

ROTARY CLUB of OCH Inc.

District 9815 Victoria, Australia

Weekly Bulletin 2026-2027

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

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LASTING
IMPACT**



10th August 2026

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Upcoming Club Program

Date	Speaker	Chairperson
10 th August	General Meeting at the Clayton Hotel. Guest Speaker is Keira Patron & Subject is RYLA (No Zoom)	Sam Oddo
17 th August	Board Meeting (Via Zoom)	Richard Simmons
24 th August	No General Meeting at the Clayton Hotel, but we will be having a Fellowship night meeting at Samwon Garden Korean Restaurant (No Zoom)	Richard Simmons
31 st August	General Meeting at the Clayton Hotel. We will be having our Vocational Awards Dinner	Peter Webb
7 th September	General Meeting not in person but via Zoom Only.	Richard Simmons
14 th September	General Meeting at the Clayton Hotel. Guest Speaker is Trudy Poole & the Subject is the "Ride to Reach" program	Sam Oddo
21 st September	Board Meeting (Via Zoom)	Richard Simmons
28 th September	No General Meeting at the Clayton Hotel, but we will be having a Fellowship night meeting (Venue TBA)	Richard Simmons
5 th October	General Meeting not in person but via Zoom Only.	Richard Simmons
12 th October	General Meeting at the Clayton Hotel. Guest Speaker to be advised.	Sam Oddo
19 th October	Board Meeting (Via Zoom)	Richard Simmons



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

2026-27: Create Lasting Impact

Welcome all to our meeting tonight, a warm welcome to our RYLA attendee Keira Patron who will give us a report on the week.

Last Tuesday evening I represented the Club at the Wurringga Scout Group annual report night, the group reports highlighted the wonderful energetic leaders and youth members in the group.

They were very grateful for our support and are willing to continue with the help at the market.

The club was presented a certificate of appreciation for the support of the club.

Upcoming meeting have guest speakers booked and our next fellowship night is in Huntingdale.

Yours in Rotary
Pres Richard



Last Meeting & Notes

Last Meeting (3rd August):

Apologies = Greg Telley & Robyn McNab.

Make Ups = None.

Leave of Absence = None.

Visitors = None.

This week we held our General Meeting over zoom, where everyone had the opportunity to attend from the comfort of their own homes. This week the meeting was not recorded as we would like to try and get a full attendance from our members at the meeting, especially when you do not have to even leave home to be part of it.

Please remember that our next meeting is back in person at the Clayton Hotel on the 10th August where our guest speaker will be our RYLA participant Keira Patron who is also the current President of the Peninsula Rotaract Club.

Keira will share her experiences by being part of RYLA and we look forward to hearing all about them.

Oakleigh Rotary Sunday Market – Information & Roster



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.

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 Oct 2026 - version				Final 2 August 2026				
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 Richard & David W								
NOTE: Leader (in Blue) responsible for co-ordination & management of the Market for the Day (does not have to be present for whole day)								
		ROTARY FIRST SHIFT 6AM to 10AM			8AM - 1PM	ROTARY SECOND SHIFT 09:45AM to 2:00PM		
Date	Notes	Leader	SET-UP/Monitor		Main Gate	CASH/PACKUP		
16/08/2026		Doug Bowden	Tom Buzza	Terry Elms	Scouts	Michael Ellinger	Bron Lamond	Barry Cronan
23/08/2026		Lesley Zuccaro	Ralph Zuccaro	Peter Webb	Scouts	Sam Oddo	Marcus R	Richard Simmons
30/08/2026		Doug Bowden	Tom Buzza	Rotaract	Scouts	Robyn McNab	Richard Simmons	Barry Cronan
6/09/2026		Lesley Zuccaro	Ralph Zuccaro	Arthur Athan	Scouts	Steve Hill	Barry Cronan for Judy Hui	Byron Kyriakides
13/09/2026		John Bethune	Greg Telley	SOBC	Scouts	Michael Ellinger	Bron Lamond	John Barnes
20/09/2026		David Whiting	Martha Bodon	Atul	Scouts	Sam Oddo	Marcus R	Richard Simmons
27/09/2026	GF Long weekend	Doug Bowden	Tom Buzza	Peter Webb	Scouts	Robyn McNab	Jon Briesch	Barry Cronan
4/10/2026		David Whiting	Terry Elms	Rotaract	Scouts	Steve Hill	Judy Hui	Byron Kyriakides
11/10/2026		John Bethune	Martha Bodon	Arthur Athan	Scouts	Michael Ellinger	Bron Lamond	John Barnes
18/10/2026		Lesley Zuccaro	Ralph Zuccaro	Terry Elms	Scouts	Sam Oddo	Marcus R	Richard Simmons

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

Rotary Oakleigh Clayton Huntingdale

Click on image for details

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.

Vocation Awards Dinner 2026

Hello all,

The 2026 Rotary Club of Oakleigh Clayton Huntingdale Vocation Awards Dinner is being held at the Clayton Hotel on Monday August 31 beginning at 6.30 pm.

The menu will be a two-course offering priced at \$45. This fee is to be paid into the Rotary Club bank account.

BSB: 633000

Account number: 167790740

Account name: Rotary Club of OCH

If you have any special dietary requirements, please let me know.

The upstairs bar will be open for an hour, drinks at normal bar prices.

Our four Rotary Club Vocation Awards will be presented on the night, and all four recipients and their guests are excited to be attending.

It would be great if we had a large attendance of club members present to enjoy the night and to congratulate our four recipients.

Please RSVP to me directly via email peterjwebb6@gmail.com or by mobile 0412 533 732 by Monday August 17.

Regards Peter

Upcoming Dates

Sunday 16th August 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 23rd August 2026 – Oakleigh Rotary Sunday Market.

Sunday 30th August 2026 – Oakleigh Rotary Sunday Market.

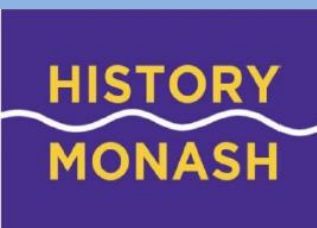
Sunday 6th September 2026 – Oakleigh Rotary Sunday Market.

Sunday 13th September 2026 – Oakleigh Rotary Sunday Market.

Club Positions for 2026/27

President	Richard Simmons	(Board)
Vice President	TBA	(Board)
Past President	Steven Hill	(Board)
President Elect	Jon Breisch	(Board)
Secretary	Robyn McNab	(Board)
Treasurer	George Carydias	(Board)
Community	Atul Gupta	(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	TBD	
Membership / Club Service	TBD	
PR / Fundraising	Luk (Judy) Hui	

Quick Links



Market Manager
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On to Conference
Sergeant at Arms

Richard Simmons
Sam Oddo
Michael Ellinger (Board)
Cess Hodges
Tom Buzza
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 Richard and let him know.

District 9815 News

Early bird registration opened 1st August 2026 for D9815 Conference 2027.

Don't miss this opportunity to save some valuable dollars while you join in the fun of catching up with fellow Rotarians from across the district.

Get your tickets now by clicking on the image below.

HUNTER VALLEY CONFERENCE 2027
RYDGES RESORT HUNTER VALLEY
12-14 MARCH 2027

BOOKINGS OPEN 1ST AUGUST

EARLY BIRD PRICING ENDS 31 DECEMBER 2026

BOOK EARLY & SAVE

SAVE \$50	SAVE \$30	
FULL CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE	CONFERENCE ONLY	GALA DINNER ONLY
EARLY BIRD	EARLY BIRD	TICKET PRICE
\$295	\$195	\$140
After 31 Dec: \$345	After 31 Dec: \$225	After 31 Dec: \$140

WHY BOOK EARLY?

- Save on registration**
Keep more in your pocket with Early Bird pricing.
- Plan together**
Organise your Club group and make a weekend of it.
- More than a Conference**
Speakers, ideas, connection and Hunter Valley fun.
- A weekend to remember**
Friday adventures, Rotary Uncorked and Snowtime.

TRAVEL MADE EASY
Bus transfers provided for Newcastle Airport and Friday activities

MAKE IT A CONFERENCE. MAKE IT A HOLIDAY.

BOOK FROM 1ST AUGUST
rotary9815.org.au/page/district-conference-2027

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

Special Announcements

26th August – George Carydias Birthday.

28th August – Doug & Pam Bowden Wedding Anniversary.

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 \(service.vic.gov.au\)](https://www.service.vic.gov.au/working-with-children-check)

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

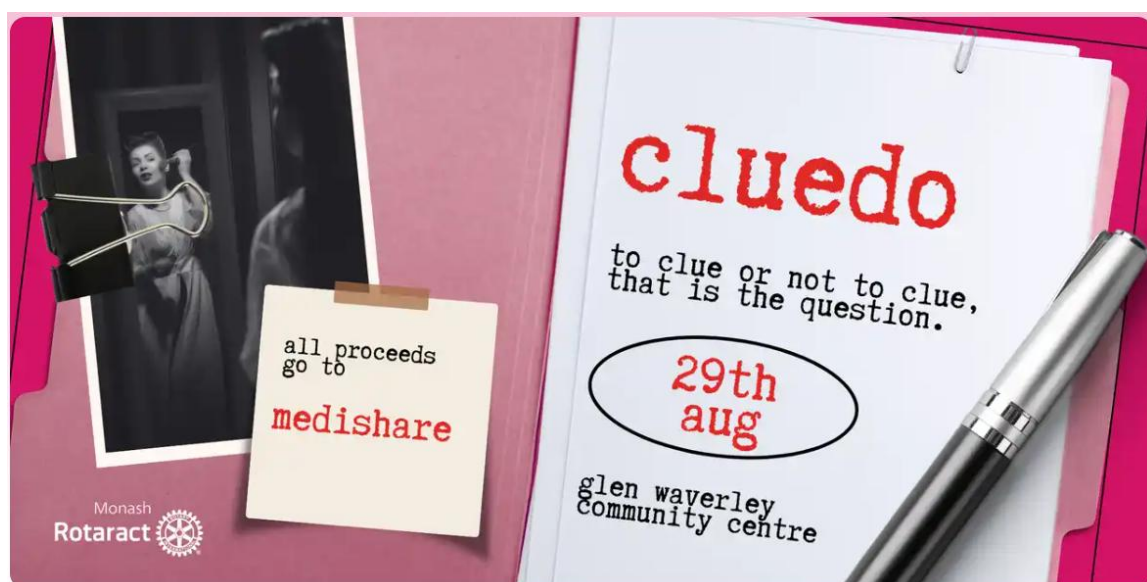
Rotaract Club of Monash



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:



Click on image for details

Monash Rotaract is calling all detectives to the scene of a murder! Some say it's an open-and-shut case. Others have no clue. Either way, you're on the case. Ask the right questions and you might find the culprit, the weapon, and the location.

DATE: Saturday 29 August
TIME: 2-4.30pm AEST
LOCATION: Glen Waverley Community Centre
RSVP: strictly by 9pm Wednesday 26 August
FOOD: Snacks and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided
RAFFLE PRIZES TO BE WON

Play a life-sized version of Cluedo while raising funds for Rotary's Medishare program. MediShare Limited engages with a range of partners, government & not-for-profit organisations to add value to the infrastructure of health care in disadvantaged communities who face difficulties obtaining the affordable goods they need, through the provision and shipping of recovered usable medical consumables and equipment. Find out more at <https://medishare.org.au/>

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

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 senior citizen said to his eighty-year-old buddy: 'So I hear you're getting married?'

'Yep!'

'Do I know her?'

'Nope!'

'This woman, is she good looking?'

'Not really.'

'Is she a good cook?'

'Naw, she can't cook too well.'

'Does she have lots of money?'

'Nope! Poor as a church mouse.'

'Why in the world do you want to marry her then?'

'Because she can still drive!'

Rotary International News

High-tech classroom upgrades open pathways for girls in India

High-tech upgrades help girls in India turn aspirations into reality

By Charlene Drummer and Jeff Krolik

Eighteen-year-old Hareesha has big dreams. She wants to go into medicine, eliminate the poverty that many people in her part of southern India endure, and lift up her community. That she's able to kindle such lofty hopes is thanks, first, to a promise: Her father pledged to provide her and her two siblings an education.

That's no small feat. Her parents struggled to feed Hareesha and her brother and sister. The level of desperation in their village is so extreme that some parents even sell their daughters into early marriages at age 14 or 15. When a wealthy family offered to buy Hareesha, her father refused. "He vowed to work hard and make sure we ate, even if he didn't," she says. "He promised to give us the education we deserved."

Girls living in the remote forest villages of Andhra Pradesh state have historically been deprived of access to a quality education. Because of that, they have almost no opportunity for economic advancement or options outside the home. These girls face numerous challenges, including low literacy rates, limited health care access, discrimination, and social exclusion. Being inadequately educated condemns these girls to a life of limitations.

Hareesha's father did not want that life for her. He encouraged her to get an education at one of the state's tribal schools ("tribal" is the designation adopted by the Indian government to recognize the Adivasi ethnic groups, who are considered to be the original inhabitants of the broader Indian subcontinent and comprise about 9 percent of India's population). In conjunction with the federal government, the state's Tribal Welfare Department has built such schools to alleviate poverty and prevent child marriages.



Image credit: Anjali Kamat

Hareesha's parents enrolled her at the Tribal Welfare Girls' Residential School and College of Excellence in Vissannapeta. About 640 girls, in grades five through 12, attend the school, where they receive a basic education, as well as food, clothing, and housing. However, the girls still face limited opportunities for advancement because the government lacks sufficient resources to provide a fundamental component that is crucial to being competitive in the modern world: access to digital tools and resources.

To read the full article [click here](#)

ENTRIES OPEN!

SPOTLIGHTING BULLYING *art exhibition* HAND IN HAND

1 - 11 OCTOBER 2026

The Track Gallery
47 Miller Crescent, Mount Waverley

Present your artwork
in a gallery exhibition
exploring bullying,
empathy, and the
strength of standing
together.



**SCAN THE QR CODE FOR DETAILS &
THE INDIVIDUAL ARTIST ENTRY FORM**

Any questions? Contact: sesuicideprevention@gmail.com

