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NEWSLETTER 17, OCTOBER 13, 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

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**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**



Last night, members welcomed Rebecca Sellars, Branch Operations Manager, and Sam Calogero, Branch Manager, from Community Bank Ferntree Gully, Bendigo Bank, for a timely and highly practical presentation on the growing threat of scams and online fraud.

Rebecca and Sam explained that scams continue to evolve at an alarming rate, with criminals becoming increasingly sophisticated in the way they target unsuspecting victims. One of the key messages of the evening was that anyone can be scammed. Victims come from all walks of life, including experienced professionals, business owners and people who consider themselves financially and tech savvy.

The presentation covered a range of common scams currently affecting Australians, including:

- Investment scams promising unusually high returns or quick profits.
- Romance scams that target people seeking companionship and gradually gain their trust before requesting money.
- Fake invoice scams, where legitimate invoices are altered with fraudulent banking details.
- Phishing and text message scams designed to steal personal information or banking credentials.
- Remote access scams, where victims are persuaded to download software that gives scammers control of their devices.
- Identity theft and employment scams.
- Fake toll road, MyGov and parcel delivery notifications.

While the scams themselves vary, Rebecca and Sam explained that many share the same warning signs. Scammers often create a sense of urgency, pressure people to act immediately, or present opportunities that seem too good to be true. They frequently ask victims not to discuss the matter with family or friends and may pose as trusted organisations such as banks, government departments or well-known businesses.

Members were reminded never to share passwords, internet banking credentials or one-time security codes with anyone. Legitimate banks will never ask for these details over the phone, by email or via text message.



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MUFFINS and SOUP ROSTER

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
19th November Muffins	Fiona, Heather & Bob, Anita & Rajeev



PROGRAM

Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and Production	Program
OCTOBER—Economic and Community Development				
20th October	Kaye	Kevin	Cheryl Alan	Taylor Lord - Yellowstone Resources Group
27th October	Corinne	Heather	Alan Bob	Jenny Moran - The Rotary Foundation
NOVEMBER - The Rotary Foundation				
3rd November	NO MEETING - Melbourne Cup Day			
10th November	John W	Andy	Bob Kevin	President Andy - Club Update
17th November	Jenny	Gary	Kevin Cheryl	Daryl - A Very Lucky Country

***** PLEASE CHECK MEETING ROLES AS THERE HAVE BEEN SOME MINOR ADJUSTMENTS MADE *****

UPCOMING CLUB DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

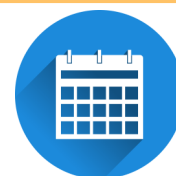
SAT 24th OCT - SHEBA Fundraising Dinner - Mulgrave Community Centre, 355 Wellington Rd, Mulgrave, 6pm

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 Gala 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



KNOX BUSINESS AWARDS 2026



Thursday night's presentation brought together in excess of 70 people for the Knox Business Awards 2026, in a cocktail-style event. Present were: outstanding businesses, community leaders, sponsors and supporters to celebrate the innovation, resilience and dedication that make the Knox business community so strong.

The Finalists and Winners in each category and overall winner were chosen very carefully according to a specific set of criteria. The 3 Judges – Carolyn Drinkwater (Rowville-Lysterfield Community News, Darren Pearce (Swinburne University of Technology) and Kim Wells (Local MP for Rowville), really had their work cut out for them and spent many hours coming to their final decisions. We thank them all for their hard work and dedication.



Congratulations to all of our award winners and finalists. Your achievements reflect not only business success, but also the positive impact you have on your customers, employees and the broader community.

A sincere thank you to our major sponsor, Community Bank Ferntree Gully (Bendigo Bank), along with Swinburne University, Jenbury Financial, Naomi's Flowers & Gifts, Knox City Council and everyone who helped bring this event to life.

Finally, we thank the committee - John W, Andy and Bob for putting the presentation together over many months. Special thanks to Alan for his photography.

These awards are about more than recognising excellence. They are about celebrating the people, relationships and community spirit that continue to drive Knox forward.

We were proud to host another memorable evening and look forward to seeing what the future holds for our local business community.

Congratulations to all our winners and thank you to everyone who joined us.

Community Bank Ferntree Gully (Bendigo Bank) was represented by Chairman of the Board, Etienne Clauw, Member Karin Orpen OAM and Sam Calogero, Branch Manager.



Our President, Andy, spoke briefly on the importance of forming relationships in business and encouraged those present to make the most of the networking opportunities on this special evening.

John Williams was the MC.



(Left) The crowd, in anticipation of the announcement of Finalists and Winners. More photos on page 5.....

52nd KNOX ART SHOW - BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

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

Knox City Council

Rotary
Bayswater and Rowville-Lysterfield



52nd KNOX ART SHOW

PHOTOGRAPHY **PAINTINGS** **SCULPTURE**

GALA OPENING FRI 6TH NOV 7PM
7-8 NOVEMBER 10.00 AM - 4.30 PM

MORE DETAILS **WWW.KNOXARTSHOW.ORG.AU**

AT CHURCHILL WAVERLEY GOLF AND BOWLS CLUB, ROWVILLE

Club members can support this event in a number of ways..

- Be part of the event on the Gala Opening Night. Booking is through the website www.knoxartshow.org.au
- Invite your friends to come along, either to the Opening Night or over the weekend
- Like and share any FB or Insta posts you see
- Help out on the roster over the week of the Art Show. The roster will be sent as a Google sheet for you to fill in the times you are available. There are a lot of spots to fill and every bit of help is much appreciated
- Roster is out now and there are still many vacant spots available

Member Snippets....

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS OCTOBER

10th - Alan
18th - Jenny
18th - Robyn L
20th - Ian J
28th - Ayanthi



- Mary and John recently visited Canberra and very much enjoyed Floriade
- Kaye is doing really well with her recovery and has resumed Pilates
- We were visited this week by 2 young visitors, Max and Sienna
- Ian J got a surprise cake at the meeting baked by Marg to celebrate his upcoming "big" birthday





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SHEBA Event 2026 Fundraising

\$50
Dinner contribution

24 OCTOBER 2026
SATURDAY, 6.00 PM
Mulgrave Community Centre,
355 Wellington Road, Mulgrave 3170.
www.sheba.ngo

A/C No. 488641249
A/C Name: Sheba, BSB: 013-312
shebanet@gmail.com

Bookings for the SHEBA Fundraising Event 2026 are now open.

Please use the Link to book your tickets. Hope to see you there!

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1657795>



Please join us for a...

Garden Soirée

Celebrating the Official Launch of Recycled Sound Reimagined Hearing Aid Bank

Saturday November 7

LXD Lounge
Chadstone Tower, 1 Ground Floor/1341 Dandenong Rd, Chastinae Vic 3148

Doors open 10am
Start time: 10:15am
End time: 12:00pm

Tickets: \$75 p/p
VIP Tickets: \$90 p/p incl handmade head-piece

Hosted by Rotary Club of Springvale City

A community driven project to collect, restore, refit and reconnect.
Because good hearing technology should not go to waste while people go unheard.

Drink and light refreshments included

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Angelina: 0402 168 955 or Cathy: 0422 175 470
RSVP: 24th October 2026

<https://events.humanitix.com/recycled-sound-reimagined-hearing-aid-bank-launch>

The Rotary Club of Springvale City is hosting a fundraising garden soiree to launch Recycled Sound Reimagined Hearing Aid Bank, their community hearing aid bank designed to connect people.

Recycled Sound collects quality donated hearing aids from all over Australia, assesses and catalogues them, then fits them to people who have no other way of getting help.

The first priority group is refugees and people seeking asylum, because they sit outside almost every funded hearing pathway currently available.

Hearing aid banks exist all over the country. The problem is that the people who need them most don't know they exist. Two barriers stand out - sorting and maintaining a donated inventory takes more volunteer hours than most clubs can find, and there's a real knowledge gap about what a hearing aid bank can actually do for someone.

Sorting and matching devices by hand takes volunteers hours, and every hour spent sorting is an hour not spent teaching someone how to look after their hearing.

Recycled Sound Reimagined Hearing Aid Bank and AI app is their attempt at solving this problem.

The money raised goes towards the system that makes it all work.

To book tickets, please use the link on the left.

GOLF DAY - BOOK NOW!!!



Rotary
Rowville-Lysterfield

Charity Golf

Open to ALL golfers across Melbourne — Rotarians, golf club members, social players, and the wider community

Churchill-Waverley Golf & Bowls Club
82 Bergins Road Rowville 3178

Friday, 20 November, 2026
Time: 7:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Hit a hole-in-one and WIN A GEELY!
One Geely vehicle awarded to the first verified hole-in-one on the 11th (insurance conditions apply).

Supporting the Rowville CFA RPAS Project — Strengthening Community Emergency Response

Entry Fee:

- \$95 per player (includes lunch)
- Teams of 4 or 3
- 8 am Shotgun start
- Ambrose event

Scan to book:

CFA | **GEELY** | **CHADSTONE** | **Community Bank Ferntree Gully** | **Bendigo Bank**

Contact us at: **0413 150 587**

The Community Bank Ferntree Gully (Bendigo Bank) is the major sponsor of our Golf Day. We are now looking for businesses who would like to showcase their activities by sponsoring a hole at the event on 20th November.

SPONSORSHIP - \$250.00 PER HOLE. Exclusive rights to advertising on the golf day and recognition in all correspondence and verbally where appropriate.

Do you know someone who might be interested in this offer? If yes, see the Try Booking QR code link above.

Players make a golf day, so please encourage any family, friends or acquaintances to sign up for the day via Try Booking. An official golf handicap is **NOT** required.

Remember: A \$50,000 CAR IS UP FOR GRABS for a HOLE IN ONE on the 11th Hole.

A major raffle is planned for the day too. Members who are able, are encouraged to support the event by supplying items for the raffle: Wine, Chocolates, Nuts, Golfing paraphernalia or other suitable items for this raffle.

Remember. This event has the potential to be an annual, significant money raiser for the club. A successful launch will secure its future.

A roster for the day will be circulated shortly.

Scan the QR code above on the flyer to access PLAYER ENTRY and SPONSORSHIP.

KNOX BUSINESS AWARDS 2026 Continued.....



The five award categories were:

- Young Business Leader Award
- Innovation and Growth Award
- Customer Excellence Award
- Community Champion Award
- People's Choice Award



Rebecca Tai representing Hope Kids OT, Knox Business of the Year 2026



The Knox Business of the Year was presented by Etienne Clauw, Chairman of the Board, Community Bank Ferntree Gully



Young Business Leader Award presented to Alex from Cycle Fixation by Jana Perera from Swinburne University



The People's Choice Award was presented to Alex from Cycle Fixation by Kim Wells MP.



Forte Music Wantirna Customer Excellence Award received by Caitlin Giang



Doug Lord from Yellowstone Resource Group with the Community Champion Award

OCTOBER IS LIFT THE LID MONTH

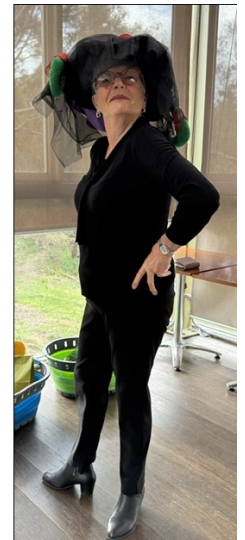
Last night's meeting involved more than the usual amount of fun. Marg asked us all to wear a funny hat in recognition of the fact that October is "Lift the Lid" on mental health month. After dinner, Marg reminded us that laughter plays a massive part in mental wellbeing and organised an "interesting" relay game. Our guest speakers, Rebecca and Sam gladly took part as the leaders of each team and club members were chosen to make up the blue and green teams.



The object of the game was to put on a pair of gloves and a belt and to place a balloon between the knees. Team members then had to "run" to the tables at the back and return to the starting line where the next team member put on the gloves and belt placed their balloon and made the dash!

The green team were declared winners and were undoubtedly helped by a "smarty" (Cheryl) who jumped up and back!!

Thank you to Marg for organising some fun for the night!



"Smarty" Cheryl. The photo is a bit blurry but she jumped all the way!



This week's meeting continued from p.1.....

Other practical tips included:

- Verify invoices and payment requests independently before transferring funds.
- Avoid clicking links in unexpected emails or text messages.
- Use strong passwords and multi-factor authentication.
- Keep devices and security software up to date.
- Review account activity regularly.
- Contact your bank immediately if something doesn't feel right.

An important theme throughout the presentation was that technology itself is not the enemy. While scams are increasingly occurring online, digital banking can be used safely when appropriate precautions are taken. Rebecca encouraged anyone who feels uncertain about online banking to seek assistance from their bank rather than avoiding technology altogether.

The evening concluded with a lively discussion and plenty of questions from members, highlighting just how relevant this topic has become. Rebecca and Sam's presentation served as a valuable reminder that whilst scams are becoming more sophisticated, staying informed, remaining cautious and trusting your instincts remain some of the best forms of protection.

Our thanks go to Rebecca and Sam for giving up their free time to share their expertise and help our members stay safer in an increasingly digital world.

BUNNINGS BBQs

NEXT BUNNINGS BBQ NEXT FRIDAY 16th OCTOBER



Roster is full. Many thanks to all the volunteers.

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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**

The Knox Business Network Satellite club of the Rotary Club of Rowville- Lysterfield.
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