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NEWSLETTER 14, SEPTEMBER 22, 2026

This week's meeting.....

**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**



This week's meeting gave members the chance to look beyond Rotary titles and committee roles as five members took part in our latest **"Behind the Badge"** evening. Through a series of relaxed interviews, we discovered the careers, adventures, passions and occasional mishaps that have shaped the people we sit beside each week.

Mary Kelly reflected on a banking career spanning more than three decades. Starting with the Commonwealth Bank at just 16, she later joined NAB and worked her way through to management before retiring in 2020. Whilst helping many families achieve the dream of home ownership brought great satisfaction, she also shared some of the more challenging situations she encountered along the way. These days, retirement is filled with travel, and Mary nominated a recent journey through Outback Australia as one of her most enjoyable experiences. She is also proud mother to six children and grandmother to eight.

For Cheryl Harrison, the spotlight fell on a lifelong love of dance. Starting ballet at the age of four, Cheryl continued through to her late teens, studying dance at the Victorian College of the Arts and even appearing in a music video for Ted Mulry Gang's *Jump in My Car*. Whilst injuries eventually ended her dancing career, her enthusiasm for the performing arts remains. Members also learned of her unwavering loyalty to Essendon, her love of spicy food and curries, and her connection to football through years of teaching students who later reached AFL level.

Norm Oke took us back to 1980, when he travelled to India as a Rotary Youth Exchange student. Hosted by the Rotary Club of Baroda, he experienced a very different world whilst attending school, volunteering with Rotary projects and travelling extensively throughout the country. Despite bouts of malaria, dysentery and other challenges (which kept him out of school one day in 3), the experience remains one of the highlights of his life. Norm's passion for travel continues today, with a personal goal of visiting every Commonwealth country. Closer to home, he still rows competitively and admits that finishing a shed (at his holiday home) at Venus Bay, currently sits high on his bucket list.

President Andy shared stories from a nursing career that began in England, including his time leading a specialist stroke rehabilitation unit at just 25 years of age. Helping patients regain their independence remains one of his proudest achievements. Members also heard about his move to Australia in 1992, extensive international travel, and his affection for Japan as a destination he would happily relocate to tomorrow. Andy also spoke candidly about overcoming a serious lung tumour diagnosis, a challenge that ultimately inspired his passion for running, cycling and completing marathons.

Rounding out the evening was John Williams, whose colourful career has included the Navy, automotive sales, air-conditioning management and travel. His love for Geelong stems from his naval days, when the Cats became his team simply because they were the only Victorian club outside Melbourne. Among his favourite travel destinations are Prague, Vietnam and the Croatian Islands, whilst an entertaining naval story from Mackay provided a fittingly humorous conclusion to the night.

It was a wonderful evening of stories, laughter and discovery, reminding us that every Rotarian has a unique journey behind their badge.

MUFFINS and SOUP ROSTER

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
4th November Soup	Anita, Robyn L (last soup delivery for 2026)
5th November Muffins	Pete & Sue, Glennys & Howard



PROGRAM

Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and Production	Program
SEPTEMBER - Basic Education and Literacy				
29th September	Club Social Night - Dinner at The Eating House, Wellington Village at 6.30 pm (Please let Kaye know if you will be joining the group, or sign up at a meeting)			
OCTOBER—Economic and Community Development				
6th October	Glennys	Andy	Kevin John	<i>Club update</i>
13th October	Sharon	Marg	John Cheryl	Rebecca Sellars— ‘Avoiding Scams’ Mad Hat Night for Lift the Lid
20th October	Kaye	Kevin	Cheryl Alan	Taylor Lord - Yellowstone Resources Group
27th October	Corinne	Daryl	Alan Bob	Jenny Moran - Foundation

UPCOMING CLUB DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SAT 26th SEPT - Grand Final Day BBQ - Wellington Village

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

SAT 10th OCT - Coffee Catchup - Tosaria, 10am

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 - Churchill Waverley Golf and Bowls Club, Bergins Rd, Rowville

FRI 20th NOV - Golf Day - Churchill-Waverley Golf and Bowls Club, Bergins Rd, Rowville



BUSINESS BREAKFAST No 22



The Business Breakfast on Friday 18th was a great success and a significant way to establish the partnership our Club has made with the Rowville CFA. The attendance of Captain Cien Pereira and four other members of her crew made this a special event. Even more unique was the opportunity to watch a live feed to the big screen as a drone circled over the golf course and the browsing kangaroos.

The speaker, Greg Tyrell, is the Executive Director of the Australian Association for Uncrewed Systems, and the information he provided about the development of drones and their current and future roles was illuminating. It is hard to imagine having Amazon purchases delivered by drone, but that is now a reality in some places. As well as highlighting the uses to which drones are put, and future possibilities, Greg highlighted issues relating to regulation, through CASA, as well as the challenges that will need to be addressed in the future. One important aspect he stressed is to have the trust of the community that regulation and licensing will ensure that drones are not used for nefarious purposes.

To cap off the morning, President Andy presented Captain Cien with a cheque for \$5000, as the first instalment towards our project, which is to provide equipment for a special vehicle to transport the drones to a fire region.

A big thank you to all the Business Breakfast team and especially Daryl who steered this event through, and to all those who attended.



Guest Speaker-Greg Tyrell



President Andy and Capt Cien with the cheque for \$5000.



Member Snippets....

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS SEPTEMBER

9th—Kevin Harrison

15th—Tony Harrison

18th—Daryl Moran



- Corinne and Les are slowly getting back into the rhythm of being home! The weather has certainly helped with getting many machine loads of washing dry. Corinne, however, is struggling with having to cook a meal every night!
- Great to see Kaye so well after her recent surgery. We wish her well as she slowly gets back into her normal rhythms.
- Marg was very happy after a bit of successful wedding dress shopping with her daughter at Chadstone yesterday. Not long now until the big day in March.

Next Saturday Coffee Catchup

Sat October 10th, 10 am at Tosaria Restaurant

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

BRING A FRIEND MORNING



52nd KNOX ART SHOW

The Knox Art Show is supported by a Knox City Council Community Development Fund grant

52nd www.knoxartshow.org.au

KNOX ART SHOW

Find the Art that belongs
with you

November 7-8 Churchill Waverley Golf & Bowls Club

Rotary
Bayswater and Rowville-Lysterfield

A LETTER OF THANKS.....

Dear Marg,

On behalf of Quilts of Valour Australia Inc.®, I would like to sincerely thank the Rotary Club of Rowville, for their generous donation of \$300. It was lovely to meet so many of the members last Tuesday night. Thank you for making Lyn and I welcome and for the delicious dinner.

Your support will certainly help us reach more veterans with Quilts of Valour. This makes a profound difference in the lives of our veterans, providing comfort, healing, and recognition for their Service and Sacrifice.

We truly appreciate the generosity of the Rotary Club of Rowville for Quilters for Quilts of Valour Australia Inc.®.

With heartfelt thanks,



Helen Comport OAM

Founder/Hon. Secretary

Quilts of Valour Australia Inc.®



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, please 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.

2026 KNOX BUSINESS AWARDS PRESENTATION NIGHT

Put this date in your diary now.

Venue: Knox Community Arts Centre
Corner of Mountain Highway and Scoresby Road, Bayswater

When: Thursday 8th October, 2026

Start Time: 6.00 pm

Admittance: No charge

Light refreshments will be available including limited drinks.

Book your **FREE** ticket on the Trybooking link below, to indicate your intention to attend.



<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1652157>

BUNNINGS BBQs

NEXT BUNNINGS BBQ FRIDAY 16th OCTOBER

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

LAST WEEK'S BUNNINGS BBQ

Last Friday, the BBQ Team worked steadily to achieve our best result for a while with \$1233.45 raised.

Our thanks to— Marg and Ian, Cheryl, Glennys, Howard, Deb, Jenny and Daryl

Wonderful effort!!

SUPPORTING FAMILY CARE UGANDA

COCKTAILS FOR A CAUSE

Good drinks. Great times. Greater impact.

DATE: Saturday 17th October

VENUE: Upwey Tecoma FNC Chosen Ave Upwey

DRESS: Spring Racing

ENTRY FEE: \$35

Includes a ticket in the door prize, a complimentary cocktail / mocktail and nibbles

DRINKS: \$10 cocktails / mocktails plus other drinks at bar prices

ENTERTAINMENT: music, games, raffles

Bring your party shoes, a party hat, enthusiasm, laughter and gold coins

SUPPORTING: Family Care Uganda

We are looking to raise money to fund the medical supplies for the 250 students for the year.

Tickets best purchased prior to the night.

Rotary Belgrave-Ferntree Gully

Every cocktail. Every conversation. Making a difference.

SCAN TO BUY TICKETS!

This Rotary event is a great way to support our member Robin Yamaguchi and her work at Family Care Uganda.

An Email from Foothills Community Care

“Dear Friends, Volunteers, and Supporters,

For almost 25 years, Foothills Community Care has been a place of warmth, hospitality, and home for so many across the Dandenong Ranges and Knox. Together, we have grown from four volunteers with a shared heart to a vibrant community of over 250 volunteers and dedicated staff. Every meal served and every connection made reflects our shared vision of *Shalom* - bringing wholeness, restorative justice, and belonging to our local area, so that everyone is welcome at our table.

As our community's needs have grown, Foothills has grown alongside them. Following a strategic review in 2024 with staff and our board and the exciting opening of our new Foothills Community Hub in Upwey, we are stepping into an intentional season of organisational reflection and leadership transition. We want to share what this next chapter looks like for our Foothills family.

Celebrating Stephen Barrington's Legacy

After 24 remarkable years of guiding Foothills from its very first steps, our founder and CEO, Stephen Barrington, is stepping down as CEO into a strategic growth role. It is impossible to fully express our gratitude for Stephen's visionary leadership, deep compassion, and commitment to ensuring everyone always has a place at our table.....The wonderful news is that Stephen isn't leaving our story. He will move into a part-time role focused on strategic partnerships, funding, and serving as our founder and storyteller - helping pass on the heart and values of Foothills to all who join us.



"Looking back over 24 years, I am so proud of what this community has built together - creating safe spaces where people can gather, connect, and contribute. Inclusion, hospitality, generosity, and compassion have always been the heart of Foothills. This step is the result of two years of intentional planning to ensure Foothills thrives well into the future, and I'm deeply grateful to stay on the team for what lies ahead as we serve our community."

Stephen Barrington, Founder

Shortly, we'll be sharing details about a special event where we can all come together to honor Stephen and celebrate our shared Foothills journey.

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to Alice Garrick for her steady, compassionate leadership as Interim CEO while Stephen was on Long Service Leave recently. Alice steps back into her Operations Manager role, overseeing all of our programs and operations and leading our amazing team.

Welcoming Kaye Reid as Intentional Transition CEO. To guide us through this season with care and clarity, the Board has appointed Kaye Reid.....Kaye brings extensive experience in business, finance, pastoral care, and organisational change.

Rather than taking on the traditional long-term CEO role immediately, Kaye's focus is to work alongside the Board, staff, volunteers and community over the next couple of years to strengthen our foundations, honour our history, and prepare us to smoothly recruit a long-term CEO around 2028. Kaye, Stephen, and Alice are working closely together to ensure a seamless handover.

Thank you for your steady support, your prayers, and your dedication to this community. We are deeply grateful to serve alongside every one of you. Please feel free to reach out to the Board or team if you have any questions along the way."

With warm gratitude

Melanie Cutler

Chair on Behalf of the Board of Directors
Of Foothills Community Care Inc

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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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