

Board report May 2026

Two important events coming up will provide publicity and attract potential new members for our club:

- The Knox Volunteer Expo takes place at the Knox Civic Centre on **Friday 15th May**. We will have a presence, along with the Rotary Clubs of Rowville-Lysterfield and Ferntree Gully.
- Our Visitor Information Night at the Knox Club on **Tuesday 26th May**.

Both will be great opportunities to show who we are and what we do to. Please support the Info night by encouraging your contacts to come along.

ClubRunner, the online platform we use for our member database and information portal, is rolling out a new version. We will be migrating our site to this new version sometime before the end of June.

The Men's Hub team provided a BBQ lunch at Easter which was well attended and enjoyed.

The old, dilapidated Rotary sign on the service clubs display at Boronia Junction has been replaced. The new one includes two barcodes – one links to our website and the other to the Mental Health Support [website](#) being sponsored by our Rotary Community Group.

Earlier in the year we purchased 20 [Shelterbags](#). They arrived in April and were handed over, 10 each to St Vincent de Paul and Infolink, at a recent meeting.

Our friends at Simba continue to support our projects with donations of excess stock. In recent weeks snuggle blankets have gone to Backpacks for Vic Kids and face washers to Days for Girl and Backpacks, as well as a pallet of goods to Donations in Kind.

Our Environment working group, which has only been in existence since the start of this Rotary year, is starting to make progress. So far club members have participated in several tree planting and clean-up days and are getting accustomed to the 'reduce, re-use, recycle' mindset, with collections at weekly meetings and tips in the bulletin. Our guest speaker on Tuesday 12th May will be talking about the Knox Repair Café.

We made submissions to the [Knox Community Awards](#) for Volunteer of the Year, our club as Community Organisation of the Year and five members were nominated for 40+ years of service (Bruce Crago, Michael Jacobs, Leigh Elsey, John White and Ron Brooks). Award winners will be announced at a ceremony on **Wednesday 20 May** during National Volunteer Week.

We have also made a submission to the [District Governor's Excellence Awards](#), for which we have enough credits to receive a Gold Distinction.

Have you put any recommendations into the Wal Goodwin award box? We will be opening the box at the first meeting in June, so start thinking about who your candidate/s might be.