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NEWSLETTER 12, SEPTEMBER 8, 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
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**Home Club of
DGE Murray Wilson
PDG Daryl Moran**



TREASURER'S REPORT—Neil

The Treasurer outlined that at each monthly Board Meeting the financial transactions for the previous month are presented. The current bank balance is very healthy with income from the monthly BBQ and G & W Smith raffle. Attending the draw of the raffle resulted in an extra \$1000 bonus to the club, which has been spent to purchase a laptop for the Secretary. The Term Deposit of the Gary Mewburn Scholarship Fund was rolled over.

FOUNDATION REPORT—Neil

The Rotary Foundation continues to have a significant impact across the world. During the 2025-2026 Rotary year, the Foundation raised more than US\$477 million. From this fund 1,804 global grants were awarded, 463 district grants and 61 disaster response grants. President Andy reported that our club has applied for a District Grant to equip a RPAS vehicle for the CFA. We wait to hear if we are successful.

COMMUNITY REPORT—Sharon

Work is continuing with the Community Needs Assessment. The committee has determined the process will be in 4 phases, with phase 1 already complete. Sharon has completed a lot of research to determine what already exists in the Rowville-Lysterfield area and what groups can be surveyed. The next phase will determine how to contact the relevant groups. Phase 3 and 4 will involve the President and President Elect.

The sock and underwear drive is underway, with approaches having been made by email to 10 different organisations canvassing donations. Following up this initial approach is the next step.

There is the possibility of running a BBQ at 'Sue's Roos' event on 31st October, 3.30—6.30 pm, which is the Cup Day long weekend. More research required to see if it will be possible as many people are unavailable and much equipment would need to be transported. It would be a good chance to have a community presence.

Club roles update.....

Congratulations to Mary Kelly, who is taking on the role of Secretary when Heather moves to Sydney. Thank you to Heather for her mentoring of Mary.



Congratulations to Deb Pink who is working with Neil in preparation for next year when he will be handing over the role of Treasurer. Thank you Neil.



Saturday Coffee Catchup

Sat September 12th, 10 am at Tosaria Restaurant

Come along for a coffee and a casual chat, and breakfast if
you want

MUFFINS and SOUP ROSTER

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
22nd October Muffins	Fiona, Heather & Bob, Anita & Rajeev



PROGRAM

Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and Production	Program
SEPTEMBER - Basic Education and Literacy				
15th September	Mary	Jenny	Cheryl Alan	Helen Comport — <i>Quilts of Valour</i>
22nd September	Robyn W	Norm	Alan Kevin	<i>Rotarian Behind the Badge</i>
29th September	Club Social Night - Dinner at The Eating House, Wellington Village at 6.30 pm Let Kaye know if you will be joining the group, or sign up at a meeting			
OCTOBER—Economic and Community Development				
6th October	Mary	Andy	Kevin John	<i>Club update</i>

UPCOMING CLUB DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SAT 12th SEPT—Coffee Catchup—Tosaria Restaurant 10 am

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

SAT 26th SEPT—BBQ at Wellington Village

THURS 8th OCT—Knox Business Awards Presentation Bayswater Community Centre

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

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ALL PROCEEDS TO ROWVILLE CFA

SCAN TO BOOK

BOOKINGS CLOSE 11 SEPTEMBER



HAVE YOU BOOKED YOUR SEAT YET?

Bookings close Friday 11th at noon as numbers are required at the venue.

This will be an informative speaker and a great way to support the CFA.
Make sure you don't miss out—book now.

SOMETHING OF INTEREST for us ALL

The RI website is very informative on the End Polio campaign, indicating that for this calendar year, there have been only **19** cases in Afghanistan and **3** cases in Pakistan. This last figure is significantly less than previous years. The possibility that Pakistan will soon be free of polio is becoming increasingly more realistic.

The next health campaign for Rotary will be to focus on malaria. Figures show that across the world there is **one** death every **minute** due to malaria. President Andy recommended listening to a 40 minutes podcast 'Rotary Unscripted' which discusses the issue of controlling malaria. The challenge is that eliminating mosquitoes is not viable as it would cause a massive ecoshift, as mosquitoes have a significant role in the food chain. Research is taking place into tackling the virus that is carried by the female mosquito and which causes malaria.

ARAM (Australian Rotarians Against Malaria) is a very active group that is always looking for volunteers to assist in its work. Contact Murray for more information if you are interested in helping with this cause.



From the President...

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS SEPTEMBER

9th—Kevin Harrison

15th—Tony Harrison

18th—Daryl Moran



The link for the podcast recommended by Andy is

<https://podcasts.apple.com/au/podcast/unscripted-the-official-podcast-of-rotary-in/id1581424452>

These podcasts bring together the voices, stories and insights that shape the Rotary movement - from grassroots initiatives to global partnerships.

CLUB UPDATE (contd)

VOCATIONAL REPORT—John

The Knox Business Awards process is nearing completion. One judge was unable to continue and was replaced by the Rowville Lysterfield Community news editor, Carolyn Drinkwater. The judges have now finished their task and the finalists have been informed. Their responses back have demonstrated that they are very pleased and excited to be in the finals and also illustrates how successful these awards can be. The People's Choice Award has had a large number of voters and it could be a very close result. The Bayswater Community Centre has been booked for the Awards night on October 8th and bookings for this night will open soon.

YOUTH REPORT—Cheryl

The shield for the winner of the Speech Competition is being engraved and will be delivered to the winner once ready. While it has been challenging to get a response to emails from some schools, others have been contacted and some new schools have expressed interest in being involved in the Speech Competition next year. Cheryl has prepared a short survey to send out to schools in the hope that they will respond to this, to indicate in what way we could help them. Cheryl has been given the contact details of a former Rotaractor to follow up to see if she is interested in helping establish a new Rotaract club. After a significant amount of emails and calls were sent to them, Rowville Secondary College responded and are keen to have a meeting with Cheryl next week.

Cheryl is working with Rajeev on his idea to institute a program in schools around environment and sustainability.

INTERNATIONAL REPORT—Alan

Alan reported that, as in previous years, we are invited to attend the SHEBA fundraising event on Saturday October 24th at Mulgrave Community Centre, 355 Wellington Rd, Mulgrave. DG Emma Clark will be the guest of honour. More details to come.

Alan then explained that SHEBA (Self Help Endeavour in Bangladesh) is a program run by Dr Sharif, who is now a club member. This program started with the provision of a health centre in a remote region of Bangladesh, became two health centres, and then three health centres. The ability to test for common conditions such as hypertension or TB has meant that many people have had treatment before their health reached a crisis point. Ultimately these health centres have been taken over by the Government, but we next helped Dr Sharif procure a grant from Balwyn Rotary Club to run 25 eye camps, to test for common eye defects. Many people received free surgery or glasses, plus the education campaign reached tens of thousands of people.

Our club is very happy to support SHEBA as Dr Sharif is very meticulous in ensuring that all the programs are reported on regularly and very well managed. The data collected from the eye camps has been used as the basis for articles in medical journals.

ENVIRONMENT UPDATE—Gary

Gary has picked up the reins of Environment Chair with great gusto and is keen to establish a relationship with the Knox Environment Group and all the 'Friends of....' groups in the area. The members of these clubs are very knowledgeable and are very willing to have our involvement in some of their activities.

As September is Biodiversity month there are a number of working bees in the calendar in which members might like to participate. The purpose of these is to revegetate, observe and record wildlife, restore animal habitats and remove non-native plants from the wildlife ecosystems. However, taking part in a working bee is also a way to enjoy the environment, to experience wildlife and the flora and fauna of our district, while being guided by experienced, friendly people.

The working bees are as follows. Anyone interested can obtain more information and instructions from Gary.

1. Friends of Old Joes Creek (Boronia) - Thursday September 17th, 9 am to 11 am.
2. Friends of Blind Creek Billabong (FTG) - Sunday September 20th, 10 am to noon.
3. Friend of Blind Creek Llewellyn (Wantirna) - Sunday September 13th, 9.30 am—11.30 am.
4. Friends of Koolunga Native Reserve (FTG) - Saturday September 12th, 9.30 am—11.30 am.
5. Friends of the Gully (FTG) - Saturday September 28th, 10 am—noon.

Gary is still working towards a Clean Up Day as part of the Great Spring Clean Up.

He will ensure that the rubbish collected can be disposed of without charge at the Knox Transfer Station.

Jeff has been working hard with a committee to organise the **Golf Day** on November 20th. It is exciting that the prize for a hole-in-one is a car. More details to come soon.

At the moment, the greatest need is for **sponsors**. If you have any contacts that could be useful, speak to Jeff.



Planning for the 52nd Knox Art Show from Friday Nov 6th—Sunday Nov 8th, is well underway and will need a lot of club support.

Opening Night on Friday 6th Nov will be a wonderful night to socialise, enjoy some food and drinks and view beautiful artworks. Pop it in your diary now.

Bunnings BBQs, KNOX BUSINESS AWARDS & THEATRE NIGHT

NEXT BUNNINGS BBQ FRIDAY 18th September

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



KNOX BUSINESS AWARDS

Awards presentation October 8th <https://knoxbusinessawards.com.au/>

John is looking for a caterer for this event to provide substantial nibbles. If you have any contacts, please talk to John.

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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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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