

ROTARY CLUB of OCH Inc.

District 9815 Victoria, Australia

Weekly Bulletin 2025-2026

Meets every Monday from 6:30pm at The Clayton Hotel
319 Clayton Road, Clayton (Melways 79C2)
(No meeting on public holidays)

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FOR
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Upcoming Club Program

Date	Speaker	Chairperson
29 th June	Club Changeover at the Clayton RSL. 6:30pm for a 7:00pm Start (No Zoom)	Steve Hill & Richard Simmons
6 th July	General Meeting not in person but via Zoom Only. Subject is District News	Richard Simmons
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 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

Rotary

**JUNE 15
FELLOWSHIP MONTH**

"A FRIEND IS SOMEONE WHO UNDERSTANDS YOUR PAST, BELIEVES IN YOUR FUTURE,
AND ACCEPTS YOU JUST THE WAY YOU ARE."
- ANON

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 (22nd June):

Apologies = Greg Telley, Vivienne Blennerhassett, Barry Cronan & Jon Breisch.

Make Ups = None.

Leave of Absence = None.

Visitors = Emily Williamson, Rina & Jackie Gleeson.

This week our guest speaker was be Emily Williamson – Founder and Program Director of REACH Siem Reap. Also attending and supporting Emily was Rina who is the Communication Support Officer.



Emily spoke to the club and told us the story of Reach, a grassroots organisation she founded in Cambodia dedicated to helping children and families escape poverty through education, healthcare and opportunity. Emily will share the remarkable journey of the organisation and the impact it is already having on communities in Siem Reap.

To hear and see the presentation made by Emily Williamson 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

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.



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)								
Date	Notes	ROTARY FIRST SHIFT 6AM to 10AM			8AM - 1PM	ROTARY SECOND SHIFT 09:45AM to 2:00PM		
		Leader	SET-UP/Monitor	Rotaract	Main Gate	CASH/PACKUP		
5/07/2026		John Bethune	Tom Buzza	Rotaract	Scouts	Robyn McNab	Jon Briesch	Sam Oddo
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



Rotary

Oakleigh
Clayton
Huntingdale

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Phone - Enquire/Book

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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

Follow up from REACH Siem Reap

Dear Doug, Michael, Steve and the Rotary Club of Oakleigh Clayton Huntingdale,

What an absolute pleasure it was to meet with you all on Monday evening. Rina and I came away feeling so energised and motivated, and I want to sincerely thank you for the warm welcome and for giving us the opportunity to share what we do over a virtual call!

I do apologise for going over time! Once I start talking about our kids and community, it is very hard to stop.

It means the world to us that your club is considering REACH as an international project to support. It's commitments from Rotary clubs like yours that have enabled us to build something lasting, and we would be so honoured to be part of your club's legacy in Cambodia.

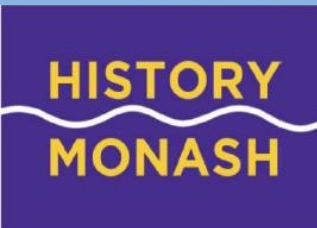
Now that we've met online, I am really excited to hear your thoughts on the different ways the club might want to get involved, whether that is through sponsoring our Outreach Program, joining the Running Costs Club, Volunteering, a Friendship Tour in Siem Reap, or even sending a member on our [Ride to REACH](#) in January. The thought of having one of your members cycling across Cambodia with us is something I find so exciting. It is a life changing experience and I know it would be an incredible way to deepen the connection between your club and our community.

I have also attached our Walk or Run for REACH 2027 information pack. The event is on Sunday 14th March 2027 at Princes Park in Melbourne, and given your club's base, it could be a wonderful way to get more members involved closer to home.

In line with that event, my next trip to Australia is planned for March next year, and I would absolutely love to pencil in a face to face visit with your club while I am there. I think meeting in person after this conversation would be really special.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to reach out if there is anything else you need from us. We are so grateful for your time and your enthusiasm, and we cannot wait to see what we can build together.

Quick Links



Click on photo to open

Kind Regards,

Emily Williamson
Founder & Program Director

South Oakleigh Bowling Club » Events

Peridot Theatre - Sunday Afternoon Monologues

South Oakleigh Bowling Club | Events | by Scott Taylor

Sunday Afternoon Monologues

South Oakleigh Bowling Club
2 PM June 28 - July 26
Tickets \$25 at the door or
Online: www.peridot.com.au/book-a-show

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


Special Announcements

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](tel:0429115334)
-  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 5th 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 12th July 2026 – 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

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)
Treasurer	George Carydias	(Board)
Community	Vivienne Blennerhassett	(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	TBD	
Market Manager	TBD	
Programme	Jon Breisch	
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 Steve 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

Reminder to RSVP for the upcoming Rotary District 9815 Conference Launch.

Dear Rotarians,

Just a friendly reminder to RSVP for the upcoming **Rotary District 9815 Conference Launch**.

We are excited to start the new Rotary year on a high as we launch our 2027 District Conference, to be held at **Rydgges Hunter Valley Resort from 12–14 March 2027**.

Launch Event Details:

Date: Friday 10 July

Time: 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start

Venue: Cardinia Cultural Centre, 40 Lakeside Blvd, Pakenham

Refreshments: Complimentary finger food and canapés will be provided

This will be a great opportunity to hear more about the upcoming Conference, including travel details, speakers, activities and plans for what promises to be a wonderful event in the beautiful Hunter Valley.

To assist with catering, please RSVP by **Friday 3 July** via the booking link below:

<https://events.humanitix.com/district-conference-2027-launch>

Please also let us know of any dietary requirements when booking.

We would love to see you there and share the excitement as we officially launch the 2027 District Conference.

Yours in Rotary,

Wil Cornelissen & Monique Smith
Co-Conference Chairs 2026–27
Rotary District 9815

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 \(service.vic.gov.au\)](http://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:

Special Note:

Thank you so much for attending Games & Trivia. We hope you had a great night full of fun, facts, and a bit of friendly chaos!

Thanks to your support, we are proud to announce that we have raised \$2,000 for Warriors4Wildlife, which will go towards supporting local wildlife rehabilitation.

Photos from the night can be found [here](#). Answers from the night can be found [here](#).

We would love to hear your feedback so we can improve and make our events the best they can be. Please fill out our survey [here](#).

Thank you for making our Games & Trivia Night such an amazing event!

From the Monash and Casey-Cardinia Rotaract Clubs

Note: this email has only been sent to attendee registrants and not their guests, please feel free to forward this email to any other attendees.

If you would like further information about joining either of our Rotaract clubs as a member, please feel free to reach out at info@monashrotaract.org.au or casey-cardinia@rotaract.org.au

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 whiz-kid grandson was watching his elderly grandfather grappling with the entry level computer his family had bought for him as a present. He kept typing a little and then looking at a scruffy piece of paper from his pocket. The subsequent conversation went something like this:

Grandson: “What’s up, Grandad?”

Grandad: “I can’t remember my password!”

Grandson: “Let’s have a look”.

The paper said: ‘mickeyplutogooffyminniedonaldduckblutobugsbunnysydneynospaces’

Grandson: “Why is it so long?”

Grandad: “I wondered that but the manual said it had to have eight characters and a capital and no spaces.”

Rotary International News

Rotary International Convention in Taipei concludes with inspiration and a call to action

From powerful performances and speakers to global service commitments, more than 38,000 people celebrate Rotary's global spirit

By Wen Huang Photos by Monika Lozinska and Kristen Wei

The Rotary International Convention in Taipei, Taiwan, ended on a high note as singer Leona Lewis brought thousands of attendees to their feet with a stirring performance that included the resilience anthem "Fire Under My Feet" during the closing ceremony on 17 June.

Taipei's warm hospitality was on full display as hundreds of Rotary volunteers formed a human corridor outside the venue, greeting departing attendees with cheers and celebratory gestures. Many people stopped to take selfies and exchange farewells before heading home.

The four-day event attracted more than 38,000 people from 140 countries and regions, making it one of Rotary's largest conventions in recent years.

"This year, I spoke often about uniting for good," said Rotary International President Francesco Arezzo, a member of the Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy. "These past days, we have seen what that means. Rotary is a meeting place — where strangers become friends, friendship becomes trust, where trust becomes action."

Inspirational speakers

The convention featured impressive speakers, led by Malala Yousafzai, the youngest-ever Nobel Peace Prize laureate and a leading advocate for girls' education.

Yousafzai, whose father was a Rotary member, began advocating for education in Pakistan before she was a teenager. At age 15, she survived a Taliban attack aimed at silencing her activism. Following months of surgery and rehabilitation in the United Kingdom, she co-founded the Malala Fund to continue her campaign for girls' education worldwide. In 2014, at age 17, she received the Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of her efforts to advance education and equality. She graduated from Oxford University in 2020 with a degree in philosophy, politics, and economics.

"I started my campaign for education at 11 years old," Yousafzai said during the second general session on 16 June. "At first, it was just me and my father speaking out for girls' right to go to school. But it is the people who have come alongside us, our collective work, that gives me hope."

While acknowledging progress, she noted that about 120 million girls worldwide remain out of school, and she urged attendees to support girls as leaders. "Girls understand the problems best, and they understand the solutions best," Yousafzai said.

She also encouraged Rotary members to help ensure that every girl has access to quality education.

"Over the years, I've learned that one person cannot change the world alone, that every movement in history was built by many hands," Yousafzai said. "When you go home, look for girls in your community who are at risk of dropping out. Ask teachers what you can do to support their work. We need your bold and ambitious vision to build a better future for girls."

Yousafzai also received a warm response when discussing mental health and her recovery from the attack.

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

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District 9815



Rotary Club of Springvale City

President Elect – Mr Minh Le

CORDIALLY INVITES

Rotarians, Partners and Friends

TO JOIN US TO CELEBRATE OUR

23rd ANNUAL *Changeover*



ON THURSDAY
9TH JULY 2026



6PM FOR
6:30PM START



AT THE
NOODLE BAR –
GREYHOUNDS ENTERTAINMENT
15 View Road, Springvale. 3171.



COST: **\$70 P/P**

2 COURSE MEAL –
DRINKS AT BAR PRICES

RSVP BY COB: WEDNESDAY 1ST JULY, 2026

INCLUDING DIETARY REQUIREMENTS TO:



Ms Angelina Colombino



angelamariamascarao@gmail.com



Ms Cathy Jackson

OR



cathryn.jackson@yahoo.com.au



PAYMENT DUE AT TIME
OF BOOKING:
WITH NAME AND CLUB

EFT:
Bendigo Bank

BSB:
633 000

ACCT:
199284068

*Let's celebrate service, friendship
and the impact we create together!*

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

