

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**



3rd August 2026

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Upcoming Club Program

Date	Speaker	Chairperson
3 rd August	General Meeting not in person but via Zoom Only.	Richard Simmons
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 & 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



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Presidents Report

2026-27: Create Lasting Impact

Last week several of the OCH club members came to our first Fellowship night out.

A surprisingly full cafe greeted us but we managed to get a large table and settled in for a cheap meal and some great fellowship.

A quick tour of the exterior of the Residential Village side of Monash accommodation followed for a few who braved the cool night.

Thank you all who came along, our next 4th Monday fellowship (24th Aug) night out will be at Samwon Garden Korean Restaurant at 6:30pm. The address is 286 Huntingdale Rd, Huntingdale VIC 3166.

Next week we welcome Keira Patron who will enlighten us all on her time at RYPEN 26.

Please RSVP to the Vocation awards night, Peter W has put in a fantastic effort in organizing this night and it would be great to see a full room.

Yours in Rotary
Pres Richard



Last Meeting & Notes

Last Meeting (27th July):

Apologies = Ralph Zuccaro and Lesley Zuccaro.

Make Ups = None.

Leave of Absence = None.

Visitors = None.

This week we held a fellowship meeting where we went out for dinner at Monash University Halls Café in Clayton. The night also included a quick tour of Monash University with our tour guide Richard.

Oakleigh Rotary Sunday Market – Information & Roster



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?"

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		
9/08/2026		John Bethune	Terry Elms	Rotaract	Scouts	Steve Hill	Judy Hui	Barry Cronan
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

Oakleigh Clayton Huntingdale

Contact us

SMS

Phone - Enquire/Book

Save Contact

Stall Applications

Stallholder Price list

Market Plot Map

Stallholder Info

Stallholder Form

Stallholder T&C

Market Video



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.



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

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

SESPN Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

It was a very worthwhile day, not only did we raise some much needed funds for SESPN, but we also gained 2 important connections, one with a gentleman there to buy sausages, but wanted to connect with the Network, as he is on the Suicide Australia board. So, a fabulous contact. Plus, a U3A wanting a talk. Numerous people talking to us about their experiences.

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.

A very big thank you to Rotary for allowing us to borrow the EFTPOS machine; we wouldn't have raised nearly so much without it, it's currently a bit cost prohibitive for us to get our own.

Thank you to everyone at Rotary for the continued support, particularly yourself for assisting with delivery of the machine, and to Robyn and Steve for volunteering on the day. Also, a thank you to Barry, who is both a Rotary and a SESP member.

Vivienne



Production The Wizard of Oz - Invitation

Dear Members & Extended Rotary Family,

We have been offered complimentary tickets to South Oakleigh College "The Wizard of Oz (Youth Edition)".

We have been offered 10 complimentary tickets to each of three performances – for us to share with our community.

Performance Details:

Venue: South Oakleigh College (The Christine Strachan Theatre)

Dates & Times Available:

- Thursday, August 27th at 7:00 PM
- Friday, August 28th at 7:00 PM
- Saturday, August 29th at 3:00 PM

Ticket Collection

Your tickets will be waiting for you at the ticket box when you arrive, clearly marked under your club's name

So please advise me by Monday 3rd August – which event you would like to attend & any guests

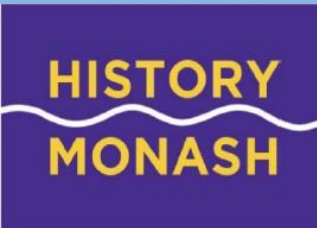
Current Bookings are:

Thursday 27th at 7 PM

- Richard & Deb Simmons

Website - <https://rotaryoch.org.au/home>

Quick Links



- Sam Oddo
- David & Rayeleigh Whiting
- Steve & Josie Hill

Friday 28th at 7 PM

- Robyn McMab
- Barry Cronan

Saturday 29th at 3 PM

You will be copied in on the confirmation email to the College

David Whiting

SOUTH OAKLEIGH COLLEGE

PRESENTS THE YOUTH EDITION OF

THE WIZARD of OZ

By **L. Frank Baum**

With Music and Lyrics by
Harold Arlen and E. Y. Harburg

Background Music by
Herbert Stothart

Dance and Vocal Arrangements
by **Peter Howard**

Orchestration by **Larry Wilcox**

Adapted by **John Kane** for the
Royal Shakespeare Company

Based upon the Classic Motion Picture owned by **Turner Entertainment Co.** and distributed in all media by **Warner Bros.**

Adaptation and support materials for the Young Performers' Edition Developed by **iTheatrics** Under the supervision of **Timothy Allen McDonald**

Thursday, August 27th - 7:00 PM

Friday, August 28th - 7:00 PM

Saturday, August 29th - 3:00 PM

Christine Strachan Theatre

Presented by arrangement with Tams-Witmark, A Concord Theatricals Company (concordtheatricals.com)

Special Announcements

5th August – David & Rayeleigh Whiting Wedding Anniversary.

26th August – George Carydias Birthday.

Follow up from REACH Siem Reap



RIDE TO REACH 2027

Fundraising Targets

Whatever your circumstances, there is a place for you on our rides.

Every rider who joins us for Ride to REACH takes on a fundraising goal that directly funds our programs for more than 375 children and 180 families at REACH Siem Reap. We have built our 2027 targets to be fair, achievable, and inclusive of riders from all walks of life, whether you are riding solo, with a partner, with a team, or coming back for your second, third, or even fourth ride. Find your row below to see your target, in your currency. Each row offers two ways to reach the same target: ride solo (left column) or ride as part of a team (right column).

Here is what your fundraising goal looks like.

Solo / Return Riders		Team Riders	AUD	USD	GBP	EUR	SGD
Solo First-time Rider		—	\$5,000	\$3,550	£2,600	€3,000	S\$4,300
Solo Returning Rider (2nd Ride)	OR	Team of 2 (per rider)	\$4,000	\$2,840	£2,080	€2,400	S\$3,440
Solo Returning Rider (3rd Ride)	OR	Team of 3 (per rider)	\$3,500	\$2,485	£1,820	€2,100	S\$3,010
Solo Returning Rider (4th+ Ride)	OR	Team of 4+ (per rider)	\$3,000	\$2,130	£1,560	€1,800	S\$2,580
Student		Student	\$3,000	\$2,130	£1,560	€1,800	S\$2,580

Local currency targets are locked in January each year and stay fixed for the entire ride year. Once your number is set, it stays set, no matter what happens to exchange rates.

Doing the Double Ride?

If you are contemplating taking on both the Coast to Angkor and Mekong rides back to back (1,050km over 13 days of cycling), we will recognise that extra commitment. The rate from the table applies to each ride, and as a first-time Double Rider you are treated as a 2nd-ride equivalent in recognition of the back to-back challenge.

- **First-time Double Rider (solo):** \$4,000 + \$4,000 = \$8,000 combined
- **2nd-time Double Rider (solo):** \$3,500 + \$3,500 = \$7,000 combined
- **3rd+ time Double Rider (solo):** \$3,000 + \$3,000 = \$6,000 combined

Riding as a Student

We want this ride to be accessible to people of all ages and backgrounds. If you are a full-time student under the age of 25 (in school, university, TAFE, or equivalent), your fundraising target is set at \$3,000 AUD whether you are riding solo, with a team, or taking on the Double Ride (in this case, your target would be \$6,000 AUD).

Student status is self-declared at registration. Student places are limited per ride, so please get in early.

Bringing Friends Along?

Want to bring friends along on the ride, but prefer to raise funds solo? No worries. We would love to recognise your support by taking \$500 AUD off your fundraising target for every friend you bring to the ride alongside you.

As an adult rider, your fundraising target will not drop below \$3,000 AUD, no matter how many friends you bring along. Students keep their \$3,000 AUD student target.

If you would rather fundraise with them in a team, the recruitment reduction does not apply (you will already be on the team rate, which scales down as your team grows).

Riding as a Team

Riding with a partner, family, friends, workmates, or a school group? Register together as a team with a shared team name. Your per-rider target reduces as your team grows, because we know teams often share the same potential donor pool.

If you are a returning rider or a student in a team, you keep your individual rate (your Solo Returning rate or your Student rate), whichever is more favourable to you. You never lose your loyalty or your student status by joining a team.

Ready to Ride?

Whichever way you choose to ride with us, you are joining a community of people pedalling for something that matters. Every dollar, pound, and euro you raise goes directly to the children and families at REACH Siem Reap.

Questions about which category fits you? Drop us a line at emily@reachsiemreap.org and we will help you work it out.

See you in Cambodia.

I wanted to mention something that might be of interest to the club.

We have just launched new group fundraising targets for our Ride to REACH in January, and if there are any members who might be keen to saddle up and cycle across Cambodia with us, I would absolutely love to have a chat with you about that. It is an absolutely life changing experience and a wonderful way to deepen the connection between your club and our community on the ground. I have attached our new fundraising targets for your reference.

I would also be very happy to arrange for a Victoria based Rotarian who has done the ride personally to come and speak at one of your club meetings. Hearing it first hand from someone who has been through the experience tends to speak volumes, and I think your members would really enjoy it.

Update from Emily at Reach regarding our \$5K donation

I genuinely don't have the words to express how much this means to all of us at REACH. A \$5,000 donation is extraordinary, and the generosity of your club has left our whole team absolutely speechless.

I shared the news with our social workers this morning and the reaction said it all. We have been working so hard to secure a second Outreach Program sponsor, and knowing that the Rotary Club of Oakleigh Clayton Huntingdale has stepped up to help ensure the sustainability of those services in the community is just incredible. Thank you.

Rina, our Campaigns and Volunteer Manager, will be in touch with you as soon as possible to formally induct your club as official Outreach Program sponsors.

Emily Williamson

Founder & Program Director

Upcoming Dates

Sunday 9th 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 16th August 2026 – 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.

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

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.

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

Full Conference Experience Early Bird \$295 (Until 31 Dec 2026)	Conference Only Early Bird \$195 (Until 31 Dec 2026)	Gala Dinner Only Early Bird \$140 (Until 31 Dec 2026)
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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: Spouses, kids, connector and Hunter Valley fun.
- A weekend to remember: Friday adventures, Rotary breakfast and Socialtime.

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/register-for-the-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 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://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:

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](#) 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

Two elderly gentlemen from a retirement centre were sitting on a bench under a tree when one turns to the other and says:

'Slim, I'm 83 years old now and I'm just full of aches and pains. I know you're about my age. How do you feel?'

Slim says, 'I feel just like a newborn baby.'

'Really!? Like a newborn baby!?'

'Yep. No hair, no teeth, and I think I just wet my pants.'

Rotary International News

Ohio club serves up pancakes with potential

The Rotary Club of Logan, Ohio, uses funds from its annual pancake breakfast to support youth in their community

By Rose Shilling

An elementary school-aged girl hops out of her family car outside a county fairgrounds building in this Appalachian foothills town to find out the cost to eat at the pancake breakfast inside. \$8.

She asks the people out front if the fundraiser accepts cards. Without hesitation, Rotarian Sherry Kilbarger says she has extra tickets to give away and invites the girl and her family inside for the all-you-can-eat pancakes. Plus, sausage links and OJ. A woman walking out of the building into the spring sunshine overhears the exchange and hands Kilbarger two more tickets to share.

Looking out for the kids in this small town is a top motivation for members of the Rotary Club of Logan, Ohio. Nestled among rolling hills, the area is popular with visitors for its miles of hiking trails that wind through gorges with waterfalls, awe-inspiring rock formations like a natural bridge of stone, and dazzling fall leaves. The club provides bikes to local kids at Christmas and holds a popular fishing day each spring when the state's nature officials stock Rose Lake with trout. "Because we are a small club, the things that we do are community-minded," Kilbarger says. "We want our youth to have opportunities."

The Logan club expects to earn about \$3,000 from the pancake breakfast, its largest fundraiser, which has been gathering neighbors over syrup drizzles for more than 50 years. Club members make the most of every dollar, accomplishing as much as they can for the community, where the percentage of people living in poverty is well over twice the national rate.

One club project provides duffle bags filled with a blanket, toiletries, socks, and underwear for children going into foster care or young people staying in group homes. The club also awards stipends to young people who are joining the workforce, learning a trade, or starting a two-year educational program. Those funds for work clothes, tools, personal protective equipment, or other basics are in addition to college scholarships the club distributes. And for the town's high school, the club contributed \$20,000 toward an indoor sports facility, digging into its reserves from decades past when the pancake breakfast and an arts fair brought in more money.

Given how well they organize their projects, it's apparent that these Rotarians are dynamos at working with local leaders and drumming up sponsors and donations to stretch the good that

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Looking out for local kids is a motivator for the Rotary Club of Logan, including (from left) Damon Kuhn, Chad Grow, Sherry Kilbarger, Andrew McGhee, and Jim Robinson.

Image credit: Maddie McGarvey

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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

