

ROTARY CLUB of OCH Inc.

District 9815 Victoria, Australia

Weekly Bulletin 2025-2026

Meets every Monday from 6:30pm at The Clayton Hotel
319 Clayton Road, Clayton (Melways 79C2)
(No meeting on public holidays)

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FOR
GOOD**



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Upcoming Club Program

Date	Speaker	Chairperson
13 th April	General Meeting at the Clayton Hotel. This week we are having a General Discussion on club activities	Steve Hill
20 th April	Board Meeting (Via Zoom)	Steve Hill
27 th April	General Meeting at the Clayton Hotel.	Steve Hill
4 th May	General Meeting at the Clayton Hotel.	Steve Hill
11 th May	General Meeting at the Clayton Hotel.	Steve Hill
18 th May	Board Meeting (Via Zoom)	Steve Hill
25 th May	General Meeting at the Clayton Hotel.	Steve Hill
1 st June	General Meeting at the Clayton Hotel.	Steve Hill
8 th June	No General Meeting – Kings Birthday	
15 th June	General Meeting at the Clayton Hotel.	Steve Hill
22 nd June	Board Meeting (Via Zoom)	Steve Hill

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ROTARY ENVIRONMENT MONTH

"We do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children." Native American Proverb

The Rotary Foundation

CREATE HOPE in the WORLD

Rotary Four Way Test

"Of the things we think, say or do:

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?"

Presidents Report

Hi all,

I hope everyone had a great Easter weekend break. The market has been performing well with a couple of hiccups, but I was there yesterday and everything ran smoothly. Hopefully this proceeds as the colder weather will hit us very soon.

This week we have no speaker but there are a couple of items that need sorting with everyone's help so we'll deal with that!

We need our speakers back on board so that we aren't just listening to ourselves each week, so let's get our thinking caps on and organise some interesting people.

I will see you all at the meeting and we will enjoy some friendship and a lovely meal together.

Steve



Last Meeting & Notes

Last Meeting (30th March):

Apologies = Greg Telley, Geroge Carydias, Ralph Zucarro, Lesley Zucarro, Felicity Smith, Howard Smith, Barry Cronan and Tom Buzza.

Make Ups = None.

Leave of Absence = None.

Visitors = Ella, Hannah and Millie, Venturers from the Wurringga Scouts including their leaders.

This week our guest speakers were the Venturers from the Wurringga Scouts who spoke on their adventures to "Venture 26"



Venture'26 is the flagship event for the Venturer section. Held only every three years, Venture brings together around 1,000 youth members from all over New Zealand, Australia and further afield. The event is run by SCOUTS Aotearoa (or "The Scout Association of New Zealand"). Also known as the "Venture", AdVenture'26 is a ten day camp which offers fun, challenging and adventurous activities to members of SCOUTS Aotearoa, kindred organisations and other WOSM members, for the 14-18 age bracket.

The Object of Rotary

1. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
2. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
3. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
4. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Every year Scouts Aotearoa help 12,000 young people in New Zealand enjoy new adventures; to experience the outdoors; interact with others, gain confidence and have the opportunity to reach their full potential. Working alongside our youth members are thousands of adult volunteers, with a huge variety of roles and opportunities available. The programmes that they offer cater to our young people's development in the physical, emotional, spiritual and mental aspects of their lives in an appropriately safe environment where they are encouraged to be themselves, work together and thrive.

To hear and see the fantastic presentation from the Venturers from the Werringga Scouts and all the other General Business made by the members, refer to the video by clicking on this [link](#).

Here are some photos from the night.



Club Vision

OCH Rotary is an energetic, fun-loving, forward-thinking Rotary Club that wishes to continue to grow strategically and provide all its members with opportunities to serve while undertaking worthwhile and sustainable projects locally, nationally and globally.

Oakleigh Rotary Sunday Market – Information & Roster



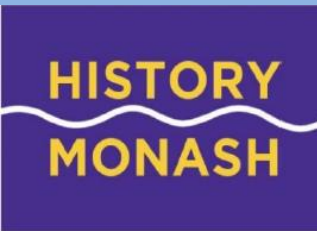
The Oakleigh Rotary Sunday Market Bookings are now online. Click Image above or scan the QR code below to make your booking



Oakleigh Rotary Market Roster

Rotary Market Roster to 28 June 2026 - version			Update 8th April					
Market Roster: Shift 1; 6 am to 10 am: Shift 2; 9.45 am to 1.45 pm (Market Close 2 PM) (there is a 15 minute handover)								
If you are unable to do your shift it is up to you to arrange a swap with another member - please advise Michael and copy David W & Doug								
NOTE: Leader (in Blue) responsible for co-ordination & management of the Market for the Day (does not have to be present for whole day)								
Date	Notes	ROTARY FIRST SHIFT 6AM to 10AM			8AM - 1PM	ROTARY SECOND SHIFT 09:45AM to 2:00PM		
		Leader	SET-UP/Monitor		Main Gate	CASH/PACKUP		
19/04/2026		John Bethune	Sam Oddo	Rotaract	Scouts	Marcus R	Vacant	Byron Kyriakides
26/04/2026		Lesley Zuccaro	Ralph Zuccaro	Peter Webb	Scouts	Michael Ellinger	Jon Briesch	John Barnes
3/05/2026		David Whiting	Martha Bodon	Barry Cronan	Scouts	George Carydias	Vivienne B	Steve Hill
10/05/2026	Mothers Day	Doug Bowden	Tom Buzza	Rotaract	Scouts	Robyn McNab	Vacant	Bronwyn Lamond
17/05/2026		John Bethune	Marcus R for Martha Bodon	Arthur Athan	Scouts	Felicity Smith	Sam Oddo	Byron Kyriakides
24/05/2026		David Whiting	Greg Telley	SOBC	Scouts	Michael Ellinger	Jon Briesch	John Barnes
31/05/2026		Doug Bowden	Tom Buzza	Barry Cronan	Scouts	Bronwen Lamond	Marcus R	Byron Kyriakides
7/06/2026		Lesley Zuccaro	Ralph Zuccaro	Barry for Arthur Athan	Scouts	Sam Oddo	David Park	Richard Simmons
14/06/2026		John Bethune	Terry Elms	Rotaract	Scouts	Felicity Smith	Robyn McNab	Steve Hill
21/06/2026		David Whiting	Jon Briesch for Martha Bodon	Peter Webb	Scouts	Michael Ellinger	Jon Briesch	John Barnes
28/06/2026		Lesley Zuccaro	Ralph Zuccaro	Terry Elms	Scouts	George Carydias	Marcus R	Richard Simmons

Quick Links



Rotary Oakleigh Clayton Huntingdale

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- SMS
- Phone - Enquire/Book
- Save Contact

Stall Applications

- Stallholder Price list
- Market Plot Map
- Stallholder Info
- Stallholder Form
- Stallholder T&C
- Market Video



Rotary Market - Sundays between 8am - 1pm

Join in the fun at the the
Oakleigh Rotary Sunday Market

A great place for produce, plants, flowers,
crafts, bric-a-brac & more



Hanover Street Carpark - Market - Corner Hanover Street and Atherton Road Oakleigh
For enquiries, please call the Market Manager on 0466 546 059



Special Announcements

27th April – John & Gaye Barnes Wedding Anniversary.

29th April – Jon & Phuong Breisch Wedding Anniversary

2026 Rotary Conference Photos





2026 Krusher information

Past Players Day

Celebrating the premiership team reunions of:

<p>1966 Emmanuel F.O. Reserves Men's</p>	<p>1966 Oakleigh YCW F.C. Under 15's</p>	<p>1976 Emmanuel F.O. Senior Men's</p>
<p>1976 Oakleigh Sacred Heart F.C. Under 13's</p>	<p>2006 Oakleigh Amateur F.C. Senior Men's</p>	

📅 **Saturday May 23rd, 2026**
📍 **WA Scammell Reserve, Oakleigh South**

Arrive 12:30pm
Formalities begin at 1:15pm
Finger food available,
Drinks available at bar prices,
open all day/night

**Oakleigh Amateur F.C v Parkside F.C
commences at 2pm**

To RSVP contact:

<p>Martin Plumb - 0428 348 508</p> <p>Shane Kitts - 0439 633 205</p>	<p>Bob Beynon - 0412 345 484</p> <p>Pat Heverin - 0402 905 198</p>
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2026

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Upcoming Dates

Sunday 19th April 2026 – Oakleigh Rotary Sunday Market Bookings are now online. Book your spot by following this link - <https://www.ozeemarkets.com.au/marketlist/vic-oakleigh-oakleigh-rotary-sunday-market>

Sunday 26th April 2026 – Oakleigh Rotary Sunday Market

Sunday 3rd May 2026 – Oakleigh Rotary Sunday Market

Sunday 10th May 2026 – Oakleigh Rotary Sunday Market

Club Positions for 2025/26

President	Steven Hill	(Board)
Vice President	Bronwen Lamond	(Board)
Past President	Felicity Smith	(Board)
President Elect	Richard Simmons	(Board)
Secretary	Robyn McNab	(Board)
Treasurer	George Carydias	(Board)
Community	Vivienne Blennerhassett	(Board)
International	Doug Bowden	(Board)
New Generations	John Bethune	(Board)
Vocational	Peter Webb	
Foundation	Ralph Zuccaro	(Board)
Data / Tech	Byron Kyriakides	(Board)
Club Protection Officer	David Park	
Membership / Club Service	David Park	
PR / Fundraising	TBD	
Market Manager	TBD	
Programme	Jon Breisch	
Bulletin	Michael Ellinger	(Board)
Rotaract	Cess Hodges	
On to Conference	Tom Buzza	
Sergeant at Arms	Sam Oddo	

Please note that there are some roles that still need filling so if you can assist in any of these roles please reach out to Steve and let him know.

District 9815 News

Get ready for RYLA 2026!

We are incredibly excited to announce RYLA 2026 will be on 6 to 11 July 2026!

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is a 6-day leadership conference for 18 to 30 year-olds to discover their potential, build connections and gain practical skills.

Now is the time to start identifying potential participants that your club could sponsor.

Applications are open now! The participant application form and more information about RYLA can be accessed here: <https://linktr.ee/ryla9815>

The RYLA team is also keen to help your club find participants, so if you would like any specialised promotional material or other resources to target certain participants, please let us know.

Sponsoring a participant or leader for RYLA 2026 will be \$1,650 (inc. GST), the same as last year.

You may have also heard that RYPEN is coming back! The Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN) is a 3-day enrichment program for 14 to 17 year-olds, and it will be returning in September 2026! The RYPEN team will be in touch soon to introduce themselves and let you know more about RYPEN.

The RYLA and RYPEN teams are also happy to visit your club as a guest speaker to discuss the programs in person. If you would like us to come and present at your club, please let us know.

We really enjoyed our club visits throughout 2025, especially seeing RYLA participants give presentations to their sponsor clubs. I was inspiring to see them share their experiences, reflect on their personal growth, and talk about what they gained from the RYLA conference. It's amazing to see the real-world benefit that RYLA has had on so many people.

We look forward to discussing RYLA 2026 with you! In the meantime, feel free to email with any questions that you may have.

Kind regards,

The RYLA 9815 Team



"Show Us What Your Club Has Been Doing – Marketing Award Now Open"

Hello Incredible Rotary Clubs of District 9815,

We know some Clubs are absolutely smashing it when it comes to marketing, strong websites, active socials, great visibility in the community.

And others... are doing amazing work too, but not enough people are seeing it.

👉 **That's what this award is all about.**

We're now inviting Clubs to put themselves forward for the **Marketing Award**, recognising Clubs that are actively promoting Rotary, engaging their community and building a strong public presence.

This isn't about being perfect.

It's about showing what you've been doing and how you're telling your story.

🔔 **We want to see what your club has been working on:**
Please send us a short response covering:

- Have you **updated or created a new website**?
- Is your website **kept up to date and relevant**?
- Do you have a **social media plan**?
 - What does it look like?
 - Are you posting regularly?
- Have you **updated your external signage** and applied for a **District Grant**?
 - If yes, please include photos

🎯 **Why put your club forward?**

- Showcase the great work you're already doing
- Gain recognition across the District
- Share your approach and inspire other clubs
- Build pride within your team

✉️ **Send your submission by Friday 1st May to:** Marketing Chair PDG Shia Smart on shia.duncan@gmail.com

If your club has taken steps to improve how you communicate, promote and engage — we want to hear about it.

Don't overthink it, just show us what you've done.

Looking forward to seeing your stories,

Regards,

Shia Smart
Marketing Chair
District 9815

Volunteer Youth Forms

“All members - following up on working with children checks – it is imperative that all members who may come in contact – even incidental - with children (those under 18) have a working with children's card (WWC) – most members have one but for those that do not could you apply for one ASAP and advise Michael once its received. It costs nothing to apply for a card as a volunteer – you can apply using this link [Working with Children Check \(service.vic.gov.au\)](http://service.vic.gov.au)”

Now for the additional requirement of a Form 3 – as explained by the District Youth Chair – Ken Mirams – this is an additional requirement imposed by both the Victorian Government, Rotary International and for insurance purposes. The Form 3 is an extra check particularly for those situations where you may at any time be in a one-on-one situation with a child (anyone under 18), in those cases you must have both the WWC card and a completed Form 3.

Trust that this clarifies – incidental contact with children (not one on one) a WWC check is sufficient – in situations where you will or may be one on one then a Form 3 must be completed. Of course, logistically it makes planning a lot easier if we all have both the WWC card and a Form 3”

Upon completion, please send the form to me.

Regards:
Robyn McNab
Secretary (2025-26)
Rotary Club Oakleigh Clayton Huntingdale Inc

Rotaract Club of Monash

Rotaract
Australia



Club Meeting Details:

The Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the Month at 7:30pm for a 7:45pm start at the Clayton Hotel, 319 Clayton Road, Clayton. Send them a message at info@monashrotaract.org.au if you would like to join them and not miss out.

Upcoming Events:

Where other Clubs Meet

A Rotarian can attend the weekly meeting of any Rotary club around the world. This is a “make-up” and counts as attendance credit when you are not able to attend a meeting of your own club.


Details for all District 9815 clubs can be obtained on the website www.rotary9815.org.au
Details for clubs around the world are available on the RI website (www.rotary.org)

Reminders

Please ensure that the club is aware if you will be missing a meeting. Contact **Barry Cronan** at Cron20@bigpond.com or mob: 0421 417 428 the **day before the meeting**, if you are not going to be present.

Contributions for inclusion into the Bulletin should be passed to editor@rotaryoch.org.au by Friday evening of each week.

Please remember if you cannot perform your rostered job, it is your duty to find a replacement to take your place.

Visit our new Facebook page at [@Rotaryoch9810](https://www.facebook.com/Rotaryoch9810) or click 

For any updates and changes which need to be made to the membership database please send them to editor@rotaryoch.org.au

Joke of the Week

A touching story on how men think...

As she sat by him, he whispered, his eyes full of tears,

"You have been with me all through the bad times.

When I got fired, you were there to support me.

When my business failed, you were there.

When I got shot, you were by my side.

When we lost the house, you stayed right here.

When my health started failing, you were still by my side...

You know what Martha?"

"What dear?" she gently asked, smiling as her heart began to fill with warmth.

"I'm beginning to think you're bad luck."

Rotary International News

Six young leaders named Rotary's 'Champions of Tomorrow' for empowering youth across the globe

By Rotary International

EVANSTON, Ill., USA (30 March 2026) – Rotary is recognizing six of its members and program participants age 30 and under as Rotary People of Action: 'Champions of Tomorrow' for their leadership in advancing impactful, youth-centered initiatives that are helping to create the foundations for brighter futures, today.

As a global membership organization that unites people across cultures and continents in humanitarian service, Rotary empowers its members to create lasting solutions alongside the communities they serve. Through its programs, Rotary fosters intercultural understanding, develops emerging leaders, elevates youth voices, and advances peace.

"Improving society begins at the local level by addressing the issues communities face," said Francesco Arezzo, Rotary International President. "By leading projects that provide educational resources to those in need, foster personal development, support mental health, and champion conflict resolution, these honorees are creating more peaceful and resilient communities today, and unlocking their own potential to become the next generation of service-minded leaders."

For more than 120 years, Rotary has addressed the needs of communities across the globe. To recognize these efforts, Rotary honors six sustainable and scalable initiatives annually through the [People of Action Honors program](#). This year's 'Champions of Tomorrow' include:

- Maria Grazia Rava (Italy) – A member of Rotaract—Rotary's global network of young adults ages 18 and older committed to community service and leadership development—Rava created How to Save a Life, a first-aid training program for teens in Northern Italy and San Marino. The scalable program has trained more than 1,000 students in essential emergency response skills, including CPR, and prepared them to take more active roles during school emergency drills.
- Vansh Saini (India) – A Rotaract member who leads the Empowerment Academy, Saini has turned a basic life skills program into a comprehensive initiative to support multiple facets of learning and development for underprivileged students ages six to 15 in Delhi. The Academy offers educational resources, health and hygiene workshops, mentorship, career training, and more.
- Raymond "Arky" Manning (Philippines) – A Rotary member, law student, and local elected official in the Rizal province, Manning has transformed his community's justice system to be more innovative, economical, and inclusive through leadership of a reform initiative, System for Amicable Grievance and Inclusive Peacebuilding (SAGIP) Barangay. By facilitating the training of peer mediators, creating spaces for mediation, fostering mental health awareness, and supporting anti-violence campaigns, SAGIP Barangay is reshaping the system into a body where youth are valued stakeholders in conflict resolution.
- Maria Manuela Córdoba Aguirre (Colombia) – A Rotary member and founder of Rotary en Señas (Rotary in Sign Language), Córdoba Aguirre's initiative brings young Rotary members and deaf youth together to develop communication and leadership skills through workshops and regular activities. Deaf participants become program facilitators and leaders while hearing volunteers gain proficiency in sign language and collaboration.

- Olivia Raley (USA) – A Rotary member and recent Rotary Youth Leadership Awards participant, Raley’s work with the Nelson County Yellow Tulip Project—an initiative supported by multiple local organizations—has helped combat the stigma around mental health in a rural community in Kentucky. Raley has empowered youth participants to drive education and awareness around the topic and maintain Hope Gardens as visual symbols of the community’s commitment to creating a culture of optimism and mental health wellness.
- Derrick Kabuye (Uganda) – A Rotaract member in Kampala, Kabuye and his club have turned a rural school facing multiple challenges into a thriving educational facility through the Educate a Community Project. Under his leadership, the school’s footprint has expanded to serve more students, resolve sanitation issues, provide menstrual hygiene education, and offer job skills training.

Rotary members throughout the world develop and implement sustainable, community-driven projects that fight disease, promote peace, provide clean water, support education, help mothers and children, grow local economies and protect the environment. Over the last 100 years, US\$5.5 billion has been awarded through The Rotary Foundation – Rotary’s charitable arm that helps clubs work together to perform meaningful, impactful service.



ROTARY CLUB OF SPRINGVALE CITY

On behalf of District 9815 & The Rotary Foundation
We invite you to

POLIO FUNDRAISING NIGHT

Thursday 23rd April 2026

6:30pm

SAIGON REX Restaurant

Level 1 / 17 Balmoral Avenue, Springvale. 3171



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Ticket Price: \$80

(pp for Banquet Dinner)

A variety of signature dishes
Complimentary tea & soft drinks
Alcohol at the bar prices

*We hope that all cluster clubs are well represented and can make up a table
Partners, Friends are most welcomed!*

**PAYMENT REQUIRED AT
TIME OF BOOKING:**

Bendigo Bank

Account Name: Rotary Club of Springvale City

BSB: 633 000

Account Number: 199 284 068

All donations are tax deductible and receipt will be issued.

**RSVP: Friday 17th April 2026 with
any dietary requirement to:**

Angelina Colombio: 0402 168 935
angelamariamascaro@gmail.com

Loc Lam: 0425 806 006
loclam1@gmail.com



Drinks at member prices

BYO Food and Snacks

Table size 8 people

Trivia Night

Friday 22nd May

**6:30 PM
TICKETS \$20**

Book early before they sell out!
sobc.org.au/collections/quiz-nights



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sobcsec@gmail.com

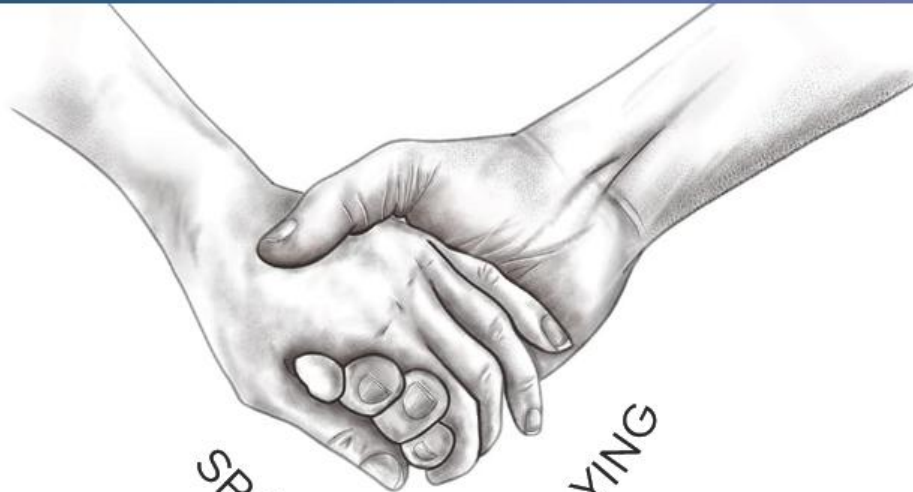


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