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Last night's meeting - Ken Mirams District YPO

**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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**Chair: Kevin Harrison
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**Home Club of
DGE Murray Wilson
PDG Daryl Moran**



Last night we welcomed Ken Mirams, District Youth Protection Officer, for an important and engaging update on Rotary's youth-related responsibilities. Ken last visited the club two years ago and as he noted, "things have changed since then." His presentation offered a clear, practical overview of what clubs must do to keep young people safe; and how Rotary's policies are evolving in response to new legislation, insurance requirements and community expectations.

Ken began by outlining the four reasons Rotary takes youth protection so seriously:

- To protect the young people we work with
- To comply with Victorian child-safe laws
- To uphold Rotary's values and reputation
- To avoid the kind of failures that have made headlines elsewhere

He emphasised that his role is not to create barriers, but to help clubs run youth programs safely and confidently. Ken then walked members through the essential requirements for any youth-related activity:

- A risk assessment for new projects
- Board approval before the project begins
- All Rotarians and volunteers holding a current Working With Children Check
- Completion of mandatory training, now required by both Rotary and the Victorian Government
- Use of the Volunteer Declaration Form
- Police checks where appropriate

Risk assessments, Ken explained, are not just paperwork; they help clubs identify high-consequence risks and plan for them. He encouraged clubs to involve young people or parents when assessing risks, noting that "kids often see things adults don't."

He also outlined the five critical steps Rotary must take if an allegation of abuse ever arises:

1. Protect the child from further harm
2. Report immediately to police
3. Notify the Social Services Regulator
4. Remove the accused adult from youth contact
5. Maintain strict privacy until investigations conclude

Ken shared sobering national statistics on child abuse and explained how Victorian Child Safe Standards guide Rotary's responsibilities. He also highlighted new government changes: interstate police checks for WWCC applicants, mandatory online safety training, and compulsory monitoring of volunteer WWCC status through Service Victoria.

A standout moment came when Ken described how Barry Rogers used AI to analyse Rotary's youth protection policies, government regulations and Child Safe Victoria requirements, producing a concise one-page summary that will soon be available to all clubs. "People read one page," Ken said, "They don't read fifty."

Ken closed by reminding members that youth protection is not about making things difficult. It's about ensuring Rotary can continue running meaningful youth programs safely, confidently and proudly.

We thank Ken for his time and informative presentation which provided us with the mandatory training now required for any youth related activity.

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DISTRICT 9815 CHANGEOVER NIGHT

A good-sized group of our Club members attended the District 9815 Changeover Night on Saturday, to celebrate the achievements of the year of 2025-2026 and to look ahead to the coming year. The leadership of outgoing DG Peter Behm was acknowledged and applauded, and his report of the year detailed the many initiatives and successes of a very busy Rotary year. The award-winning Clubs, as announced at the recent Awards Night, were again acknowledged: a time for pride for our Club as winners of a Gold Award for International Projects and a Silver Award for Club Excellence. One creative project spearheaded by DG Pete, the production of a 30 second advertisement to be shown in cinemas, was revisited and we all enjoyed the quick glimpse of a couple of our members in action.



The process of inducting incoming DG Emma Clark began with a literal 'passing the chain of office' along a phalanx of Past District Governors, including past RI World President Ian Riseley and PDG Daryl Moran. To complete the 'G-train' transition, our own Murray Wilson moved from the position of DG Nominee to District Governor Elect. A busy year of planning lies ahead for Murray and he knows that the club is committed to helping him in whatever way is needed, both this year and next.

In the meantime, we can look forward to a very productive year under the leadership of DG Emma. She outlined that she would have two areas of focus for the year, one of which is to support Australian Rotary Health and its work addressing mental health issues. She highlighted activities such as the Lift the Lid walks for mental health and the Rotary Ride for Medical Research as worthy of the support of all clubs. Emma is also committed to work on programs that address domestic violence in the community.



Murray receiving his DGE Pin



2026-2027 District 9815 Team

A special feature of this Changeover Night were two musical performances, as we have come to expect from the Rotary Club of Emerald and District, finishing with a massed choir performing a modified version of Bohemian Rhapsody that brought DG Emma to tears.

It was an enjoyable night for everyone who attended and we look forward to supporting DGE Murray as he makes his preparations for taking up the DG office next year.

Thank you Jenny for writing this article.



Rotary Club of Emerald and District "Choir"

As pointed out by Daryl at this week's meeting - we, as a club will be responsible for the District Changeover for Murray as well as the organisation of the District Conference 2027-2028.

It will soon be time to get our collective thinking hats on and start discussions about what we may be able to accomplish for both of these events.

Less than a year now until Murray's Changeover Dinner!

A Clear Roadmap for 2026–27 & Stronger Community Links

Last night marked the first of our newly established Club Communication Nights — a direct response to member feedback calling for clearer, more transparent communication. These sessions will now take place immediately after each monthly Board meeting, giving members a timely and open window into decisions, priorities and progress across the club. It's a simple change, but one that already feels like a meaningful step toward keeping everyone informed and involved.

Andy began by revisiting the results of the recent member survey. The message was clear: members want stronger community engagement, deeper partnerships, better communication, and a renewed focus on membership growth. These themes have shaped the club's new 2026–27 Action Plan.

The plan identifies four Tier One priorities for the year ahead, each aligned with Rotary International's broader action plan.

1. Community Assessment

This is the club's flagship initiative. Rowville and Lysterfield have changed significantly over the past decade, and the club wants to understand those changes properly. The assessment will gather:

- 100 survey responses
- 10 stakeholder interviews
- 3 focus groups
- A skills-based asset inventory of club members

The goal is to map real community needs, local organisations, and the skills within our own club thus ensuring future projects are relevant, achievable and genuinely helpful.

2. CFA Engagement

The Rowville CFA's drone project has now been approved for rollout across Victoria, with our local brigade leading the statewide implementation. Rotary will support them through:

- A formal partnership framework
- Two joint fundraising or support activities
- Assistance with non-operational roles such as volunteer welfare and social media strategy

The CFA openly acknowledges they don't tell its story well and Rotary can help change that.

3. Membership Growth & Retention

The club aims to grow by **+5 members** this year while achieving **90% retention**. A "Friends of Rotary" pathway will be introduced for people who want to help without immediately joining. New members will receive mentors, onboarding support, and guidance on using Rotary's online tools. The goal is simple: help new members feel connected early, so they stay engaged long-term.

4. Golf Day Fundraiser

Returning as our major fundraising event, the Golf Day will be held on **30 November** at the Churchill-Waverley Golf & Bowls Club. The targets are ambitious but achievable:

- \$10,000 net profit
- 80+ players
- Strong sponsorship
- CFA involvement
- A hole-in-one prize of a car (the club will take out insurance to cover this)

Alongside these priorities, the club will continue its **Tier Two legacy projects** — Girls' Night Out (now aiming for \$10,000 in its 10th year), Knox Art Show, Business Awards, RYLA, the Primary Schools Speech Competition, and the Park Ridge Earlyact Club.

The night closed with a simple message: **focus, clarity and communication** will guide the year ahead and help us create lasting impact in our community.

MUFFINS and SOUP ROSTER

15th July Soup	Anita and Rajeev, Robyn L
16th July Muffins	Corinne, Pete & Sue, Glennys & Howard
30th July Muffins	Fiona, Heather & Bob, Anita & Rajeev
12th August Soup	Glennys, Jenny
13th August Muffins	Corinne, Pete & Sue, Glennys & Howard



PROGRAM

Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and Production	Program
JULY - Maternal and Child Health				
14th July	Sharon	Heather	John W Bob	Katie - Foodbank
21st July	Corinne	Gary	Bob Kevin	Karen Noonan - A Very Full Community Life
28th July	John W	Bob	Kevin Cheryl	Hem - The Importance of Vaccinations
AUGUST - Membership and Club Development				
4th August	Jenny	Andy	Cheryl Alan	Andy - Club Update

UPCOMING CLUB DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

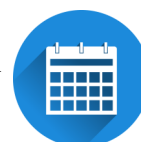
PLEASE NOTE The Brunch at Tosaria's is open to all. If you would like to bring friends or family along, please feel free to do so. We just ask that you notify Marg of how many will be attending so that she can inform Tosaria's of numbers for catering purposes. (30 booked so far)

TUES 18th August - Primary Schools Speech Competition - Rowville Secondary College Performing Arts Centre

SAVE THE DATE

This year's SHEBA Fundraising Event :

SAT 24th October, 6pm at the Mulgrave Community Centre





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

SUNDAY
2nd August
9am—2pm

[DoFoodSafely](#)

Please have a look and see if you are able to put in a couple of hours at our next market.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/16QvHXSGDYayD5DYgg0mZkKUC-rNe3MLA/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=108019844417789794781&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Last Sunday's Market realised a profit of \$662 even though numbers were down due to school holidays. Many thanks to all the team—Bob, Heather, Andy, Jeff, Ayanthi, Sharon, Gary, Kevin, Cheryl, Kath, Kaye, Corinne, and Liam our RYLA candidate.

HAPPY 1ST BIRTHDAY TO THE MARKET!!!



Member News Snippets.....

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS JULY

2nd - Kath

6th - Robyn W

16th - Norrm

17th - Andy R

19th - Fiona

26th - Raman



- Welcome home to John P and Mary, who had a fantastic trip through outback Queensland and the NT up to Darwin. They bonded with Rotarians from NZ and recommend the trip to everyone as one not to be missed.

- Veronica is unwell at the moment and we send our best wishes for a speedy recovery!



- We were saddened to hear that we are losing Steve Mac, Arshad and Kate as members. Steve is transferring to the RC of Beaumaris, Arshad to the RC of Melbourne and Kate has resigned due to personal reasons. We thank them all for their years of service and wish them well in the future. You will all be missed very much!



Welcome.....

Andy attended the Satellite Club meeting last Thursday morning to induct Kevin McCann into the Rotary Club of Rowville-Lysterfield.

We welcome Kevin and hope that he enjoys being part of this Business Network. Kevin is a Mortgage Broker with Mortgage Choice.



Two new members were inducted at this week's meeting. Susan and Ian James were treated to a special induction as it was performed by DGE Murray.

Susan and Ian have been visiting the club for quite a while now and we look forward to them enjoying great fellowship and purpose as they join us to create lasting impact and make a difference in the lives of others.

Bunnings BBQs

NEXT BUNNINGS BBQ FRIDAY 17th July

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/17MgWI6b0-pgyBCOxnsxee5WVUqVP-IpCgW9HpQbmfdI/edit?gid=1103626758#gid=1103626758>

KNOX BUSINESS AWARDS

NOMINATIONS CLOSE ON 31ST JULY

If you haven't gotten around to nominating a local business, please do so as soon as possible, as the judging phase begins on 1st August.



<https://knoxbusinessawards.com.au/>

AWARDS

CELEBRATING A FINE CLUB MEMBER by Jenny Moran

It was a special night of acknowledgement this week, with the presence of Max Williams representing Kim Wells MP for Rowville. Max was very pleased to be able to make the presentation of a Victoria Day Award to Corinne Baillie, recognising her work as a volunteer in the Knox community. The Citation that accompanies the award highlighted the work that Corinne has done during her 10 years as a Rotarian, particularly as a member of the Girls Night Out fundraising committee and as the coordinator of the Bunnings BBQs for almost 7 years. In the latter role, Corinne was part of a team that raised approximately \$60,000 in that time. Corinne's most recent contribution has been as editor of the weekly Club newsletter, a task to which Corinne dedicates a huge amount of time. The Club is very fortunate to have her as a member.

To further acknowledge Corinne's contribution, Immediate Past President Bob presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation for her work as newsletter editor. This certificate would have been presented at Changeover Night but Corinne was unable to attend, so there was a nice synchronicity to making both presentations on the one night.



A further award that was held over from Changeover Night was a Certificate of Appreciation to Alan Lunghusen for all the work he does as Chair of International Service and as our "tech guru". He was also presented with a pen by IPP Bob. Alan was also unable to attend Changeover Night as he was travelling in the far north of WA at the time.



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Q&A Summary

Members asked several practical questions, including:

- Whether teachers' professional registrations count as WWCC equivalents (yes).
- How to manage members who refuse WWCC or declarations (they cannot participate in youth programs; chaperoning may be used only for declaration refusals).
- Whether clubs must keep attendance lists for parents at events (no — only Rotarians and Rotary-invited guests).
- How police checks are handled (Rotary provides a discounted online process).

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Meeting timetable for the rest of the 2026:

July	2, 16, 30
August	13, 27
September	10, 24
October	8, 22
November	5, 19
December	3 (finish for the year)

Come and join us at Tosaria's @ 7:30 AM and expand your business and also make a difference through **Rotary**

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