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
9th November	General Meeting at the Clayton Hotel. Guest Speaker is Stewart Richards (ex-Oakleigh Rotarian)	Sam Oddo
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 (More details to follow)	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



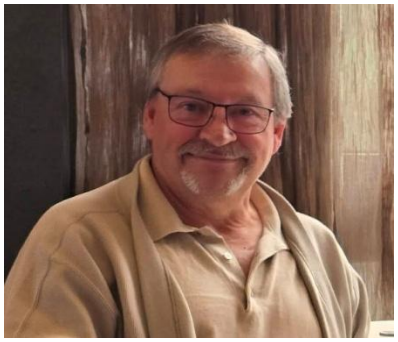
Rotary Four-Way Test

"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



Hello everyone greetings from a cool Hobart.

This weeks in person meeting we welcome a past Rotarian Stuart Richardson,

I am hoping to be at the meeting, we are in Port Arthur Monday night but have been advised the signal is sketchy,

Last week I met up with Snr Sarg Mark to go over the details of the mobile sign trailer project. a full report will be sent to members as soon as the last part of the proposal comes in.

But the initial proposal looks good and he has put in a lot of effort to cover all our questions.

Sorry to report the market caravan was broken into last week, nothing seems to have been taken, Sam to the rescue in fixing the door and getting a new padlock and keys.

This highlights the need to put the iPad's, cash tin and efpost machine in the safe at the end of the day.

Take care See you soon

Yours in Rotary
Pres Richard

Last Meeting & Notes

Last Meeting (26th October):

Apologies = Doug Bowden.
Make Ups = None.
Leave of Absence = None.
Visitors = Sue Warmington & Liam Hines.

This week our Guest Speakers were the RYLA Leaders who gave us an excellent presentation on RYLA, which included the experience and fun by all those who attended.

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program has been an official program of Rotary since 1971. RYLA is a transformational leadership conference open to 18 to 30-year-olds looking to develop their leadership potential, build lasting connections and gain new insights and experiences.

It focuses on:

- Providing young, emerging leaders with a range of leadership skills, techniques, and tools they can use at work, study and in the community.
- Developing young leaders who celebrate diversity, create sustainable change, and become service-minded global citizens.
- Personal development, leadership, and teamwork.
- Learning strategies for managing conflict resolution, working in teams, and overcoming challenges.
- Professional development and connecting participants with opportunities to serve the community through Rotary.
- The combination of leadership skill development and vocational training helps young people discover their potential and hone their skills.

The Object of Rotary

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

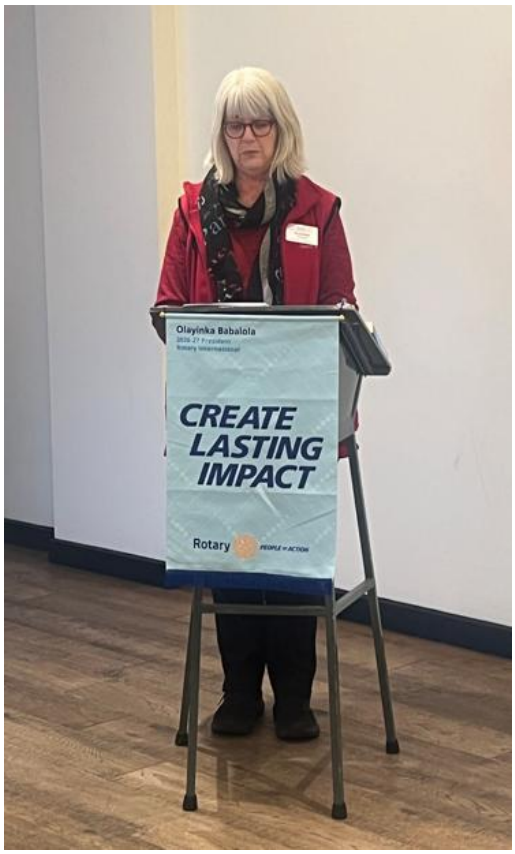
2. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

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.

RYLA is best described as a 'challenge by choice' program: participants engage in various activities, including workshops, team-building exercises, outdoor activities, and guest speaker presentations. Sometimes, participants will push themselves to undertake activities outside their comfort zone – hence, challenge by choice! Young people, many of them graduates of the RYLA program, lead our program in a range of leadership roles, supported by experienced facilitators and mentors dedicated to helping participants achieve their full potential. We are committed to providing a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment where everyone can learn, grow, and thrive.





To hear and see the presentations made from our Guest Speakers and General Business made by the members, refer to the video by clicking on this link.

Oakleigh Rotary Sunday Market – Information & Roster



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.

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				5/10/2026			
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		
15/11/2026	Lesley Zuccaro	Martha Bodon	Ralph Zuccaro	Nellivila Family	Sam Oddo	Marcus R	Richard Simmons
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

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

Quick Links

Oakleigh Cricket Club Sponsors Update

Dear Sponsors,

The Oakleigh Cricket and Netball Club is pleased to confirm the details of our Community Networking Event at the Oakleigh Bowls Club on Sunday November 22 beginning at 11.30 and concluding at 2pm.

Looking forward to seeing you all there if possible.

Regards and best wishes,
Peter



Special Announcements

9th November – John Barnes Birthday

Upcoming Dates

Sunday 15th 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 22nd November 2026 – 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

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

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

Support for Nepal

Dear District 9815 Rotarians and Rotaract Members,

You will be aware of the absolute devastation and current tragic circumstances in the aftermath of the flash flood in Nepal.

After discussions with all of the relevant District Leaders, and with particular input from our Peninsula Rotaract members, who have a strong connection with some Rotaract and Rotary Clubs in and around Kathmandu, Nepal, we have developed the following stepped plan for moving forward with support for the people of Nepal.

1. In the short-term, donations to RAWCS are still valuable and thank you to those clubs who have already taken action by donating to RAWCS.

We also offer the opportunity to donate to our own D9815 District Disaster Relief Account. The money here will be built up to support specific needs and provide targeted support to the people on the ground in Nepal. Our District's Peninsula Rotaract team are currently liaising with the Rotaract and Rotary members over there to determine the best course of action for rebuilding after immediate safety needs are met.

Nepal Disaster
D9815 Disaster Relief Account
BSB 633 000
Account number 241 760 768

Clubs in our district can contribute to this account directly. Money tagged as being for this cause will be noted as such by the District Treasurer. We will keep Clubs informed as to where their funds are helping.

In addition, the option to donate to the Foundation Disaster Response Fund is an excellent avenue of ensuring support. Clubs and individuals can donate to the DRF through the RI website: My Rotary Homepage | My Rotary

2. Also, in the short-term, we have some funds already in the D9815 Disaster Relief Account and we will be donating $4,000 of that to Disaster Aid Australia, as they liaise directly with Disaster Aid Nepal – with fresh, clean water provision being crucial at present.

3. In the medium to long-term, the Peninsula Rotaract Club is collecting data and information from their contacts around rebuilding and what gap our support could fill. They will then be applying for a global grant from the Rotary Foundation Disaster Response Fund. The Club members are proceeding with their original planned trip to Nepal in December/January this year. This will be their third trip to the area, so they are very well-placed to help us connect with Rotaract and Rotary Clubs in situ.

Please consider supporting any of the above with your fundraising efforts and donations.

Thank you for your consideration of supporting the people of Nepal.

Yours in Rotary and Rotaract,

Emma Clark
DG 9815

Lily Setnik
DRR 9815

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
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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 little old lady answered a knock on the door one day, to be confronted by a well-dressed young man carrying a vacuum cleaner.

''Good morning,'' said the young man. ''If I could take a couple minutes of your time, I would like to demonstrate the very latest in high-powered vacuum cleaners . . .''

''Go away!'' said the old lady. "I'm broke and haven't got any money!'' and she proceeded to close the door. Quick as a flash, the young man wedged his foot in the door and pushed it wide open ...

"Don't be too hasty!'' he said. "Not until you have at least seen my demonstration.'' And with that, he emptied a bucket of horse manure onto her hallway carpet. "Now if this vacuum cleaner does not remove all traces of this horse manure from your carpet, Madam, I will personally eat the remainder."

The old lady stepped back and said, "Well let me get you a fork, because they cut off my electricity this morning."

Rotary International News

Learn the joy of a Rotary convention

by Rotary International

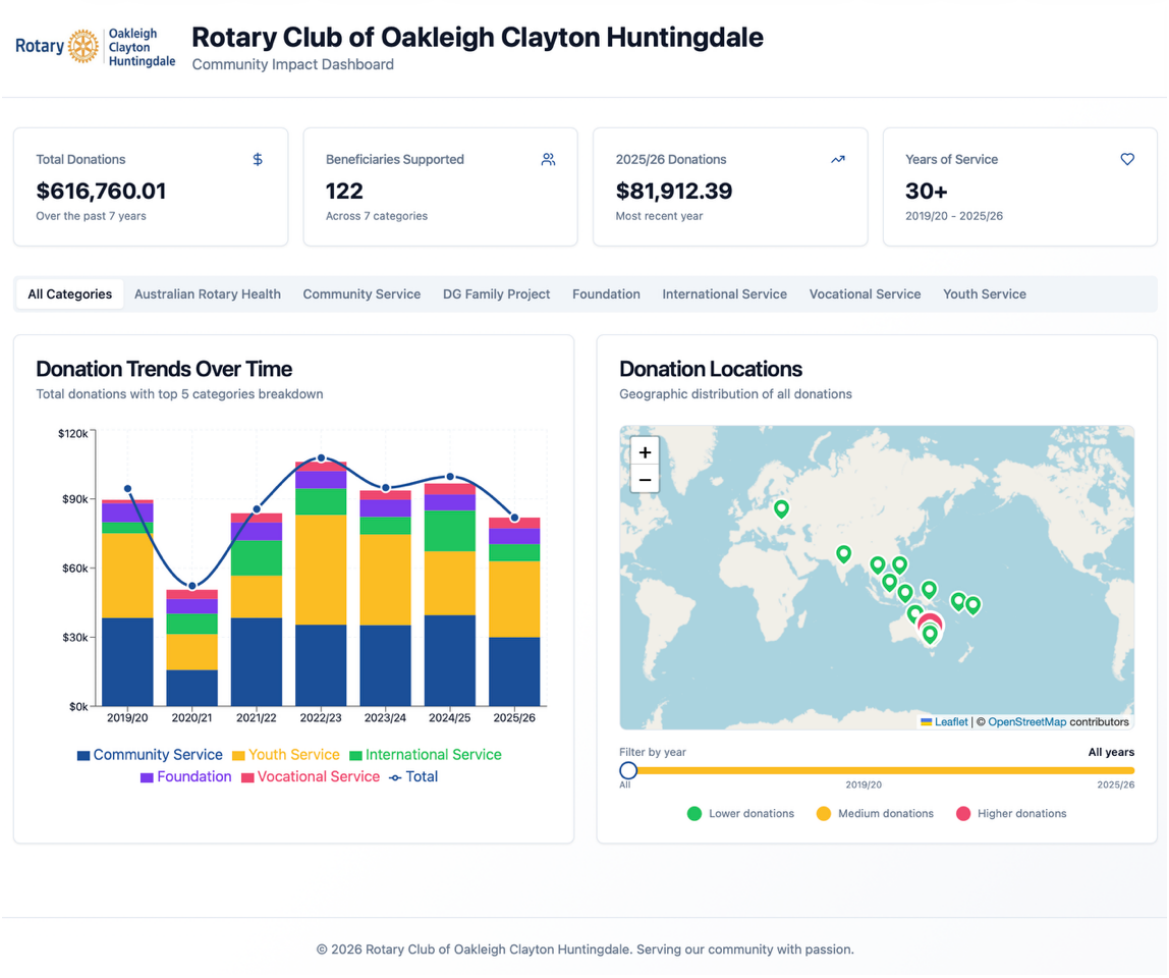
Not every member has made it to a Rotary International Convention. Then there's Madu Bishnu. The Kolkata, India, Rotarian has been to 29. Barcelona will be 30. "I just love coming to conventions," she says. "It's an addiction." What's she excited about for Spain? Flamenco. Paella. And catching up with Spanish Rotarian friends.

The 26-30 June convention in Barcelona will be the first in Europe since 2019 and the first in the Spanish city since 2002. And why not make it your first?

Another convention regular, Peter Lagarias of San Francisco (15 so far!), still remembers his first time, in Portland, Oregon, in 1990. Seeing members applauding for their countries during the opening parade of flags was "electric," he recalls.

What keeps him and others coming back? Experiencing the internationality of Rotary. Reuniting with friends — and making new ones — from around the world. Being surrounded by like-minded people of action. Finding inspiration from world-renowned speakers.

To read the full article **click here**



Click on the image for full detail