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Rotary
Rowville Lysterfield



Newsletter 41, MAY 19, 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

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



Building a Stronger, More Connected Community in 2026–27 - President Elect Andy

There was a lively buzz in the room as members gathered for our annual Planning Night — one of the most important evenings on the club calendar. The atmosphere was warm and welcoming, with plenty of conversation as people settled in. We were especially pleased to welcome **Deb Pink** as our newest member, following her memorable introduction to Rotary through the Monash Business Network. Deb's enthusiasm and community spirit were immediately evident, and we look forward to the contributions she will bring.

With apologies noted and visitors welcomed, the evening began with a clear message: this year is about reconnecting with our community and strengthening Rotary's presence in Rowville and Lysterfield. The night was designed not just to talk about ideas, but to shape the direction of the club for 2026–27.

A key theme of the evening was the importance of truly understanding the community we serve. Rather than relying on assumptions or past experience, members discussed the need to look closely at who lives in our area, what their needs are, and where Rotary can add the most value.

Rotary International provides a comprehensive set of **community assessment tools**, and these will guide our work over the coming months. They include surveys, mapping tools, interview guides and other resources that help clubs identify local priorities. As was noted on the night, Rowville and Lysterfield have changed significantly over the years, and understanding those changes will help ensure our projects remain relevant and impactful.

Andy highlighted emerging opportunities for collaboration. One example was the **Rowville Eagles**, a rapidly growing local soccer club that has recently partnered with a professional training organisation. With soccer now the fastest-growing sport among children under 15, this presents a potential avenue for Rotary to support youth engagement and community wellbeing.

A light-hearted activity earlier in the evening helped members reflect on the different strengths within the club. It was a useful reminder that Rotary thrives when we bring together a mix of **doers, thinkers, connectors and organisers**.

After dinner, the room shifted into four breakout groups, each focusing on a different area of club activity:

- **CFA Partnership**
- **Community Engagement Events**
- **Club Culture & Member Engagement**
- **Community Assessment**

Each group worked through a short worksheet designed to prompt discussion and help identify priorities. The conversations were energetic and thoughtful, with members sharing ideas, experiences and insights. The aim was not to finalise decisions on the night, but to gather a broad range of perspectives that will help shape the year ahead.

To ensure every member has a voice, all ideas from the breakout groups will be compiled and circulated. Members will then be invited to allocate three votes to the initiatives they believe should be prioritised. Once the votes are tallied, a draft action plan will be prepared and presented to the Board. The goal is to have the plan finalised by the end of June so that implementation can begin on 1 July. (Continued on p.5.....)

MUFFINS ROSTER

21st May Muffins	Corinne, Pete & Sue, Glennys & Howard
4th June Muffins	Marg, Fiona, Heather & Bob, Anita & Rajeev
18th June Muffins	Mary, Corinne, Pete & Sue, Glennys & Howard
2nd July Muffins	Marg, Fiona, Heather & Bob, Anita & Rajeev



PROGRAM

Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and Production	Program
MAY - Youth Service				
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	NO MEETING - CLUB DINNER Details TBC			
16th June	Glennys	Cheryl	Alan Kevin	Earlyact Club Parkridge PS—update
23rd June	NO MEETING—CLUB CHANGEOVER—Details soon			

UPCOMING CLUB DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

TUES 9th June - NO MEETING - CLUB DINNER (Details TBC)

TUES 23rd June - CLUB CHANGEOVER EVENING

SAT 11th July— Brunch at Tosaria with Guest Speaker Louise Perryman from Knox Police - Tosaria 10am





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

SUNDAY
7th June
9am—2pm

Latest Market News

Next month we will 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](#)

There are plenty of vacancies on the roster, so if you are available, please use the link below to choose your spot.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/16QvHXSGDYayD5DYgg0mZkKUC-rNe3MLA/>

Bunnings BBQs

NEXT BUNNINGS BBQ FRIDAY 5th JUNE

Last week's Bunnings BBQ was another slow day but a healthy profit nonetheless of **\$741.10**. Our thanks go to Marg and Ian for their organisation and work in the gazebo as well as Alan, Robyn, Bob, Cheryl, Kevin and Corinne.

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

COMMUNITY

Victoria Police

Knox Neighbourhood Policing Forum

The Victoria Police Neighbourhood Policing Forum welcomes local services and community members to talk with police about what issues are important in your community.

The forum will explore topics including:

- Current crime trends and crime prevention
- Young people
- Family violence
- Road policing
- Drugs and drug related crime.

The Neighbourhood Policing Forum will be run by a Victoria Police panel and questions will be taken from the audience throughout the event.

Registration is a must.

To attend, please register by sending your details to:
KNOX-PSAMANAGER-OIC@police.vic.gov.au

or scan the QR code.

To submit a question prior to the forum:
[KNOX NHP questions](#)

Event details

Date:
11th June 2026

Time:
3:00pm – 6:00pm
(Doors open 2:45pm)

Location:
Knox City Council Civic Centre
511 Burwood Highway,
Wantirna South VIC 3152



Scan here to register your attendance



Got a question for police?

Scan the QR code to submit prior to the forum



A SAFE VICTORIA

Marg has provided a flyer for the upcoming Knox Neighbourhood Policing Forum for those who may be interested this community event.

With an extensive list of topics to be explored, this should be an informative forum with plenty of opportunity for people to ask questions of the Victoria Police panel.

Registration using the QR code is required.

A bit of fun.....



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.

A fundraising, fun event organised by the Rotary Club of Casey in support of rizeup.

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SATURDAY 20th JUNE



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ACTION PLAN (Cont'd from p.1.....)

One of the most exciting discussions of the night centred on our emerging partnership with the CFA and their innovative **drone-based firefighting program**. This cutting-edge technology enhances firefighter safety and improves real-time fireground intelligence — a vital asset in a state where bushfire risk is ever-present.

The CFA has expressed a strong interest in Rotary's involvement, recognising the club's credibility, community reach and capacity to mobilise support. The club is exploring a fundraising target of **\$20,000–\$30,000** to help expand the program. Beyond fundraising, there may also be opportunities for Rotary members to support the CFA in non-firefighting volunteer roles.

Importantly, it was emphasised that Rotary members will **not** be signed up as CFA firefighters. The partnership is about support, collaboration and community impact, not operational firefighting.

This project has the potential to become a signature initiative for the year, offering visibility, relevance and a strong connection to local needs.

To complement the CFA partnership, Andy introduced a range of possible community engagement events designed to raise funds, build visibility and attract new members. Ideas included:

- A monthly Sunday music concert series
- A Rotary Golf Day
- A Fun Run/Walk, potentially in partnership with The Hyatt Place Hotel and Caribbean Park

These events offer multiple benefits: they raise funds, bring members together, create public visibility and provide opportunities for residents to connect with Rotary in a relaxed, welcoming environment.

The club has a strong track record of delivering successful events, and these new ideas build on that foundation while offering fresh ways to engage the community.

While much of the night focused on new initiatives, the club also acknowledged the importance of continuing its long-standing projects. These include the Art Show, Girls' Night Out, and international partnerships with SHEBA, Kiriwina and Family Care Uganda. These projects reflect Rotary's global reach and enduring commitment to humanitarian service.

Balancing these established initiatives with new, locally focused projects will be key to creating a vibrant and sustainable program of work for the year ahead.

As members packed up their notes and conversations continued around the room, there was a strong sense of optimism about the year ahead. The combination of a thoughtful community assessment, a high-impact CFA partnership and a renewed focus on community engagement events provides a clear and inspiring path forward.

This Planning Night reminded us of what makes Rotary special: people coming together with goodwill, ideas and a shared desire to make a difference. With that spirit guiding us, 2026–27 promises to be a year of connection, visibility and meaningful service.

We thank Andy for his vision, passion and leadership in building the Rotary Club of Ronville-Lysterfield further in the 2026-27 year. No doubt, there are exciting times ahead.

STOP PRESS!!!!!!

Further to the article above, you should have received an email this afternoon re voting on the priorities that you believe the RC Rowville-Lysterfield should focus on in 2026/27.

This is an important step in shaping a member-driven Action Plan for the year ahead and your input really matters.

Please take a few minutes to cast your vote/votes now. All votes are anonymous.

Go straight to the voting page below.....

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GWS COMMUNITY RAFFLE



Just a reminder that the GWS Community Raffle tickets are due back to Heather as she has to account for every single ticket whether it is sold or not.

Please try hard to sell these to family, friends and colleagues as every dollar in sold tickets is returned to our club for use on our various projects.

Three great prizes and only \$2 per ticket.

Transfer money from sold tickets into the club fundraising account or give cash to Heather along with the ticket stubs or unsold books. Best to put these into an envelope or ziplock bag with your details clearly marked on the front.

Club Account BSB 633-000 Account No. 156363616

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY NEXT 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/joining/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/joining/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/joining/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/joining/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/joining/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/joining/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/joining/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**



Gary's return to Club meetings coincided with his 70th birthday the day before.

Upon his arrival to the meeting, the whole room erupted to cheers and the singing of the birthday song.

Here, Gary is photographed with the cake that Marg organised to add even more cheer.

We trust that Gary enjoyed his birthday and the extended celebration with his Rotary family.



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 NEXT WEDNESDAY

GIRLS' Night Out
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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The Girls' Night Out bookings are now closed with a magnificent total of 133 ladies booked!! We can't wait to see what the evening brings! No doubt a wonderful night of enjoyment and some relaxation after all the hard work!!

Next Wednesday, there will be a shuttle of vehicles collecting Raffle Prizes and Silent Auction items from Heather and Bob's and delivering to the Mulgrave Country Club for set up in the function room.

We are hoping that many of you will be able to assist to make the job more manageable for all.

Look out for Jenny's email with all the details.

Our thanks again, to all who have donated items!

DISTRICT 9815 SURVEY

You should have received the following email a couple of weeks ago.

*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.

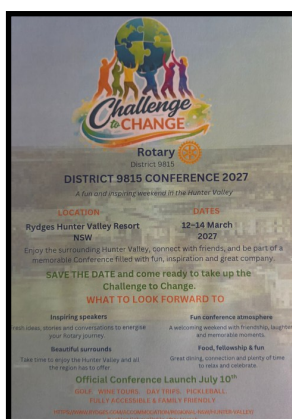
So please copy this Survey link into your browser and fill out the form: <https://forms.gle/J87YBRCK2Wyb3jH9>

Thank you for your time and interest.

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

Emma Clark
District Governor Elect

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Meeting timetable for
the rest of the 2026:

May	7, 21
June	4, 18
July	2, 16, 30
August	13, 27
September	10, 24
October	8, 22
November	5, 19
December	3 Finish for the year

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