Rotary Oakleigh Clayton Huntingdale

# ROTARY CLUB of OCH Inc.

District 9815 Victoria, Australia

## Weekly Bulletin 2026-2027

CREATE LASTING IMPACT

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

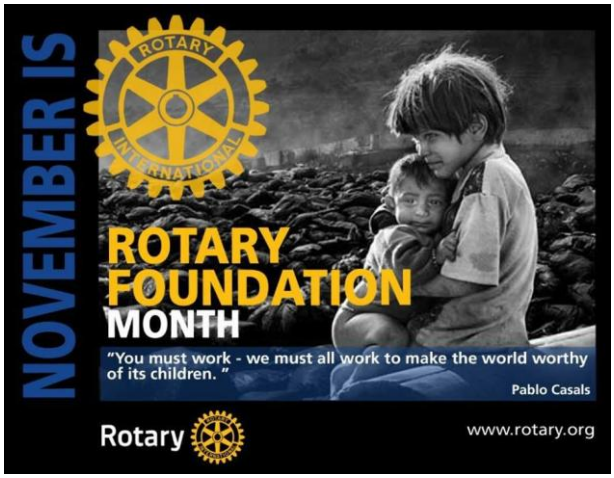
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## Upcoming Club Program

| Date | Speaker | Chairperson |
|---|---|---|
| 16th November | Board Meeting (Via Zoom) | Richard Simmons |
| 23rd November | General Meeting at the Clayton Hotel, Guest Speakers are South Oakleigh College & Subject is RYPEN | Sam Oddo |
| 30th November | General Meeting at the Clayton Hotel. We will be holding our AGM | Richard Simmons |
| 7th December | General Meeting not in person but via Zoom Only. | Richard Simmons |
| 14th December | General Meeting at the Clayton Hotel. We will be holding our Xmas Party. Guest Speaker is Reverend Charlie Fletcher | Sam Oddo |
| 21st December | Board Meeting (Via Zoom) | Richard Simmons |
| 28th December | No General Meeting this week due to the Christmas Break | |
| 4th January | No General Meeting this week due to the Christmas Break | |
| 11th January | No General Meeting this week due to the Christmas Break | |
| 18th January | General Meeting at the Clayton Hotel (TBC) | Richard Simmons |
| 25th January | No General Meeting this week (Australia Day Eve) | |



## 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**

Just back from a short tour of Tasmania's East Coast.

Observations from driving from one end to the other was the Incredible sight of NO potholes, some bumpy roads.

Tonight is our monthly board meeting, Barry has sent reminders to those who have yet to pay the annual fee, please do so ASAP.

Next week we welcome the students who attended RYPEN, please come along and hear from them on their experiences at the camp.

Please don't forget the AGM in a couple of week's time.

Yours in Rotary
Pres Richard

# Last Meeting & Notes

### Last Meeting (9th November):

**Apologies =** John Barnes, Robyn McNab, Byron Kyriakides, David Whiting & Richard Simmons.
**Make Ups =** None.
**Leave of Absence =** None.
**Visitors =** Stuart Richards (ex-Oakleigh Rotarian).

This week our Guest Speaker was Stuart Richards who is an ex-Oakleigh Rotarian who gave us an excellent presentation on the history of Oakleigh Rotary Club of the past during his time as a member.

Stuart also shared stories of his involvement in the starting of the Oakleigh Rotary Sunday Market and also the drought relief initiative in Chinchilla where the Oakleigh Rotary Club raised $6,500 and provided food, clothing, and other supplies to families affected by a four-year drought.






## The Object of Rotary

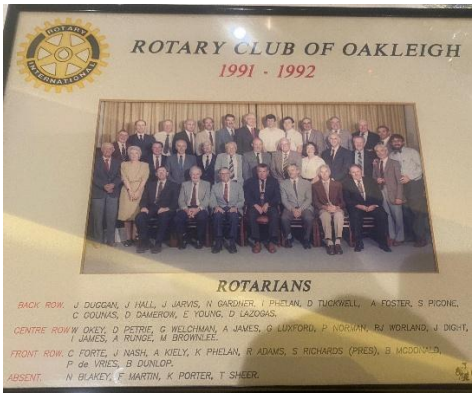
1. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

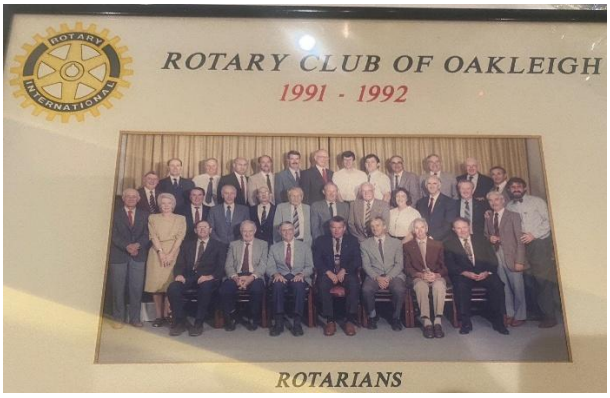
2. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

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.

The next two photos show the Rotary Club of Rotary for 1991 – 1992 when Stuart was the President of the club.




To hear and see the presentations made from our Guest Speaker Stuart Richards and 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**

| Rotary Market Roster to Oct to Jan 2027 - version | 14/11/2026 | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 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 | | | | | | | |
| 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 | Leader | SET-UP/Monitor | | Main Gate | CASH/PACKUP | | |
| 22/11/2026 | David Whiting | Lucy S | Arthur Athan | Quint Family | Robyn McNab | Jon Briesch | Barry Cronan |
| 29/11/2026 | Doug Bowden | Richard May | Glenda May | Pettito Family | Steve Hill | Judy Hui | Byron Kyriakides |
| 6/12/2026 | Lesley Zuccaro | Ralph Zuccaro | Peter Webb | Dillon Family | Michael Ellinger | Orlando Green | John Barnes |
| 13/12/2026 | David Whiting | Martha Bodon | Atul G | Deyssing Family | Sam Oddo | Marcus R | Steve Hill |
| 20/12/2026 | Doug Bowden | Tom Buzza | Lucy S | Pakeer Family | Robyn McNab | George Carydias | Barry Cronan |
| 27/12/2026 | John Bethune | Terry Elms | Peter Webb | Volunteer (Public Holiday) | Richard Simmons | Judy Hui | Byron Kyriakides |
| 3/01/2027 | Lesley Zuccaro | Ralph Zuccaro | Jon Briesch | Scouts | Michael Ellinger | Orlando Green | John Barnes |
| 10/01/2027 | Lucy S | Greg /SOBC | SOBC | Scouts | Sam Oddo | Marcus R | Richard Simmons |
| 17/01/2027 | Doug Bowden | Arthur Athan | Peter Webb | Scouts | Robyn McNab | Jon Briesch | Barry Cronan |
| 24/01/2027 | Lesley Zuccaro | Ralph Zuccaro | Terry Elms | Scouts | Steve Hill | Judy Hui | Byron Kyriakides |
| 31/01/2027 | John Bethune | Martha Bodon | Tom Buzza | Scouts | Michael Ellinger | Orlando Green | John Barnes |

## 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.

**Market Caravan Access**

Members – the Market Caravan was recently broken into & lock destroyed.
As a consequence, we have a new lock & new caravan access key.
All members wanting a Market Caravan key – please advise Sam Oddo & he will issue you a key at the next meeting.




**Click on image for details**

# Oakleigh Cricket Club Sponsors Update

Hello all,

Despite battling the inclement weather and the opposition, the Oakleigh Cricket Club completed another very successful weekend of cricket across the Junior and Senior Programs.

The Firsts comprehensively defeated Noble Park in a rain shortened one day game to move to the top of the VSDCA FIRST X1 ladder.
The Seconds also had a percentage boosting win over Noble Park to regain top place on the VSDCA SECOND X1 ladder.
The Thirds unfortunately were washed out in their game against Elsternwick, but remain in top position on the VSDCA THIRD X1 ladder.
The very young Fourths lost a very close game to Elsternwick, and are in seventh place on the VSDCA FOURTH X1 ladder.
Pleasingly the club is currently in second place in the 32 club VSDCA Club Championship. The club has won this prestigious award 7 times previously in the award's 25-year history.
This coming weekend sees the Firsts and Seconds play Moorabbin in a Saturday/Sunday 2-day game, while the Thirds and Fourths play Mt Waverley in a one-day game on Saturday.

The highlight in the Junior games across the weekend was a century made in the Under 17 Sunday Turf team by Zac Eiffert, who was also a member of the Craig Shield team last season. This game saw a big win for the Oaks against Elsternwick. All other games were played despite the poor weather which was a pleasing result. Unfortunately, the first session of the Woolworths Blast Program had to be cancelled on Saturday morning due to the rain.

Our Netballers continued their season with good results in all grades, and pleasing development shown by all the girls.

## Quick Links

I remind you about the Oakleigh Cricket and Netball Club's COMMUNITY NETWORKING EVENT being held on Sunday November 22 at the Oakleigh Bowls Club beginning at 11.30am. If you are intending to attend but have not registered, please do so in the near future. oakleighcc.com.au oakleighcc@gmail.com

As always thank you for your generous support of the club, and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Regards and best wishes,
Peter



Special Announcements

# Upcoming Dates

**Sunday 22nd November 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 29th November 2026 –** Oakleigh Rotary Sunday Market.

**Sunday 6th December 2026 –** Oakleigh Rotary Sunday Market.

**Sunday 13th December 2026 –** Oakleigh Rotary Sunday Market

**Sunday 20th December 2026 –** Oakleigh Rotary Sunday Market.

**Monday 12th April 2027 –** District Governor Club Visit (Partners Night)

# Club Positions for 2026/27

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| President | Richard Simmons | (Board) |
| Vice President | TBA | |
| 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 | (Board) |
| 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 Governor 2029-2030

**Dear fellow Rotarians and Rotaractors,**

This email is sent on behalf of District Governor 9815 Emma Clark and District Governor 9830 Craig Perkins and is intended for all Rotarians and Rotaractors across Districts 9815 and 9830.

As many of you will be aware, **Districts 9815 and 9830 will come together to form the new Rotary District 9825 from 1 July 2028.**

This is an exciting and significant opportunity for Rotary in our region. Bringing together clubs and members across Tasmania, Melbourne's east and eastern Victoria will create new opportunities for collaboration, leadership, friendship and greater community impact.

**Nominations are now open**

We are pleased to invite nominations for the position of:

**District Governor Nominee Designate (DGND)**
**District 9825 – District Governor 2029–2030**

The successful candidate will play an important role in shaping the future of our new district and helping guide Rotary through this significant period of transition.
Please refer to the attached **Guide to the role of DG** document, which provides further information about the position, including the proposed duties, responsibilities and qualifications.

The successful candidate will initially become part of the **District 9825 Transition Management Team**, working with Rotarians from both districts to progressively plan and manage the successful transition to our new district structure. The successful candidate will subsequently join the District 9825 Board from **1 July 2027**, in preparation for taking on the role of District Governor for 2029–2030.

**A new approach to district leadership**
The District Governor role within District 9825 will be supported by a strong District Board and leadership team comprising skilled, experienced and dedicated Rotarians and Rotaractors who will work closely with clubs across the new district.
Changes to the District Governor role are also being explored as part of the **Zone 8 Regionalisation Pilot**. The pilot is currently scheduled to conclude in June 2028, after which its outcomes will be reviewed and further decisions made regarding the future structure and responsibilities of district leadership.
Consequently, candidates should be aware that the responsibilities of the District Governor for 2029–2030 are expected to be different from the current District Governor role as defined under Article 16.030 of the Rotary International Bylaws.

**An opportunity to shape our future**
This is much more than an opportunity to take on a district leadership position. It is an opportunity to help **shape the culture, direction and future of a brand-new Rotary district.**
The person appointed will have the opportunity to bring people together, encourage new ideas, strengthen relationships between clubs and help establish a leadership model that reflects the changing needs of Rotary and our communities.
We encourage Rotarians who are passionate about Rotary, enjoy working with people, embrace new ideas and believe in the potential of our new district to consider putting themselves forward.

The successful DGND will also be required to attend **Governor Nominee Leadership Training during the last week of October 2027.**

**Forms included in the attachment**

1. District Governor Nominee form. This must be filled out and signed from your club Secretary and yourself and returned to IPDG Peter Behm
2. The guide to the role is for your information only. Any questions, please refer back to DG 9815 Emma Clark or DG 9830 Craig Perkins.

**How to apply**
The closing date for nominations for District Governor Nominee Designate is: **Monday 30th November 2026.**

**Your completed documentation from the Governor Nominee Designate form is to be sent to IPDG Peter Behm at the email address of** peter.behm@rotary9815.org.au

If you would like to discuss the role further or have any questions about the nomination process, please contact:

**Emma Clark**
District Governor 9815

**Craig Perkins**
District Governor 9830

We warmly encourage suitably qualified Rotarians to consider this opportunity. The creation of District 9825 represents an important new chapter for Rotary across Tasmania and Victoria, and we hope that those with the passion, experience and vision to help shape that future will put their hand up.

**Together, we have an opportunity to build something new, stronger and more connected.** We look forward to hearing from you.

Warm regards,

**Emma Clark**
**District Governor**
**Principal – Emerald Primary School**
**PP PHF - Rotary Club of Emerald & District Inc.**
0402 481 013




**Craig Perkins**




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District Governor
2025 - 2026
2026 - 2027

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craig.perkins.rotary@outlook.com

Rotary Club of Central
Launceston
District 9830

## Council on resolutions Results

Dear District 9815 members,

Thank you for giving your feedback on participating in the 2026 Council on Resolutions. I am pleased to share the **voting results**, which will also be published on **My Rotary** shortly.

If you would like to review the resolutions again, you can view the **PDF** here.

If you have any questions about the Council on Resolutions or the results, please contact me.
Regards,
PDG Linda Humphries
Rotary Inverloch
Council on Legislation
Secretary 2026-2027

## D9815 Working with Children – Important Update

From Oct 19th 2026, the Victorian Government is making changes to the WWC card application process.

Expect from the above date that you will be required to do online Government training before a card can be issued. You can expect this to occur for:

1. All online renewals at the renewal date

2. All new online applications
3. If you are changing status from a **"Volunteer"** to an **"Employee"** card (i.e. if you previously had only needed a WWC card for volunteering, but then become employed in an industry which requires a WWC card - there are two different types.)

All queries to go to Ken Mirams (District 9815 Protection Officer)
protection@rotary9815.org.au_M:0435573635

**Emma Clark**
**District Governor**
PP PHF Rotary Club of Emerald & District Inc.
Rotary District 9815
0402 481 013

## Early bird registration opened 1st August 2026 for D9815 Conference 2027

Don't miss this opportunity to save some valuable dollars while you join in the fun of catching up with fellow Rotarians from across the district. Get your tickets now by clicking on the image below.




## 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 7:00pm for a 7:15pm 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:

Follow this Link (**https://monashrotaract.org.au/**) to view all the upcoming events at Monash Rotaract.

# 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

Normal General Meeting times for the club are 6:15 pm for a 6:30 pm start and can be via Zoom or in person. Refer to the "Upcoming Club Program" for details. The Board Meetings start at 7:00 pm and are via Zoom only.

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 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

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

## Rotaractors ready to lead

***by Arnold R. Grahl | Photography by Nipah Dennis***

### Newly eligible to seek global grants, Rotaractors are showing they can bring fresh ideas to large international projects

At the dedication of a new water station and borehole at a school in southern Ghana, children in white shirts perform a carefully choreographed dance as onlookers watch under large canopies. In a short skit, a child pours water from a bottle into a cup held by another and they both jump in celebration. Later, a woman balances a bucket on her head as water flows for the first time from an overhead spigot.



The water station at Pentang Elementary School.

Nearly the entire community has turned out for the celebration. It's one of many that took place throughout the Ashanti region of Ghana in late 2024 and early 2025 during the implementation of a $57,000 global grant from The Rotary Foundation. There's a lot to celebrate: The project is reaching more than 6,000 people with clean water and improved sanitation. Children at eight schools no longer use pit latrines that contribute to waterborne illnesses. Also of note for Rotary, the initiative was sponsored and led by members of Rotaract, Rotary's clubs for young adults, in Ghana, Turkey, and Virginia. It was one of the first such projects completed since The Rotary Foundation opened global grants to Rotaract clubs in July 2022. The success was all the more special coming as it did after an initial false start far from West Africa and involving a very different challenge.

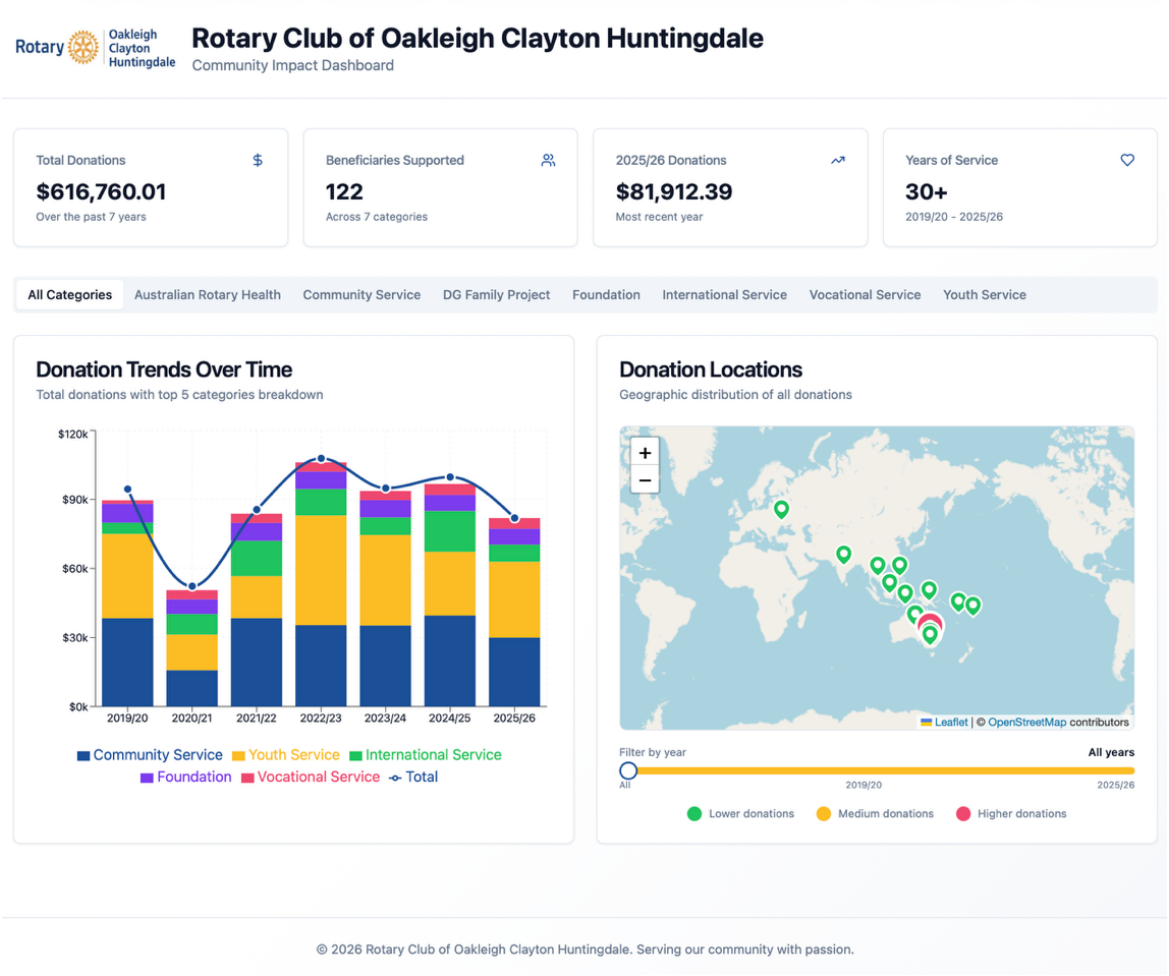
Allisyn Lam, who was then charter president of the university Rotaract club at William & Mary in Virginia, had initially set out to do an international project with the Rotaract Club of Istanbul-Adalar in Turkey. The two clubs had formed a sister club relationship after they were introduced by a Rotarian who had visited Istanbul.

When a powerful series of earthquakes struck southern and central Turkey and parts of Syria in 2023, killing tens of thousands and causing massive damage, the two Rotaract clubs decided to seek an earthquake relief grant to build a water system at a camp for people displaced by the disaster. But after nearly a year of working on details, Rotaractors reluctantly gave up on the project.

Amid an already complex recovery effort on the ground, they had trouble securing the cooperation of other Rotary members who had never worked on a major grant-supported project before in which Rotaractors were in the lead. “At times, this grant felt impossible,” Lam recalls. “We faced numerous challenges as one of the first Rotaract groups attempting a global grant on this scale. The gap between updated Rotary guidelines and understanding of local Rotary groups created delays and barriers to progress.”

While they struggled to gain traction, the Rotaractors did find a Rotarian who believed in them and was ready to lend his support: Walter Hughes, a member of the Rotary Club of Salem, Virginia. Lam met Hughes during a project she worked on with Interact — Rotary’s service program for teenagers — and he served as a mentor to her while she was in college. Hughes has been involved in Rotary projects in Ghana for two decades and encouraged the clubs to shift their focus to that country instead of giving up entirely on an international project.

To read the full article **click here**




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