

Rotary
Rowville Lysterfield



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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Meeting Zoom link
[here](#)

'Girls Night Out' - in Pictures



Home Club of
PDG Daryl Moran

1. Dr Aparna Jayachandran, the Guest Speaker.
2. The colourful decorations added to the atmosphere
3. Some of the attendees
4. The laden table of prizes
5. Thanking our wonderful waiters
6. More of the attendees
7. Carol—our excellent MC

Funds raised will go to help breast cancer research at the Fiona Elsey Cancer Research Institute. A special focus of Dr Aparna's research is triple negative breast cancer which is particularly aggressive and challenging to treat.

A total of just under \$5000 was raised on the night.

The story told by Frida Umuhoza at the Boronia Rotary Club meeting was both chilling and uplifting, but left us all with the knowledge of what an impressive young woman Frida is.

**Forgiveness
is a gift you
give to
yourself**

Frida grew up in a loving family with 5 siblings and a close array of extended family living in a village in Rwanda. Her father was a successful businessman and an entrepreneur who helped a lot of people in the community. This included building houses, paying school fees and handing out money to those in need. When she started school, Frida was unaware that she was of the Tutsi Tribe, nor did she realise the implications, but it became increasingly clear that there were grave tensions between the Hutus and Tutsis. Being called snakes and cockroaches was just the start of the hatred as things became increasingly tense. In her early childhood, as the racial tensions between the different Rwanda groups became more evident, Frida believed that her family would be safe as her father was such a good man and had helped so many in the community. It was hard to believe that the people they mixed with, went to Church with and who were their neighbours would turn against them. As the situation deteriorated and her father's business was taken away and he was attacked, the family thought about leaving the country, but movement was controlled so there was no escape. The radio began to broadcast lists of people who were to be killed.

**Forgiveness
does not
mean
reconciliation**

On April 6th 1994 it was announced on the radio that all Tutsis were to be killed and machetes were provided by the Government. Soon a crowd of Hutus appeared singing "Kill, kill, kill". At this time Frida and her family managed to hide, but in May, when it was announced that the killing had ceased, they returned to their home. However, this announcement turned out to be a ploy and soon the killing began again.

The family was given the choice of how they would be killed and Frida asked a young man who had been in her father's soccer team to use a club. Frida lost consciousness from the blows and awoke in a pit with her massacred family and five hundred slaughtered people from her village around her.

This traumatic experience for a child of 14 would be sufficient to justify a life of hatred and for a number of years Frida was in physical and mental pain every day. She had good reason to hate the Hutus, to hate the UN for leaving her country to its fate and to hate herself for surviving. However, when she was 18 she became a committed Christian and this made a big difference to her life. She realised that she had to take back the power in her life and when she met the man who killed her father, the monster who haunted her dreams, she was able to say 'I forgive you'. Frida realised that forgiveness is not something you give those who have wronged you, it is a gift you give yourself.

Frida now is a mother and she feels that family is a gift. She has travelled extensively, even speaking at the UN and every where she goes she finds love.

For many years it was denied that this was a genocide, but in 2017 it was recognized in the UN that it was a genocide against the Tutsis with the intention of erasing evidence of this group of people from history.

Out thanks to Boronia RC for giving us the chance to hear this amazing story.



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(Left) Members of our Club meeting Frida (Right) Maria Thompson from Boronia RC presenting the vote of thanks to Frida

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

District 9810 Reward Scheme



District has introduced a new incentive scheme to encourage Clubs to grow and to broaden their engagement with District and other clubs within the District. When different levels of reward points are achieved, Club members will receive, free of charge, an item such as a Rotary, mug, cap or polo shirt. If 10,000 points are achieved by the Club, each member will receive a hoodie.

The reward points will be awarded when the Club or its members:

- inducts a new member
- attend District Conference
- attend RICON 23
- attend District training Seminars
- completes a service project
- donate stamps and foreign coins
- attend a meeting of another Club
- update the Club website
- have a Club Public Image Chair
- reaches the Foundation target of \$120 USD per member
- publish an article in the DG's newsletter
- invites a District Chair to speak

We look forward to reaching the 10,000 target and receiving our hoodies, courtesy of District.



Club Environment Chair, Gary Forrest, is happy to get his hands dirty in a good cause, as seen at the Queen's Jubilee Tree Planting last week. Great to have our newest member Kate Kidd join in the planting as well.

The second stage of this project will be much more extensive, as around 1000 trees will be planted, some time in 2023. We will look forward to many more hands involved in this activity.

A good representation from Rotary—(L-R) Neill Sheldon (RC Bayswater), Gary Forrest, Kate Kidd, Barrie Vickers (RC Bayswater) and James Rose, Knox City Council Biodiversity Officer



'Girls Night Out' - thank you to our sponsors



The Rotary Club of Rowville Lysterfield sincerely thanks the following friends and local businesses who generously sponsored our 'Girls Night Out' for 2022, in aid of the Fiona Elsey Cancer Research Institute.

- Amelia Geralis
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- Pam Barry
- Penny Batt (& Laurel & Chelsea)
- Pink Lady Chocolates—Hallam
- See Me For Everything—Knoxfield
- Universal Meats—Rowville

Sweet treats— Upwey Baptist Church between 9-11 am

September 15th	Heather, Pam, Jenny, Olivia and Tahlia
September 29th	Marg, Anita, Fiona, Jenny
October 13th	Heather, Pam, Corinne, Olivia and Tahlia

Soup—FTG Guide Hall between 2—4 pm

September 21st	Jenny, Fiona, Kate, Heather/Bob
October 19th	Marg, Jenny, Fiona, Heather/Bob
November 16th	Marg, Jenny, Kate, Heather/Bob

Bunnings BBQ—September 16th

AM—Robyn (Captain), Alan, John, Pete (until 12 pm)
 PM— Ian, Marg, Jeff, Corinne (after 12 pm) (Captain)
 Reserves: Kevin, Les



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BUNNINGS BBQ DATES

September 16th

October 21st



SHEBA Fundraising Dinner and Cultural Event

After several years of not being able to hold this event, once again we are invited to the major fundraising event for SHEBA. Our Club has supported SHEBA for many years and we will hear an update about their progress in providing health care in rural parts of Bangladesh from Dr Sharif on October 4th. The admission cost of \$40 covers entertainment plus a wonderful Bangladeshi meal. More details re booking to come.



Fundraising Dinner and Cultural Event 2022

Glen Waverley Community Centre

700 Waverley Road, Glen Waverley 3150

**22nd October 2022, Saturday
6:30 pm**



Sheba Primary Health Care Initiative

Women Empowerment Project

www.sheba.ngo

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FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 | 7:00 PM TO 9:30 PM

**LOCATION: HUGHESDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE
160 POATH RD, HUGHESDALE VIC 3166**



The evening is a fundraiser for Possible Dreams International, a charity that works with rural and remote communities of the Kingdom of Eswatini (Swaziland) to empower families and individuals living with extreme poverty, malnutrition and endemic disease. Money raised from this event will go towards our child dignity packs project where we hope to provide girls with dignity packs to ensure that these girls feel empowered and are able to attend school during their period.

To learn more about this project or to donate directly: <https://child-dignity-packs-project.raisely.com/>

Tickets: \$30 (includes food, donation to PDI's child dignity packs project, macrame materials, BYO drinks)

We will also be curating some pot and plant combos that can be added on to your ticket, with a limited number available to purchase on the day. We will also be running a silent auction and selling some handmade earrings!



Get your ticket here:

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[Click here to go to the booking site directly](https://events.humanitix.com/macrame-n-sip-possible-dreams-international-x-knox-rotaract)

- Birthday boy this week is Daryl, on September 18th. He is celebrating the milestone of reaching 70 with a family weekend away. Happy birthday from us all.
- Pleased to hear that Neil M is out of hospital and making a steady recovery.



- Daryl will get his birthday out of the way and then have a visit to hospital, for the removal of a pterygium on his eye. He will be isolating in readiness next week so will be missing from the Rotary meeting. When he is watching the Grand Final he will be a genuine one-eyed barracker, with an eye patch required for a week or so.
- Talking of one-eyed footy supporters, John and Neil will have a nail-biting night on Friday as they watch their team continue their campaign towards another flag. Go Cats!
- Heather and Bob will be on the road again this week, as they head to Sydney with a load of baby gear, ready for the birth of the next grandchild, due in early November.



CONGRATULATIONS

Huge congratulations to all concerned for the very successful Girls Night Out. Heather (committee Chair), Corinne, Marg, Fiona, Ayanthi, Cheryl, Robyn and Jenny, the committee members who made it happen. Carol, who was a fabulous MC. Bob, auctioneer and general gofer Alan and Ian for technical support and Trybooking management Kath and John for their generous sponsorship Kevin for printing and signage All the male Club members who were such expert waiters Will and all the staff at Tosaria's Restaurant.

The final total is still to be confirmed, but is around \$5000. A great effort!

Details of the District 9810 Conference 2023

Venue: Realm Hotel 18 National Circuit Barton ACT

Date: 3rd —5th March 2023

Cost: \$295 including the Gala Dinner in the Great Hall of Parliament House
Early bird discounted price \$245 until 30th November

[Conference link](#) for booking

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Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and production	Program
September—Basic Education and Literacy				
20 In-person/ hybrid	Jenny	John	Stephen Bob Ian	Marty Stow Robots in our everyday life
27 In-person/ hybrid	Pete	Daryl	Bob Jenny John	TBC
October— Economic and Community development				
4 in-person/ hybrid	Adrian	Arshad	Jenny John Neil M	Dr Sharif Shah Ahmed Update on SHEBA program
11 In-person/ hybrid	Robyn	Carol	Ian Alan Daryl	Paris Hindby RYLA Promotion of the 2023 Conference—Gayle Barrot and Emma Clark
18 in- person/ hybrid	Kate	Jenny	Alan Daryl Stephen	Bruce McEwen Operation Cleft

48th Annual Knox Art Show

The Knox Art Show, run by RC Rowville Lysterfield and RC Bayswater, will be held in person and on-line this year. The venue is Knox Community Arts Centre.

Opening Night: Friday November 11 at 7.00 pm
Open for viewing Saturday and Sunday.

There will be the need for a lot of manpower to receive paintings, to hang paintings and to be part of the sales team over the weekend. In addition, it would be great to see a large contingent of Club members at the Opening Night. Mark this weekend in your diary NOW.



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District 9810

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