

Rowville's Polish House "Syrena"

By Andrew
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With the warmer weather and sunshine, our suburban streets and gardens are teeming with spring flowers. Likewise, Rowville's Polish House "Syrena" is teeming with activity.

The spring season opened with the Father's Day Ball where revelers filled the hall to capacity for a great night. We acknowledge and are grateful to Hon. Kim Wells MLA for attending the Ball.

Our resident dance group, the lively Lowicz Dance Ensemble, held their "In Our Garden" themed ball. As well as staging a well-attended concert called "Polish Flowers".

Over 50 members of our Seniors Club enjoyed an excursion to Bendigo, they visited the Sacred Heart Cathedral and the Golden Dragon Museum followed by lunch at RSL.

They also organised a remarkable musical event with a song producer, who re-counted stories about the entertainment industry in 1970's Poland.

Our Seniors' Club is thankful for

Children performing at Fathers' Day Ball



the Knox City Council grant which enabled purchase of electronic equipment resulting in significant improvement of their events and meetings.

The program for November and December is very busy. It includes film screenings, live theatre plays, concerts, a Flamenco Evening, a celebration of Grandparents' Day, the very popular St Andrew's Day Ball on 26th November and more.

There are so many events planned that it is best to check www.polishclubrowville.org.au or www.facebook.com/dompolskisyrena/ for information. Everyone is welcome.

On 12th November from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm, our volunteers will be managing a food stall at the Federation Square's Polish Festival.

We are pleased to announce that following a two-year hiatus, our 42nd Fair will be held on Sunday 4th December between 11:00 am

to 5:00 pm. We aim to build on the Fair's four-decade tradition and make it even bigger to encourage the largest possible attendance. Share our culture, food, music and conversation. We are pleased to have been supported for this by a grant from the Knox City Council's Minor Grants Program.

These large outdoor gatherings enable people to spend quality time and develop support networks which lead to a happier community. Children will have an opportunity to play with other children in our extensive park-like surroundings and the well-equipped playground. Importantly, businesses will have an opportunity to connect with potential customers. For information and booking a stand, please call Krysia on 0400 257 177.

In October 2022, Eastern Districts Polish Association, the owner of The Polish House "Syrena", will hold its AGM and biennial elections of the officeholders. As this article is being written before the AGM, an announcement on this matter will be reported in later issue of RLCN. Our Club is open every Sunday for lunch between noon and 4:00 pm so please drop in and try some Polish beers and cuisine.

By Alan Yule

Since moving into the custom built Shed, our membership has slowly but steadily grown to over forty. These members get involved in various projects involving bee-keeping, wood working, metal work and welding, gardening, grounds maintenance and many more. Some examples of projects are - model fire trucks constructed for the CFA, a spinning wheel for Bunnings, 1.5-metre-high lady silhouettes for Zonta International, mowing and grounds maintenance for KCC, etc.

These projects and activities usually involve more than one member working on each, in fact team members often work across a range of activities depending on their skills and interests. To ensure the maximum enjoyment, the Rowville Men's Shed (RMS) has embarked upon a program to identify and enhance the skills of its members so that the continued operation of the Shed will be safe and compliant with the local and State requirements.

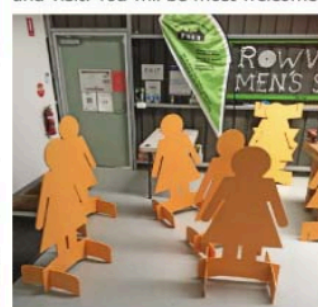
A register of skills, equipment and work practices is under development and from its data, competent trainers, with experience and expertise regarding the use and maintenance of the equipment that RMS has, will be identified.

The structured program will allow members to enhance their skill sets with the development and the learning opportunities offered to them. It is aimed at improving the shed experience while providing a safe and friendly environment for our members to participate in and enjoy.

Our shed operates on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. If you are interested, please contact us and at least come and visit. You will be most welcome.



Seniors' excursion to Bendigo



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