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
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	Jon Breisch / 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 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)	
1st February	General Meeting at the Clayton Hotel (TBC)	Richard Simmons

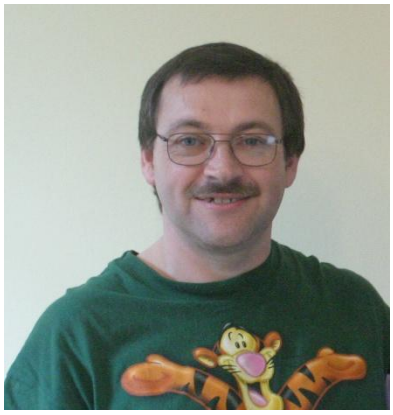


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Presidents Report

2026-27: Create Lasting Impact



Welcome all to tonight's meeting with the RYPEN team. I'm sure we will get a detailed account of the time spent at the camp.

This past week has been all meetings, Monday afternoon - Finance committee, Monday night the monthly Board meeting, Wednesday was the Market committee and Friday I represented the Club at the District AGM and DG's presidents meeting.

District focus is gearing up to the next merger of 9815 and 9830 (9825) this is a RI move to consolidate regions and districts.

We were awarded our Foundation Certificate and I will try and get it to the upcoming AGM.

Reminder to book the district conference before the end of December to save money.

Next week is our annual general meeting, please could all chairs have a report to Robyn early next week to include in the agenda.

Yours in Rotary
Pres Richard

Last Meeting & Notes

Last Meeting (16th November):

Apologies = Sam Oddo, Barry Cronan, Robyn McNab & Byron Kyriakides.
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 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		
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

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

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 OCH Notice of AGM

All members - On behalf of Pres Richard and Secretary Robyn - Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Rotary Club of Oakleigh, Clayton, Huntingdale, will be held on Monday 30th Nov 2026 commencing at 6:30pm - in person at the Clayton Hotel and via ZOOM technology.
All members are encouraged to actively participate in the AGM – it's your Club
Relevant supporting documentation will be distributed in due course – the draft agenda is:

1. **Welcome**
2. **Attendance/Apologies**
3. **Club Reports**
    a. **Minutes of previous AGM to be accepted**
    b. **2025/26 Report –** Presidents report from PP Steve
    c. **Club Financial report for 2025/26**
    d. **Club Current year to date (2026/27) financial statement**

4. **Election of Office Bearers and Board Members for the year 2027/28**
    - PRESIDENT
    - VICE PRESIDENT – if Required
    - SECRETARY
    - TREASURER
    - UP TO SIX (6) Directors (Board Members)

    NOTE: The Past President & President Elect will automatically be members of the Board.

5. **Endorse Club Committee Positions for 2027/28 as follows;**
    - SERGEANT-AT-ARMS
    - COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIR
    - PROGRAM / FELLOWSHIP CHAIR:
        - FOUNDATION CHAIR
        - INTERNATIONAL CHAIR
        - ON TO CONFERENCE CHAIR
        - CLUB PROTECTION OFFICER
        - NEW GENERATIONS CHAIR: (Youth inc. Interact)
        - VOCATION CHAIR
    - FUND RAISING CHAIR
        - Market Manager
        - Golf Day Manager
    - BULLETIN EDITOR/ WEB SITE MANAGER/ CLUB DATA BASE MANAGER
    - ROTARACT
        - MEMBERSHIP / CLUB SERVICE CHAIR:
        - PR/MARKETING & PUBLIC IMAGE CHAIR

6. Confirm the appointment of the Public Officer of the Club for the Year 2026 -2027
7. Confirm appointment of Honorary Members

As per the Club Bylaws, Members are advised of their right to nominate themselves or another Rotarian for any Executive positions. This can be done via email to the Secretary including confirmation of the nominee's consent, or verbally at the meeting.

Please let me know of you have any questions and please consider taking on a role within the Club – don't wait to be asked

Regards:
Doug Bowden

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.

Invitation to South Oakleigh Secondary School Celebratory Breakfast Club

South Oakleigh College students, have invited Rotary to their end of year celebratory breakfast cub on the 26th of November at 8:00am, where they will be serving all the breakfast favourites.

It will be a great opportunity to celebrate your ongoing support and commitment to our school as well as, an opportunity for Konstance Tsekas and Inara Linehan to formally introduce themselves as the Student Representative Council presidents of 2027. They hope that you join them for this special occasion.

Please confirm your intention to attend at the meeting on Monday night 23 November or by email to John Bethune beforehand. **johnbethune@optusnet.com.au**

Oakleigh Cricket Club Sponsors Update

Hello all,

I am very pleased to be able to inform you all that the clubs' very encouraging start to the season has continued after last weekend's games.

The Firsts ventured to Moorabbin for a Saturday /Sunday 2 day fixture, and recorded a convincing win in difficult wet conditions. The highlights of this game were the comeback of Club Champion Brendan McGuinness who compiled a very patient 46no, and new recruit Roshan Livera who made a very classy 96. The win leaves the Firsts on top of the VSDCA ladder after 5 rounds of the season.

The Seconds played Moorabbin at home and won a tight game in very wet and difficult conditions. We prevailed in the end after being in a precarious position after a batting collapse on Saturday. The Seconds are also on top of the VSDCA ladder.

The Thirds and Fourths played Mt Waverley in a one day game on Saturday. The Thirds featuring club stalwarts Michael Splatt, Ben Hogan and Rob Howes, had a good win, and maintained their position on top of the VSDCA ladder. The Fourths had a much improved performance, however they fell just short in their chase
The club maintains its second position on the 32 club VSDCA Club Championship ladder.

This coming weekend sees all four senior teams playing two day games against Malvern.

The Junior Program had a wonderful weekend of results with wins recorded by all of our age group teams. The Woolworths Blast program also commenced on Saturday morning despite the inclement weather.

Our netballers are coming towards the end of the current season with all age groups playing well and recording encouraging results as they head towards the finals.

I encourage you all to attend the Oakleigh Cricket Club Community Network Event at the Oakleigh Bowls Club on Sunday November 22, beginning at 11.30am.

Thank you all very much for your generous and loyal commitment to the Oakleigh Cricket Club.

Regards
Peter

Upcoming Dates

Sunday 29th 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**

Quick Links

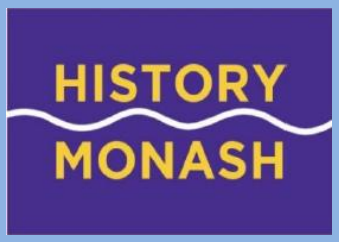




















Sunday 6th December 2026 – Oakleigh Rotary Sunday Market.

Sunday 13th December 2026 – Oakleigh Rotary Sunday Market

Sunday 20th December 2026 – Oakleigh Rotary Sunday Market.

Sunday 27th 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

Vale Rotarian Don Kinnear

The family of Don Kinnear have contacted Rotary to advise that former member Don Kinnear sadly passed on Friday 13th November.

Don was a current member of the Warrandyte Donvale Rotary Club and was District Treasurer for PDGs Carol Lawton and Malcolm Chiverton and a Director of District Project Funds Ltd.

If you would like to attend his funeral the details are:

Friday November 27th. 10.00am at Tobin Bros, 816 Doncaster Road, Doncaster.

Regards
Shalini Penny
District 9815 Secretary 2026/2027

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.

Special Announcements

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.
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Rotary
District 9815

Craig Perkins

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District Governor
2025 - 2026
2026 - 2027

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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

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 wife asks her husband, “Could you please go shopping for me and buy one carton of milk, and if they have eggs, get six.”

A short time later the husband comes back with six cartons of milk. The wife asks him, “Why the hell did you buy six cartons of milk?”

He replied, “They had eggs.”

Rotary International News

For love of water

by Ida Lieszkovszky | Photography by Grace McConnell

Endurance athlete Katie Spotz takes on her toughest challenges yet — rowing the world’s largest ocean and the global water crisis

In February 2010, Katie Spotz was in the middle of the Atlantic, by herself. She had reached the midpoint of her solo row across the ocean, an accomplishment she thought would energize her. Instead, she felt depleted. “When I reached halfway, I felt like I gave everything and I couldn’t imagine doing that again,” she says.

It was just her, her boat, her wet clothes and supplies, and water as far as she could see. The weather had been unrelentingly sunny, the waves reaching no more than 5 feet for most of her journey up to this point — a grinding sameness. Her only company was a Wilson tennis ball gifted to her by a Rotary club in her home state of Ohio, a humorous echo of Wilson the volleyball, the silent companion cherished by Tom Hanks’ character in Cast Away.



She recalls thinking that, at that moment, she might be the person who was farthest from any other human being on the planet. “It made the ocean feel even bigger, feel more daunting,” she recalls.

She had embarked on a journey most people wouldn’t dream of, rowing more than 1,000 nautical miles over 36 days, and had reached the point where most people would give up. Katie Spotz is

not most people. She finished that journey and, at age 22, set a record for the youngest person to row solo across an ocean.

Now 39, she's ready for a bigger challenge. This December, if all goes as planned, the Rotarian will set off on a solo, unassisted row of 10,000 miles over eight months across the Pacific Ocean in an attempt to set a record for the longest nonstop solo ocean row by a woman. She's also hoping to raise $1 million to bring clean water access to 100,000 people in Fiji. "I definitely feel called to this," she says. That was not always so.

The competitor within

This past spring, I met up with Spotz at a coffee shop in downtown Cleveland near her home. She grew up in Mentor, about 20 miles northeast of the city, close to the shores of Lake Erie, where her love of water began as a child swimming on summer days until the sun went down. Today, when she's not out to sea, she's at home here in Cleveland, planning her next adventure and assembling giant puzzles for fun. Friends and family keep bringing her back here, she says, plus it has everything she needs to train, including a state-of-the-art rowing facility.

Over the last 20 years, Spotz has become a world-renowned endurance athlete. She's competed in marathons, ultramarathons, triathlons, and Ironman competitions. She's biked across South America. While preparing to cycle across the United States in 2011, she broke her pelvis and wrecked her bike in a training accident. Determined to compete anyway, she entered the race using a three-wheeled hand bike. She once ran 11 ultramarathons in 11 days. She had ACL surgery and then went on to run a 200-mile ultramarathon just three years later, placing first among women and third overall. She's pushed her body to its absolute limits and kept going.

To read the full article **click here**



Click on the image for full detail