ROTARY CLUB of OCH Inc.

District 9815 Victoria, Australia

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319 Clayton Road, Clayton (Melways 79C2)
(No meeting on public holidays)

CREATE LASTING IMPACT

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Upcoming Club Program

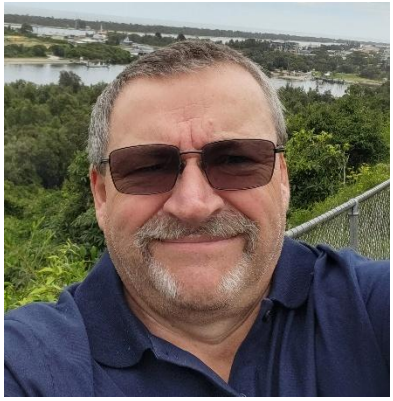
Date	Speaker	Chairperson
6th July	General Meeting not in person but via Zoom Only. Subject is District News	Richard Simmons
13th July	General Meeting at the Clayton Hotel. Subject is Presidents Address	Richard Simmons
20th July	Board Meeting (Via Zoom)	Richard Simmons
27th July	No General Meeting at the Clayton Hotel, but we will be having a Fellowship night meeting at Monash Halls Cafe	Richard Simmons
3rd August	General Meeting not in person but via Zoom Only.	Richard Simmons
10th August	General Meeting at the Clayton Hotel. Subject is RYLA	Richard Simmons
17th August	Board Meeting (Via Zoom)	Richard Simmons
24th August	No General Meeting at the Clayton Hotel, but we will be having a Fellowship night meeting at Clayton RSL "Pasta Night"	Richard Simmons
31st August	General Meeting at the Clayton Hotel. We will be having our Vocational Awards Dinner	Peter Webb
7th September	General Meeting not in person but via Zoom Only.	Richard Simmons
14th September	General Meeting at the Clayton Hotel. Subject is TBA	Richard Simmons

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?"

Presidents Report



2026-27: Create Lasting Impact

Welcome Rotarian's and Friends of Rotary to the new year of service.

My first duty is to acknowledge Past President Steven and his board for the great year of achievements. Say farewell to David, Felicity, Howard, Vivien and Bronwyn from our club but not to the Rotary Family

Congratulations to Steven John B and Doug on the presentation of the Paul Harris fellowship awards.

This week's Acronym: RCC? answer at the bottom of the last page of the bulletin

Tonight I would like to highlight the Rotary International theme and the new RI President Olayinka H. Babalola of the Rotary Club of Trans Amadi Rivers State, Nigeria

Born in the city of Ibadan, Nigeria, Olayinka H. Babalola received his engineering degree in 1988. He worked for 25 years in the oil and gas industry, holding senior positions at Shell PLC. He is the founder of two companies: an oil and gas infrastructure delivery company and an executive coaching and organizational performance advisory group.

Babalola's professional affiliations include the Institute of Directors, the Nigerian Society of Engineers, the Institute of Safety Professionals of Nigeria, and the Association of Change Management Professionals. He is a member of Jericho Businessmen Club, an organization in Ibadan that governments on economic and social policy.

His first experience of Rotary was through a decade of service in Rotaract. Babalola was the charter president of his university Rotaract club and participated in cultural exchanges and twinning with clubs in Japan and Côte d'Ivoire. During his Rotaract days, he also organized extramural classes for disabled children at a Cheshire Home supported by local clubs.

Babalola joined the Rotary Club of Trans Amadi in 1994. He went on to serve on committees including the End Polio Now: Countdown to History Campaign Committee and the Nigeria PolioPlus Committee prior to joining the RI Board as a director and later as vice president.

In the early 2000s, Babalola helped launch the Safe Blood Africa project to improve the availability of safe blood in hospitals in Nigeria and across Africa. The initiative has installed blood banks and donated bloodmobiles that are still operating today.

Babalola provided local Rotary leadership for polio eradication in Nigeria's conflict-affected northeast. Through unannounced site visits with local officials that ensured accountability in vaccine distribution, Babalola made his own contribution to helping eradicate polio in Nigeria, and by extension in Africa, in 2020.

An adult literacy project led by his club profoundly changed Babalola's perspective. When people his own age appeared for classes, he was shocked to learn that they couldn't read or write. At graduation, a mother shared how she could now read pharmacy labels for her children's medicine. "That grounded me," Babalola says. "It took my feet and properly planted me in my community."

As RI president, Babalola wants to help restore members' emotional connection to the organization and their sense of belonging.

"We do things for others, but Rotary is also our own," he says. "When something is your own, you want to fight for it. 'It is my duty to help it thrive.' When you see how Rotary has made a lasting impact on your life, then you can tell that story."

Babalola enjoys golf, swimming, forest walking, and photographing cloud formations. He hopes to someday exhibit his photos or publish them in a book.

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.

He has received the Africa Centennial Heroes Award, the Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World, the RI Service Above Self Award, and The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service.

Babalola and his wife, Precy, a Rotary member, live in Port Harcourt. They support The Rotary Foundation through a named endowment and as Arch Klumph Society members.

Our 2026-27 message, Create Lasting Impact, encourages all of us, as people of action, to work together to make a meaningful difference in our communities and around the world. It builds on the ways in which members have strengthened their connections to each other and to their communities to Unite for Good, the 2025-26 message. Now, Create Lasting Impact will harness those connections and inspire our members, participants, and the public to take collective actions that lead to a sustainable difference — globally, locally, and personally.

Last Meeting & Notes

Last Meeting (29th June):

Apologies = Chris Brassington (Monash Waverley CIS), John & Gaye Barnes, Bronwen Lamond, John Bethune, Greg Telley and Vivienne Blennerhassett.
Make Ups = None.
Leave of Absence = None.
Visitors = Steve Dimopoulos (MP for Oakleigh) & Campbell, Helen Gobbi (Historical Society), Helen Kotsisris & Mark Picone (SOBC), Lucy Shao (Monash Rotaract), Josie Hill, Atul & Ritul Gupta, Pam Bowden, Deb Simmons, Sylvia Oddo, John & Raelene Jarvis, Trish Buzza, Theminy Carydias, Rayeleigh Whiting and Asha Robertson

This week we held our Club Changeover at the Clayton RSL where past president Steven Hill handed over the reins to new president Richard Simmons. The changeover was attended by special guests, Rotarians and their partners.

Following are some of the speeches and reports read out on the night.

ROTARY OCH INTERNATIONAL CLUB REPORT 2025 - 2026

With the support of the Board the Club donated $11,000 to international projects this Rotary year - those being

1. *Polio Plus*
2. *Interplast*
3. *Operation Cleft*
4. *Global Grant "See the beautiful world"*
5. *RAWCS*
6. *Malaria (RAM)*
7. *Disaster aid (Water hydrants)*
8. *ROMAC*
9. *Wheelchairs for kids*

The Global Grant – "See The Beautiful World" we contributed to was vIa the RC Glen Waverley for the supply and fit out of a mobile eye testing unit, in Indonesia collaborating again with the Rotary Club of Semarang Kunthi D3420. Our commitment was $2,000 while the total cost associated with this Global Grant was in the vicinity of US$56736.00 and the vehicle equipped and Global Grant was completed in May.

We finished the year with a presentation from Emily Emily Willliamson – Founder and Program Director of REACH Siem Reap, an organisation we are proposing to support on an ongoing basis commencing this coming Rotary year

Doug Bowden
International Chair
Jun 2026

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.

New Generations - 2025/2026 OCH Report

South Oakleigh College - Weekly Breakfast Program
Another day (Tuesday) added to with existing Thursday - OCH committed additional $2500 to fund for 2 days. Member representation @ end of term celebration always well received.

School graduation sessions.
Ongoing OCH commitment to a number of schools within our catchment area.
Year 6 presentations for Primary Schools & Year 12 for Secondary Colleges.
Verbal discussions with school leadership teams at 2025 ceremonies to continue OCH sponsorship. Applications for 2026 assistance pending. Likely consideration to up the ante for some schools.

Wirringga Scouts
Grant to Wirringga Scouts to assist participants to attend New Zealand Jamboree.
Presentation from group of their experience attending such a wonderful event at OCH weekly meeting extremely well received.

Interact - John Monash Science School
Meeting this week with staff & students to enhance the relationship with OCH. A positive outcome for OCH to become more involved with the school attending future meetings etc.
Await response in writing as to what OCH can do to assist JMSS with their future fund raising opportunities. Locked in the October 2026 Year 12 BBQ with OCH member support.

Rotary programs for next year locked in.
RYLA
MUNA
RYPEN
NYSF

Many thanks all committee members for their ongoing assistance.

Feel free to add anything I may have missed.

Well done again for all your support for the New Generations programs - great year serving our club with dignity & respect.

Cheers
John Bethune

Program - 2025/2026 OCH Report

Hi All,

This year has just flown.

I hope the meetings were balanced with guest speakers and some great nights out. At some points there was a bit of market focus at the meeting hopefully it was not to boring.

Many thanks to all the club for providing some great guest speakers.

Yours in Rotary
Jon Breisch

Quick Links

Steven Hill along with Steve Dimopoulos (MP for Oakleigh) gave a special presentation to newest honorary members John Jarvis.

John was a dedicated community member and a loved Rotary Member.

He was in the Police Force stationed at Oakleigh when he joined Rotary in 1989.
John soon became involved in all things Rotary.
He held many roles within the Club, including being President twice. John has held most positions in the Club and most notably he was Community Services Chair for a number of years.
John was awarded the Paul Harris Fellow twice.

He also became involved in District committees and Fellowship groups.

He was a member of the Motorcycle Fellowship where he went overseas with the Fellowship a number of times. One of these trips saw him have an accident, breaking his arm and collarbone. I think after that trip Raelene said no more.

He was well known for the Ride for Rotary where he would take leave from work to set up all the stops and liaise with the police en route. He did this for the best part of twenty years.

John was involved with Dixon House, doing the Foodbank deliveries.

Monash Oakleigh CIS (MOCIS) was another organisation that John did a lot for. He also did foodbank and was on their committee until his retirement.

John Jarvis embodied the motto Service above Self.

We had the induction of our newest member Atul Gupta into Rotary OCH

Then Steven had some special announcements as part of his speech as follows.

A big thank you and recognition goes to the past committee & board members:

Special Announcements

10th July – Ralph & Lesley Zuccaro Wedding Anniversary

25th July – Richard Simmons Birthday

Club Positions for 2025/26

President Steven Hill (Board)
Vice President Bronwen Lamond (Board)
Past President Felicity Smith (Board)
President Elect Richard Simmons (Board)
Secretary Robyn McNab (Board) – *first year as Secretary and has done a terrific job!*
Treasurer George Carydias (Board)
Community Vivienne Blennerhassett (Board)
International Doug Bowden (Board) – *my 'go-to' man for the many questions that I have had across the year.*
New Generations John Bethune (Board) – *a big thanks to John for stepping up with the Market this year!*
Vocational Peter Webb – *once again, a great job organising our Vocational Awards which will be presented later this year.*
Foundation Ralph Zuccaro (Board)
Data / Tech Byron Kyriakides (Board)
Club Protection Officer TBD
Membership / Club Service TBD
PR / Fundraising David Whiting – *has done a wonderful but tiresome, and time-consuming job, with the Market upgrade to Digital Booking this year.*
Market Manager TBD
Programme Jon Breisch
Bulletin Michael Ellinger (Board) – *a behind-the-scenes man who produces our Bulletin, Website and Zoom meetings every week. Well done!*
Rotaract Cess Hodges
On to Conference Tom Buzza – *organised a memorable trip to Hobart for our District Conference, one of the highlights for my year!*
Sergeant at Arms Sam Oddo – *loud. As per the job description! Good job Sam!*

Also acknowledged the 5 Rotary OCH members that are leaving the club for various reasons this year: -

- ***Felicity Smith*** – *longstanding Oakleigh & OCH member with a plethora of experience in Rotary, governance, rules and requirements, local council, Oakleigh affairs and all things Market related.*
- ***Howard Smith*** – *Howard & Felicity have moved and will become members with Berwick. Howard has been our photographer for the bulletin, so if there are any future volunteers, please come forward!*
- ***Vivenne Blennerhassett*** – *our Community Chair who has stepped up to do a terrific job this year, alongside her South East Suicide Prevention group, Barbecues at Bunnings and her personal trips to Thailand helping out with the care of dogs on the streets. Vivienne has moved to Wonthaggi and will be involved in Rotary local to her new area.*
- ***Bronwen Lamond*** – *an asset to me regarding anything involving Youth programs after many years as a Principal in the Education System. Bronwen has indicated that she will still be involved with our Market, if and when required, and she will be involved with a new online club in her area.*
- ***David Park*** – *David is the one who coerced me into Rotary – so it is his fault! Due to increasing business requirements, David can no longer meet the timely needs of Rotary and reluctantly has had to step back. We wish him well and will see him around Oakleigh!*

Here are some of the photos from the night.

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TO CREATE LASTING CHANGE.

To see all the photos from the changeover **click here**

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

Rotary Market Roster to Oct 2026 - version					Final 28 June 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		
12/07/2026		David Whiting	Atul	Arthur Athan	Scouts	Steve Hill	Judy Hui	Byron Kyriakides
19/07/2026		Doug Bowden	Greg Telley	SOBC	Scouts	Michael Ellinger	Sam Oddo	Richard Simmons
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	Jon Briesch	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

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Len and Edna Hawkett Award

Hello all.

I am very pleased to inform you that the winner of the Len and Edna Hawkett Award for Outstanding Paediatric Nursing at the Monash Children's Hospital for this year is Hollie Montgomery.

Hollie works in the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit and we all look forward to meeting Hollie and her guests at our Vocation Awards Dinner at the Clayton Hotel on Monday August 31.

Regards Peter

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 12th 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 19th July 2026 – 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.

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

District 9815 News for June 2026

It's District Communications Chair, David Button, contacting you for the last time for this Rotary Year.

It's my great pleasure to share the **June 2026 edition of District News** from District Governor Peter Behm — and what a way to bow out, as this is his final piece of media artistry for 2026.

In this special edition, Peter pulls up a chair with soon-to-be DG Emma and DGN Murray to chat about what's on the horizon for our magnificent District in the year ahead. Think of it as a friendly fireside conversation about where we're headed — and why it's worth being part of it.

Now, if Rotary news doesn't usually top your watchlist, I get it. But give this one just 15 minutes. You might be surprised by how warm, relatable and quietly energising these stories are.

By the end, you'll be reminded that Rotary is so much more than meetings and minutes. It's an organisation that opens doors, sparks friendships that last a lifetime, and hands us real chances to make a difference in the world.

And who knows — you may just spot a little of your own Rotary story reflected in theirs.

▶ **Watch the latest DG News here:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uhxzAGVGQaA

And on a final note — a heartfelt thank you to the many Rotarians who've reached out to both DG Peter and me with such kind words about the videos this year. An enormous amount of effort and care goes into each production, so it means a great deal to know they're being watched and enjoyed. If you'd like to catch up on the whole collection, you can find every video from this year right here: https://www.youtube.com/@Rotary9815/playlists

Yours in Rotary

David Button
District 9815 Communications Chair
District 9815 Webmaster 2024-2026

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 al 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)

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 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

During a visit to my doctor, I asked him, "How do you determine whether or not an older person should be put in an old age home?"

"Well," he said, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the person to empty the bathtub."

"Oh, I understand," I said. "A normal person would use the bucket because it is bigger than the spoon or the teacup."

"No," he said. "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"

Rotary International News

Nigerian takes office as president of Rotary International

Second African to lead the global membership organization will focus on peacebuilding and lasting community impact

By Rotary International

EVANSTON, Ill., USA (29 June 2026) — Olayinka Hakeem Babalola, a member of the Rotary Club of Trans Amadi, Nigeria, will take office as president of Rotary International on 1 July 2026, becoming the second African to lead the global membership organization.

During his one-year term, Babalola will focus on strengthening Rotary's contribution to peacebuilding and supporting sustainable, community-led solutions that address local and global challenges and improve lives.

"Rotary gives people the opportunity not only to make a difference in their communities, but also to grow through meaningful relationships, collaboration, and a deeper appreciation of different perspectives," said Babalola. "At a time when many societies face division and uncertainty, I believe Rotary has an important role to play in building understanding, advancing peace, and creating opportunities for communities to thrive. As president, I look forward to highlighting and strengthening that impact around the world."

Babalola brings to the role decades of experience advancing community development, peacebuilding, and public health initiatives across Africa. He has been actively involved with Rotary's Peace Center at Makerere University in Uganda – the organization's first on the continent.

As head of Rotary's 45,000 clubs worldwide, Babalola will lead Rotary's top priority of ending polio. Together with its Global Polio Eradication Initiative partners, Rotary has reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent and contributed more than US$3 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect over 3 billion children from this paralyzing disease. He has also been deeply engaged in Rotary's polio eradication efforts, serving on the End Polio Now Countdown to History Campaign Committee and advising the Nigeria National PolioPlus Committee.

Rotary members throughout the world develop and implement sustainable, community-driven projects that fight disease, promote peace, provide clean water, support education, save mothers and children, grow local economies and protect the environment. More than US$5.5 billion has been awarded through The Rotary Foundation – Rotary's charitable arm that helps clubs work together to perform meaningful, impactful service – to support these initiatives over the last 100 years.

About Olayinka Hakeem Babalola: Babalola holds a degree in engineering and spent more than 30 years in the oil and gas sector, including senior leadership roles at Shell PLC. He founded the Riviera Technical Services Ltd., an oil and gas infrastructure delivery firm, as well as Lead and Change Consulting, an executive coaching and organizational performance consultancy.
Babalola is a member of the Nigerian Society of Engineers, the Institute of Safety Professionals, and the Association of Change Management Practitioners. He also belongs to the Jericho Business Club, a civic organization in Ibadan that contributes to national policy dialogue.
Babalola became involved with Rotary in 1984 through Rotaract — Rotary's program for young professionals and students — and joined the Rotary Club of Trans Amadi in 1994. He has since held a number of leadership roles within the organization and currently serves as a trustee of ShelterBox UK, Rotary's official project partner for disaster relief.
He and his wife, Preba, support The Rotary Foundation through a named endowment and are members of the Arch Klumph Society, which recognizes Rotary's highest level of philanthropic giving. His Rotary honors include the Africa Centennial Heroes Award, the Service Above Self Award, the Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World, and The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service.

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RCC members plan and carry out projects in their communities in collaboration with local Rotary clubs. Sponsored by a Rotary club, an RCC leverages Rotary's network, brand, and mentorship by partnering with clubs to plan and implement service projects. RCCs increase Rotary's impact and expand its reach by bringing the knowledge and talents of local people to strengthen their community through sustainable projects.

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