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25/02/2025

President REPORT

Hi fellow Rotarians,

Club Meetings,

Looking forward to the Thankyou night this Tuesday 25th February. Where we have invited the participating businesses who participated in the 2024 Christmas Giving project. To receive a vote of thanks for the effort contributing to another successful community project.

Last Club Meeting:

Liz Millman, shared her experiences as an International Rotarian 'Building Bridges of Friendship'. That's the name of the project that is funded by the Welsh Government. Very intriguing talk about a worthwhile cause and the board has elected donate Pennants Rotary Community Core on Behalf of Liz Millman.

Lilydale Craft and Produce Market is coming up Sunday Week March 2nd. And all hands-on deck.

Stallholders are keen and ready to go after the February market was cancelled due to the weather this is a chance for all members to be seen working in your community.

District Grant Approval of DG24, Holy Fools Outreach for the Homeless 12th February

Thanks to the Hard work of Foundation Chair Margaret Battle. And her liaising with District contacts Alma Reynolds and Lesley Zuccaro and DG Colin Byron.

Just a reminder Combined Group 4 DG Visit 15th April 2025,
See details further in Bulletin for more information and change of Meeting in April.

Des Shiel President 2024-25 *Increase the Magic of Rotary.*



Board 2024-2025

President	Des SHIEL	Foundation	Margaret Battle
Vice President	Arun MARAPPAN	Community	Cheryl Mackay
Secretary	Gerry van Horick	International	Arun MARAPPAN
Treasurer	Judith SHIEL	Youth	Barb Lawrence
President Elect	Cheryl Mackay	President Nominee	Position WANTED

OFFICE BEARERS

Almoner	Marg Battle	Membership	Jenny SELWAY
Attendance	Judith SHIEL & Marg Battle	Enviro	Madalyn Parlet
Bulletin Editor	Judith SHIEL	On to Convention	Arun, Cheryl, Barb
Club Historian	Helen Darvell	Protection Officer	Barb Lawrence
DIK rep / RAWCS	Des SHIEL	Program Co-Ord	Barb Lawrence
LCPM Manager	Des SHIEL		
LCPM co-ordinators		Webmaster	Jenny & Richard SELWAY

BIRTHDAYS

Philip HERRY, February 14

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

Judith SHIEL, 7 years Feb. 13, 2018
Gerard van HORICK 7 years Feb. 13, 2018

Saying for the fortnight!

TOGETHER WE SEE A WORLD
WHERE **PEOPLE** UNITE AND TAKE ACTION
TO **CREATE** LASTING **CHANGE** ACROSS THE GLOBE
IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND IN OURSELVES.

EVAN BURREL - CHANGEMAKER. DGE 9660

1. "Is it the TRUTH?"
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Herbert J. Taylor in 1932 Adopted by Rotary in 1942
NOW KNOWN AS ROTARY FOUR WAY TEST.

Club Meetings. 2nd and 4th TUESDAY of month

Club Meetings will be held at York on Lilydale,

Where: 138 York Rd MT Evelyn 3796
Yarra Room.

Time: 6:15 pm for 7:00PM START.

Cost: \$10.00 Guest \$10.00
Pay EFTPOS- bank transfer (**preferable**)

Please RSVP to Attendance officer your inability to come or if bringing a guest.

By Friday before meeting. Judith Shiel 0438 389 695 or Em. judithshiel@hotmail.com

Warning if we do not receive your apology for nonattendance we expect you to pay normal \$10.00

We encourage **all** to attend the club Meetings, but if you are unable to, or have an apology or going on holidays and have internet. We encourage you all to **Zoom** in as we are utilizing the powers of the internet allowing RCL to run a Hybrid Meeting.

Zoom Meetings for Hybrid Club Meetings & LCPM & Committees

The following link has been set up for the next coming month's meetings up to the end of June 2025

Go to RCL website> news and events> events> Calendar>click on the day of meeting events, and bingo you will be directed to the zoom meeting.

This is the link to use. [Club's Web site Calendar](#)

And the links for the meetings are also in the table on following page. But there are many ways of log in on the meetings,

Zoom will be used for
Community Committee Meetings.
LCPM Committee meetings Monday before the Market.
And Board meetings when we cannot meet in person.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

As Attendance officer it is important that you let me know via Email or a notation in the **"Leave of Absence"** Book That way we can ascertain whether you are going to be at a meeting when The Program Officer is allocating a role for upcoming Meeting.

Barb Lawrence Programme Officer will email 2-3 weeks before the meeting when you have a role at a meeting and it is the members onus if you are an apology at the meeting to find a replacement. And let the Programme Officer know

District 9815 Website:



[Home Page | District 9815 \(rotary9815.org.au\)](http://rotary9815.org.au)

Rotary International Website:

<https://my.rotary.org/>



RCL Events:-

To connect to a club Meeting click on:- [Zoom Link](#)

Tues Feb 25th 7:00 – 8:30	York on Lilydale Club Meeting Wishing Tree Thank You Night	Heidi Tucker, CEO Anchor Luke Egginton, Lilydale Proactive Policing Unit WELCOME Chair Thanks Anne van Horick Gerry van Horick Des Shiel
Sat March 1st 7:00-10:00	Knox Rocks	RC of Boronia, Song Writing Concert
Sun March 2nd 9:00 am- 2:00 pm	Rotary Lilydale - Lilydale Craft & Produce Market	Yarra Ranges Council, Hardy Street Lilydale
<i>Tuesday March 4th OR Thursday Mar 20th</i>	<i>CROQUET CHALLENGE WE ARE WAITING TO HEAR FROM OUR CHALLENGERS, AS TO MARCH 4TH. IS SUITABLE</i>	<i>TBC challenge between Rotary Wandin and Lilydale and friends. IF NO CHALLENGE THAN WE WILL HOLD A FELLOW SHIP NIGHT ON THE 20TH</i>
Tues Mar 11th 7:00-8:30	Club Meeting York on Lilydale	CLUB MEETING Welcome Chair Thanks
Tues Mar 18th 7:00-8:30	Board Meeting	52 Anderson Street Lilydale (members Welcome).
Tues Mar 25th 7:00-8:30	Club Meeting York on Lilydale	Brad Thexton - Habitat for Humanity – National Youth Science attendees Students NYSF Rachael, Ethan & Terenja Welcome: TBC Chair Thanks
March 28th- 30th Thurs- Sun.	District Conference	Bendigo Red Energy Arena
Sat 29th March	Cycle Dindi	See below for further details.
Sun Apr 6th 9:00AM - 2:00PM	Rotary Lilydale - Lilydale Craft & Produce Market	Yarra Ranges Council, Hardy Street Lilydale
Tues Apr 8th 7:00-8:30	Board Meeting ##Note change of week (2nd Tues)	52 Anderson Street Lilydale (members Welcome).
Tues April 15th 6:30 for 7:00	DG combined meeting Knox Club 480 Boronia Rd, Wantirna Sth	DG Colin Byron. See details below.
April 18th – 21st	EASTER HOLIDAY	
Tues April 22nd 7:00-8:30	Club Meeting York on Lilydale	Tamara Roldan - ANZAC presentation - TBC.
Friday April 25th DAWN	Anzac Day	RSL- BBQ Dawn Service.
May 4th 9:00- 2:00	Rotary Lilydale - Lilydale Craft & Produce Market	Yarra Ranges Council, Hardy Street Lilydale
Tuesday May 13th,	Club Meeting York on Lilydale	
Tuesday May 20th 7:00- 8:30	Board Meeting	52 Anderson Street Lilydale (members Welcome).

##Please note April meetings;
the order of meetings will be not the usual 2nd and 4th Tuesday for club meetings.

2024 Wishing Tree Appeal Thank you Night

save the date: 25th February 2025

The hard work of organising the Wishing Tree Christmas Gift Appeal Thankyou Night, is now in it's final days With close to **35** guests expected to attend it is shaping up to be a big night.

This event gives our club an opportunity to formally say thank you to the people from the 35 businesses/organisations that generously supported the appeal and to award them our Certificate of Appreciation.

Heidi Tucker, CEO, Anchor and Luke Egginton, Leading Senior Constable, Lilydale Proactive Policing Unit be there to see everyone and to say thank you.

Both Heidi and Luke will provide some firsthand insights into children, young people and families experiencing disadvantage in our local community and speak about what their support means to those that received the gifts/gift cards that were donated.

Rotary Lilydale will speak about how their generosity helped us to reach out to others the club was also able to support.

Aaron Violi and Bridgette Vallence both supported the appeal by collecting gifts/gift vouchers and will also be there.

Local Newspaper Star Mail Reporter Mikayla van Loon will also be present.

Members, please let us know if you are bringing a friend, to judithshiel@hotmail.com.

Our Guests will be allocated a table and a number, but we encourage members to choose **their table amongst the guest**.



The Roster for the **Lilydale Craft and Produce Market March 2nd**, will be at this meeting please fill out.

Where possible. Thanks Market Manager Des Shiel.

So far there is a large number of stalls attending and hoping for a good day.

To Keep you up to date with District please refer to email all members would receive

District 9815 Event Schedule - Highlights (February 2025)

Knox Rocks:- Rotary Club of Boronia

The Rotary Club of Boronia has been running a youth program called Knox Rocks, where we teach young people the art of song writing as a form of self expression. We then put music behind the songs and take them to a professional recording studio so that the participants have a life long keepsake. The program is designed to assist in improving mental health, building confidence, and creating self belief and self worth.



1 MAR 2025 | **EV'S YOUTH CENTRE, CROYDON**
7-10PM (ENTRY FROM 6:30PM)
TICKETS \$25

KNOX ROCKS

SONGWRITING WORKSHOP
FINALE CONCERT

2 STAGES, HEAPS OF MUSIC
ORIGINAL SONGS, MULTIPLE BANDS
& ARTISTS
SCAN CODE FOR TICKETS & MORE INFO



ALCOHOL & SMOKE FREE EVENT

CONTACT MARK SMITH
0407 863 083
treasurer@rotaryboronia.org.au

A YOUTH FOCUSED INITIATIVE BY **Rotary** Club of Boronia 

This program has previously been funded by grants and or our club. This year we are holding a concert, where the songs will be revealed in a public performance.

Ticket sales will help us fund the program as well as promoting Rotary in a progressive way to a broader audience.

This is a ticketed event that will include an evening of music with 6 different acts as well as the songs written this year.

come along and support the project. Perhaps you could make it a social event for your club.

Contact **MARK SMITH**
FOR FURTHER
INFORMATION.

Cycle Dindi, Saturday 29th March 2025 Annual Cycle Dindi event

Cycle Dindi is a family friendly, fully supported bicycle ride on sections of the Great Victorian Rail Trail. Riders have the option of three starting locations (Yea, Alexandra or Merton) with a choice of riding distances (26kms to 93kms). Jointly organized by the **Rotary Clubs of Alexandra and Yea**, with support from the Friends of the GVRT, this ride is unique in what it offers. Morning Devonshire tea on a working farm in the shearing shed at Cathkin and a BBQ lunch on private property by the Goulburn River (Cathkin) are included in the entry fee. A highlight of the ride is the chance to ride through the historic Cheviot Tunnel.

Cycle Dindi 2025 is a great way to enjoy the beautiful countryside of the Murrindindi Shire and **at the same time raise funds to support local youth programs.**

Enquiries to Julie (0447762557) or email cycledindi25@gmail.com

Bookings at www.trybooking.com/CWLUW Early birds closes the 28th Feb.

Cycle Dindi M

over the hills and not so far away

SATURDAY 29 MARCH 2025

A charity bicycle event along the Great Victorian Rail Trail

Registrations open January 2025
E: cycledindi25@gmail.com

The event on the Great Victorian Rail Trail will be centred on the lovely townships of Yea and Alexandra. There will be a choice of 3 starting points, all converging on the banks of the Goulburn River at Cathkin for lunch.

This event is a fund raiser for Rotary Youth Projects.

Rotary
Clubs of Alexandra and Yea and the Friends of the GVRT

What do I get for my money?

- Billy tea, damper and BBQ lunch at Cathkin
- Free admission to Nutfield a working farm, with free Devonshire Tea in the shearing shed, sheep dog demonstration and trailer ride.

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

DISTANCE	
Yea to Merton (return)	93 kms
Merton to Yea (return)	93 kms
Merton to Cathkin (return)	51 kms
Yea to Cathkin (return)	42 kms
Yea to Alexandra (return)	68 kms
Alexandra to Yea (return)	68 kms
Alexandra to Cathkin (return)	26 kms

How Much?

Early Bird (closes Feb 28th):
Adult \$55 Senior \$45 Student \$10
From March 1st:
Adult \$60 Senior \$50 Student \$10

www.trybooking.com/CWLUW

- Under school age free
- SNR – relevant Seniors' card must be held
- Group discount available on request

Interested?
contact Melinda (Alexandra) 0418 378 806
Julie (Yea) 0447 762 557
or Ross (Mansfield) 0439 046 199
www.rotaryalexandra.org.au
www.yearotary.org.au

Cycle Me! ERSI
State Member for ERSI

If any members are cyclist and/or know of anyone who would like to participate follow links to join.

District 9815

ROTARY COMMUNITY LEADERS, GROUP 4.

DISTRICT GOVERNORS VISIT 15TH April

All members should have received an email regarding Group 4 District governors Visit Combined meeting. From Guz Rozycki. Via club runner.

“Our district governor Colin Byron and DG Train with his Presidents from Boronia, Healesville, Lilydale, Upper Yarra and Wandin invite you to join Boronia as the host club for the District Governors Club visit with you.

Details:

Date: 15 April 2025 - 6:30PM for 7:00PM

Host Club: Boronia

Venue: Knox Club
480 Boronia Rd, Wantirna South
Meal tba \$30

Numbers Required and forwarded to by 8TH APRIL:

Monique Smith: president@rotaryboronia.org.au

Gus Rozycki: gus.rozycki@rotary9815.org.au

Judith will supply numbers to community leader.

Please advise Attendance officer Judith Shiel, by 7th April. With your attendance and dietary requirements, then we will forward to Monique and Gus.

Come join DG Colin, DGE Peter and DGN Emma for a night of fellowship and insight! The DG train and each president will give a 5-minute talk on their club, and we may have a guest speaker from district.



DG Colin Byron



DGE Peter Brehm



DGN Emma Clark

For the new members.

DG = District Governor, (current Year)
DGE = District Governor Elect. (Following Year)
DGN= District Governor Nominee. (the year after Next)

EndTrachoma: Stamp Collections.

Have you received many Christmas cards in the mail, don't forget to save the stamps for passing onto Camille Rogers, via Jenny Selway.

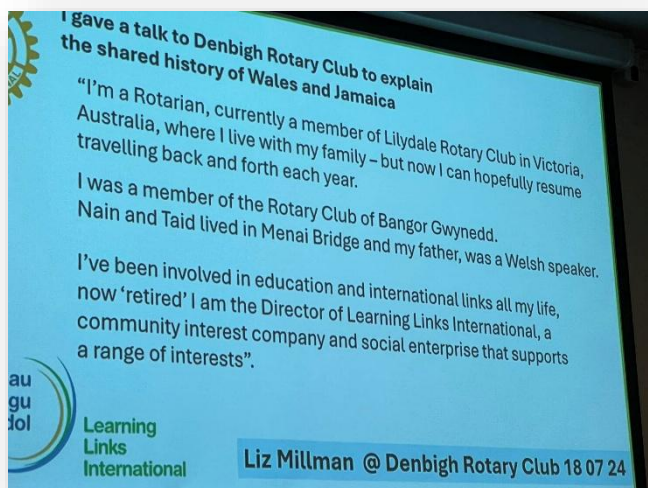
Time for a Used Stamp \$\$\$ Update. From FaceBook "EndTrachoma" Page. \$61,000 and still more stamps with the stamp buyer. A big thank you to Camille and Carrol who continue to trim and prep, and to ALL the many people who have and continue to supply Used Stamps..

PAST EVENTS & HAPPENINGS:

Tues February 11th Club Meeting at York on Lilydale

Unfortunately the students had to cancel and will now speak in March about the experience at the **National Youth Science Forum in Canberra**.

We did Hear from Liz Millman, about Her travels and the international project “learning links International” that she is involved in. Very informative, we can truly say Liz is an International Rotary member. a very informative talk about Building bridges of Friendship. Find out more www.nwjsonline.com or lizmillman@yahoo.co.uk



Liz with Kingston East and Port Royal Rotary Club, Rotary club of Bangor Gwynedd, & Rotary Club of Lilydale

BUILDING BRIDGES OF FRIENDSHIP

The Welsh Government is supporting links around the world managed by their Taith team.

Learning Links International CIC, which is based in Bangor, made 2 successful applications to enable a small group of young people spend time in Jamaica, welcoming back a group from Jamaica, as well as opportunities to fund adults from Wales and Jamaica to explore Wales links with Jamaica and Jamaica's links with Wales.

The Pennants Project



The aims of the Pennants Project are:

- To build relationships appropriate for the 21st Century, between the communities and organisations around Bangor and the Ogwen Valley in North Wales, and the community in the Pennants District and others in Clarendon, Jamaica
- through developing understanding of the shared history between the Pennant family from Wales and the Pennants community in Jamaica
- and to identify the current needs in the Pennants District and explore ways to address the priorities and challenges faced by the Pennants community in 2020
- and find ways of funding community need priorities, i.e. refurbishment of the school facilities and supporting the

development of vocational training options

To support the development of links between school students and community members

and to build bridges of communication

- through literacy projects using writing, poetry and music, as well as using community research approaches to explore and tell the story of the shared history

Board Meeting Tuesday February 18th

The board meet for the first time at RSL Lilydale, and once all were on internet it went smoothly.



Arun Marappan, posted on FB 19th Feb.

“Thank you to Lilydale RSL for letting [Rotary Club of Lilydale](#) have our monthly board meetings. Great example of local not for profit organisation helping each other”

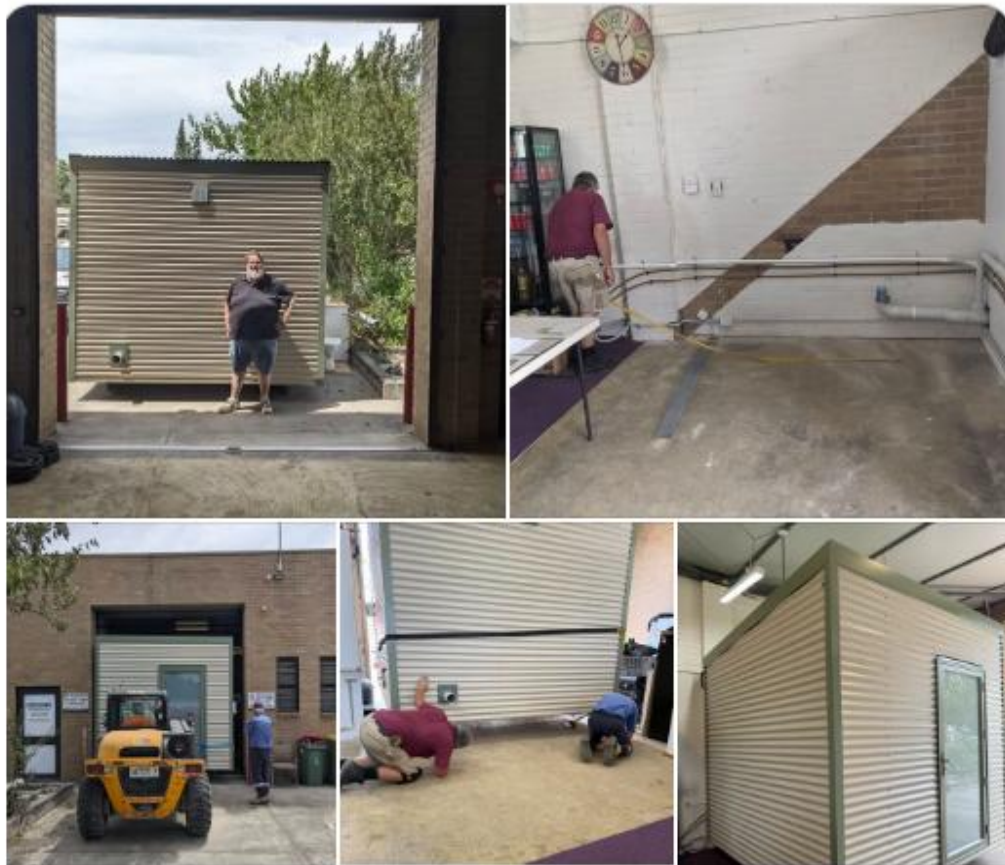
Janet Macgregor's (RSL) reply “Connection for the common goal of helping out wherever we can. Respect, reciprocation and community spirit helps us all achieve our goals together!”



Holy Fools project:

Refurbishment, of drop-in Centre Hutchinson Street Lilydale.

Working together with our community First part of the project is the shower/ toilet block supplied by Tiny Homes. The next phase will start shortly with works by Rotary Club of Lilydale thanks to grant received from Rotary District 9815 Foundation.



[Rotary E-Club of Melbourne](#) is 😊 feeling optimistic. [14 February](#) ·

👏 HUGE thanks to the amazing members of the Rotary Club of Lilydale and the Rotary E-Club of Melbourne for their incredible teamwork on Thursday 13th Feb 2025! 💪 Together, we moved a brand-new toilet and shower block into the Holy Fools drop-in centre in Lilydale. 🎉

This is such a vital addition to the centre, providing a safe and dignified place for individuals and families sleeping rough to take care of basic needs like showering, using the toilet, and washing. These are things most of us take for granted, and it's wonderful to be part of a project that makes such a difference. ❤️

The hard work doesn't stop here! Once the toilet/shower block is fully installed, the next phase will be installing a kitchenette to allow for basic food preparation. This will further enhance the support the centre can offer.

This is another fantastic example of how relatively small actions can make a BIG DIFFERENCE to those in need within our community. Thank you to everyone involved for your dedication and support!

[#Rotary](#) [#CommunityService](#) [#MakingADifference](#) [#HolyFools](#) [#RotaryLilydale](#) [#EClubMelbourne](#) [#SupportLocal](#)

WIN or gift a great holiday in Fiji and support: The airfares are now included.

Rotary Lilydale Project Maroondah IPU Care
+ help remote island schools get quality solar to power a modern education.

NEXT DRAW 19TH MARCH 2025

Your holiday for two at InterContinental Fiji Golf Resort & Spa includes:

- 5 nights accommodation at InterContinental Fiji Golf Resort & Spa in a King Garden View Room



- Breakfast daily for 2 people
- Return economy class [Fiji Airways](#) tickets to Nadi for two people from Australian ports - otherwise AUD1000 contribution to travel.
- Return airport transfers with [Rosie Holidays](#)
 - [Sigatoka River Safari](#) for 2 people
- A round of golf for 2 people at [Natadola Bay Championship Golf Course](#)
- Complimentary 1-hour of non-motorized watersports daily
 - Introductory Pool Splash Dive Lesson at Reef Safari
 - Free WiFi

Plus dinner for two and bubbles at [Sails Denarau](#) at Port Denarau. The prize is valid for 18 months. The prize is transferable to friends (but the transfer must be registered within one week of receiving the prize) - your receipt will have a gift certificate to share.



Raffle is drawn 19 March 2025

The raffle prize is holiday for two that includes 7 nights accommodation, all meals and more. Get the **details and your tickets here:** <https://itstime.org/rc-lilydaleinc>



Almoner News:

There are a few in our club who have been missing from our meetings.

And who are under the weather for one reason or other a quick phone call to see how they are, may make them feel better.

Marg Battle, is home, recuperating.

Lynn Whelan will be at Donwood hospital for rehabilitation.



please consider those who you haven't seen at a meeting as they may appreciate a phone call.

Bulletin Editors notes: -

If there are any articles that you need in the Bulletin Especially Chairs person to keep us up to date with Projects etc, please submit by the Friday before the next Meeting.

Judith Shiel

Rotary Lilydale Sponsors, please support them.



Childrens' House
of Early Learning

