

Rotary

Rowville Lysterfield



Welcoming the New Rotary Year

The start of July is the start of the new Rotary year, hence a new Rotary logo and new format for the newsletter. However, as our members know, our Club Changeover will not be for a few more weeks due to the travel plans of our incoming President Elect, Kevin. In the meantime, President Murray will continue in this role for a few more weeks.

At our Changeover Dinner the new Board will be announced and again, in the interim, the names listed for various positions are those who have held the position for 2021-2022.

A big vote of thanks must go to President Murray for his willingness to continue in the role for a while longer, especially as his full-time job is very demanding at the moment.

The new RI logo, as shown above, is an invitation from the new RI President to dream big and take action.

"We all have dreams, but acting on them is a choice. Imagine a world that deserves our best, where we get up each day knowing that we can make a difference."

The logo was designed by an Australian designer and has great symbolism. The circle signifies our connections to one another and the dots around it are the people, with seven dots for the seven areas of focus.

The green line is a digging stick—very relevant as Rotarians are people of action.

One interpretation of the colours is that purple is for the End Polio campaign, green is for the most recent area of focus, the Environment, and white is for peace, our core mission

For more detail on this logo, click [here](#).



Home Club of
PDG Daryl Moran



RI President 2022-2023
Jennifer Jones

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 otherwise**

**Visitors are
warmly welcomed**

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Zoom link [here](#)

RAWCS stands for 'Rotary Australia World Community Service'. Australia is the only country to have an organization like RAWCS. RAWCS allows Rotary Clubs to receive donations for their projects that are tax deductible. The project can be overseas or local and once registered and listed on the RAWCS site, it can encourage people to donate to the project.

RAWCS has 4 arms:

- RAWCS Ltd – for non tax deductible projects
- Rotary Australia Overseas Aid Fund – this is where the Kiriwina Project fits
- Rotary Australia Benevolent Society – local projects that directly assist people
- Rotary Australia Relief Fund – emergency funds, such as the Dandenong Ranges Storm Relief

In the last 4 years, \$39 million has gone through RAWCS. The money comes from:

- The government
- Philanthropists such as Dick Smith
- Appeals eg Bushfire appeal, Channel 9 Drought Relief Appeal
- Private Donations

Other Rotary organisations such as 'Rotarians Against Malaria' and 'Donations in Kind also work through RAWCS.



**District 9810 RAWCS Chair
Alan Lunghusen**

When a project is registered with RAWCS, it is given a number and you can find it on the RAWCS website. People can click on the project and learn more about it through the information, photos or videos that have been included. There is also a 'donate now' button for visitors to the site to use, if they wish.

Alan registered the Kiriwina Aid Project with RAWCS in 2015. The number is 24-2015-16. The project was also eligible for a global grant, which came from the Rotary Foundation and the District. A report had to be submitted to the Foundation at the conclusion of the project. Alan's report was 100 pages!

The Kiriwina Project was introduced to our Club by Alan in 2014. Alan was very keen to support Kiriwina Island, situated off the east coast of PNG, as his father had been stationed there during the second world war. It is a coral atoll with no stone at all and fishing is still done in dugout canoes. Yams, bananas, sweet potatoes and very tough chickens provides the diet for the local people and the villages are over populated with many children. Fresh water has to be obtained by climbing 25 metres down into a cave and then climbing back up with the water container balanced on their head.

Our Club decided the project would involve:

- Supplying hospital beds (45 of them)
- Water supply and wash basins to the hospital
- Composting Toilets for a Primary School
- Wood working workshop to supply materials and teach them to build desks for the school children



Alan and Robyn on Kiriwina

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\$165,000 was raised for the Project. Our Club donated \$20,000; Alan's family donated \$32,000 and the rest came from other Clubs, private donations and philanthropists such as the Marsh Foundation and Dick Smith.

The first container full of hospital beds, medical supplies, clothing etc was sent in 2015. A group of enthusiastic Rowville Lysterfield Rotarians collected the beds from a closed hospital and then packed them into the container. The container was shipped to Alotau on the mainland and then was to be put on smaller boats and taken to Kiriwina. Due to the difficulties with Port Officials, the container was held up at Alotau for 4 months. The Port wanted to charge storage fees and wouldn't release the container. However after many, many emails and phone calls from Alan, the container finally reached Kiriwina.

The second container had the materials for the toilets, the wash basins and the wood for the student desks. Alan learnt a lesson from the first container and spent one of his 12 visits to the island, waiting to receive the goods. Six composting toilets and 250 student desks were built. The toilets are still in working order, although regular maintenance is necessary for their efficient functioning.

Alan regularly liaises with the doctor on the island who asked Alan if a walker could be provided for a little girl who was born with club feet, as her father had to carry her everywhere. Alan organized a walker through 'Donations in Kind' but thought we could do so much more for the little girl. For a cost of \$1000, Alan arranged for the little girl to be taken to hospital and a surgeon to operate free of charge. The little girl is now able to walk independently.

Difficulties working with officials also extends to politicians. Alan had asked the politician responsible for Kiriwina to assist in getting medical supplies to the doctor on the island. The politician kept the medical supplies under his house until it was convenient for him to travel to Kiriwina and collect the accolades. Three months went past so Alan posted the story on FaceBook and shamed the politician into getting the supplies to the island.

The Kiriwina Project costs between one and two thousand dollars a year to maintain. However, thanks to Alan and Robyn Lunghusen it has been a very successful project. Many Overseas projects fail for various reasons. Rotary International and the District are very happy with the success of Kiriwina and encourage Alan to visit other Clubs to tell his story – which he has done.



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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

Thank you Alan for explaining the value that RAWCS offers to Rotary Clubs –see an update on page 5

Club member receives Victoria Day Award—by Marg Vesey



It was with great pride that Daryl and I went to see Jenny get her Victoria Day Award on Friday 1st July. Well done to Heather for taking up the invitation of MPs Nick Wakeling and Kim Wells to “celebrate those who help make our state great”. Jenny was acknowledged with 40 other worthy recipients who have contributed to the local community to provide a service or to improve the lives of others. Jenny’s citation, as written by Heather stated:

“Jenny is a truly worthy recipient of this award and well deserved for her dedication to our Club in multiple roles of Foothills support, program planner, editor and friend to us all. Jen lives by the Rotary motto of ‘Service Above Self’. Congratulations on behalf of all the members of Rowville Lysterfield Rotary Club.”



(above) Kim Wells, Jenny Moran and Nick Wakeling at the Awards ceremony

Rotarian Behind the Badge—Ayanthi Gunatilake



Ayanthi was born in Sri Lanka and experienced two wars during her childhood, which led to living in constant fear. She was also very close to two bombings; one in a building near her and the other at a bus stop.

Ayanthi came to Melbourne in 1994 and enrolled in Swinburne to study for an MBA. She completed 2 years, giving her a Diploma but she was unable to continue as she became pregnant.

Music is one of Ayanthi’s loves and she did Music Exams up to Grade 5 whilst her son was still young. Ayanthi also loves travelling and volunteering. Her parents were involved in volunteering in Sri Lanka. Her mother particularly was very revered for her volunteering as shown by the huge number that attended her funeral. The inspiration of her mother has led Ayanthi to also wish to volunteer and that is why she joined Rotary.

Ayanthi Gunatilake

It is great to have Ayanthi in the Club and she has already thrown herself into various Rotary Activities.

Sweet treats— Upwey Baptist Church between 9-11 am

July 7th	Marg, Anita, Fiona, Carol
July 21st	Corinne, Heather, Pam, Olivia and Tahlia
August 4th	Marg, Anita, Fiona, Michelle V
August 18th	Heather, Pam, Olivia and Tahlia, Volunteer needed

Soup—FTG Guide Hall between 2—4 pm

July 27th	Marg, Fiona, Kate
August 24th	Marg, Fiona, Kate

In this last Rotary year, despite lockdown for a significant part of the year, the Bunnings BBQs raised **\$10,225.17**. Once again, an enormous vote of thanks to BBQ Queen Corinne for all her organisation, to Les for all his assistance and to all the helpers who have helped out. Well done!

Update on Kiriwina Island

As part of his presentation on the Kiriwina Island project, Alan reported that one of the young men, Thomas, who had been working on repairing the toilets, had the misfortune to be struck and killed by lightning after returning from a fishing trip. His father had died only one month before, so his mother was left without her two main supports and with Thomas' younger brother and sister to support.

Alan is hoping to provide food for the family for the next 12 months or so. Donations to help with this can be made through the RAWCS Kiriwina Aid Project account— go to this website <https://donations.rawcs.com.au/24-2015-16>

Thomas Raugunei



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BUNNINGS BBQ DETAILS

July 15th

9—12.30: Alan, Robyn, John, Peter
12.30—4.00 : Jeff, Marg, Ian,
Ayanthi
Reserves: Corinne,
Les

August 19th





Angel Flight, launched as an Australian charity in April 2003, is the initiative of Bill Bristow AM a successful businessman, experienced pilot and very proud winner of the Australian of the Year Award - Queensland 2005.

Angel Flight coordinates non-emergency flights to assist country people to access specialist medical treatment that would otherwise be unavailable to them because of vast distance and high travel costs. All flights are free and may involve travel to medical facilities anywhere in Australia.

Angel Flight is a charity that provides non-emergency flight to access medical care that would be otherwise unavailable

The Charity relies on donations and volunteers as they get minimal government support. Our speaker, Warren is one such volunteer who devotes his time as a driver. Warren meets a plane at Essendon Airport and transports the patient (and parent if a child) to the hospital and to their accommodation and then back to the plane. Warren said there may be a lot of waiting around so he builds a rapport with the patient.

52000 missions have been completed since 2003. As an example, one of Warren's patients was a teenager with anorexia and she and her Mother had 300 flights to her Counsellor over time.

Angel Flight doesn't own any planes and young people often volunteer to assist with flights so that they can get their pilot hours up. There are over 2000 Pilots registered with Angel Flight. The planes are not equipped with medical equipment, thus they do not try to compete with The Flying Doctor or Air Ambulance services.



Warren Sparrow from Angel Flight



Looking forward to seeing many members of the Club at the Christmas in July event next Sunday!



The following is just one of many stories that tells the amazing work that the Angel Flight volunteers are doing:

"Just thought I would take the time to say a great big thank-you for our trip with you to Townsville today, which of course goes nowhere towards showing my appreciation. What a change from our normal scenario. Picked up at 8.45 and back at 2.30 same day. How good was that. I truly can't say thank-you enough to Paul (our pilot) and the rest of the crew from Angel Flight. Somehow we went from one exhausted little girl (and Mum) after 3 days travel, to one who is still bright and bubbly ready to take on the world (and ready to face school tomorrow). As you know we have up until now been faced with a 13 hour return trip to Townsville for regular appointments and to somehow transform that into a 2 and a 1/2 hour return trip is just magnificent."



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Angel Flight is a truly remarkable and important Charity. Our Club will be donating \$300 to them. Thank you to Heather for her report.

Rowville Roundup

- Congratulations to **Ian** who has been acknowledged by Backpacks 4 VIC Kids for his ongoing work mowing lawns and attending to other maintenance tasks at the Backpacks factory, as shown here. He is such a quiet achiever who truly deserves this recognition. Well done, Ian!
- Put a note in your diary now that the Knox Art Show will be held on **Nov 11th—13th**. This event will need a lot of manpower so it will be "all hands on deck" for that weekend
- Well done to Knox Rotaract, ably led by **Nidhi** and **Neha**, for the successful Biggest Morning Tea that was held recently. As well as having a fun morning with fabulous food, the Rotaract group raise **\$1500** which will be donated to Cancer research.
- **Jenny, Daryl** and **Max** enjoyed a visit to RYLA last week. The value of this program to the young people who attended was very evident, even though it was cut short by two days due to COVID transmission within the camp group.
- **Carol** is stepping eagerly into her role as Assistant Governor, attending the Changeover nights for 'her' three clubs, accompanied by **Stephen**, and often bumping into Immediate PDG **Daryl**.



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Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and production	Program
JULY—New Leadership				
12 in-person/ hybrid	Julienne	Carol	Jenny Daryl Ian	Kate Kidd Fanatical Food: Myths and Legends
19 in-person/ hybrid	Robyn	Steve	Alan John Neil M	Changeover Night
26 in-person/ hybrid	Jenny	Neil W	John Daryl Neil M	Eliza Vesey 'Major Event Management'
AUGUST— Membership and New Club Development				
5 in-person/ hybrid	Marg	Jeff	Ian Bob Carol	Phil Wright Habitat for Humanity
12 In-person/ hybrid	Gary	Max	Carol Stephen Alan	Peter Dalwood Navigating ClubRunner, My Rotary and other resources

*'Girls Night Out' Planning meeting: Wednesday July 13th at 7 pm
in person, at the home of Heather Morris*

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

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Director	Steve Macdonald

2021-22 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Community	Marg Vesey
Youth Service	Max Williams
Environment	Gary Forrest
Foundation	Neil White
International	Alan Lunghusen
Vocational	John Williams and Neil Marshall
Membership/Facebook	Kevin Harrison

OTHER ROLES

Membership committee	Kevin Harrison Gary Forrest Ayanthi Gunatilake
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OTHER ROLES

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Newsletter	Jenny Moran
Website	Alan Lunghusen
Club Protection Officer	Corinne Baillie
Program Committee	Marg Vesey Jenny Moran Kaye Sharman
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