

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)

**CREATE
LASTING
IMPACT**



13th July 2026

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Upcoming Club Program

Date	Speaker	Chairperson
13 th July	General Meeting at the Clayton Hotel. Subject is Presidents Address	Richard Simmons
20 th July	Board Meeting (Via Zoom)	Richard Simmons
27 th July	No General Meeting at the Clayton Hotel, but we will be having a Fellowship night meeting at Monash University Halls Cafe	Richard Simmons
3 rd August	General Meeting not in person but via Zoom Only.	Richard Simmons
10 th August	General Meeting at the Clayton Hotel. Subject is RYLA	Richard Simmons
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 Clayton RSL "Pasta Night"	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. Subject is TBA	Richard Simmons
21 st September	Board Meeting (Via Zoom)	Richard Simmons



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Presidents Report

2026-27: Create Lasting Impact

Fellow Rotarian's and friends of Rotary,

Welcome to our first In Person only meeting tonight, I was hoping to have a guest speaker tonight in person on the topic of Scams and AI. but unfortunately, they are unable to come along.

But they sent this info to highlight the mine field that is out in the big cyber world.

Recommended site for info on scams.

<https://www.crimestoppersvic.com.au/current-focus/onlinesafety/the-deepfake-dilemma-i-spy-an-ai-scam/>

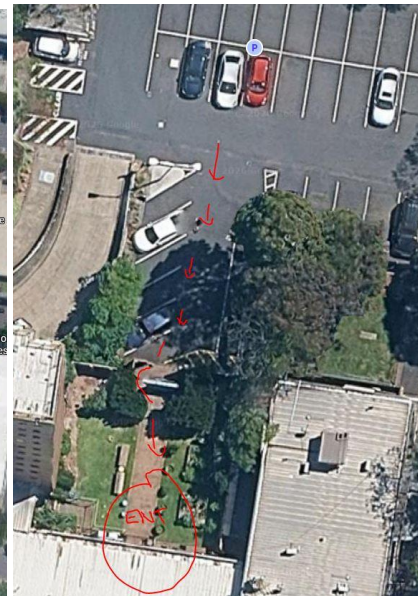
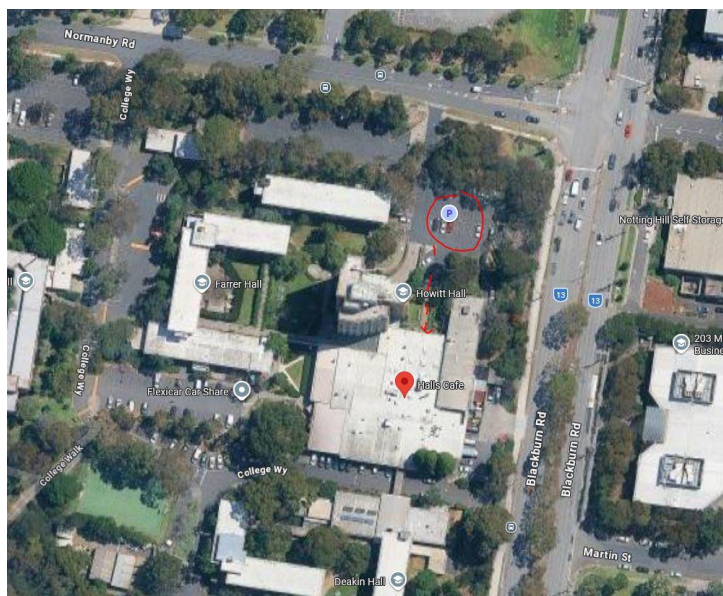
Just a sample of what's on the web page

How to Spot an AI Scam Video

- Look at the face: Watch the eyes. Strange blinking or a face that moves weirdly can be a warning sign.
- Listen to the voice: The voice might sound robotic or have flat, unnatural tones. Check the mouth: Sometimes the words do not match the way the lips are moving.
- Do not trust money promises: If a celebrity tells you to invest in a trick that sounds too good to be true, it is a lie

Please be careful.

- Tonight we will have more info on next year's District conference. noted its not in March so I will be going (no clash with the F1 race).
- Details of the last Monday of the month dinner at Monash University Halls Cafe



Map attached. Parking marked by the "P" follow footpath to the cafe as per second photo. Normally have 3 meals plus a vegetarian option.

Yours in Rotary

President Richard



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?"

Last Meeting & Notes

Last Meeting (6th July):

Apologies = John Bethune, Greg Telley, Barry Cronan and Jon Breisch.

Make Ups = None.

Leave of Absence = None.

Visitors = None.

This week our meeting was held on Zoom.

To hear and see the discussions held at our General Meeting and all the other General Business made by the members, refer to the video by clicking on this [link](#).

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



MARKET REPORT & REVIEW - Thursday 16th July

Thank you to all members who have contributed to the running of the market during the past twelve months.

The Market provides the financial lifeblood on our Club and underpins everything else we do in the community.

Last financial year the Market generated almost \$137,000 of income, before expenses.

The market roster, every Sunday, is very important, although the workload is significantly less than when we collected cash from every stallholder, every week.

However, notwithstanding the benefits of the Ozee Markets booking system, there is still considerable administration work to be done before the Market, each week & there are lots of

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.

issues we are not managing efficiently. The reality is we are running a small business on a piecemeal basis.

Against this background we are holding a **MARKET REVIEW MEETING 7.30 PM Thursday 16th July – Via Zoom**

All Board & Market Committee members are requested to attend & the meeting is open to All members.

A detailed agenda will be distributed, but the key headings are;

- Review of the Ozee Markets system with Patrick Zuluaga & identification of possible system improvements
- Marketing the market – new traders & the public
- Council Licence & Permit negotiations
- Market Management – paid staff or volunteer/s

A Zoom invitation will be distributed after the General Meeting on 13th July.

David Whiting

Oakleigh Rotary Market Roster

We are looking for someone to swap with Martha Bodon for her Market Duty on the 26th of July as she is still currently overseas and only gets back on that day. Please contact Michael if you are happy to swap. Thanks.

Rotary Market Roster to Oct 2026 - version				Final 10 July 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	
19/07/2026		Doug Bowden	Greg Telley	SOBC	Scouts	Michael Ellinger	Sam Oddo Jon Briesch
26/07/2026		David Whiting	Martha Bodon	Peter Webb	Scouts	Robyn McNab	Marcus R John Barnes
2/08/2026		Lesley Zuccaro	Ralph Zuccaro	Atul	Scouts	Sam Oddo	Jon Briesch Barry Cronan
9/08/2026		John Bethune	Terry Elms	Rotaract	Scouts	Steve Hill	Judy Hui Byron Kyriakides
16/08/2026		Doug Bowden	Tom Buzza	Terry Elms	Scouts	Michael Ellinger	Bron Lamond John Barnes
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

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.



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



SCAN ME

Rotary Market - Sundays between 8am - 1pm

Join in the fun at the the

Oakleigh Rotary Sunday Market

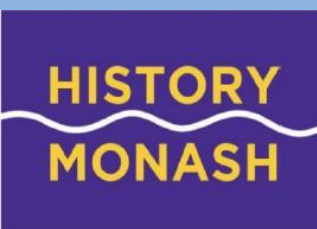
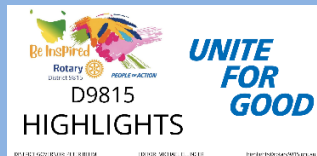
A great place for produce, plants, flowers, crafts, bric-a-brac & more



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



Quick Links



Allen James Award

Hello all,

I am very pleased to announce that the winner of the Allen James Award for Outstanding Performance in the Disability Field at OC Connections for this year is REN GLEESON.

Ren is a very worthy winner of this prestigious award, and we look forward to meeting her and her guests at the Rotary Club's Vocation Awards Dinner on Monday August 31 at the Clayton Hotel beginning at 6.30.

Regards
Peter

Invitation Global Grant

My colleagues in Rotary,

Last Rotary year the Rotary Club of Monash Glen Waverley undertook, as the International Sponsor Club, a Global Grant in Semarang Central Java to supply and equip a mobile eye testing unit at a cost of US\$60774.00 and in this, was assisted in raising the necessary funds by the Rotary Clubs of Warrandyte Donvale, Oakleigh Clayton Huntingdale and Hampton with as well our District funds and overseas funds. A great success and a great example how **Unite For Good** can be accomplished. Lodged in December 2025 and handed over in May 2026, easy if all the balls are in place.



To complement this and to expand the program further they wish to carry out another Global Grant similar to the previous mobile eye testing unit, this time in Pati East Java at a cost of US\$56882.00. The Rotary Club of Monash Glen Waverley would act as the International Sponsor Club and be joined once again with the Rotary Club of Semarang Kunthi, the largest Rotary Club in Indonesia as well as other D3420 Rotary Clubs and their, DDF. The need is there to expand the testing, only Russia and China have a greater per capita incidence of eye issues

If you have not already committed to an overseas project and if you would like to join in with the funding of this Global Grant let the undersigned know. Further particulars are also available and a presentation could be made.

There shall be lasting impact made.



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woolyg@bigpond.com
0408345049

Special
Announcements

25th July – Richard
Simmons Birthday

Wurringga Scout Group ARAP invitation



You are invited to the

Annual Report and Awards Presentation of **WIRRINGGA SCOUT GROUP**

Tuesday 4th August, 2026

Pizza Tea at 6.30pm and 7pm meeting start.

Family and friends welcome.
A brief meeting & presentation led by our
Youth Members.

RSVP by Friday 31 July
Group Leader Kerryn Lindsay
0403339176

gl.wurringga@scoutsvictoria.com.au



Hi Richard and Rotary members,

The Wurringga Scout Group committee would like to invite you to our Annual Reporting and Presentation night on the 4th August. Please find attached the invitation. **RSVP is 31st July.**

We will be having a 6:30pm pizza dinner with the meeting commencing at 7pm.
This invitation is open to all rotary members.

We hope to see you there.

Yours in Scouting,

Kerryn, Sharyn and Alan
Group Leaders
Wurringga Scout Group
gl.wurringga@scoutsvictoria.com.au

South Oakleigh Bowling Club » Events

Peridot Theatre - Sunday Afternoon Monologues

South Oakleigh Bowling Club | Events | by Scott Taylor



2:00pm, 28 Jun 2026

🎭 PERIDOT THEATRE – SUNDAY AFTERNOON MONOLOGUES 🎭

Five Sundays. Twelve original works. One perfect winter escape.

Starting June 28, Peridot Theatre launches our inaugural Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Monologues — a five-week series celebrating Australian playwrights, with 11 from Melbourne and 1 from Perth. Each week features a fresh selection of monologues performed live in the relaxed, welcoming atmosphere of the South Oakleigh Bowling Club.

Our audience loved the vibe during Talking Heads last November... so we're back.

- 🪑 Table seating
- 🍷 BYO nibbles
- ☕ Tea, coffee, chocolate & ice cream on sale
- 🍹 Drinks at the bar (no BYO alcohol)
- 🎫 Tickets: \$25 adults / \$15 students — available at the door
- ☎️ Full table bookings: 0429 115 334
- ✉️ tickets@peridot.com.au
- 📍 South Oakleigh Bowling Club, 1216 North Road, Oakleigh South

📄 Book online:
<https://peridot.sales.ticketsearch.com/.../salesevent/164978>

💎 Featuring works by:
Bella Barker • Damian Vuleta • Donna Gabriel • Elise D'Amico & Hannah Bolt • Emma Stewart • Georgia Stergiadis • Georgy Charles • Gilbert Gauci • Julia Lambert • Kate Lawson • Tanya Wade ...and more.

👉 Special note: The duologue "Christmas Pudding" will be performed Sunday 26 July only.

Upcoming Dates

Sunday 19th July 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 July 2026 – Oakleigh Rotary Sunday Market.

Sunday 2nd August 2026 – Oakleigh Rotary Sunday Market

Sunday 9th August 2026 – Oakleigh Rotary Sunday Market.

Sunday 16th August 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

Invitation to celebrate Charter of the new Rotary Club of Belgrave-Ferntree Gully



Join Us as We Celebrate a New Chapter in Rotary

Current and former members, partners, friends, and supporters of Rotary are warmly invited to join us for a very special occasion.

As of 1 July 2026, the **Rotary Club of Belgrave** and the **Rotary Club of Fern Tree Gully** will unite to form the **Rotary Club of Belgrave-Ferntree Gully**, bringing together more than 140 years of Rotary service, fellowship, and community impact.

📅 Book now: <https://www.trybooking.com/DMWPD>

Rotary Club of Belgrave-Ferntree Gully Charter Night

Friday 24 July 2026

6:00pm for a 6:30pm start

Hyatt Place, Caribbean Park, Scoresby

This celebration will honour the proud histories of both Clubs, recognise the many members who have contributed to our success and officially launch our new Club.

Whether you were a member for a few years or many decades, your contribution forms part of the legacy that has shaped Rotary service in our community. We would be delighted to welcome you back as we celebrate our past and look forward to an exciting future together.

We hope you can join us for this memorable evening of fellowship, reflection and celebration.

If you know of any former Rotarians, Honorary Members, Rotaractors, Interactors, or friends of either Club who may not have received this invitation, please feel free to share it with them.

Yours in Rotary,

James Gillard

President

Rotary Club of Belgrave-Ferntree Gully

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://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

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:



Click on image to book tickets

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

Why We Love Children

A nursery school pupil told his teacher he'd found a cat, but it was dead.

'How do you know that the cat was dead?' she asked her pupil.

'Because I pissed in its ear and it didn't move,' answered the child innocently.

'You did WHAT?' the teacher exclaimed in surprise.

'You know,' explained the boy, 'I leaned over and went 'Pssst' and it didn't move'

Rotary International News

After life, a return to the earth

Conservation burials, green cemeteries, and environmental convictions are reshaping how some people think about death

By Michaela Haas

A Dixieland band led the way. The musicians walked slowly down a mowed path through restored prairie; trumpet and clarinet cut through the late-afternoon air. Friends carried handmade prayer flags. Laughter mingled with song as the procession crossed the meadow. When it stopped, a violinist played "My Old Kentucky Home." The family of the young woman, who was celebrated as an adventurous spirit and the "life of the party," passed around a bottle of Kentucky bourbon, each taking a sip, then pouring some into the grave before helping shovel the soil back into place.

Amy Henricksen, a member of the Rotary Club of Mount Vernon in Ohio, remembers this ceremony vividly, not only because it was deeply personal but because it marked the first interment at Kokosing Nature Preserve, a conservation burial ground she helped create in the picturesque countryside near the small college town of Gambier. Here lie graves among native grasses, wetlands, and woodland. There are no elaborate headstones, no concrete vaults, no embalmed bodies. Over time, the land itself becomes the memorial.



Rotarian Amy Henricksen helped create a conservation burial ground that preserves land around an Ohio college. "This is not just a cemetery."

Barney Taxel for Kokosing Nature Preserve

Ceremonies like this one remain uncommon in Canada and the U.S., but interest is growing in conservation burial, a form of natural burial that restores and permanently protects the historic or native ecology of the land while returning the body directly to the earth. For some, the motivation is environmental. For others, it's spiritual, cultural, or personal. For some Rotary members, the choice also reflects a lifelong commitment to stewardship and service.

From golf course to grassland

Though her background is in business and health administration, Henricksen was hired in 2013 by Kenyon College's land trust to create a business plan for a conservation burial ground. She was drawn to the idea because she was already interested in green burial for herself. "I liked the idea of just going back to the earth," she says with a smile.

Once a golf course, the Kokosing Nature Preserve opened in 2015, and 23 acres of restored prairie are designated for burial, with another 22 acres planted in native grasses and wildflowers for future expansion. Henricksen became its first steward and is now director of the land trust. She joined Rotary last year after past talks to the Mount Vernon club about her work.



Barney Taxel for Kokosing Nature Preserve

When the Kokosing preserve opened, she recalls, many people did not realize that green burial was even an option. "They thought embalming and a cement vault were required by law. So, we had to do a lot of educational outreach when we first began."

Kokosing is certified at the highest level by the Green Burial Council, a designation that requires a legally binding, permanent conservation agreement, active restoration of the native habitat, and a perpetual care trust to ensure long-term land protection.

The distinction matters. A "green burial" can simply mean no embalming to preserve the body longer and a biodegradable casket or shroud, while conservation burial explicitly ties death care to land preservation.

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

Support the South Eastern Suicide Prevention Network

**Buy a sausage....
Bunnings
at The Links**

**1041 Centre Road Oakleigh
Saturday 25 July 2026**



**Support us to
raise funds so that
we can raise
awareness**

**Come and savor delicious sausages
while helping us raise funds for our
local community projects.**



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

