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Fortnightly Message

Plans are currently in progress for the Christmas Wishing Tree appeal and the upcoming **Thank You Night** to recognise local businesses. We encourage all members to attend and show their appreciation and support at our Club Meeting on Tuesday, **February 24th**.

Our first club meeting of the year was on Tuesday 27th January, at the Sporting Globe, being Vocation Activity

All members that attended the meeting in person or [online via Zoom](#) were asked the following questions:

1. What are the main vocations you have done during your career?
2. Which of these have been your Favorite vocations, and why?
3. If you could choose any other vocation, what would it be and why?

A very interesting learning curve of the members vocations they performed during their working life.

And more interesting hearing what they would choose if they could start over again,

A doctor! a teacher! a civil Engineer! a men's hairdresser! singer/entertainer! Musician! drop in coffee/book shop Owner! bridge builder!

I will leave it to your imagination as to who chose which profession. Reports were presented.

and it was noted that some members were absent due to family commitments. Additionally, member Debra Ong is volunteering with BlazeAid, which contributed to the slightly lower attendance.

Sunday, February 1st, LCPM market at the Yarra Ranges Council. The event did not meet our expectations.

Although the Community Day at the Bowling Club did not impact attendance, the weather was quite poor and became windy toward the end, causing some vendors to pack up early.

Save the dates:

- Our next Bunnings BBQ is scheduled for **February 22nd**.
- March 31st March Fellowship Night – Croquet Challenge
- May 9th: High Tea Fundraiser to help the community in the recent fires.

Mon 26th January, Rotary Club of Wandin , Australia Day Breakfast was well attended 3 RCL members and 3 Friends attended. The breakfast and heard from Speaker Megam Harrinton.

Exert from Paul Martin VP, Rotary Wandin

"The guest speaker Megan Harrington from the Royal Children's Hospital Foundation gave a great presentation on various aspects of the hospital's fundraising activities and how they all fit together including Government funding and the many different auxiliaries. We support the Templestowe & Yarra Valley Auxiliary with our donations and the morning breakfast raised a little over \$2000 which will be duly passed on. Megan also spoke about the Special Project "Fly For Kids", led by Associate Professor Andrew Kornberg, Senior Neurologist at the RCH, who recently completed a solo flight around Australia as part of a specific \$4.5 million fundraising project."

"Also, they had two presentations by winners of the Junior Speech competition from Woori Yallock Primary school being Dixi Schaak -Taylor and Molly Benson. Molly spoke first, Australia is the Greatest Country on Earth using the verses of the National Anthem line by line to add character and flavour to Australia Day. Dixi's speech If I Could Change the World was a fabulous political narrative on why Gambling Advertising should be banned. Dixi, I think the whole room agreed with you."

Club Meetings. 2nd and 4th TUESDAY of month

Please note change of venue

Where: The Sporting Globe,
Shopping Centre,
239-241 Maroondah Hwy,
Chirside Park VIC 3116



Time: 6:15 pm for 6:45 START.

Room: level 2, via stairs or lift.

Cost: \$0.00

Meals To be order before you go up to level 2.

Drinks purchased at bar before you go up to level 2.

Zoom is available

click on [Zoom link](#)

Please RSVP to Attendance officer your inability to come or if bringing a guest. By Friday before meeting. MONDAY AT THE LATEST. We need to inform the venue of numbers by Monday.

Judith Shiel 0438 389 695 or Em. judithshiel@hotmail.com

Please note important information

Rotary Club meetings at The Sporting Globe 239-241 Maroondah Highway, Chirside Park (next to Reading cinema).

Meetings to be held on level 2 in a private function space, there is lift access.

Food and drinks to be ordered on main restaurant level before the meeting as the upstairs bar is not open. You are requested to leave your name when ordering as you will not have a dedicated table number upstairs and they want to deliver the right food to the right person. A link to the menu is here. <https://www.sportingglobe.com.au/menu>

On a Tuesday night the Globe has the following specials

- ½ priced Porterhouse
- ½ Priced house wines (Sauv Blanc, Cab/Merlot, Sparkling)
- ½ Priced pints of TSG APA and Little Bull

Additionally, to the advertised specials The Sporting Globe offers a free membership that can be signed up by downloading their app or on the website. Members are entitled to \$1 credit for every \$25 spent, a \$25 birthday voucher in their birthday month after a purchase and some great member only special pricing.

We have the use of this room at no charge,

TSG will provide us with a mic, tv's that connect to your laptop that has HDMI capability and guest WIFI. You can create the [meeting space set up yourselves](#) (instead of being charged a hire fee and doing it). Please bring yourself a clicker to change slides if you require this.

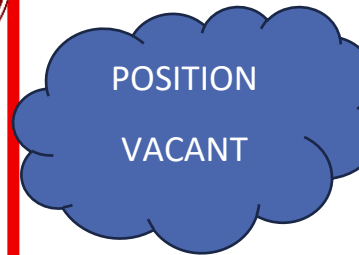
Board 2025-2026

President	Cheryl Mackay	Foundation	Margaret Battle
Past President	Des Shiel	Community	Cheryl Mackay
Secretary	Arun Marappan	International	Des Shiel
Treasurer	Judith Shiel	Youth	Position vacant
President Elect	possible nominee	President Nominee	Position vacant

OFFICE BEARERS

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

Nominations are open and called for the following positions
President elect (President 2026-2027 Year) position possibly filled
President Nominee (President 2027-2028 Year)
Youth and Secretary is vacant for next year.



Members are reminded to submit their nomination forms to Arun as soon as possible to be considered for a position.
POSITION WILL BE OPENED UNTIL THEY ARE FILLED

BIRTHDAYS

Phillip Herry (Hon) Feb 14th
 Neroli Merridew (wife of Roger) Feb 19th

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARY

Judith Shiel 13/2/2018 (8yrs)

Saying of the week/ fortnight.

*If you want something you've never had,
 you must be willing to do something
 you've never done.*
 Thomas Jefferson

RCL Events: -

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

2025-2026 Rotary Year		
DAY	WHERE	EVENT
February	Rotary theme: -	Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month
Tues 10th Feb 7:00 – 8:30pm	RCL Club Meeting guest speakers topic will be - Amnesty International - “ Human Rights in Times of Conflict: What Peacebuilding Looks Like in 2026 ”	Guest Speaker Naqaib Sarwa Chair:- Richard Selway Welcome: Thanks: Jenni Labrum
Sun 22nd Feb	Bunnings BBQ Lilydale	<i>Roster will be out shortly out for the volunteers.</i>
Mon 23rd Feb 7:00- 8:30 note change of date	Board Meeting	RSL Lilydale
Tues 24th Feb 7:00- 8:30	RCL Club Meeting The Sporting Globe Chirnside Park	Wishing Tree Thank you Night. Chair:- Arun Thanks Cheryl Mackay
March		
Sunday 1st 9:00 to 2:00	Lilydale Craft and Produce Market	Yarra Ranges Council car Park
Tue 10th 7:00 – 8:30pm	RCL Club Meeting The Sporting Globe Chirnside Park	Guest Seaker Topic Chair Welcome
Mar 13-15,2026	HOBART	Rotary District conference (9815 & 9830)
Tues 17th	Board Meeting	RSL Lilydale
Sun 22nd 9-4:00	REPOWER EXPO Yarra Ranges Council. Lilydale	RCL Sausage/ Drinks stall Fundraiser.
Tues 24th 7:00 – 8:30pm	RCL Club Meeting The Sporting Globe Chirnside Park	Topic Club Planning and reports. Chair Welcome
Tues 31st 6:00 – 8:00	Lilydale Croquet Club 6 Market Street Lilydale	Croquet Challenge between 9815.4 north group members.
Save the following dates		
April 14th	Combined meeting	RCL 9815-4 group north
April 19 th	Bunnings BBQ Lilydale	
April 25 th	Anzac Day Breakfast	Volunteers required for breakfast service.
May 9 th	High Tea Fundraiser. Fire Relief.	St Patrick's Community centre Lilydale MOTHER'S DAY AND HIGH TEA

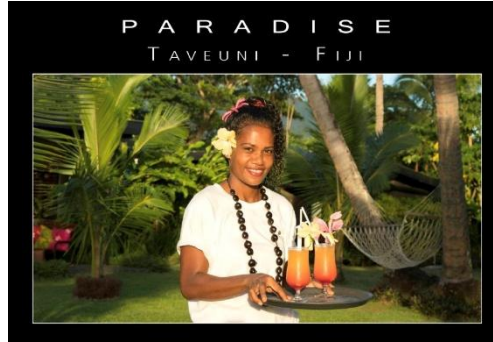
To Keep you up to date with District please refer to email all members would receive
District 9815 Event Schedule - Highlights or District 9815 ClubRunner events
What's on in the Area

IPU Raffle

Raffle has been drawn, next draw is **April 10 2026**

Thank you for participating in the recent Fiji holiday raffle hosted by Rotary Lilydale Project Maroondah IPU Care. Congratulations to the winner of the raffle drawn November 21, Glen M. from Sydney NSW, who won 5 nights at Plantation Island Resort, 2 nights on the Fiji mainland and other great prize inclusions.

Win or gift a great holiday in Fiji and support Care Packs



for inpatients at Maroondah Adult Mental Health Service, a Rotary Club of Lilydale project.

Your holiday for two at Paradise Taveuni includes:

- 5 nights in an air-conditioned room overlooking the ocean.
- Full cooked breakfasts, lunches and two course dinners (drinks not included).
 - Ground transfers to and from the airport.
 - Rainbow Reef snorkelling experience.
 - Tropical garden tour.
- The Fijian people will make you feel welcome like no other.

AUD1000 contribution toward travel costs (sponsored by an anonymous supporter)

Plus dinner for two and bubbles at [Sails Denarau](#) at Port Denarau.

The prize is valid for 12 months. The prize is transferable to friends (but the transfer must be registered within one month of receiving the prize) - your receipt will have a gift certificate to share.

Funds raised are split:

**Rotary Club of Lilydale's Maroondah Adult Mental Health Inpatient
Units Care Pack project (50%)
and Its Time Foundation (50%) Remote Island Solar School
Project.**

Its Time manages the raffle platform and arranges the fully donated prizes.
<https://iitime.org/>

Next draw: 10 April 2026.

Prize is valid for 18 months after the draw and is transferable to friends/family members.

Scan QR code to purchase your tickets or go to
<https://itstime.org/rc-lilydaleinc>

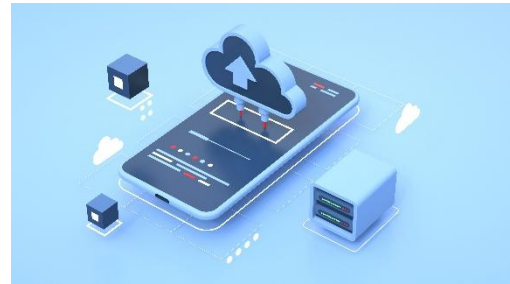


1 ticket: AUD \$11 4 tickets: AUD \$40 10 tickets: AUD \$90

Wanted

Have you updated your mobile phone and you still have your superseded phone? Did you receive a new one for Christmas.

if you have old phones lying around, they can be dropped off into the **DV phone box** which is at the **Lilydale Campus Library**. To help support **Domestic Violence** victims.



Stamps:-

Keep collecting postage stamps, we send them off to rotary international who will process them.

Foreign Coin

Also any unwanted foreign coin is collected raises funds for UNICEF

Bulletin Editors notes:

If there are any articles that you need in the Bulletin

Especially From the service Chairperson

To keep us up to date with Projects etc, please submit by the Friday before the next Meeting.

Judith Shiel



DISTRICT CONFERENCE
Rotary 9815 & 9830 District Conference
13th -15th March 2026
Hobart, Tasmania.
Is still open for bookings.

The combined Rotary Districts 9815 and 9830 Conference in Hobart begins on 13th March 2026.

Bookings close on **20th February 2026.**

Visit the event page [HERE](#) or book using the button below [Book Now](#)

ROTARY INFORMATION

Rotarians have the following responsibilities:

Attendance and Participation: Regularly attend club meetings and participate actively in club activities and projects.

Service Projects: Engage in community service projects, both locally and internationally, aimed at addressing humanitarian needs, promoting goodwill, and fostering peace.

Fundraising: Contribute to fundraising efforts that support Rotary's service projects and charitable activities.

Vocational Expertise: Share their professional skills and expertise to benefit others within the club and in service projects.

Ethical Standards: Adhere to high ethical standards in their personal and professional lives, reflecting Rotary's commitment to integrity and ethical behavior.

Networking and Fellowship: Build relationships and network with other Rotarians and community leaders, fostering goodwill and understanding.

Membership Growth: Support efforts to grow Rotary's membership and extend invitations to prospective members who embody Rotary's ideals.

Rotary Foundation: Contribute financially to the Rotary Foundation, which funds international scholarships, humanitarian projects, and other charitable efforts.

Public Image: Promote Rotary's mission and achievements within the community and advocate for Rotary's values and initiatives.

Leadership: Serve in leadership roles within the club or district, providing guidance and direction to advance Rotary's goals.

Overall, Rotarians are dedicated to making a positive impact in their communities and the world at large through service, fellowship, and ethical leadership.

Rotary's Areas of Focus



Rotary Lilydale Sponsors, please support them.



Children's House
of Early Learning

