

# Rotary

## Rowville Lysterfield



### DGN Colin Byron—D9815 Moving Forward Together

DG Nominee Colin Byron will be District Governor in 2024-2025 for the new District 9815 which will result from the merger of D9810 and D9820.

Colin will bring to the role a wealth of experience in Rotary and in the business world, largely with Hewlett Packard, which includes steering through mergers.

Colin framed his presentation in terms of how the merger will affect Clubs and how District can support Clubs, plus highlighting some of the challenges for the merged District.

The merger of these districts became imperative as the number of Rotarians in both Districts fell towards the critical threshold of 1100 members. At the direction of Rotary International a District Consolidation Committee was formed to formulate a plan to bring the merger to fruition. The merged district will include over 2000 Rotarians in over 80 Clubs, plus 6 Rotaract Clubs. Geographically it will spread over an area from Hampton to Sorrento, into Gippsland and to the Victorian border. A Transition Management Team will oversee the formation and operation of Focus Teams in: Admin/Governance, Finance & Budget, Youth, Foundation, Services, Membership, Public Image, Training and District Area Management. A new constitution and new website will be required with an integration of systems.

District mergers are NOT uncommon as in four years Zone 8 has reduced from 27 Districts to 17.

#### What does it mean for Rotarians?

The District boundaries will change to become a mix of city and country clubs, allowing for city-based clubs to help work on projects with country clubs. There will be a flatter, more streamlined District administration and access to a greater number of resources to better support Clubs and enable cost efficiencies. There will be different leadership opportunities at all levels of Rotary. The current area structure of Clusters will change and include more Clubs.



#### Meeting Details

##### Where:

Tosaria's Café  
60 Henderson Rd  
Rowville

##### When:

Tuesday, 6.30 pm  
for 7.00 pm start

**Meetings are  
hybrid unless  
indicated other-  
wise**

**Visitors are  
warmly welcomed**

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**Meeting Zoom link  
[here](#)**



**Home Club of  
IPDG Dr Daryl Moran**

DGN Colin Byron

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Other implications for Clubs are:

- Strengthening of the role of Assistant Governor, with increased training, resources and metrics will provide direct support to Clubs—the AGs will become Area Governors. AGs will work on improved collaboration within the Area Clusters.
- The DG role will have increased focus on strategic leadership and change management.
- All programs in the Areas of Service will combine— there are already combined programs for RYLA and MUNA. This will provide the opportunity to leverage best practices and bring economies of scale in Membership, Youth, Rotaract and with projects.
- More strategic partnerships will be established with local entities and organisations.
- Better use of technology
- Better positioned to implement the Pilot recommendations of Regionalisation.

Some challenges for D9815 are:

- Implementation of the Merger plan and effective communication to all District stakeholders.
- A strategic communication plan that will support the communication process throughout the change.
- Appointment and intensive training of Area Governors and Team Leaders
- To overcome resistance to change by acting upon it constructively and early in the change process.
- Working closely with the Regionalisation team to better understand the impact of the Pilot recommendations on D9815.

**Our hearty thanks to DGN Colin for joining us and sharing his insights in such an engaging and clearly explained presentation.**

## Rotary Foundation at Work

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The Rotary Foundation is one of the most significant aspects of the work of Rotary. The graphic below is a snapshot of a few of the ways in which the Foundation makes a difference in the lives of people across the world.



We remain dedicated to **eradicating polio** and raised over US\$2.2 million for World Polio Day to help keep children protected.



Rotary members continue to find ways to **send humanitarian aid to Ukraine** even after using 440 disaster response grants to provide relief to people in and around the war zone.



We continue to support educators' work to raise literacy rates and keep children in school through initiatives like **The Guatemala Literacy Project**.

Rotarians Against Malaria is a volunteer-run organization working to eliminate malaria. The primary focus of RAM has been the distribution of insecticide-treated nets to vulnerable populations in Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and more recently, Timor Leste. RAM has raised more than \$1.6 million to eliminate malaria since 2003. RAM works in conjunction with the Ministry of Health authorities in each country and complements the work of other malaria organisations, most notably the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

**We look forward to hearing more about the work of RAM at our meeting on February 14th.**



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AGAINST MALARIA**

## ROMAC—Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children

### Mission Statement

*ROMAC provides surgical treatment for children in Australia and New Zealand from developing countries from our Pacific region in the form of life giving and/or dignity restoring surgery not accessible to them in their home country.*

### Objectives

- *Provide hope and restore dignity to transform a child's life*
- *Provide the best possible surgical and medical expertise*
- *Engage Rotary and the community at all levels to fund and support the ROMAC cause*
- *To maintain and improve the quality of the management process and ensure high quality governance of the ROMAC project*

**ROMAC is currently looking for Rotarians or Rotaractors with skills to join their committees** in areas like fundraising, marketing, communications, producing newsletters and maintaining databases, liaising with Government and Hospitals, paediatrics, finance, recruiting, and hosting. Contact ROMAC if you would like more information by visiting their website [here](#).

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### Rotary theme for each month

**July**— New leadership

**August**— Membership and New Club Development

**September**— Basic Education and Literacy

**October**— Economic and Community Development

**November**— Rotary

Foundation

**December**— Disease Prevention and treatment

**January**— Vocational Services

**February**— Peace building and Conflict resolution

**March**— Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

**April**— Maternal & Child Health

**May**— Youth Service

**June**— Rotary Fellowships

**ROMAC**

- Imagine Melbourne, in late May, when tens of thousands of Rotarians from all around the world arrive here for RICON 23.
- Imagine the buzz of different languages and different cultures, all with the common interest in Rotary.
- Imagine falling into conversation with strangers, knowing that you share a desire to help those in need.

The opportunity is there for all of us to share in the excitement of RICON 23, even if it is not possible to attend the Convention itself. Volunteers are needed for a vast array of jobs and this opportunity is open to Rotarians, friends and family. If the task is inside a Convention venue, volunteers will need to be registered for the Convention, but there are many other roles that will be required for jobs outside the venues.



Rotarians from Africa at the Hamburg Convention in 2019

A special opportunity exists for our Club to volunteer on Saturday May 27th for the signature event at the Melbourne Museum. Organisation of the volunteers for this event is being co-ordinated by our Club member PDG Daryl Moran. This is a great chance for many members of our Club to work together and be part of this exciting evening, so please give it serious thought. The Host Organizing Committee is hopeful for great support from our Club.

For more details about volunteering and to register to volunteer, click [here](#).

## Donation to Vision Australia

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**Thank you!**



Thank you for your donation of \$60 to Vision Australia,

Your donations help to provide vital services to people who are blind or have low vision. It is because of your generosity that specialist teams can ensure that children and adults get the expert help they need to be independent, mobile and to move around their community so they can live the life they choose.



### **BUNNINGS BBQs**

Profit from the BBQ on Saturday 28th was **\$1383.55**, which is an excellent result. Thank you to all the helpers on this very hot day:

Ian, Robyn, Alan, Anita, Rajeev, Kaye, Kevin, Cheryl, Max, John, Ayanthi, Gary and of course Les and Corinne

Next BBQ Dates                      **Friday February 17th**  
                                                 **Saturday March 25th**



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## **Rotary Clubs of Knox Cluster Project—'Empowering Communities'**

We would like to share with all Rotary Clubs in the Knox Cluster a community project for all Rotarians to be actively involved in. **Empowering Communities**, working with the Department of Justice, identified local council areas where grants were available to empower people to reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and substance abuse, and to help those living with disabilities etc.

The **Rotary Club of Ferntree Gully** has submitted an application project plan and in principle it has been accepted from the Dept of Justice, to establish a "Youth Club" targeting high school students who lack opportunities due to financial, family or other situations and may have difficulties making connections, are disengaged or isolated from other young people, schools or the community, and may be vulnerable or at high risk. Students will be sourced from high schools in Knox.

The program will start in July 2023 and run till June 2024 (the grant is in excess of \$80,000.00) and will be held on a Friday night run fortnightly excluding school holidays.

A very brief overview of how an evening will be run for the students (capped at 45) would be:

- A hot wholesome meal on arrival
- 3-4 round robin activities & physical activity e.g., basketball, street dancing, etc
- A Life skills coaching session covering alcohol, drugs abuse and which can offer referrals for further assistance.
- Supper.

It will run from approx. 6.30-9.30pm at Fairhills High School.

The Grant covers ( for approx. 20 sessions): fully qualified Life Skills Youth worker, qualified Youth worker, 2 Youth workers to coach and run activities, private catering and delivery of meals, bus transport home to ensure students safety, volunteer training, admin assistant for record keeping.

**This project is to be a combined effort by the Knox Cluster clubs and is a major effort to assist the youth in the Knox area without the need to support the project with financial backing.**

**There is a lot of preparation required and a steering committee will be set up—anyone interested in being part of this committee should speak to President Kevin.**

On a very regular basis, Ian Vesey heads to Peppertree Hill and loads up his ute with bags and bags of items collected by the residents at Peppertree Hill Retirement Village. Some items are for recycling, some for Tamminya House Op Shop, and some are knitted items to be sent from Donations in Kind to Timor Leste. But many of the bags are filled with new items destined for Backpacks 4 VIC Kids. The photo shows the most recent load on its way to B4VK headquarters. This is a remarkable effort from the Peppertree residents—thank you to you all. Big thank you also to Ian who treks to Cranbourne to deliver the bags and to do maintenance jobs while he is there—true Service Above Self from a quiet achiever.



### Rotarians at Work—Backpacks 4 VIC Kids working bee day

A group of Club members, plus two members of the Eastern Palliative Care group, had a profitable day at B4VK headquarters in Cranbourne doing a range of tasks such as packing My Essentials backpacks, plus washing several hundred donated drink bottles. It was also a good chance to learn more about this amazing organisation which fills a real need in the community. Thanks to the willing helpers: **John, Ian, Kaye, Daryl, Jenny and Lyn** and **Irene** from EPC. As usual, the banter and joking made the day pass very quickly.





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- Birthday greetings this week to **Adrian**, on February 4th. Wishing you a peaceful day with the chance to celebrate with your family.
- Holiday makers **Jeff** and **Veronica** are soaking up some sun at Kirra Beach, an annual trek for them in non-COVID times.
- **Murray** and **Janine** are feeling excited as the due date for their new grandchild approaches. The baby is due at the end of February but current indications are that it will arrive a little earlier.
- Great to see **Ruth** and **Shoua** back at a meeting and to hear their enthusiasm for Rotary projects.
- The latest edition of the Rowville Lysterfield Community News is available—click [here](#). There will be a prize for the first person to email the editor and identify the five people who feature in the photos accompanying the Club article this month!
- Our contribution of muffins to Foothills Community Care for home delivery with their Community Casseroles will begin on **Thursday February 9th**. This will be a fortnightly contribution, with two teams of muffin makers. A big thank you to: **Marg, Heather & Bob, Anita and Rajeev, Fiona (from the Satellite Club), Sue and Pete, Kaye, Corinne and Jenny**. There are enough volunteers to almost have a separate team for the monthly soup roster which will commence in the colder weather. Soup makers will be **Kate, Brenton** (from the Satellite Club) with help from his girls **Tahlia and Olivia**, plus each month one other person from among the muffin makers.



## **Morning Tea at Peppertree Hill Retirement Village**

**DATE: Friday February 3rd. TIME: 10.15 am**

**LOCATION: Peppertree Hill Retirement Village, Rowville.**



The Club has been invited to a morning tea to do a presentation about some of the projects with which Peppertree Hill and Rotary Rowville Lysterfield are involved, in particular Backpacks 4 VIC Kids.

There are many new residents at Peppertree Hill and this will provide the opportunity for them to become better informed about the projects which have gained a lot of support from the residents of the village over a number of years.



Let's support our members in their business endeavours.

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| Date                                                   | Registration                                                                                                                                                                                | Chair   | Setup and production  | Program                                                                                                  |
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| <b>February—Peace Building and Conflict Resolution</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                             |         |                       |                                                                                                          |
| <b>Wed 1</b>                                           | Packing day at Backpacks 4 VIC Kids 10 am-4.00pmish 8 people required.<br>Our Club has received a \$9000 grant for 76 ME packs.<br>Bring your lunch and something to share for morning tea. |         |                       |                                                                                                          |
| <b>Fri 3</b>                                           | Morning Tea and presentation at Peppertree Hill Retirement Village 10.30 am                                                                                                                 |         |                       |                                                                                                          |
| <b>7</b>                                               | Jeff                                                                                                                                                                                        | Carol   | Stephen<br>Bob<br>Ian | <b>Thameena Zarani</b><br>(wife of Club member Arshad Samsudeen)<br>'My career progression in Melbourne' |
| <b>14</b>                                              | Ayanthi                                                                                                                                                                                     | Murray  | Bob<br>Ian<br>John    | <b>Gloria Hargreaves</b><br>Rotarians Against Malaria                                                    |
| <b>21</b>                                              | Rajeev                                                                                                                                                                                      | Heather | John<br>Daryl<br>Alan | <b>Heid Victoria</b><br>'My Journey into Photography'                                                    |



## ANZAC Day adventure at Mansfield

It is proposed to mark ANZAC day in 2023 by having a Club trip to Mansfield. This could involve attending the 6.00 am Dawn Service and the 10am service. The ANZAC march for this service is very different, as it is led by mounted soldiers.

Possible lunch venues include wineries in the area.

Accommodation is available at various places close to the Vesey house including an air b'n' b in the same street. Bookings would need to be made soon to be sure of getting accommodation.

**More details to come soon—watch for an email from Marg**

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District 9810

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Rotary-Club-of-Rowville-Lysterfield-171446576246728/?ref=bookmarks>

Website: <http://www.9810rotary.org.au>

## 2022-23 BOARD MEMBERS

|                                 |                   |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>President</b>                | Kevin Harrison    |
| <b>Vice-President</b>           | Marg Vesey        |
| <b>Secretary</b>                | Heather Morris    |
| <b>Treasurer</b>                | Neil White        |
| <b>President Elect</b>          | Carol Constantine |
| <b>Immediate Past President</b> | Murray Wilson     |
| <b>Director</b>                 | Steve Macdonald   |

## 2022-23 COMMITTEES

|                      |                                                    |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Community</b>     | Marg Vesey (mentor)<br>Kate Kidd<br>Pete Batterham |
| <b>Youth Service</b> | Max Williams<br>Jeff Somers (mentor)               |
| <b>Environment</b>   | Gary Forrest<br>Ayanthi Gunatilake                 |
| <b>Foundation</b>    | Neil White (mentor)<br>Adrian Klep                 |
| <b>International</b> | Alan Lunghusen<br>(mentor)<br>Arshad Samsudeen     |
| <b>Vocational</b>    | John Williams<br>Neil Marshall                     |
| <b>Membership</b>    | Ayanthi Gunatilake<br>Gary Forrest                 |

Don't tell anyone but I do have a Melways in my glove box—don't quite trust the GPS to be 100% accurate!

## OTHER ROLES

|                                                          |                                                                                                        |
|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Rowville Secondary College Council Rep</b>            | Rajeev Wadhwa                                                                                          |
| <b>Newsletter</b>                                        | Jenny Moran<br>Heather Morris                                                                          |
| <b>Facebook Website</b>                                  | Kevin Harrison<br>Alan Lunghusen<br>Stephen Palamara                                                   |
| <b>Club Protection Officer</b>                           | Adrian Klep                                                                                            |
| <b>Program Committee</b>                                 | Marg Vesey<br>Jenny Moran<br>Kaye Sharman                                                              |
| <b>On-to-Conference Art Show Committee</b>               | Heather Morris<br>Rajeev Wadhwa<br>James Wilson                                                        |
| <b>Rowville Lysterfield Community News Correspondent</b> | Jenny Moran                                                                                            |
| <b>Fundraising Committee</b>                             | Carol Constantine<br>Adrian Klep<br>Bob Morris<br>Stephen Palamara<br>Arshad Samsudeen<br>Kaye Sharman |

