

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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Upcoming Club Program

Date	Speaker	Chairperson
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 Café (No Zoom)	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. 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 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. Guest Speaker & Subject (TBA)	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 at Clayton RSL "Pasta Night"	Richard Simmons



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Presidents Report

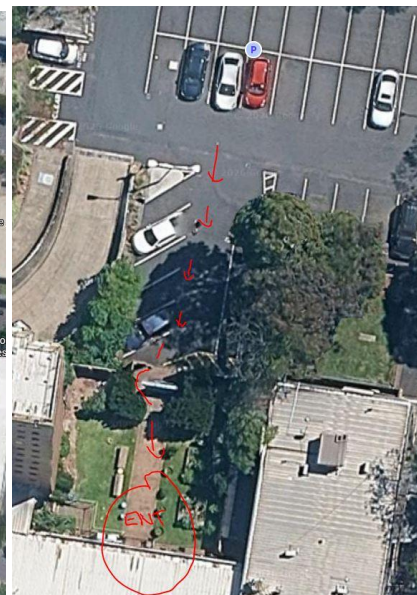
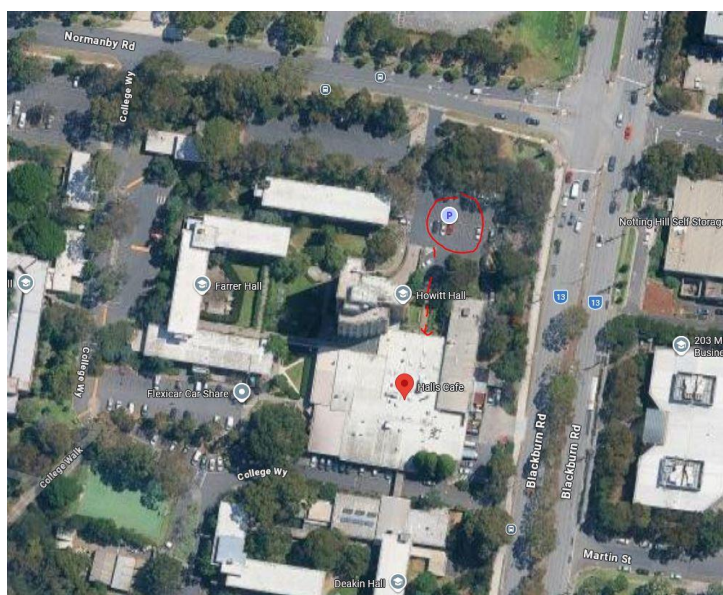
2026-27: Create Lasting Impact

Our meeting last week was intended to be in person only but due to a tech hitch we had a few only -eventually, this set the theme for the night as the intended Videos did not load on to Michael's laptop, but I hope those who had followed the link to the Victorian Scam prevention web site have been made aware of how tricky it can and is now in regards to scams.

1st board meeting tonight and planning for the next 12months will take shape,

Next week you are all invited to the Halls cafe for dinner 6:30pm onward s, I will try and secure a table or 2 so we can all enjoy some fellowship and catch up on the latest news.

Coming up on the 10th August we will be welcoming Keira Patron who we sponsored to RYLA this year as one of the staff who help run the event, please come along to this in person only meeting



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

Acronym for the day is R.I & RIBI - Answers are at the end of the bulletin.

Yours in Rotary

President Richard

Last Meeting & Notes

Last Meeting (13th July):

Apologies = John Bethune, Greg Telley, Martha Bodon, George Carydias, Ralph Zuccaro and Lesley Zuccaro.

Make Ups = None.

Leave of Absence = None.

Visitors = None.

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?"

This week our meeting was held back at the Clayton Hotel and on zoom. Richard gave an update on upcoming plans and events for the Rotary Club of OCH.

We also had an update from Tom on the upcoming 2027 District 9815 Rotary Conference which will be held from the 12th to 14th March 2027 at the Rydges Hunter Valley Resort in NSW. For more information on the conference visit here - <https://rotary9815.org.au/page/district-conference-2027>

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



[Oakleigh Rotary Market 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.

Rotary Market Roster to Oct 2026 - version				Final 14 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		
26/07/2026		David Whiting	Atul Gupta for Martha Bodon	Peter Webb	Scouts	Robyn McNab	Marcus R	John Barnes
2/08/2026		Lesley Zuccaro	Ralph Zuccaro	Atul	Scouts	Sam Oddo	Jon Briesch	Byron Kyriakides
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	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



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



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.

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**

Boat Race Activity – Luk (Judy) Hui

In August, I will be travelling to Annecy, France, to participate in the International Breast Cancer Paddlers' Commission (IBCPC) Participatory Dragon Boat Festival. I will be joining the Dragons Abreast Penrith team from Sydney, a dragon boat team made up of breast cancer survivors, and paddling alongside participants from around the world.

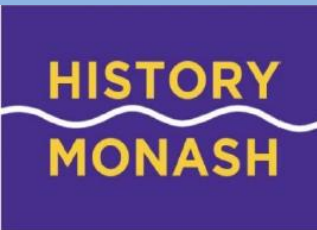
This event celebrates recovery, resilience, friendship and hope, and highlights how dragon boating can support health and wellbeing after breast cancer.

I have also attached a photo from the Chinese Cancer and Chronic Illness Society of Victoria (CCCIS) 30th Anniversary Celebration held on 4 July. CCCIS has been supporting people affected by cancer and chronic illness in our community for 30 years, and I am grateful to be involved with this wonderful organisation.

I hope these photos help share some of the meaningful community activities I am involved in.



Quick Links



Special Announcements

**25th July – Richard
Simmons Birthday**





Thank you again for sharing our story with the club.

Kind regards,
Judy

Wurringga Scout Group ARAP invitation



Scouts
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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



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 26th 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 2nd August 2026 – Oakleigh Rotary Sunday Market

Sunday 9th August 2026 – Oakleigh Rotary Sunday Market.

Sunday 16th August 2026 – Oakleigh Rotary Sunday Market.

Sunday 23rd 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

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



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

A New York attorney representing a wealthy art collector called and asked to speak to his client.

"Jim, I have some good news and I have some bad news."

The art collector replied, "You know, I've had an awful day, Jack, so let's hear the good news first."

The lawyer said, "Well, I met with your wife today, and she informed me that she has invested only \$5,000 in two very nice pictures that she thinks will bring somewhere between \$15 and \$20 million ... and I think she could be right."

Jim replied enthusiastically, "Holy cow! Well done! My wife's a brilliant business woman, isn't she? You've just made my day. Now, I know I can handle the bad news. What is it?"

The lawyer replied, "The pictures are of you and your secretary."

Rotary International News

Rotary initiative supports midwives in remote communities

To address a maternal health crisis, Rotary members help midwives build leadership skills and professional networks

By Hannah Shaw

About 830 women and 7,000 newborns, mainly in low- and middle-income countries, die each day because of complications related to pregnancy and childbirth. These deaths are mostly preventable. Midwives are key to preventing them, so an initiative organized by Rotary members is supporting the essential work of midwives in Papua New Guinea and Australia.

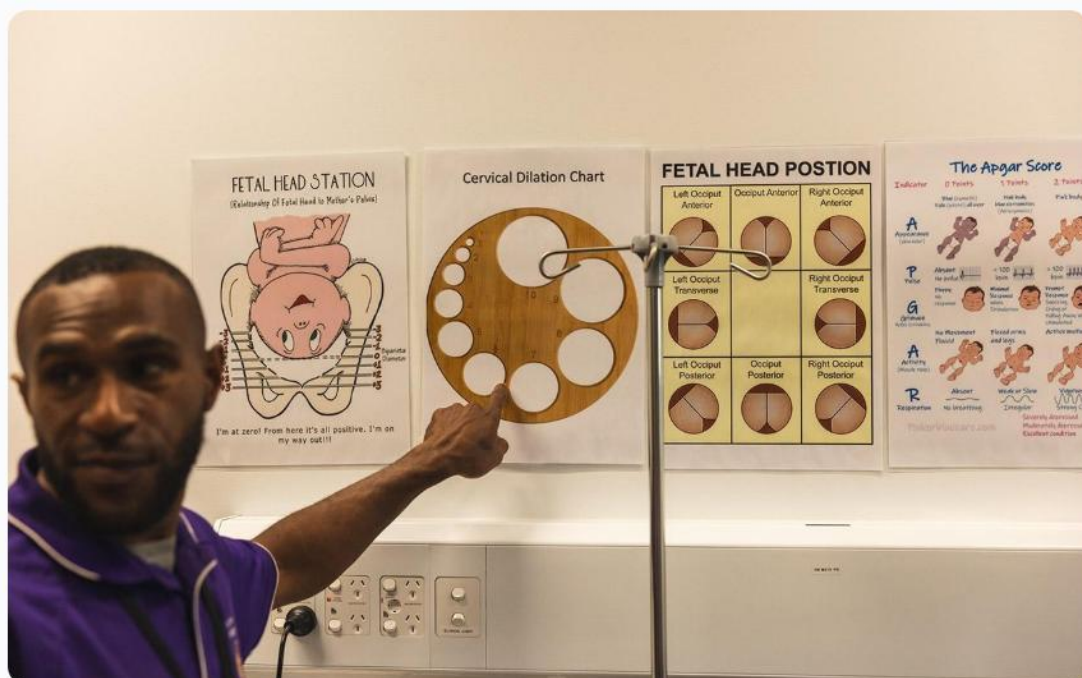
According to the World Health Organization, increasing the number of midwives worldwide by just 10% could save up to 1.3 million lives each year. Rotary clubs are working to help meet that need, in part through leadership and advocacy training. Working with the Australian College of Midwives and the Papua New Guinea Midwifery Society, they launched the Papua New Guinea Midwifery Leadership Buddy Project. As of April 2025, the project has helped 52 midwives from Papua New Guinea and 31 from Australia develop their skills.

The program is rooted in collaboration. Australian midwives are paired with midwives from Papua New Guinea for five-day leadership workshops. The process culminates in a yearlong community health project designed and led by the midwives in Papua New Guinea, with continued support from their Australian counterparts.

Project organizer Judith Brown, a retired midwife and past president of the Rotary Club of Morialta, South Australia, says the exchange between the midwives is reciprocal and prioritizes learning from one another's strengths. The partnership enables midwives to learn about other cultures and develop their professional skills, Brown says, but the primary focus is "trying to help women just have a voice in both countries."



Julie Kep (right), a midwife and facilitator for the Papua New Guinea Midwifery Leadership Buddy Project, speaks with Torea Tore at Port Moresby General Hospital during a Papua New Guinea Midwifery Leadership Buddy Project workshop. Midwives do much more than deliver babies. In some places, they facilitate up to 90% of essential sexual, reproductive, maternal, newborn, and adolescent health services.



Simon James Kopalua, a midwife in a remote region of Papua New Guinea, participates in the fifth cohort of the Papua New Guinea Midwifery Leadership Buddy Project. On a tour of medical facilities in Port Moresby, the midwives find inspiration for their community projects. In clinical settings, documenting procedures through signs like these can save lives.

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

R.I abbreviated down from Rotary International, the most common form of referring to the whole organization.

1912: Rotary becomes International

Rotary becomes an international organization with the chartering of the Rotary Club of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, in April 1912. To reflect this, the organization changes its name to the International Association of Rotary Clubs. The name Rotary International is adopted in 1922.

[Click here](#) to view a virtual tour of the HQ and scroll down to find the virtual tour and many other topics

R.I.B.I is the acronym for the clubs in Great Britain and Ireland

1914: Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland

In May, Rotary clubs in Great Britain and Ireland form the British Association of Rotary Clubs to facilitate connections among the growing number of clubs there. In 1922, the name is changed to Rotary International – Association for Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI) and the relationship with Rotary International further defined.

<https://www.rotarygbi.org/about-rotary/>



Dear Rotary Club of Oakleigh, Clayton and Huntingdale

As a continuation of our ongoing appreciation for your dedicated support of our students, South Oakleigh College would love to invite members of your club to our upcoming production of *The Wizard of Oz* (Youth Edition).

We have happily set aside 10 complimentary tickets for the members of the Rotary Club of Oakleigh, Clayton and Huntingdale to attend.

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

As a small token of our gratitude for the ongoing support to our school and students, we wish to publicly acknowledge and celebrate the incredible partnership between you and your community, by proudly including the Rotary logo in the official show program.

Ticket Collection

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

Please email Kelly Garrett, kelly.garrett@education.vic.gov.au to advise which performance your members would prefer to attend so we can finalise the details. If you require any more tickets beyond the 10 provided, or if you need any further information, please just let us know.

Thank you once again for everything you do for our college. We look forward to welcoming you to the theatre!

Warm regards,

Philip Clark
Production Manager

Helen Koziaris
College Principal

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a new chapter.

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We need your help to digitise some of our hard copy records before we move.

If you would like to help Interplast and can give us a few hours
of your time **in the next 3 weeks**
please email us at
contactus@interplast.org.au

You will be working in our current
office at 250-290 Spring St,
East Melbourne.

Parliament Station is just across
the road. We suggest you come
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parking is limited.



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Saturday 25 July 2026



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1 - 11 OCTOBER 2026

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47 Miller Crescent, Mount Waverley

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empathy, and the
strength of standing
together.



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THE INDIVIDUAL ARTIST ENTRY FORM**

Any questions? Contact: sesuicideprevention@gmail.com

