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NEWSLETTER 8, AUGUST 11, 2026

RYLA EXPERIENCE—LIAM and VIOLET

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



The excitement in the air was palpable this week as we were joined by the RYLA participants sponsored by our club, Liam and Violet, and also by a number of their leaders and other RYLA friends. RYLA, the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, is a week long residential leadership and personal development program which was run this year on Phillip Island.

In addition, we welcomed the District Rotaract Representative, Lily Setnik, PDG Colin Byron, and two members of the Rowville Eagles Football Club (soccer) to our meeting.

Liam opened the meeting with some insights about what he learnt about leadership from RYLA. He outlined that his prior view of 'leadership' was really more about 'management' and that during RYLA he learned that anyone can be a leader. He now has the self-belief that his actions can make a difference. He was enthusiastic about the fact that 'RYLA magic' happened... by the end of the week he felt very close to everyone. Liam expressed his appreciation to Heather and Bob for proposing him for this wonderful experience and to the Rotary Club for providing the funds.

Violet followed with a very entertaining presentation. Her initial expectation of RYLA had been that the cohort would be very select and intimidating and maybe somewhat 'nerdy'. In reality, the range of people present was very broad and the week proved a great way to meet people organically, rather than on-line. Arriving at the venue and having to pass through an archway made by the outstretched arms of the leaders who were whooping loudly also made her doubt if she would last the week, but any concerns were soon settled. The very first session on goal setting, using a strategy of building on what you are good at, was very engaging and practical and got the week off to a great start for Violet. She made three goals for herself:

1. to be more organised
2. to let other people speak first
3. to practise active listening

Violet acknowledged humorously that she struggles with No 1, and the fact that she arrived late to our meeting was testament to the fact she has some way to go with meeting that goal!

Other activities that were favourites were the RYmazing Race where different activities were based around different countries. The impact of having people with varying skills working together became very evident—one activity was well suited to their team with two Science students and an IT professional in the group. As Violet put it, 'they smoked that activity'. A further activity, RYssembly, was in essence a fun debating activity and another session that she loved.

Violet admitted that she did some stand-up comedy that gained the feedback that her joke was inappropriate with some of the 'older members of the gathering'. Another learning experience!

In summary Violet felt that the RYLA week was a unique environment as there was no one present who made others feel uncomfortable or 'stomped on your dreams'. She is sure that the friends she made will be friends for life.

Violet thanked the Club for providing this wonderful opportunity and thanked Kevin and Cheryl for proposing her name.

Our thanks go to Liam and Violet for providing this wonderful feedback. We also appreciate the help that they have provided at the Makers and Bakers Market with packing up the tables and chairs.



Violet and Liam

MUFFINS and SOUP ROSTER

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
7th October Soup	Glennys, Jenny
8th October Muffins	Corinne, Pete & Sue, Glennys & Howard



PROGRAM

Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and Production	Program
AUGUST - Membership and Club Development				
18th August	Cheryl	Marg	Bob Kevin	Vin Lucas - The Role of an Australian Open 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
15th September	Mary	Jenny	Cheryl Alan	Helen Comport—Quilts of Valour

UPCOMING CLUB DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MON 17th AUG - Primary Schools Speech Competition - Rowville Secondary College Performing Arts Centre, Humphries Way, Rowville. **Helpers arrive between 5.30—6.00 pm. Spectators 6.00 onwards for a 6.30 pm start.**

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 6th NOV— 52nd Knox Art Show Opening Night—Churchill Waverley Golf and Bowls Club, Bergins Rd, Rowville

SAT 7th NOV—SUN 8th NOV - 52nd Knox Art Show

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



BUSINESS BREAKFAST #22

Rotary
Rowville-Lysterfield

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
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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

ROTARY AND ROTARACT—STRONGER TOGETHER

With the momentum from RYLA, our Club is considering the possibility of restarting a Rotaract Club in the area. PDG Colin Byron, with experience in the formation of new clubs, was pleased to provide some insights and perspectives on the topic. He firstly stressed that Rotaract is not simply the future of Rotary; Rotaract is part of Rotary today. Everyday, Rotaractors are leading community projects, responding to local needs, raising funds for worthy causes and much more. They are not waiting for tomorrow—they are making a difference today!

A question is, what can Rotary and Rotaract achieve together? Rotary provides young leaders with opportunities to thrive, with mentorship from experienced leaders, opportunities to participate in meaningful local and international service projects, access to one of the largest volunteer networks in the world, leadership training, cultural exchange and lifelong friendships.

Rotary receives just as much in return. Rotaractors challenge us to think differently, they embrace innovation, understand emerging technologies and communicate in ways that engage new generations. They ask questions that encourage Rotary to evolve while remaining true to its values. **When we combine Rotary's experience with Rotaract's energy and creativity, remarkable things happen.**



Member News Snippets.....

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS AUGUST

1st - Ratnakar

2nd - Bob



On their recent visit to NZ, Howard and Glennys visited the ANZAC exhibition at Te Papa in Wellington. An amazingly moving exhibition with larger than life-sized figures. They highly recommend a visit if you are in Wellington at any time.

Corinne and Les are on their way today to Norway. Happy travels to them both.



We wish Cheryl a swift recovery—she certainly was looking very unwell when she zoomed in to the meeting this week.

DISTRICT ROTARACT REPRESENTATIVE—LILY SETNIK

It was very appropriate to have a visit from DRR Lily at this meeting, with our RYLA candidates and friends present. Lily also attended RYLA, in 2023, after being involved in other Rotary programs such as the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF). She also had been involved in various humanitarian projects, but found there were often barriers, such as insurance. Partway through RYLA Lily came to the realisation that Rotaract was a way to combine various priorities in her life and from this grew the formation of the Peninsula Rotaract Club. They started with working on projects with the Rotary Club of Rosebud-Rye and have progressed to two trips to Nepal, where they have painted a mural at a high school, been involved in a health camp and built a garden at a mental health institute. They have a twinship with a Nepalese Rotaract Club who gives insights as to what projects are needed.

Lily has now been elected as the District Rotaract Representative, in which role she will support other Rotaract clubs in the District, including help building a new club. Lily provided some valuable advice to help a fledgling club. She stressed that it is important to decide what project to work on; the first project has to be significant enough to feel like an achievement, but small enough that people don't get discouraged by any difficulties. She outlined how all Rotaract clubs meet fortnightly and have hybrid meetings, which are generally discussion meetings for determining the next steps in a project. Any social activities or fund-raising activities need to take into consideration aspects of accessibility, as not all Rotaractors have a car, and the financial costs involved.

It is exciting to see the enthusiasm and energy that young people with good hearts bring to the world of Rotary. Well done Lily, and thank you!

It is worth noting that on Monday there was an Interact Conference at Camberwell Grammar School where 160 school students gathered to network and learn as part of their Rotary journey. The future for Rotary looks positive!



Rylarians and potential Rotaractors



DRR Lily Setnik

DISTRICT 9815 CONFERENCE 12-14 MARCH, 2027



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, KNOX BUSINESS AWARDS & THEATRE NIGHT

NEXT BUNNINGS BBQ FRIDAY 21st August

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



Rotary
Rowville-Lysterfield

NOMINATIONS have been extended to THIS FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST

If you haven't made a point of nominating a local business, please do so as soon as possible, as the judging phase begins soon.

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



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.

Kaye 0404 056 506

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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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