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NEWSLETTER 7, AUGUST 4, 2026

CLUB UPDATE

**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

Contact :

**President Andy Round
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**Satellite Club meets
at Tosaria's Café**

Alternate Thursdays at
7:30am

Contact :

**Chair: Kevin Harrison
0419919011**

Home Club of

DGE Murray Wilson

PDG Daryl Moran



Our first Club Update Meeting was held this week and was introduced in response to member feedback calling for clearer communication and more opportunities to ask questions of Board members. The night adopted a relaxed “fireside chat” format, giving everyone a clear sense of direction for the year ahead.

President Andy opened the evening by outlining the purpose of these new monthly sessions and shared a short Rotary International video highlighting RI's global Action Plan of increasing impact, expanding reach, enhancing engagement, and strengthening adaptability. The themes aligned closely with our own club's priorities for 2026–27.

Finance & Foundation:

Treasurer Neil provided an overview of the club's financial position. Key fundraising income this month came from the Bunnings BBQ, Makers & Bakers Market, meeting meal surplus, the GWS Community Raffle and strong sponsorship support for the Knox Business Awards. Major expenses included Rotary International levies, District fees, RDU magazine, the Peace Pole project, Nepal Sharikot Hospital support, and the Bali Williams Bursary.

Neil also reported on Foundation contributions, noting that grants continue to return significant value to the club. Members were encouraged to consider small regular donations, particularly given the importance of Foundation in enabling future grant applications.

Community:

Sharon outlined several active initiatives. The Socks & Jocks Drive is progressing well, with surplus stock being sourced from major brands through CSR contacts. A community assessment team is being formed to help design and run a survey that will guide future service projects. Sharon also briefed members on two proposals: Dr Ratnakar's “Challenge Centre” concept, which requires further feasibility review, and Gary's “Eagles Kitchen” idea - a weekly meal program for vulnerable residents, potentially supported by Orange Sky laundry services.

International:

Alan confirmed the Sheba Fundraiser for 24 October and encouraged members to support the event. Long-term assistance for Dr Sharif's health projects continues and early discussions have begun on a potential Fiji cassava farming project, which may evolve into a global grant.

Environment:

Gary (via Andy) is reconnecting with local environmental groups and exploring ideas such as guided nature walks and future tree-planting activities.

Vocational & Membership:

John reported that the Knox Business Awards have been extended by two weeks to allow additional entries and sponsor exposure, with Swinburne University joining as a gold sponsor. Kevin encouraged members to continue inviting guests, noting one new Satellite Club member is currently in the pipeline.

Business Breakfast:

Daryl confirmed promotional activity is underway for the upcoming Business Breakfast, with a focus on supporting Rowville CFA and highlighting drone technology in emergency response.

Art Show:

Jenny's sponsorship outreach continues, supported by the “Art That Belongs to You” campaign. A six-month report from Viv's ReCare highlighted the strong community impact of Rotary's support of them after last year's Art Show.

Market Closure:

Bob formally announced the closure of the Makers & Bakers Market due to rising council costs, limited manpower and declining attendance. He thanked all volunteers for their long-term commitment.

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MUFFINS and SOUP ROSTER

12th August Soup	Glennys, Jenny
13th August Muffins	Pete & Sue, Glennys & Howard
27th August Muffins	Fiona, Heather & Bob, Anita & Rajeev
9th September Soup	Anita, Robyn L
10th September Muffins	Pete & Sue, Glennys & Howard
24th September Muffins	Fiona, Heather & Bob, Anita & Rajeev



PROGRAM

Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and Production	Program
AUGUST - Membership and Club Development				
11th August	Howard	Cheryl	Alan Bob	RYLA Experiences - Liam, Violet and Lisa
18th August	Cheryl	Marg	Bob Kevin	Vin Lucas - The Role of an AO Driver
25th August	Kevin	John P	Cheryl Alan	Sue Dymond - Markets by Disabled Sellers
SEPTEMBER - Basic Education and Literacy				
1st September	Ian	Jeff	Alan John W	TBC
8th September	Norm	Andy	Kevin Cheryl	Pres Andy - Club Update

UPCOMING CLUB DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MON 17th AUG - Primary Schools Speech Competition - Rowville Secondary College Performing Arts Centre, Humphries Way, Rowville

FRI 18th SEP - Business Breakfast - Churchill-Waverley Golf and Bowls Club, Bergins Rd, Rowville
06:45am-8:30am

SAT 24th OCT - SHEBA Fundraising Dinner - Mulgrave Community Centre, 355 Wellington Rd, Mulgrave, 6pm

WED 4th NOV - District Final of the Primary Schools Speech Competition - Doncaster Secondary College, Performing Arts Centre, 123 Church Rd Doncaster(6:40pm for a 7pm start)

FRI 20th NOV - GOLF DAY - Churchill-Waverley Golf and Bowls Club, Bergins Rd, Rowville (more details soon)



Makers and Bakers Market

After 13 months of working hard and trying to make the market work, we have had to say goodbye to the Makers and Bakers Market. It was a decision which was not made lightly and was a valuable experience all things considered.

On Sunday, the stallholders were informed and were very supportive of the club and our efforts. There were even some tears shed by longstanding stallholders who had been there since the start.

The Rowville Lysterfield area has lost a wonderful community activity which was frequented by many “regulars”, and will surely be missed.



Marg and Ian opened their home to members after the market for a debrief, reminisce and a birthday celebration for Bob. Pizza and cake all round!



Theatre Outing - The Castle

An important message from Kaye.....

I have booked 20 tickets at Her Majesty's Theatre for 1pm on Sunday 4th April 2027 to see the stage production of The Castle. The cost per ticket is \$100. Those interested in going please put your name, number of tickets required plus your phone number on the list that will be at our meeting each week. Alternatively, you can phone or email me to put your name down. Payment is due to me by our first meeting in January.

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Governance & Events:

Draft bylaws have been circulated for member feedback ahead of a vote on 25 August. Jeff confirmed the Golf Day for 20 November, featuring a rare hole-in-one car prize expected to attract strong participation.

District & President's Closing:

Murray provided a positive update on redistricting discussions with Tasmania, with youth and environment set to be major focus areas. Andy closed the meeting by announcing Board approval for the Friends of Rotary scheme and the resurrection of the Rotaract Club, planned for the new Rowville Eagles facility on Dandelion Drive.

FOOTNOTE FROM LAST WEEK'S MEETING RE THE MMR VACCINE

2023 is the most recent data that has been analysed, with about 92% of kids aged 24 months vaccinated when they should be, which is below the national target of 95%.

But when 5year olds were assessed, coverage increased to 96%; that means that whilst many children, especially Indigenous kids, might miss or delay their second shot when they are toddlers, families and health services are actively making sure they get caught up before starting primary school.

Member News Snippets.....

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS AUGUST

1st - Ratnakar

2nd - Bob



- Corinne and Les are on the downhill run to their trip which begins next Wednesday. Packing is well underway with the last few chores around the house almost complete. This trip involves a Cruise in the Fjordlands of Norway followed by a short land tour which includes a ride on the Flam Railway. Then it is off to Paris before boarding a river cruise in Normandy. Happy travels!
- A reminder from Mary about the recycling of medication blister packs.....please remember to bring along to the meeting and Mary will take to the pharmacy for recycling



BUSINESS BREAKFAST #22



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BUSINESS BREAKFAST

AUSTRALIA'S DRONES

18 SEPTEMBER

FRIDAY

6.45 - 8.30

AM AM

\$65

PER HEAD

Churchill-Waverley Golf & Bowls Club, 82 Bergins Road, Rowville

MEET OUR SPEAKER



GREG TYRELL
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION FOR UNCREWED SYSTEMS (AAUS)

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SCAN TO BOOK

BOOKINGS CLOSE 11 SEPTEMBER

Why Attend BB#22 on 18 September?

- **PRESIDENT'S GOALS.** - To support President Andy Round's goal of providing funds and creating awareness for our local Rowville CFA, especially its Remote Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS)
- **A GOOD CAUSE TO SUPPORT** - All proceeds from ticket sales and raffles will go directly to the Rowville CFA
- **NETWORKING** - It gives our Rowville-Lysterfield community a chance to network with their local business owners and leaders
- **INDUSTRY INSIGHTS** - We get to learn about cutting edge industry insights, especially those involved in the defence, emergency services and transport innovation areas
- **EXPERT SPEAKER** - Our Guest Speaker **GREG TYRELL** is the Executive Director of the peak Australian body for drone technology
- **BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES** - Uncrewed systems and drones are rapidly expanding into commercial automation, logistics and asset monitoring. An informed understanding of these applications could spark new products, and better service or operational efficiencies for traditional businesses

DISTRICT 9815 CONFERENCE 12-14 MARCH, 2027



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HUNTER VALLEY CONFERENCE 2027

RYDGES RESORT HUNTER VALLEY
12-14 MARCH 2027

BOOKINGS OPEN 1ST AUGUST

EARLY BIRD PRICING ENDS 31 DECEMBER 2026

BOOK EARLY & SAVE

SAVE \$50	SAVE \$30	
FULL CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE EARLY BIRD	CONFERENCE ONLY EARLY BIRD	GALA DINNER ONLY TICKET PRICE
\$295	\$195	\$140
After 31 Dec: \$345	After 31 Dec: \$225	After 31 Dec: \$140

WHY BOOK EARLY?

- Save on registration**
Keep more in your pocket with Early Bird pricing.
- Plan together**
Organise your Club group and make a weekend of it.
- More than a Conference**
Speakers, ideas, connection and Hunter Valley fun.
- A weekend to remember**
Friday adventures, Rotary Uncorked and Showtime.

TRAVEL MADE EASY

Bus transfers provided for Newcastle Airport and Friday activities

**MAKE IT A CONFERENCE.
MAKE IT A HOLIDAY.**

BOOK FROM 1ST AUGUST

rotary9815.org.au/page/district-conference-2027



EARLYBIRD TICKETS ON SALE NOW

- a great array of Friday activities to choose from - High Tea, Winery Tours, Golf, Pickleball etc
- Accommodation starts from \$275—use this code in the Block Code Field -

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Weekend at a Glance

- Thursday 11 March PM**
Registration desk opens.
- Friday 12 March**
Friday activities, VIP drinks for Past District Governors, Rotary Uncorked or Club dinners.
- Saturday 13 March**
First Timers Breakfast, Conference sessions, Expo, Alumni luncheon, Showtime Gala Night.
- Sunday 14 March**
Foundation Breakfast, Conference sessions, Finish with lunch.

Bunnings BBQs

NEXT BUNNINGS BBQ FRIDAY 21st August

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

NOMINATIONS have been extended to FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST



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

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

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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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