

Rotary
Rowville Lysterfield



Story Dogs—Margaret Gearon

Story Dogs is a reading support program where selected children read to an accredited dog and its handler. The children are taken out of the classroom to a quiet area in the school for a one-on-one session, lasting about 15-20 minutes.

The students are chosen by the teacher as they believe they will benefit most from the program. Generally the selected students:

- are not comfortable reading out loud in front of others
- have fallen behind classmates and lost confidence
- may have few opportunities to practice reading outside school
- have trouble concentrating

When the session is complete the student is allowed to give the dog a treat and a pat, if they are comfortable with this.

There is very strict assessment of each dog's temperament to ensure they are obedient and willing and that they do not bark or lick the children. The safety of the children is paramount.

The outcomes from being involved in this program are very significant for the children.

- reading skills improve
- confidence soars
- focus and attention improves
- attitude towards learning improves
- develop greater confidence in reading aloud
- improved skill in self correction
- comprehension of what is being read improves
- behaviour improves

The many testimonials on the website attest to the progress made by the children who have been in the program.



Margaret Gearon

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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**

*For information
contact:*

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

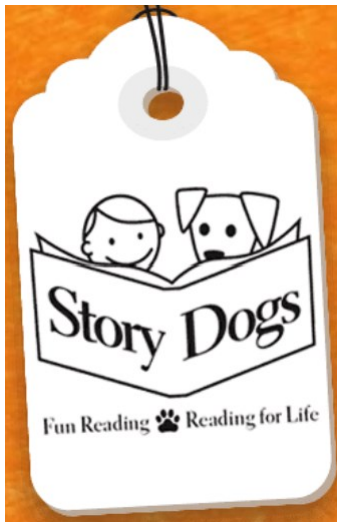
Board meetings: first
Monday of each
month at 7 pm by
zoom. Use the zoom
code above.

All members are wel-
come to attend but
cannot vote.



**Home Club of
IPDG Dr Daryl Moran**

Story Dogs started in 2009 and has grown significantly since then. For example, in 2011 there were 18 dog teams operating in 10 schools. By 2014 this had grown to 86 dog teams in 53 schools. There are currently 590 dog teams in 357 schools across six Australian states.



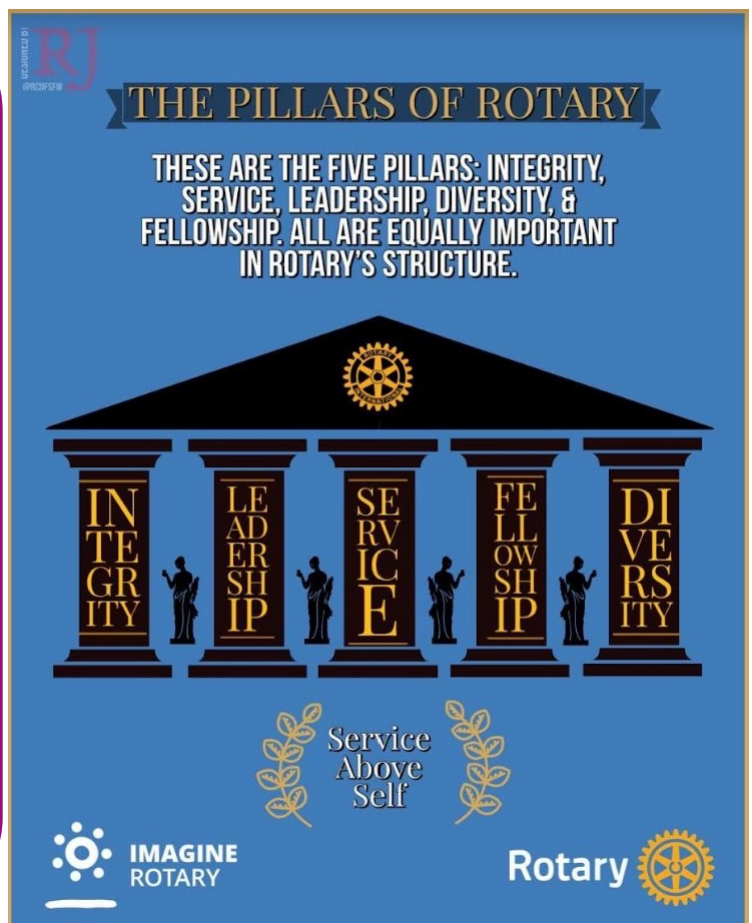
There is no Government funding for Story Dogs and all the workers are volunteers. It costs \$500 each year to put a dog team into a school. This cost includes the bag of books the dog handler takes with them, the reading rug for the dog to sit on, a dog vest, volunteer vest, vets fees and insurance.

The money to run Story Dogs comes from donations, sponsorship and fundraising. Many of the dogs are sponsored and schools that are involved often fundraise to support their team. Other ways that fundraising occurs is through donation boxes, 'Wear Orange on a Friday' days or having a day when all small change goes into a donation box.

The Club is very pleased to be able to donate \$350 to Story Dogs. We thank Margaret for taking time to visit us.

Marg shared with us an illustration of Rotary values demonstrated by Beryl Brown, from Peppertree Hill Retirement Village, a great supporter of our programs.

Beryl is very active at Peppertree in helping the residents give support in various ways to those in need. Beryl responded to a request to make a memory cushion for a local woman who has been recently bereaved. The result was a beautiful cushion made from the favourite jumper of the husband and incorporated several badges representing his interests, such as bowls and the Salvation Army band. It was expertly made and would be a great source of comfort for the grieving widow. The fact that it was made within 24 hours is also commendable. Well done, Beryl!



- Kaye is organising some tickets for anyone interested to see the next production from The 1812 Theatre, 'The Shoe-horn Sonata'. This is a play concerning two women prisoners of war in WW2 who meet again after 50 years. There is also the opportunity to have dinner together at the Royal Hotel prior to the show.

If you are interested in seeing this play please let Kaye know.



- We also have a fundraising 1812 Theatre Night coming up on **May 17th.**

On fundraising nights, the tickets are provided free to not-for-profit groups, so the entire ticket price comes to the club. We will have 40 tickets to sell, with the possibility of \$1000 profit.

The show is 'Waiting for God' and is a comedy, based on a BBC series. Talk to your friends and family about attending on this night. More details re booking to come.



- Another delivery of used stamps was made this week to Camille Rogers from RC Glen Waverley, who runs the used stamps project. Camille thanked the Club for contributing to the total of over **\$7000** worth of stamps that have been collected in this Rotary year.
- The invitation is extended to all Club members to attend the Satellite Club breakfast meeting on **May 25th at 7.30 am**, at Tosaria's restaurant.

The speaker will be from **Beyond Water**.

Beyond Water is a not-for-profit organisation working across East Africa. Their focus is on ensuring schools, medical clinics, children's homes and remote communities have access to safe, clean drinking water and sanitation facilities.

Members of the Beyond Water team will be in Melbourne to man a booth for RICON23 and are keen to share their message with other Rotarians.



**IMAGINE
ROTARY**

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



The time for RICON23 is fast approaching and some of our Club members will be involved in various ways.

1. A number of people will be volunteers at the 'Night at in the Museum' signature event on **Saturday May 27th**. These volunteers have been working through the on-line training module. Note that you do not have to be registered for the Convention to volunteer for this event, and volunteers do not need to register and pay to attend. Volunteers will be required largely to point the way to the Museum from the bus drop-off points. Once the event is underway, volunteers will be able to go into the Museum and become part of the crowd. There will also be food and drink provided in a separate room for volunteers.

The Co-ordinator of volunteers for this event is IPDG Daryl and he will keep our members by the What'sApp group RICON 23 Museum Team.

2. 'Streets of Melbourne—South Wharf dinner'. A number of members have also registered for this event on **Tuesday May 30th**. The South Wharf restaurant precinct is to be reserved only for Rotarians. Those attending will receive a wrist band and this can be redeemed for a meal at one of the restaurants in this vicinity.

Note that there will be no meeting at Tosaria's on this date.

ANZAC Adventure

Club members, partners and family are invited to an ANZAC Day Aussie BBQ at the Mansfield property of Marg and Ian Vesey.

The day can be flexible but if you arrive in time, there is an ANZAC parade and service at 11 am in Mansfield, led by two horses. There will be the mandatory two-up competition at some time. Maybe come in your akubra and drizabone to really get into the sprit!

Aussie BBQ food will be provided—BYO drinks—for a cost of \$25 per head (or \$26 for electronic payment). RSVPs will be required to Marg by April 15th.

The address is 105 Stoneleigh Rd, Mansfield.

Note that there will be no Rotary meeting at Tosaria's that evening.

BUNNINGS BBQs

Next BBQ Dates

Friday April 21st

Friday May 19th

Friday June 16th



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Grand Total from BBQ on Saturday March 25th **\$2387.20**

Thank you from Corinne to all the willing workers on this day who barely had a break all day. So far in this Rotary year we have raised over **\$10,000** from the proceeds of Bunnings BBQs.

FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY CARE—MUFFINS

Thursday April 6th	Marg, Heather, Corinne, Anita & Rajeev
Thursday April 20th	Kaye, Fiona, Sue & Pete, Corinne
Thursday May 4th	Marg, Heather, Jenny, Anita & Rajeev
Thursday May 18th	Kaye, Fiona, Sue & Pete, Jenny

Tamminya House Fundraising Event

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea & Fashion Parade Saturday 13th May 2pm

Boronia Church of Christ
59 Boronia Road
Boronia

Afternoon tea
supplied \$25
donation





We were pleased to welcome Neha and Ahmad to our meeting this week. Neha is Co-President of Knox Rotaract Club and the daughter of club members Rajeev and Anita.

Neha and Ahmad were married in January and they visited us to thank us for our good wishes at the time of their wedding. They also shared with us some of the details of their wedding as they designed their wedding celebrations to highlight the cultural heritage of both families, which is South Indian, North Indian and Indonesian, which is Ahmad's background.

In typical Indian style, the wedding took place over three days.

Day 1 started with the Registered Wedding with a small group of close family and friends present.

The rest of this day was spent in Mehndi preparation. This involved sitting for about 2 hours while the delicate and intricate henna bridal patterns were applied. In addition, to allow the henna ink to fully take effect, the recipient has to sit for about five hours afterwards before the extra ink can be washed off. Traditionally, bridal henna patterns extend all the way to the elbow and cover the feet as well. Hidden in the pattern is the name of the groom and the challenge is for the groom to find his name; it took Ahmad four days to find his name.

Day 2 continued the henna painting (Mehndi) as guests arrived and also had henna applied. Then followed Sangeet, a dance party with great food, dance performances and a fun atmosphere. Neha's photos showed that Anita and Rajeev demonstrated some unexpected dancing prowess at this event.



A typical henna pattern, similar to Neha's

Day 3 followed with the Indian wedding and reception. The Indian wedding was again attended by just a small group of closest family and friends and Neha and Ahmad chose three traditional ceremonies to mark the day. One involved Ahmad placing a necklace around Neha's neck as a sign of commitment. The necklace they chose had been used by Neha's maternal grandmother, so proved a very emotional link to the family traditions. The reception was again a time for dancing and eating delicious north Indian food and enjoying the time together.

Neha commented how wonderful her family home looked when it was decorated for each of these celebration days. She also paid tribute to the amount of planning, and cleaning up, that was required. To finish their visit, Neha and Ahmad handed out small boxes of Indian sweets to all those in attendance.

Thank you Neha and Ahmad for this informative talk, and for the sweets.

- Birthday celebrations are coming up next Tuesday 11th for Heather. Our warmest wishes for a very happy day. We are sure that Bob will spoil you.
- Exciting news that Park Ridge Primary School is keen to start an EarlyAct Club which will include all 70 of their Year 6 students. Max and Daryl have laid the groundwork for this to commence in Term 2 and we will hear more next week about the involvement that will be expected from our Club members to support this group.
- On May 16th we will have a different sort of meeting. We will be receiving our hoodies on that night and will make a short video to illustrate what we have achieved over the Rotary year that led to gaining this reward. This video will be placed on the District website, along with videos from other reward achieving clubs. The Satellite Club members are invited to join this meeting, to also receive their hoodies, and we will have some cocktail type food. This will be a fun night as Heather has put her creative talents to work to come up with an idea for the video. It will also be a good opportunity for some fellowship.



GWS Community Raffle—Heather Morris

The GWS Raffle is being held again in 2023. The Raffle is coordinated by Waverley Rotary and sponsored by Garry and Warren Smith Group. Prizes for this year are:

1st Prize – \$25,000 towards the purchase of a new or used car from GWS.

2nd Prize - \$1000 BP Fuel Voucher

3rd Prize – Vehicle Window Tint valued at \$695

Tickets cost \$2 each and come in books of 10 tickets.

Reminder – our Club keeps all of the \$2 from every ticket we sell. Last year we have made a profit of \$1700.00+ which we have been able to put to our Community Projects.



Let's do even better this year. We have 100 books to sell so that is a possibility of \$2000 profit. Last year we had the opportunity to sell tickets within Bunnings. This proved very successful and Bunnings are allowing us the same opportunity this year. We will require some members to roster themselves to sell those tickets.

The draw takes place on June 16th, 2023 and all ticket butts must to be returned to Heather no later than: **Tuesday 16th May.**

It is preferred if all money is paid into the Club Account rather than cash. Please pay to: Rotary Club of Rowville Lysterfield and reference the deposit with GWS & your name.

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Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and production	Program
April—Maternal and Child Health				
11	Kaye	Rajeev	Ian Nathan Alan	How to Maximize a District Grant Alan, Neil W, Marg EarlyAct at Park Ridge PS Max/Daryl
18	Murray	Carol	Alan Bob Stephen	Club Forum
25	No meeting—ANZAC Day ANZAC Adventure at Mansfield See page 4 for details			
May—Youth Service				
2	Vocational Visit Visit to Ambulance Museum 1/55 Barry St Bayswater with dinner afterwards			
9	Marg	Carol	Bob Stephen Ian	Club Forum 2
16	Cocktail party format with the Satellite Club Receiving our District Rewards Scheme hoodies and making a short video for the District website			
17	1812 Theatre Fundraising Night and dinner—'Waiting for God' More details to come			
23	Corinne	Max	Ian Alan John	National Youth Science Forum Justine and Tom Block
25	Invitation to attend a Breakfast Meeting with the Satellite Club at 7.30 am at Tosaria's Guest Speaker from Beyond Water See page 3 for more details.			
27	'Night at the Museum' Signature event for RICON23—volunteering roles			

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