are student-led and focus on building confidence. The presenters are all young people, with no one over the age of 22. The workshops cover the fundamentals of public speaking, structuring a speech and aspects such as clarity and voice modulation. The sessions are designed to be very interactive, inclusive, structured and have measurable outcomes.

The Voratix program is built on psychological principles of confidence involving gradual exposure, building a safe environment among peers and providing positive reinforcement. The focus is on 'clarity over perfection and confidence over polish'. MJ illustrated some of the activities that are used to build confidence, and we could see that it would be a lot of fun. Workshops to date have been run in Western Australia, Victoria and in Sri Lanka and MJ has sent out a lot of emails to schools and organisations such as Rotary to gain a platform to introduce Voratix to the community.

MJ shared with us some glowing feedback from schools where the workshops have run.

"This is a great volunteer-led initiative that you are doing – and you're helping to spread public speaking and communication skills which are essential" - Darren Tay, World Public Speaking Champion 2016

MJ outlined how the plan for Voratix is to eventually have three arms: Voratix Academy is the free workshops on public speaking, Voratix Stage will involve events and performances. This aspect is in the very early stages of development. Ultimately there will be a third arm, Voratix Arena.

MJ is looking for the support of the community with introductions to schools to run his program or financial sponsorship as he is meeting costs at the moment from his own pocket.

In conversation with MJ we also learned that he was a member of Interact at his school in Sri Lanka (he came to Australia in Year 9) and he was in a winning MUNA team during his schooling, so he is very aware of the Youth Programs offered by Rotary.

MJ's enthusiasm, energy and skilful delivery were all inspiring and we thank him for sharing this presentation with us.



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
18th June Muffins	Mary, Corinne, Pete & Sue, Glennys & Howard



PROGRAM

Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and Production	Program
MAY - Youth Service				
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
16th June	Glennys	Cheryl	Alan Kevin	Earlyact Club Parkridge PS—update

UPCOMING CLUB DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

FRI 15th May - Knox Volunteers Expo, Knox Council Civic Centre, 1-5pm

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



END TRACHOMA

Last week Murray proudly announced that Australia has become the 30th country in the world to eliminate Trachoma, an infectious disease which can lead to blindness.

Whilst Trachoma had been eradicated in cities, it had persisted in remote and rural communities through close contact with an infected person or spread by certain flies. The End Trachoma Campaign was an initiative of our own district's former Rotary International President Ian Riseley back in 2017/2018 when his theme was "Rotary: Making a Difference."



In 2025, under Jenny's leadership, our club was involved in the sourcing, collecting, purchasing and packing of items into 120 hygiene packs for the remote Northern Territory community of Nganmariyanga. Postage and delivery of the packs was organised and the value of the project was \$3000.

It is great to see the fruits of our labours making a difference in real terms.



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

SUNDAY
7th June
9am—2pm

Latest Market News

Originally we budgeted to run at a loss but after 6 months of operation we find ourselves \$2105 in the black. The Board has decided to continue with the Market for another 6 months to see if we can build our numbers coming through and our profit. It has been decided that the BBQ Marquee be retired and that we set up in the kitchen to continue providing Bacon and Egg Rolls and then Hot Dogs, which will be much easier to manage. Members with certification will still be required due to the bacon and egg rolls. Bob reminded everyone that getting the certification is not difficult and that he would love to see a few more members doing the safe food handling unit online. To do the assessment click on the link.

[DoFoodSafely](#)

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

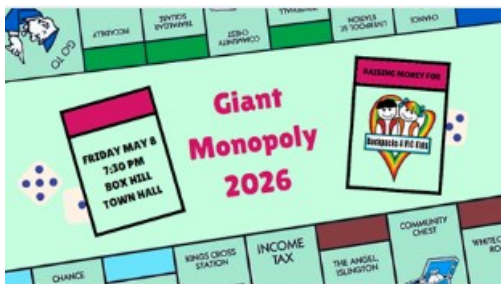
Bunnings BBQs

Last Friday's BBQ made a profit of \$780.50 despite a pretty slow morning shift. Many thanks to Ian and Marg for their great organisation and to all the team on the day - Howard, Glennys, Corinne, Jeff, Kaye, Marg and a shout out to Ian who relieved Glennys early so that she could get away for a lunch date and stayed for the afternoon shift.

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

*** Please note that the extra BBQs on the 1st Friday will not continue

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

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY SATURDAY 23rd MAY

Please see below all the sessions being covered this year by District Assembly. This should be an engaging day of online learning designed for every Rotarian and Rotaractor whether new to Rotary or a longstanding member looking to develop your impact.

The program has been designed so that you can register for one or all sessions. Each session is 45 mins in duration and is led by a District specialist. Our own Daryl Moran is leading the Youth Programs session at 1:00pm.

9.00am – 9.45am | Marketing & Communication (PDG Shia Smart)

Discover how to tell your club's story with impact, strengthen your brand, and attract attention in a crowded digital world.

Register: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tjT-RvxqSqKLwFOs8s1P5Q>

10.00am – 10.45am | Foundation (PDG & DFC Alma Reynolds)

The Role of the Foundation Chair: Unpack how The Rotary Foundation transforms contributions into life-changing projects - and how your club can maximise its impact.

Register: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/7gzioVMMSA66ta38n6-YZA>

11.00am – 11.45am | International (PDG Janne Speirs)

Explore how to build meaningful global connections and deliver international projects that create lasting change.

Register: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/uWfPPSaiQbGcRKsZnRhE1w>

12.00pm – 12.45pm | Finance Matters (PDG Paul Mee)

Gain confidence in financial governance, transparency and practical tools to manage your Club's finances effectively.

Register: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/BOPbN8qmRS-ZSonvYdzxpg>

1.00pm – 1.45pm | Youth Programs (PDG Daryl Moran)

Learn how Rotary's youth initiatives empower the next generation and how your club can engage and inspire young leaders.

Register: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/AAFRBWTXS7qOpF3XV4z9eg>

2.00pm – 2.45pm | New Style Club Development (PDG Colin Byron)

Reimagine what a Rotary club can look like, with flexible, innovative models designed to meet modern community needs.

Register: https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/40Rrp7EvR82H_1PoQxILCg

3.00pm – 3.45pm | Membership & Club Experience (PDG Malcolm Chiverton)

Unlock strategies to attract, retain and engage members by creating a vibrant, meaningful club experience.

Register: https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/ZfGUxR4rS_2gIfQ0HMhaog

Now that you have read the available sessions, book in now to any or all of the above sessions. See you on the screen!!

Member News Snippets.....

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

MAY
18th - Gary



On 9th May, Jeff is heading to Darwin to compete in the International Fellowship Of Golfing Rotarians (IFGR) annual tournament. Rotarian golfers from Australia and overseas will be participating in this week long event. Any prize money he wins will go to the Rotary Foundation as does the money he makes from the sale of his books. Great effort, Jeff!



Hardly a news snippet.....

Bob made the shock announcement that he and Heather are moving to Sydney to be closer to the grandkids. They will remain in the club for the next Rotary year and perform their roles, Bob as Immediate Past President and Heather as Secretary. Once they move they will rely on Zoom to participate. We thank them both for their massive contribution to the club and our community. Many thanks too for the advance notice of their departure which will leave many roles to fill. They will be sorely missed.



KNOX BUSINESS AWARDS - Nominations and referrals **NOW OPEN**. If you know of a business that you would like to nominate please do so by either asking that business to fill out an application or pass their details onto Bob, Andy or John W

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

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

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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 13 May from 5pm.

If you have anything to donate, please bring along to next week's meeting. In terms of Gourmet Hampers, we really need lots of yummy things to put in them! (see suggestions above)

DISTRICT 9815 SURVEY

Earlier this week, you should have received the following email.

*This email is sent to all D9815 Rotarians from the District 9815 G-Train –
DG Peter, DGE Emma & DGN Murray.*

We (DG Peter Behm, DGE Emma Clark & DGN Murray Wilson) are building a strong, connected and future-focused District 9815. We have developed a survey so that we can learn about you, as we are keen to explore any untapped resources and skillsets in our District 9815 community!

By completing the survey you can let us know your worklife experience, the skillset which you have developed and any passions, which you would like to share and which would benefit members of the District. We also want to know where you think we should focus in the next 1 - 3 years.

Completing this Expression of Interest will help us align your skills, passions and availability with meaningful opportunities at both Club and District level. The estimated completion time is short. Only 5–8 minutes.

So please copy this Survey link into your browser and fill out the form: <https://forms.gle/J87YBRCK2Wyb3jH9>

Thank you for your time and interest.

District 9815 G-Train – DG Peter, DGE Emma & DGN Murray

Emma Clark
District Governor Elect

KNOX VOLUNTEERS EXPO FRIDAY 15TH MAY 1-5PM

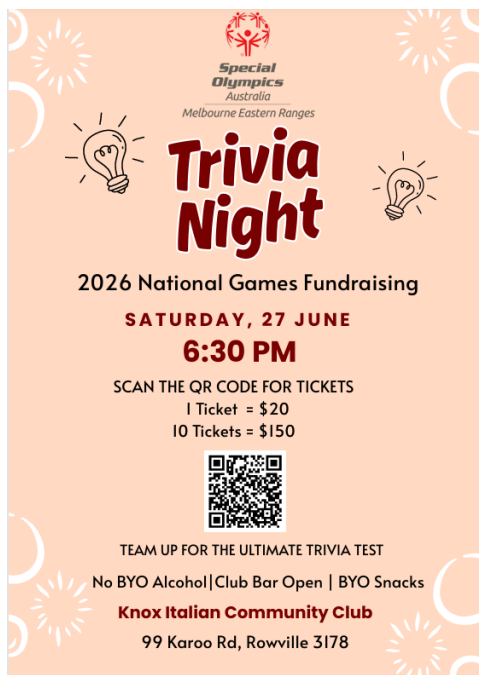
Friday next week is the Knox Volunteer Expo. Originally we had planned not to have a stand due to Bunnings BBQ on the day. John P our Rotary Community Leader is manning a Rotary table along with the RC Boronia. If any club members have an hour or two to spare on the day, John would love to welcome you to talk to members of the public who are looking to volunteer in the City of Knox. The Expo is being held in the Knox Council Civic Centre, 511 Burwood Hwy Wantirna, between 1 and 5 pm.

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.



A bit of fun.....



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

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.



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Rotary District 9815

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

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WHAT TO LOOK FORWARD TO

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Booking link available after launch

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CONFERENCE 2027
OFFICIAL LAUNCH JULY 10TH
SAVE THE DATE
RYDGES HUNTER VALLEY
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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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