

Presidential Message:

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

It has been another busy and rewarding fortnight for our club, with plenty happening across our youth programs, community projects and Rotary partnerships.

On 20 October, I attended the District Four-Way Test Speech Competition, *with Des and Judith Shiel* where Harper from Lilydale Heights Secondary College delivered an excellent speech on mental health. Although Harper did not progress, we can be very proud of the effort.

We also recently heard from **RYLA** participant Jordan Boekel, sharing experiences from this valuable leadership program.

On 21 October, I visited the Rotary Club of Wandin *Along with Des and Judith Shiel and Peter Loosley Ex Member*. We heard the inspiring story of *John, a five-year-old boy from Vanuatu*, who has travelled to Australia for surgery to correct his clubfoot. His treatment is sponsored by ROMAC, while Wandin Rotarians have generously opened their homes to accommodate him and those accompanying him. This is a wonderful example of Rotary changing lives through compassion and service. We are also exploring opportunities to work more closely with Wandin.

Our **Wishing Tree Appeal*** is ready for its official launch on Tuesday, 27 October, at 4:00 pm near Lilydale Library. All collection boxes have been delivered to participating businesses. Thank you to Des, Gerry, Anne and everyone involved in making this happen. I encourage members to attend the launch and support this important community project.

Our recent Board meeting approved \$1,000 towards the RYDA road safety program at Lilydale Heights Secondary College. We are also progressing with our secondary school awards, exploring opportunities to engage with the Burma/Myanmar community and continuing discussions with Anchor about the Shelterbag project. *And have set a date for the AGM to be held January 12 2027.*

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent Bunnings BBQ and other club activities. Your time and commitment are what keep our club moving forward. *Monies raised \$1,144.65 plus 8 volunteers on the day Thank you.*

At our next meeting on 27 October, we look forward to hearing from Josh Simmons about RYPEN and Daniel Durik from Caladenia Dementia Care. As we approach the end of the year, let's continue supporting one another, staying involved and making a positive difference in our community.

Together, let's Unite for Good and continue Creating Lasting Impact.

Arun Marappan

President 2026–2027

RCL Events: -

2026-2027 Rotary Year

DAY	WHERE	EVENT
October		
27th October 8:30 – 3:00	RYDA – Lilydale Campus Box Hill Institute 1 Jarlo Dr Lilydale	<i>Three volunteers, Andrew, Gerry, and Anne VH will be supervising students along with other members from RC Maroondah and Nunawading.</i>
27th October 3:30 pm	2026 Wishing Tree Appeal Launch Box Hill Institute 1 Jarlo Dr Lilydale Library	<i>Rotary Lilydale will meet with a few of the organizations that benefit the gift giving and launch the 2026 Wishing Tree Appeal. Arun, Marg, Anne and Gerry will attend press coverage.</i>
27th October 7:00 to 8:30 pm 6:45 for a 7:00 start	RCL Club Meeting RSL Lilydale 52 Anderson Street Lilydale Zoom is available click on Zoom link	Speaker 2 Of. 1. RYPEN Leader, Josh, Simmons RCL sponsor him to attend camp. And he will inform us of the benefits and happenings. 2. Daniel Durik CEO Caladenia Dementia Care, Mooroolbark, Daniel is also a Rotarian with RC Melbourne, he will be sharing some of the exciting things happening at Caladenia.
NOVEMBER		
3RD November 7:00	Community Action Group RSL Lilydale Zoom is available click on Zoom link	This is a public holiday Meeting may move to Monday night And or cancel TBC.
4th November 6:40pm for 7pm	Doncaster Secondary College , Performing Arts Centre 123 Church Road Doncaster	PSSC finals Arun and Ann Killian will represent the club and support 1 st Liam Montrose Primary School, & 2 nd Ellis Mt Evelyn Christian School
6th November 8:30 TO 3:00	RYDA – Lilydale Campus Box Hill Institute 1 Jarlo Dr Lilydale	RCL is sponsoring the Lilydale Heights College to participate in RYDA. And volunteers will be called for. a team leader is also required.
10th November 7:00 – 8:30. 6:45 for a 7:00 start	RCL Club Meeting RSL Lilydale 52 Anderson Street Lilydale Zoom is available click on Zoom link	Speaker:- Amy Topic PURA Research Amy and her family lives here in Lilydale. Our son Christian is 5 years old and lives with PURA syndrome, an extremely rare genetic condition. Team PURA. Now have 100 people in the team and are raising funds for epilepsy research into PURA syndrome at The Florey Institute. And we will see how we can assist as a club. We have already donated \$200.00
17th November 7:00 – 8:30	Board Meeting RSL Lilydale	ALL WELCOME ON ZOOM OR IN PERSON.
24th November 7:00 – 8:30 6:45 for a 7:00 start	RCL Club Meeting RSL Lilydale 52 Anderson Street Lilydale	Speaker;- TBC.
29th November 8:30 – 4:00 pm	Bunnings BBQ Lilydale	<i>Roster will be out soon.</i> ALL FUNDS RAISED ON THE DAY IS FOR DV SAFE HOUSES. IN CONJUNCTION WITH Domestic Violence fund Raisers all over Australia

1st Tuesday of the month. Community Meetings

A reminder also about our **Community Action Group**, which meets on the **first Tuesday of each month.**

2nd and 4th TUESDAY of month Club Meetings.

Where: RSL Lilydale 52 Anderson Street

Time: 6:45 pm for 7:00 START.

Cost: \$0.00

Zoom is available click on [Zoom link](#)

Attendance Judith Shiel 0438 389 695 or

Em. judithshiel@hotmail.com

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

Both meetings will be held at the RSL.

After the Community Meeting, a venue will be chosen for everyone to share a meal and enjoy fellowship.

Wishing Tree Appeal 2026.

Tuesday 27th is the launch of this years Appeal. And a Qr Code has been organised for Donations through Square. Please share with friends and family for donations of gifts or Monies.



To support the Appeal, please donate using this link:

<https://square.link/u/Ksrh6lR0>

All donations will be used to purchase Teen Gift Cards

Or Scan QR Code



RCL HAPPENINGS.



13th October Meeting

Figure 1 Jordon spoke of his time at RYLA camp in July. And Cameron rotactor, Presented the Club with a certificate.



13th OCTOBER,

Brendan De Schwartz, presented the club with an appreciation plaque..

He also spoke of how useful the Lighting system that Rotary Club of Lilydale donated to Eastern Region Division 2 Highway Patrol Thank you



Members and guest wore hats to support Lift the Lid.

And donated personally

For more visit



www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au

[Donate here](#)

20th October 4-way speech contest.



Harper D represented Lilydale Heights College admirably at the **Rotary Speech Competition**, held at Lyndale Secondary College on **Tuesday 20 October**. Harper delivered a speech on the important topic of student mental health, demonstrating confidence and a commitment to raising awareness of this significant issue.

We congratulate Harper on this achievement and for representing our college so positively.

FB post by Lilydale Heights College.

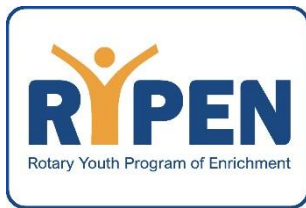
"Harper delivered an excellent speech on mental health. Although Harper did not progress, we can be very proud of the effort." Arun Marappan RCL

Bulletin Notes:-

Next Meeting

1. You will hear from Josh Simmons, whom we sponsored at RYPEN camp he was a leader at the camp in September.

What is RYPEN, you ask?



RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) is a weekend-long camp designed for young people, aged 14–17, to be empowered, discover their potential and grow personally. Across the program, participants will explore various topics through guest speakers, interactive workshops, team challenges & hands-on activities.

Through RYPEN, participants will:

- Grow personally through increased self-awareness, confidence, and adaptability,
- Strengthen communication and teamwork skills in diverse groups,
- Develop an appreciation for community service and making a positive impact
- Form new friendships and meaningful peer connections

2. **Daniel Durik CEO Caladenia Dementia Care, Mooroolbark**, *Remember the days we had a working bee at Caladenia, we may still be asked to do this BUT Daniel would like to fill us in on the Caladenia Care unit.*

Des and I will soon be taking a well-deserved three-week holiday, but we will remain in touch online. Arun will also be travelling with his family from 24 November to 22 December, so we will need members' support to keep the club running during this period.

P.S. I would also like to thank everyone who has stepped in to support Des following the loss of his dear sister, Helen. She passed away on 17 October after battling cancer and will be deeply missed.

Please submit any articles for the Bulletin—especially from the Service Chairperson—to keep us updated on projects. Ensure your submission is made by the Friday before the next meeting.

Editor Judith Shiel.

BIRTHDAYS

Cheryl Mackay Oct 2nd

Madalyn Parlet Oct 15th

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARY

Ann Killian Oct 21st 2008 (18 yrs)

Cherly Mackay Oct 15th 2013 (13yrs)

Des Shiel Oct 14th 2014 (12Yrs)

Stef Kruger Oct 22nd 2019 (7yrs)

Saying of the week/fortnight.

The Happiness of your life depends upon the quality of your thoughts.

Marcus Aurelius

Have you booked for 2027 conference

This email is intended for all D9815 members

Hello everyone,

The excitement is building for the 2027 District 9815 Conference in the beautiful Hunter Valley!

This year, your Conference experience begins before the official program gets underway, with a fantastic selection of activities planned for Friday 12 March.

Explore the stunning Hunter Valley Gardens and enjoy High Tea, visit award-winning Brokenwood Winery, spend the day touring local cellar doors, play a round of golf among the vines, or join in a fun and friendly game of pickleball.

Then, on Friday evening, you can relax poolside at Rotary Uncorked, featuring street food, wine tastings, music and plenty of opportunities to reconnect with friends and meet Rotarians from across the District.

Our latest Conference newsletter includes all the details you need to plan your Friday.

CLICK THE LINK BELOW:

[Conference Newsletter Friday Highlights](#)

Places for some activities are limited, so we encourage you to explore the options and book early.

Make Friday your day to explore, connect and begin what promises to be a memorable Conference weekend. We can't wait to welcome you to the Hunter Valley!

Warm regards,

Monique Smith and Wil Cornelissen

Co-Conference Chairs

Rotary District 9815 Conference 2027

Click link below

[Bookings Now Open](#)

Or scan qr code below.



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District 9815 Conference 2027 *Challenge to Change*



12-14
March 2027



Rydges
Hunter Valley
Resort



Connect • Inspire
Celebrate

An inspiring weekend in the Hunter Valley

Join Rotarians, partners and friends from across the District for a weekend of ideas, connection and celebration. Enjoy engaging speakers, meaningful conversations, fellowship and laughter — and take time to experience the best of the Hunter Valley.



Make a Holiday of It

Drive up, explore along the way and make a weekend of it. Travel with fellow Rotarians, partners, friends or family and enjoy the journey as part of your Conference experience.

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their generous long-term support.

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ONE MONTH TO GO to the next draw.

IPU Raffle don't forget to publize

The current raffle is Vomo Resort - quite a special place.
The prize package is valued at approximately AUD7000.

NEXT Raffle is drawn: 20 November 2026
AND HOLIDAY FOR TWO AT Vomo iSLAND.

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/>

Your holiday for two at Vomo Island includes:

- 3 nights in a Hillside Villa
- All meals included
- All non-alcoholic beverages
- Boat transfers from the FIJI mainland plus more.

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



Philatelic Garbology raises \$70,000 for EndTrachoma Projects

Collecting Used Stamps has raised over \$70,000 for EndTrachoma and a total of over \$150,000 since 1992.



Thank you to all who donated Used Stamps that raised over \$70,000

You are part of the journey to eradicate trachoma from Australia

Paid for a Mobile Laundry Trailer to support communities in WA



Purchased 3,000 much needed Towels distributed across communities in WA





NEW DETAILS FOR USED STAMPS PROJECT AS FROM OCTOBER 2025:

DROP OFF LOCATION:

Monash Rotary Op Shop
13 Barlyn Rd,
Mount Waverley VIC 3149

Funds raised now go to End Polio

POSTAL ADDRESS:

Att: Raj Susarla
Rotary Club of Monash Glen Waverley
PO Box 563
Mount Waverley VIC 3149

Thank to Richard for delivering the Stamps that had been collected. These will be dropped off next week some time when we are passing Mount Waverley.

Carrol Farmer, first female president of Rotary Bayswater North started collecting Used Stamps back in 1992.

Since 2019, Camille Rogers, a member of Rotary Glen Waverley took the lead role after the passing of Carrol's husband, PDG Eric.

With great sadness, Camille Rogers passed away in September 2025.

The Used Stamp project is now back in the hands of Rotary Monash Glen Waverley and raising funds for End Polio.

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



Rotary Lilydale Sponsors, please support them.



2027 Rotary Ride For Medical Research

"Gallivanting in Gippsland"

Garfield to Yarragon

28th February - 5th March 2027

Organised by the clubs of Rotary District 9815

Registration as riders or support crew is not open as yet, expected to open in November 2026

