

Rotary

Rowville Lysterfield



District Governor's Visit

There was a buzz in the room this week, with a large gathering of Club members attending for the visit of District Governor Ken Miller.

DG Ken complimented the Club on being enthusiastic and active as he highlighted some of the key projects and activities. This list included support for the Foundation, Youth Programs, Foothills Community Care, Days for Girls and the Primary School's Speech Competition. He also offered congratulations on the Satellite Club and the recent Knox Art Show, commenting that the involvement of our Club has probably saved the Art Show from ceasing to run.

Club members who are involved in District roles were commended: Neil White, who is the Conference Treasurer, Alan Lunghusen RAWCS Chair, Carol Constantine Assistant Governor and IPDG Daryl Moran.

DG Ken outlined his four key goals for his year.

1. Growing Rotary.

A number of programs are in place to help clubs with membership. PDG Alma Reynolds and her team have a very effective five-point plan to increase membership, the first step of which is to ensure that the Club is vibrant and attractive to new members.

This program has proven its effectiveness with one club increasing its membership by 9 this year and District numbers up by 6.

A further program is a Young Members' Taskforce, which has provided suggestions as to how Rotary needs to change to attract and retain younger members. A paper that was prepared by this group has been circulated widely and has a lot to offer. Clubs have also received a list of Alumni: these people need to be followed up as they may be prepared to help with projects, or perhaps even join Rotary.

'Connections', a section on the District website, provides the opportunity to promote a business through the Rotary network. DG Ken is happy to receive business cards to be added to this site.



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:*

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



**Home Club of
IPDG Dr Daryl Moran**

DG Ken Miller

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2. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

'District is here to support you with people to help, seminars and District events.'

Many clubs do not reflect the profile of the community around them and this provides an opportunity for growth. The Conference theme is "Rotary is for Everyone".

3. Rotary Foundation

'Thank you for all you do to help people in need.'

The Foundation is a very important part of the work of Rotary as it provides the funds for projects to help those in need. It is pleasing that our Club has been awarded various Foundation grants, such as the \$4500 for Backpacks 4 VIC Kids and it is important to ensure that donations are sufficient to sustain these grants. Our Club had 20 Centurions in the last Rotary year, which is a really good effort. The District Governor's Family project is the Rotary Foundation, so DG Ken is looking forward to a donation from our Club.

4. Public Image and Communication

It is an important aspect for Clubs to ensure that the community is aware of their activities. Our Club website and Facebook page are well presented and updated regularly, so congratulations to Alan and Kevin for this effort. Our Club is doing well in the District Rewards program.

Thank you to DG Ken for his message and for taking the time to visit our Club.

Succession planning for the Club

The Annual General Meeting of a Rotary Club is necessary to fulfil the requirements of Consumer Affairs, plus it provides an opportunity for members to view the financial statements for the year.

It is also the time when forward planning for the role of President is put in place. Our Club is fortunate to have in place President Elect Carol Constantine, who will be President in the Rotary year 2023-2024. and now President Nominee, Jenny Moran, who will follow Carol as President in 2024-2025.



President Elect
Carol Constantine

Carol will bring a long association with Rotary to her role, having been in Rotaract and then a member of the Rotary Club of Noble Park, before her career and family responsibilities necessitated taking a break. She is currently an Assistant Governor for the Clubs in the hills, a role which she has taken on enthusiastically. As Chair of the Club Fundraising Committee, Carol has been instrumental in organising the sale of Christmas trees, which has been an excellent fundraiser for the Club, although a physically demanding task. We look forward to supporting Carol in her role next Rotary year.

President Nominee
Jenny Moran



Supporting Tamminya House

Tamminya House is a local organisation that provides emergency housing to families struck by crisis. This may involve the loss of a job, family violence or substance abuse. Tamminya House provides transitional accommodation in a safe and respectful environment, to help families get back on their feet. Tamminya House is largely funded by the operation of their Op Shop in Rose St, Upper Ferntree Gully.

Plans to support Tamminya House this Christmas are progressing well. The festive hamper that will be donated to Tamminya House for them to raffle will be assembled this week and delivered to them. In addition:

1. The Club will be providing pamper packs to the parents who are residing in Tamminya House. The items for these have been purchased from Club funds and a photo of one is shown below. An additional \$50 per child will be donated to enable Tamminya House to purchase toys/gifts for the children who are resident at Christmas time.
3. The Club will be donating a ham to be used for their Christmas dinner at Tamminya House.
3. At our Christmas gathering on December 9th, there will be a Kris Kringle with a twist. Each person who wishes to be involved is asked to bring an 'Op Shop gift' to the value of \$10. This item may have been purchased from an Op Shop, or it may be a treasure from your home that was on its way to the Op Shop. It may be quirky, or useful or funny—use your imagination! Please bring it wrapped and looking very attractive.



At our function each person will pay \$10 to choose a gift from the Kris Kringle 'Lucky Dip' and the proceeds will be donated to Tamminya House to help with the costs of their Christmas dinner.

So, let your creativity shine and bring along a memorable gift, plus \$10 to take part in the Kris Kringle (or you can use the tyro machine to tap your card)

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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

Congratulations to the Club for the successful application for a District Grant to support Backpacks 4 Vic Kids.

A grant of \$4500 has been approved which will supply 76

backpacks to go into the refurbished container that will provide easy access for these when needed. Thanks to

Bob, Ian, Alan and Jeff for their work on the container refurbishment.

Youth Service—Max Williams

The District Primary School's Speech Competition was held last week and was a great success. All speakers put in a great effort and Jake Walker, the winner of our Club speech competition, competed very well. The competitors all showed great confidence.

The Rowville Secondary College Presentation Night was held recently and six students received Community Participation Awards that were sponsored by our Club. These students were presented with gift vouchers.

Fundraising (Christmas Trees)—Carol Constantine

The roster has been circulated for selling Christmas Trees on the weekends of Dec 3 & 4 and Dec 10 & 11. Much more help is needed, particularly with collecting the trees from Balnarring.

There will be around 150-200 trees to sell and the cost price has increased, so the profit will be less than last year.

Environment—Gary Forrest

Gary and Ayanthi attended the Knox Biodiversity Christmas function last week, which is open to all the environment groups in the Knox area. There were many groups represented and some very knowledgeable people present. A highlight was the smoking ceremony with Uncle Chris.

Gary also attended a meeting of the 'Friends of' groups within the Knox area and was particularly interested in an upcoming project that may be of interest to the Club, relating to the Powerful Owl.

Secretary—Heather Morris

Thank you letters for donations made have been received from

- East Gippsland Rotary Fire Aid
- SHEBA
- Lift the Lid.

Fundraising (Theatre Night) - Kaye Sharman

The Theatre evening last Wednesday was a great success, thanks to Kaye, with an enjoyable dinner, an engrossing performance and \$725 profit to go towards Club projects.

Days for Girls Event—DG 2021-2022 Partner Project Finale—Jenny Moran

Thank you in advance to those Club members who are supporting this event on Wednesday evening. Details in last week's newsletter for anyone who wishes to come along to hear a great speaker.



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Sweet treats— Upwey Baptist Church between 9-11 am

November 24th	Marg, Fiona, Jenny, Anita
December 8th	Heather, Pam, Corinne, Olivia and Tahlia

NEXT BUNNINGS BBQ DATE

December 16th

The last BBQ netted a profit of just under \$700.

Christmas Gathering- Friday December 9th



Date: Friday December 9th
Venue: Kevin and Cheryl Harrison
 13 Tarli Karng Close
 Rowville
Time: 6.30 pm
Cost: \$35
BYO: Alcohol and a chair
Catering: From Café Dinicious

Fill in the google sheet that has been circulated with dietary requirements .

Payment is to be made into the Club Bank account:

Name: Rotary Club of Rowville Lysterfield
 BSB: 633 000
 Account number: 149618571

Don't forget to include your name in the reference field, plus 'Christmas'



- Celebrating his birthday on November 22nd is **Arshad**. Sending happy birthday wishes from all of us.
- **Robyn** and **Alan** have just returned from a relaxing break away to celebrate their 51st wedding anniversary, staying in a stone cottage near Apollo Bay, which is shown in this photo. Looks like a lovely place to stay, and nice to see some blue sky!



- Prolific author J J Somers, ie our Club member **Jeff**, has achieved a contract with publisher Austin Macauley to publish his children's book, 'The Lie', for distribution worldwide. Congratulations **Jeff** on this wonderful achievement.
- Best wishes to **Janine** who is recovering from some major surgery. She is home and doing very well, according to Murray.



- Former Austrian Exchange student **Kiara** is now winging her way back home after her visit to New Zealand and Australia. Kiara reflected that, although it was eight years since she had left, it felt like 'coming home after a short trip' to be back with her host families and Australian friends. For the Rotarians, it was AMAZING (Kiara's favourite word) to see her at age 25, so accomplished and confident but still the helpful, delightful person she was at age 16. Kiara starts a job in January in Ingolstadt, having completed her Masters degree, at a company that supplies software to Audi, in the Quality Management department.
- Good to see **Rajeev** and **Anita** back, after their trip to India to deal with tidying up the affairs of Anita's recently deceased father.
- Pleasing to see **Adrian**, along with **Patty**, at the meeting this week as he had a couple of falls last week and is still a bit bruised and sore.
- Another visitor this week was District Governor Nominee **Colin Byron**, from the Rotary Club of Greater Dandenong and Endeavour Hills. Colin will be the first DG for the merged District 9815, formerly Districts 9810 and 9820, in 2024-2025. Colin told us a little about his background and his family, but the most compelling part of his message was his confident assertion, from his club experience with a merger of three clubs, that mergers do work. We look forward to hearing more from Colin when he visits our Club again in the new year.

REMINDER: The meeting next week is at Tiny Bear Distillery, not at Tosaria's. See page 9 for details.

The shoe collection for Project 'Shoe Toss', being steered by **Kate Kidd**, will continue through November and December.

Weight of shoes collected so far is 14.7 kg.

The collected shoes will be delivered to collection boxes at Rebel Sport, a program which is run by the non-profit organisation Tread Lightly and the Australian Sporting Goods Association. The useful component of the shoes are separated and made into items such as gym mats and play ground surfacing. This is done locally by Save Our Soles. The aim is to keep some of 100 million pairs of discarded shoes out of landfill. Last year, 5 tonnes of shoes were able to be repurposed.

it is hoped that, with increased awareness of the way in which worn out shoes can be useful, all our members will continue to support this venture. by dropping old shoes into the collection bins. Shoes that are suitable for recycling are detailed below.

- Athletic lifestyle shoes
- Hiking boots
- Formal leather school shoes
- Thongs and slides
- Leather sports shoes
- gumboots
- Football boots
- Sneakers/trainers/runners
- Golf shoes

Volunteering at RICON 23

A vital part of the Rotary International Convention is 2023 is to have an engaged and energised volunteer team to assist all visitors during the Convention. This will include volunteers from all ages and backgrounds and create a diverse team. Volunteers may be Rotarians or Non Rotarians - family and friends and all like minded people are encouraged to be part of this wonderful opportunity to showcase Rotary and Melbourne. Full information is provided at the website [here](#).

Calls for volunteers are open now ([register here](#)). The registration process requires you to provide some general information - including name , contact details and details of any special skill set you may be able to offer as a volunteer. The second part of the registration process will ask you to look at the various jobs and shifts for which you can volunteer. A WWCC is required for all volunteers.

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet Rotarians from all over the world and to be part of the buzz of activity that will descend on Melbourne during the Convention, so it is well worth considering becoming a volunteer.

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Date	Registration	Chair	Setup and production	Program
November— Rotary Foundation				
29	5th Tuesday—Visit to Tiny Bear Distillery, 7/10 Henderson Rd, Rowville. \$25 per head, to be paid at the venue, either cash or card.			
December– Disease Prevention and Treatment				
6 In-person/ hybrid	Jenny	John	Bob Ian Nathan	Scott White McCain’s Renewable Energy
Friday 9	Christmas Party at the home of Cheryl and Kevin Harrison See page 5 for details			
January—Vocational Services				
17	Robyn	Cocktail Party—informal social time-at Tosaria’s		
24	Kaye	Gary	Nathan John Alan	Alice Terrill ‘Improving your Club public image and expanding your reach through Social Media’
31	Kate	Pete	John Alan Stephen	Colin Byron DGN ‘The opportunities and challenges lying ahead’

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District 9810

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

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Foundation	Neil White (mentor) Adrian Klep
International	Alan Lunghusen (mentor) Arshad Samsudeen
Vocational	John Williams Neil Marshall
Membership	Ayanthi Gunatilake Gary Forrest

IPDG Daryl brandishes the Ian Riseley Cup which was won by District 9810 for the highest per capita giving to the Rotary Foundation in the last Rotary year.

OTHER ROLES

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