

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**



27th July 2026

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Upcoming Club Program

Date	Speaker	Chairperson
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 (Venue TBA)	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 (Venue TBA)	Richard Simmons
5 th October	General Meeting not in person but via Zoom Only.	Richard Simmons



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Presidents Report

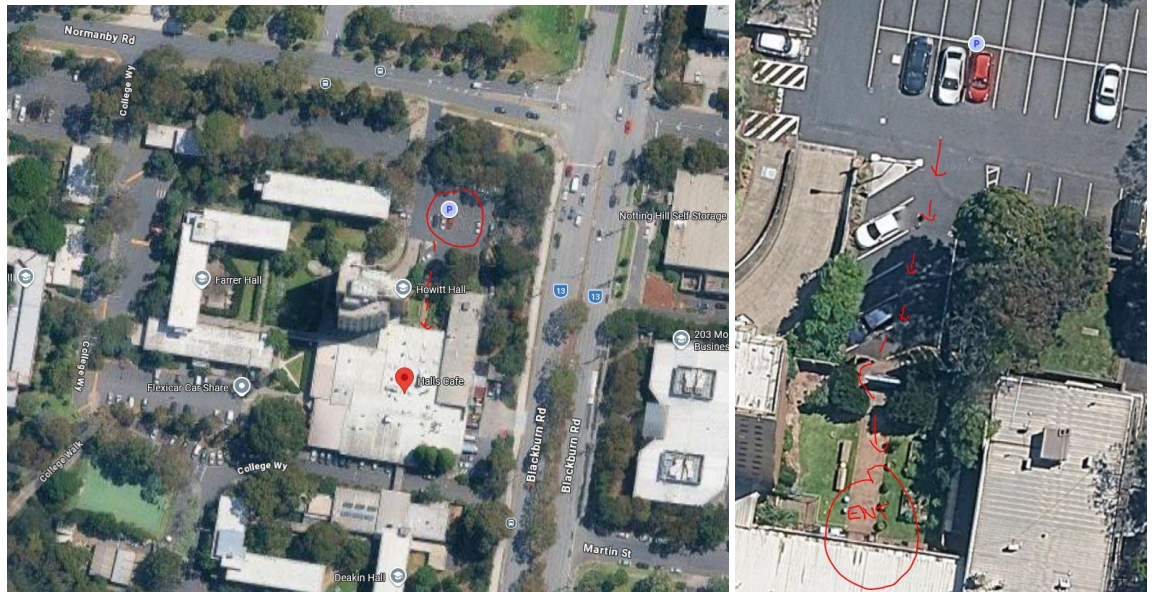
2026-27: Create Lasting Impact

Tonight we gather for our Fellowship night, enjoy some Uni food and catch up with any news (see map below).

Next week is our ZOOM only meeting and then the in-person night at the hotel, with our RLYA report.

Yours in Rotary

President Richard



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

Last Meeting & Notes

Last Meeting (20th July):

Apologies = John Bethune, Ralph Zuccaro and Peter Webb.

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

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 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		
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

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  **Oakleigh Clayton Huntingdale**

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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.

The menu will be a two- course offering priced at \$45. This can be paid as per normal at the Hotel entrance bar.

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

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.

Global Grant

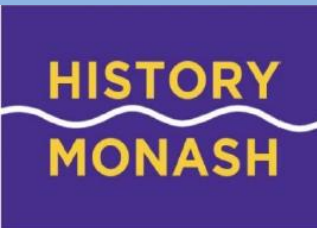
Members – as you may know, last Rotary year we donated \$2,000 to a Global Grant via the Rotary Club of Monash Glen Waverley, to supply and equip a mobile eye testing unit, in Semarang Central Java. The GG was a great success and the photo below is of the unit in action in Semarang with a school child being tested. It was taken on the day of the handover and they had bought in a class or two of children of varying ages to test.



Following on from the success of that project another Global Grant has been initiated to provide another mobile eye testing unit, in Pati East Java at a cost of US\$56,882.00. I am pleased to advise that at the last Board meeting the Board agreed that the club should commit another \$2,000 to this Global Grant should the grant application be successful

Doug Bowden

Quick Links



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

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 2nd 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 9th August 2026 – 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.

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:

Where other Clubs Meet

A Rotarian can attend the weekly meeting of any Rotary club around the world. This is a "make-up" and counts as attendance credit when you are not able to attend a meeting of your own club.

Details for all District 9815 clubs can be obtained on the website www.rotary9815.org.au
Details for clubs around the world are available on the RI website (www.rotary.org)

Reminders

Contributions for inclusion into the Bulletin should be passed to editor@rotaryoch.org.au by Friday evening of each week.

Please remember if you cannot perform your rostered job, it is your duty to find a replacement to take your place.

Visit our new Facebook page at [@Rotaryoch9810](https://www.facebook.com/Rotaryoch9810) or click 

For any updates and changes which need to be made to the membership database please send them to editor@rotaryoch.org.au

Joke of the Week

A husband and wife are on the 9th green when suddenly she collapses from a heart attack. "Help me dear," she groans to her husband. The husband calls 911 on his cell phone, talks for a few minutes, picks up his putter, and lines up his putt. His wife raises her head off the green and stares at him. "I'm dying here and you're putting "

"Don't worry dear," says the husband calmly, "they found a doctor on the second hole and he's coming to help you."

"Well, how long will it take for him to get here?" she asks feebly.

"No time at all," says her husband. "Everybody's already agreed to let him play through."

Rotary International News

President Yinka answers the call

Shaped by his native land, the 2026-27 president carries the dynamic spirit of Nigeria with him to Rotary leadership

By Diana Schoberg Photography by Monika Lozinska

Olayinka H. Babalola makes his way to the front row. This is it. It's showtime, the moment that Yinka, as he's called — the 2026-27 Rotary International president, the second from Nigeria, the second from all of Africa for that matter — will make his debut to the Rotary world.

It's the first morning of Rotary's International Assembly, a training event for incoming district governors held every winter in Orlando, Florida. Babalola's already miked up for the speech he'll give, the session's main event. But first, he prepares to participate in the opening flag ceremony, a tradition at Rotary events.

He joins 2025-26 RI President Francesco Arezzo of Italy and Larry Lunsford of the United States, who will serve after Babalola. The three walk onstage, hoisting their countries' flags. A singer belts out the U.S. national anthem. Then, the Italian district governors-elect join Arezzo onstage to sing "Il Canto degli Italiani."



Rotary President Olayinka H. Babalola sings along to the Nigerian national anthem at Rotary's International Assembly.

Finally, it's Babalola's turn. He steps forward and stands taller, his glittery green-and-white striped hat matching his country's flag. Peace Udoka Anyira, a Nigerian Canadian Rotarian, steps onstage and sings:

Nigeria, we hail thee,
Our own dear native land,
Though tribes and tongues may differ,
In brotherhood we stand
Nigerians all, are proud to serve
Our sovereign Motherland.

Babalola sings along too, and as he does, a tear rolls down his cheek.

"You hear a lot of bad stories about Nigeria, but today, the story is not a bad story," he says afterward, choking up with emotion. He takes off his glasses and wipes his eyes. "The flag of this

country is being raised amongst people of goodwill — good people from more than 100 countries, for a good cause.”

As of 1 July, Babalola will lead them.

A born leader

Babalola’s leadership journey began early. The eldest of six children, he was born in Ibadan, one of the largest cities in Nigeria. His mother was a teacher and his father an accountant. “From my part of the world, when you’re the first child, that has some leadership responsibilities,” he says.

He went to college at what was then called the Federal University of Technology in Bauchi, an ethnically diverse city in the north where Nigeria’s savanna woodlands begin to give way to the semiarid Sahel on the edge of the Sahara. The school’s public image director, a member of the Rotary Club of Bauchi, asked him during his second year if he’d help organize a Rotaract club. Babalola became the club’s charter president.



Babalola with Nigerian Rotaractors. He is the first RI president to start his Rotary journey through Rotaract. Image credit: Andrew Esiebo

After earning his degree in electronics engineering, Babalola completed a year in the National Youth Service Corps. Aiming to bridge ethnic and religious divides, members of the corps serve in states other than their own. Babalola was posted to Port Harcourt in Rivers state, where the French tire manufacturer Michelin had requested electronics engineering graduates to help retool its equipment.

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



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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contactus@interplast.org.au

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