



This week's speaker—Phil Wright 'Habitat for Humanity'

Habitat for Humanity is a not-forprofit organisation that operates in 70 countries and was founded in 1976. It is the world's number 1 provider of housing and improved shelter for people in need. It aims to build homes using community support and volunteers to enable home ownership for vulnerable people in high levels of housing stress.

Since 1976 it has assisted 39 million people into shelter, with 7 million of those in Asia.

The programs run in Victoria are:

- Affordable home building program
- ReStore enterprises



Home Club of PDG Daryl Moran

- Disaster Recovery Programs
- Building program and Brush With Kindness home repairs.

The Affordable Housing Program has a number of facets:

- Provides access to safe, decent and affordable housing and helps to provide a foundation for a better life.
- Uses a small deposit of \$1,000 to \$5,000.
- Calls on a contribution of sweat equity by Partner families.
- Use of no interest finance for 10 years (currently)
- Affordable loan repayments capped at 25% of household income.
- Provides financial literacy training to help improve money management skills.

Home ownership is a transformational process.

Volunteers underpin the work of Habitat for Humanity, which can be life changing for the volunteers.

Habitat for Humanity receives little Government support so has various programs to provide funds for its work. **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

For information contact:

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Zoom link <u>here</u>





Phil Wright addresses the meeting

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We build strength, stability and selfreliance through shelter.

ReStore enterprises is one way that HFH gains funds for its programs. This is a second hand store, situated at 2/128 Canterbury Road, Kilsyth South, which has a more industrial vibe than a typical second hand store. They take donations of furniture, hardware, electrical appliances and bric-a-brac and will collect suitable items. This store is manned by volunteers and is an enjoyable place to do some community work.

Disaster Recovery Programs are another significant part of the work of Habitat for Humanity and one in which Rotary had a significant involvement last year, after the terrible storm that tore through the Dandenong Ranges. The initial work of the SES was to make 2,300 assessments across the state. This led to 135 properties classified as damaged but habitable and 129 classified as damaged and uninhabitable. Many of the damaged homes belonged to people who were not in a position to take the necessary action to start a clean up and the aid of Habitat for Humanity volunteers made a significant impact in the lives of these people. Phil outlined that the money donated by Rotary D9810, from the proceeds of the Dandenong Ranges Storm Recovery Appeal, was used to purchase a log-splitter to aid with cleaning up the debris.

Habitat for Humanity is very reliant on volunteers and Phil outlined that no particular skills are required to be a volunteer. Training and equipment is provided, plus care is taken with all aspects of safety.

Thanks are offered to Phil for travelling from Healesville to provide us with this very enlightening presentation about Habitat for Humanity.





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As many members are aware, there are a number of options for recycling everyday items that not only saves space in landfill but can be a money earner for community groups. The following items can be brought to a meeting and will be passed on to the appropriate group.

1. Used stamps— since 1991 the collection and sale of used stamps has raised \$90,000 for Rotary projects. Ensure that there is a 1-2 cm margin around a stamp when it is cut from an envelope.



2. Corks

- 3. Foreign coins and notes— In the last five years District 9810 has sent off 540 kg of coins and notes to UNICEF, which is valued at over \$17,000. The funds raised have been directed to the project 'Give Every Child a Future'. This Rotary project aims to vaccinate 100,000 children from nine Pacific Nations against rotavirus, cervical cancer and pneumococcal disease. So if you are cleaning out your drawers and find a collection of old coins and notes, they can be put to work.
- 4. Aluminium blister packs from medication—These packs can be recycled by delivering to Biome at Brickworks in Burwood or bring to a meeting.
- 5. Small hotel soaps— these are used in the hygiene kits assembled by Days for Girls.

It is also timely to remind Members about the Eastern Emergency Relief Network, EERN, which we heard about from a Guest Speaker in 2020. This organisation runs two large warehouses in Mitcham where donated items such as furniture and white goods are stored, to be distributed free of charge to families in distress who are re-



ferred via Council and Government agencies. Pickup can be arranged if required.

Contact number is 9874 8433 and email address is warehouse@easternemergency.org.au

To support the families on Kiriwina Island

Go to the website https://donations.rawcs.com.au/24-2015-16 to make a tax deductible donation.

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



This week Gary made a delivery to Foothills Community Care of knitted blankets, beanies and scarves to be distributed to the homeless who attend the Community meals provided by Foothills.

This knitting was done by 'Friends of Kay' - Kay is Gary's sister. This contribution was warmly received and the efforts of Kay and her friends are very much appreciated.

Gary and the donated knitted items

Ian also made a delivery, this time to Tamminya House, of some beautifully dressed dolls. These had been donated for a raffle prize to another organisation but were not used, so they will be put to good use at the Tamminya House Op Shop.

lan delivering the dolls to Tamminya House



Container refurbishment for B4VK



This photo is quite old now—the process of refurbishing a shipping container to be used by Backpacks 4 Vic Kids has continued. A doorway has been cut in the container, a door installed and shelving installed.

Well done to the team of workers: Alan, Ian, Bob and Jeff.

Completion date is not far away now!

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Sweet treats— Upwey Baptist Church between 9-11 am

August 4th	Marg, Anita, Fiona, Michelle V		
August 18th	Heather, Pam, Olivia and Tahlia, Volunteer needed		
September 1st	Marg, Anita, Fiona, Michelle V		
September 15th	Heather, Pam, Jenny, Olivia and Tahlia		



Soup—FTG Guide Hall between 2—4 pm

August 24th	Marg, Fiona, Kate, Heather/Bob		
September 21st	Jenny, Fiona, Kate, Heather/Bob		

BUNNINGS BBQ DATES

August 19th





October 21st

Rowville Lysterfield Community News

- The latest edition of the Rowville Lysterfield Community news has been published, with an article about our Club on page 8. Click <u>here</u> to view this paper.
- Of interest also on page 18 is a short story by Jeff Somers. Congratulations to Jeff for this
 achievement.



Last week's meeting—with 6 online attendees









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 This week PP Murray presented new member Pete with his Centurion Certificate.

Murray outlined that becoming a Centurion is a very simple way to support the work of the Rotary Foundation as it only requires a commitment of \$100 per year. He encourages every member of the Club to consider making this commitment and this was endorsed by the newest Centurion as well.

- IMAGINE ROTARY
- Ian is organising the next Bunnings BBQ on August 19th while Corinne is away in Qld. Look for an email from Ian canvassing availability to be on the roster.
- Visit to Peppertree Hill Retirement Village on Tuesday 9th at 10 am for a tour of the Village and morning tea. Meet Heather at Reception at 10 am.

Primary Schools Speech Competition

On Monday 8th August at 6.30 pm
At Rowville Secondary College East Campus Performing Arts Centre

Students from four local Primary Schools will be involved

All members are invited to attend to support the young people involved.

Rowville Roundup

- Very sorry to report that Bob is still suffering badly with a bout of shingles—especially nasty that this has occurred on his birthday, August 2nd. Wishing you a speedy recovery Bob!
- Also unwell is Kevin, who zoomed in this week rather than spreading his germs. Hearing his
 husky voice, about an octave lower than normal, was clear evidence of the 'dreaded lurgy'.
- Safe travels to Alan and Robyn as they set off to Central Australia. Their itinerary is flexible but Coober Pedy is on the list.
- Good to see Daryl and Jenny joining the meeting by zoom from a wet and windy Port Elliot in SA. Shows the value of running a hybrid meeting, with travellers, people in COVID isolation and sickies being able to tune in.

Let's support our members in their business endeavours.







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- Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and production	Program		
AUGUST— Membership and New Club Development						
9 In-person/ hybrid	Gary	Max	Carol Stephen Alan	Peter Dalwood Navigating ClubRunner, My Rotary and other resources		
16 in-person/ hybrid	lan	Rajeev	Alan John Neil M	PDG Daryl Moran (by zoom) 'Seeking Your Rotary Moment' Director of Fun—Jenny		
23 in-person	Adrian	Bob	John Neil M Ian (only audio)	Working bee—Packing Fathers' Day 'Goody Bags'		
30	5th Tuesday—Restaurant Night Details to come					
September—Basic Education and Literary						
6	Stephen	Murray	lan Alan Jenny	Fr Bob Maguire A very special speaker		
Don't forget to choose a book to donate for the Fathers' Day 'Goody Bag' collection—bring it along any week.						

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