

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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IMPACT**



24th August 2026

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Upcoming Club Program

Date	Speaker	Chairperson
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
26 th October	No General Meeting at the Clayton Hotel, but we will be having a Fellowship night meeting (Venue TBA)	Richard Simmons
2 nd November	No Club Meeting (Melbourne Cup Day Eve)	



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Presidents Report

2026-27: Create Lasting Impact

This week's get together is at the Samwon Gardens Restaurant in Huntingdale Road. A chance to enjoy some fellowship and food.

The past board meeting approved the sponsorship of the Oakleigh Jr Cricket club sponsorship for the new upcoming season, we look forward to some reports on how they are going throughout the summer.

This week several club members have tickets to see the SOSC performance of the Wizard of OZ.

Next week's Meeting is the Vocational Awards night, please contact Peter Webb ASAP if you have not replied or paid.

Yours in Rotary
Pres Richard (retired)



Last Meeting & Notes

Last Meeting (17th August):

Apologies = Peter Webb, David Whiting, & Jon Breisch.

Make Ups = None.

Leave of Absence = None.

Visitors = None.

This week we held our monthly Board Meeting via zoom. More information from the Board Meeting will be shared by the Committee Chairs.

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

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?"



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		
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

Oakleigh Clayton Huntingdale

Click on image for details

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.

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 ASAP

Regards Peter

Corner Store -Drop in and chat with Sustainable Monash

Dear Friends,

We are holding an informal 'drop-in and chat' with the team at Sustainable Monash. This is an open invitation to anyone who wishes to ask the team questions, suggest ideas or just say 'hi!'

When: Tuesday 1st September 2026, 9:30am - 10:30am

Where: The Corner Store Network, 30 Hamilton Street, Oakleigh, 3166

For more information, or to tell us you plan on coming along, please email sustainability@monash.vic.gov.au.

Kind Regards,

The Sustainable Monash Team

Outreach Program Partial Sponsorship - Thank you for supporting our community!

Dear Doug, Richard, and the Rotary Club of Oakleigh Clayton Huntingdale,

I hope you're all doing well.

I'm writing to introduce Phanin, our Program Sponsorship Officer. Phanin has just returned after 6 months away on an exchange program in Germany, and we're so happy to have him back with us.

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.

Moving forward, Phanin will once again be your point of contact for anything related to your program sponsorship. He's excited to give you updates on everything to do with your sponsorship and report.

Thank you for the Rotary Club of Oakleigh Clayton Huntingdale continued support, we really appreciate it! If you have any questions, please let us know.

Kind Regards,

Rina Rat
Communications Support Officer

Upcoming Dates

Sunday 30th 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 6th September 2026 – Oakleigh Rotary Sunday Market.

Sunday 13th September 2026 – Oakleigh Rotary Sunday Market.

Sunday 20th September 2026 – Oakleigh Rotary Sunday Market.

Sunday 27th September 2026 – Oakleigh Rotary Sunday Market.

Monday 12th April 2027 – District Governor Club Visit (Partners Night)

Club Positions for 2026/27

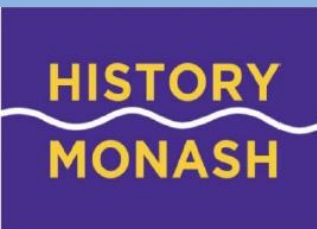
President	Richard Simmons	(Board)
Vice President	TBA	(Board)
Past President	Steven Hill	(Board)
President Elect	Jon Breisch	(Board)
Secretary	Robyn McNab	(Board)
Treasurer	George Carydias	(Board)
Community	Atul Gupta	(Board)
International	Doug Bowden	(Board)
New Generations	John Bethune	(Board)
Vocational	Peter Webb	
Foundation	Ralph Zuccaro	(Board)
Data / Tech	Byron Kyriakides	(Board)
Club Protection Officer	TBD	
Membership / Club Service	TBD	
PR / Fundraising	Luk (Judy) Hui	
Market Manager	Richard Simmons	
Programme	Sam Oddo	
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 Richard and let him know.

District 9815 News

Invitation to nominate for the role of DGN (DG 2028-29) for the new Rotary District 9825 (9815 and 9830)

Quick Links



As many of you will be aware, **Districts 9815 and 9830 will come together to form the new Rotary District 9825 from 1 July 2028.**

This is an exciting and significant opportunity for Rotary in our region. Bringing together clubs and members across Tasmania, Melbourne's east and eastern Victoria will create new opportunities for collaboration, leadership, friendship and greater community impact.

Nominations are now open

We are pleased to invite nominations for the position of:

District Governor Nominee (DGN) District 9825 – District Governor 2028–2029

The successful candidate will play an important role in shaping the future of our new district and helping guide Rotary through this significant period of transition.

Please refer to the attached **Call for Nominations** document, which provides further information about the position, including the proposed duties, responsibilities and qualifications.

The successful candidate will initially become part of the **District 9825 Transition Management Team**, working with Rotarians from both districts to progressively plan and manage the successful transition to our new district structure. The successful candidate will subsequently join the District 9825 Board from **1 July 2027**, in preparation for taking on the role of District Governor for 2028–2029.

A new approach to district leadership

The District Governor role within District 9825 will be supported by a strong District Board and leadership team comprising skilled, experienced and dedicated Rotarians and Rotaractors who will work closely with clubs across the new district. Changes to the District Governor role are also being explored as part of the **Zone 8 Regionalisation Pilot**. The pilot is currently scheduled to conclude in June 2028, after which its outcomes will be reviewed and further decisions made regarding the future structure and responsibilities of district leadership.

Consequently, candidates should be aware that the responsibilities of the District Governor for 2028–2029 are expected to be different from the current District Governor role as defined under Article 16.030 of the Rotary International Bylaws.

An opportunity to shape our future

This is much more than an opportunity to take on a district leadership position. It is an opportunity to help **shape the culture, direction and future of a brand-new Rotary district.**

The person appointed will have the opportunity to bring people together, encourage new ideas, strengthen relationships between clubs and help establish a leadership model that reflects the changing needs of Rotary and our communities. We encourage Rotarians who are passionate about Rotary, enjoy working with people, embrace new ideas and believe in the potential of our new district to consider putting themselves forward. The successful DGN will also be required to attend **Governor Nominee Leadership Training in Melbourne during the last week of October 2026.**

Future leadership opportunities

We also recognise that the creation of District 9825 will provide a range of new leadership opportunities for Rotarians who may not yet be ready to put themselves forward for District Governor.

Under normal circumstances, we would expect to consider the appointment of a **District Governor Nominee Designate in February 2027**. If you have an interest in contributing to district leadership during this period, we warmly encourage you to consider expressing your interest.

In addition, the introduction of **three Deputy District Governor roles** is currently under consideration. These positions are intended to provide strong representation and support for the District Governor across our three geographic areas and create additional leadership pathways within the new district.

Special Announcements

26th August – George Carydias Birthday.

28th August – Doug & Pam Bowden Wedding Anniversary.

These appointments would be made in consultation with the incoming District Governor Nominee, providing an opportunity to build a strong and diverse leadership team for District 9825.

Forms included in the attachment (Click on form name)

1. **District Governor Nominee form**. This must be filled out and signed from your club Secretary and yourself and returned to IPDG Peter Behm
2. **The guide to the role** is for your information only. Any questions, please refer back to DG 9815 Emma Clark or DG 9830 Craig Perkins.

How to apply

The closing date for nominations for District Governor Nominee is: **Friday, 4 September 2026**

Your completed documentation is to be sent to IPDG Peter Behm at the email address of peter.behm@rotary9815.org.au

If you would like to discuss the role further or have any questions about the nomination process, please contact:

Emma Clark
District Governor 9815

Craig Perkins
District Governor 9830

We warmly encourage suitably qualified Rotarians to consider this opportunity. The creation of District 9825 represents an important new chapter for Rotary across Tasmania and Victoria, and we hope that those with the passion, experience and vision to help shape that future will put their hand up.

Together, we have an opportunity to build something new, stronger and more connected.

We look forward to hearing from you. Warm regards,

Emma Clark
District Governor

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.

The graphic is a promotional poster for the Hunter Valley Conference 2027. At the top, it features the Rotary logo and the text 'HUNTER VALLEY CONFERENCE 2027' in bold. Below this, it says 'RYDGES RESORT HUNTER VALLEY' and '12-14 MARCH 2027'. A large blue banner in the middle reads 'BOOKINGS OPEN 1ST AUGUST'. Below the banner, it states 'EARLY BIRD PRICING ENDS 31 DECEMBER 2026'. The next section is titled 'BOOK EARLY & SAVE' and contains three boxes: 'FULL CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE' with an early bird price of \$295, 'CONFERENCE ONLY' with an early bird price of \$195, and 'GALA DINNER ONLY' with a ticket price of \$140. Below these boxes, there are four bullet points under the heading 'WHY BOOK EARLY?': 'Save on registration', 'Plan together', 'More than a Conference', and 'A weekend to remember'. At the bottom, it says 'TRAVEL MADE EASY' and 'Bus transfers provided for Newcastle Airport and Friday activities'. The final section is titled 'MAKE IT A CONFERENCE. MAKE IT A HOLIDAY.' and includes a QR code and the text 'BOOK FROM 1ST AUGUST'.

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://Working with Children Check (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

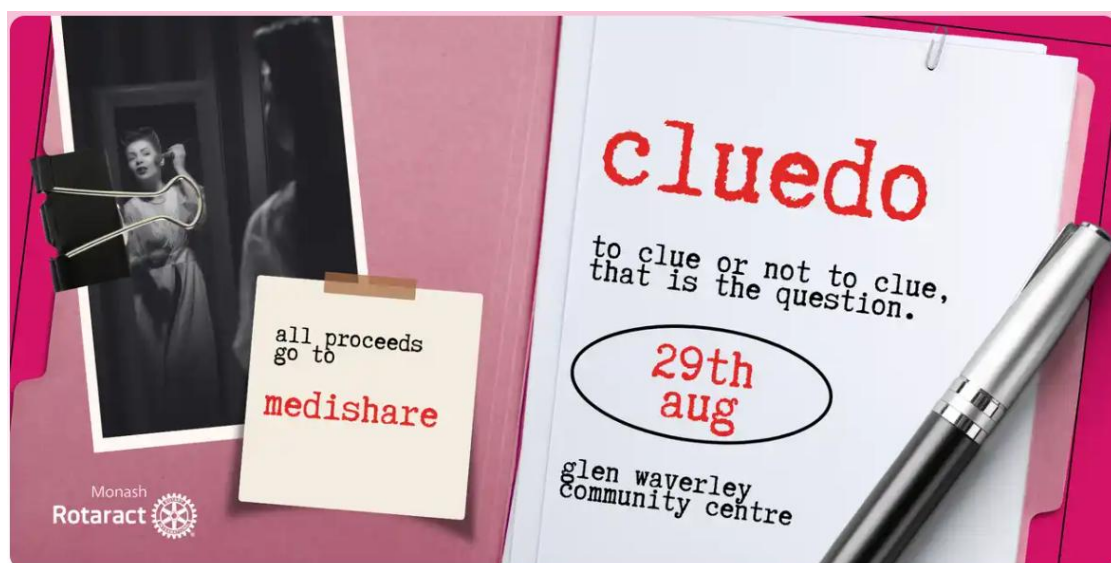
Rotaract Club of Monash



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

If you are attending, can you please book your tickets by clicking on the Function Image above and advise Michael Ellinger as soon as possible.

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

This term," said the English teacher, "we will be studying 'The Canterbury Tales' "

"But," she added, "to anticipate a question I get every year -- this will not include The Nun's Priest's Tale"

"Why not?" asked one of the pupils. The teacher's features shaped themselves into an expression of sour disapproval.

"Because," she answered, "The Nun's Priest's Tale is lascivious, licentious, and utterly improper, especially for people your age. Now please open your copies to the General Prologue, and we will begin with that."

Next lesson, the teacher said, "Please open your 'Canterbury Tales' to The Nun's Priest's Tale, which I am assuming you have all read by now..."

Rotary International News

When lifequakes jolt your world

When seeking solid ground amid a “lifequake,” one bit of advice rises above others: Don’t go through it alone

By Kate Silver | Photography by Juan Diego Reyes

When Tia Coppus’ husband, Ethan, died of cancer, a fog came over her. At just 38 years old, she felt as though she’d lost half of herself. Then came the silence.

This was October 2021, and for 19 months, it had just been her and Ethan locked away from the world to keep COVID out. During that time, she’d forgotten how to be alone. And she’d forgotten how to be around other people. When a friend invited her to a Rotary dinner meeting soon after the funeral, she wasn’t sure she was capable. “I’m thinking, I don’t even know what to do,” Coppus recalls. “I haven’t been out since March of 2020. What if I’m not OK?”

Rotary had been an important part of Coppus’ life since 2014. In fact, she attended her first meeting just a few months after Ethan’s diagnosis, and the Rotary Club of Cary-Kildaire in North Carolina quickly became an outlet just for her. Every Thursday night, she could meet with friends and laugh. As her husband endured the side effects of chemotherapy and clinical trials, Rotarians were there for her. They raised money to send the couple on a bucket-list trip to Colorado; they dropped off meals and checked in; they even sang Christmas carols in the driveway during the pandemic.

So, she decided to go to dinner.

From the moment she arrived, she found herself hugging new members and old friends. She laughed at people’s stories. She made eye contact with a recent widower. And she realized she wasn’t alone. “Grief is like a complete destruction of your life and your normalcy. You just don’t know where to go, where to start,” she says. “Rotary put a path in front of me that I could take.”

The lifequake

There’s a name for the type of crisis that Coppus was living through. Author Bruce Feiler calls these disruptions “lifequakes” because they can shake a person to the very core. “The damage they cause can be devastating, they’re higher on the Richter scale of consequence, and their aftershocks can last for years,” Feiler writes in his 2020 book, *Life Is in the Transitions*.

Feiler, who was once a Rotary scholarship recipient, became interested in the subject after going through a series of lifequakes himself; they involved his own cancer diagnosis, financial troubles, and a sick and suicidal father. He travelled across the United States collecting stories from people in all 50 states and then mined those stories for patterns. He calculated that an individual could expect some kind of disruption, big or small, about every 12 to 18 months. “That’s more often than many people see a dentist,” he says.

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



Following the death of her husband, Tia Coppus found the support she needed with her Rotary club.

Total Donations \$
\$616,760.01
Over the past 7 years

Beneficiaries Supported 
122
Across 7 categories

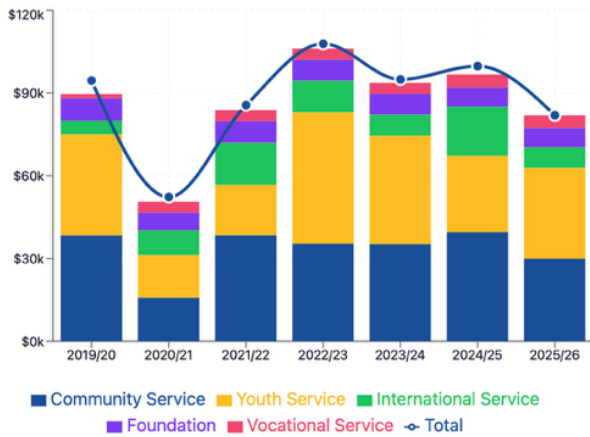
2025/26 Donations 
\$81,912.39
Most recent year

Years of Service 
30+
2019/20 - 2025/26

All Categories Australian Rotary Health Community Service DG Family Project Foundation International Service Vocational Service Youth Service

Donation Trends Over Time

Total donations with top 5 categories breakdown



Donation Locations

Geographic distribution of all donations



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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

