

ROTARY CLUB of OCH Inc.

District 9815 Victoria, Australia

Weekly Bulletin 2026-2027

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

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IMPACT**



12th October 2026

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Upcoming Club Program

Date	Speaker	Chairperson
12 th October	General Meeting at the Clayton Hotel. Guest Speakers are South Oakleigh College & Subject is MUNA and also Snr Sergeant Mark Rodgers	Sam Oddo
19 th October	Board Meeting (Via Zoom)	Richard Simmons
26 th October	General Meeting at the Clayton Hotel. Guest Speakers are the RYLA Leaders & the Subject is the RYLA Experience	Sam Oddo
2 nd November	No Club Meeting (Melbourne Cup Day Eve)	
9 th November	General Meeting at the Clayton Hotel. Guest Speaker is Stewart Richards (ex-Oakleigh Rotarian)	Sam Oddo
16 th November	Board Meeting (Via Zoom)	Richard Simmons
23 rd November	General Meeting at the Clayton Hotel, Guest Speakers are South Oakleigh College & Subject is RYPEN	Sam Oddo
30 th November	General Meeting at the Clayton Hotel. We will be holding our AGM	Richard Simmons
7 th December	General Meeting not in person but via Zoom Only.	Richard Simmons
14 th December	General Meeting at the Clayton Hotel. We will be holding our Xmas Party (More details to follow)	Sam Oddo
21 st December	Board Meeting (Via Zoom)	Richard Simmons



Website - <https://rotaryoch.org.au/home>

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

Tonight we welcome the students from South Oakleigh College who attended MUNA and Snr Sergeant Mark Rodgers.

The SOC students will be attending the market on the 18th to raise money and undertake some video for the promotion tape.

As the weather warms up the interest in the market stall has taken an upwards trend, this is co-ordinated with the council undertaking major works on the intersection of Atkinson / Atherton rds. Hopefully this will have minimal impact on the market.

We have another pamphlet drop being undertaken in the local area, this is a continuing effort to promote the market.

Coming up is the RYLA team on the 26th and our AGM on Nov 30th.
Yours in Rotary
Pres Richard



Last Meeting & Notes

Last Meeting (5th October):

Apologies = John Barnes & Greg Telley.

Make Ups = None.

Leave of Absence = None.

Visitors = None.

This week we held our monthly meeting on line via Zoom only.

Quick Recap of the Meeting

The meeting began with technical issues as Martha struggled to join from her tablet.

Richard opened the general meeting and noted that John Barnes was absent and also reported that the Rotaract Club raised \$1,124 at their market stall and thanked them for their efforts.

Richard raised concerns about market pack-up, noting that a power board and extension lead were left out and the iPad and FPOS machine were not properly charged or shut down.

Doug reported difficulties reconciling income reports from before and after October 1st due to system limitations. David and Richard discussed two proposed system updates from Patrick regarding insurance information capture and stall position notes, but expressed concerns about manual data entry and whether the updates would actually simplify the process.

Atul shared that he volunteered at a suicide prevention exhibition and was attending a Salvation Army meeting.

Luk returned from overseas and shared her experience participating in a breast cancer survivor regatta.

Doug reported that donations were made to Disaster Aid and the District Nepal Flood Relief Fund.

John noted a duplicate payment to MUNA and a refund issue for an NYSF applicant.

Richard shared a video about the history of the polio vaccine for Polio Awareness Month.

David mentioned upcoming council works on Atherton Road that would impact parking and the market sign. He also discussed the need for a risk management document and the progress of a

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.

promotional video for the market. The conversation ended with a brief discussion about market operations and the next meeting date.

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			1/10/2026					
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	Notes	Leader	SET-UP/Monitor		Main Gate	CASH/PACKUP		
18/10/2026		Lesley Zuccaro	Ralph Zuccaro	Orlando Green/ Atul	Saberon Family	Michael Ellinger	Marcus R	Barry Cronan
25/10/2026		David Whiting	Terry Elms	Arthur Athan	Teper Family	Sam Oddo	Bronwen Lamond	Steve Hill
1/11/2026		Doug Bowden	Atul G.	Peter Webb	Volunteer (Long Weekend)	Richard Simmons	Judy Hui	Byron Kyriakides
8/11/2026		John Bethune	Lucy S	Jon Briesch	Schaunt Family	Michael Ellinger	George Carydias	John Barnes
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		Rotaract	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.

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

Click on image for details

Rotaract at the Oakleigh Sunday Market – 4th October

Hi David and Richard,

Thank you so so much for allowing Rotaract to have a stall at your market last Sunday. We raised \$1,124.24 at our bake sale and we could not have done it without your support and your willingness to give us a venue. I am eternally grateful for your kindness and I hope you have a wonderful week ahead!

Kind Regards,
Ash Thomas

Upcoming Dates

Sunday 18th October 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 25th October 2026 – Oakleigh Rotary Sunday Market.

Sunday 1st November 2026 – Oakleigh Rotary Sunday Market.

Sunday 8th November 2026 – Oakleigh Rotary Sunday Market.

Sunday 15th November 2026 – Oakleigh Rotary Sunday Market.

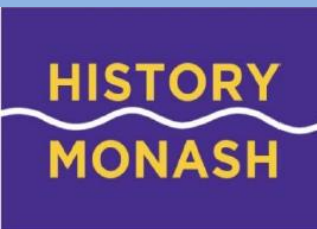
Monday 12th April 2027 – District Governor Club Visit (Partners Night)

Club Positions for 2026/27

President	Richard Simmons	(Board)
Vice President	TBA	(Board)
Past President	Steven Hill	(Board)
President Elect	Jon Breisch	(Board)

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Quick Links



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Club Protection Officer
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Sergeant at Arms

Robyn McNab (Board)
George Carydias (Board)
Atul Gupta (Board)
Doug Bowden (Board)
John Bethune (Board)
Peter Webb
Ralph Zuccaro (Board)
Byron Kyriakides (Board)
TBD
TBD
Luk (Judy) Hui
Richard Simmons
Sam Oddo
Michael Ellinger (Board)
Cess Hodges
Tom Buzza
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 Conference Newsletter - Friday Highlights

Hello everyone,

The excitement is building for the 2027 District 9815 Conference in the beautiful Hunter Valley! This year, your Conference experience begins before the official program gets underway, with a fantastic selection of activities planned for Friday 12 March.

Explore the stunning Hunter Valley Gardens and enjoy High Tea, visit award-winning Brokenwood Winery, spend the day touring local cellar doors, play a round of golf among the vines, or join in a fun and friendly game of pickleball.

Then, on Friday evening, you can relax poolside at Rotary Uncorked, featuring street food, wine tastings, music and plenty of opportunities to reconnect with friends and meet Rotarians from across the District.

Our latest Conference newsletter includes all the details you need to plan your Friday.

CLICK THE LINK BELOW:

[Conference Newsletter Friday Highlights](#)

Places for some activities are limited, so we encourage you to explore the options and book early. Make Friday your day to explore, connect and begin what promises to be a memorable Conference weekend.

We can't wait to welcome you to the Hunter Valley!

Warm regards,
Monique Smith and Wil Cornelissen
Co-Conference Chairs
Rotary District 9815 Conference 2027

2026 Council on Resolutions

Dear District 9815 Rotarians and Rotaractors, I am pleased to share that the 2026 Council on Resolutions resolutions are now available, and the commenting period is open. All Rotarians may read the published resolutions [here](#).

Special Announcements

27th October – Michael & Monica Ellinger Wedding Anniversary.

30th October – Steve & Josie Hill Wedding Anniversary.

- As District 9815 Council member, I may submit comments on up to three resolutions from **1 to 8 October. Comments can only be made by Council members:** These include representatives, the Council Operations Committee, the RI president, the RI president-elect, members of the RI Board, and one member of The Rotary Foundation Trustees. Comments do not need district approval and are considered the member's opinion.

If you have any comments on the published resolutions that you wish to bring to my attention, please email me directly linda.humphries@rotary9815.org.au so I can consider your views before the voting process begins on 15th October. The ballot will include each resolution along with any published comments. Representatives will cast their votes as they review each item by **31 October**.

Regards

Linda

PDG Linda Humphries

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Secretary 2026-2027

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

October is Mental Health Month – “Lift the Lid - Hat Day” - Australian Rotary Health

A focus on mental health research is a focus for my District Governor year, and in preparation for this month we are encouraging all Rotary Clubs and Rotaract Clubs across District 9815 to host a Lift the Lid - Hat Day at your club in October, in support of Australian Rotary Health's vital mental health and general health initiatives.

It's quite simple really, just allocate a club event, where all members are encouraged to wear a hat to participate. Hat Day is a fun and meaningful way to engage your members and raise awareness. Grab your quirkiest hat and rally your club members to make a small donation to ARH. For donations - ARH account details BSB: 112 879 Account: 065 433 595, Reference use: D9815 and your club name.

For more visit www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au

There are very few Rotarians / Rotaractors or their broader families and friends that are not impacted by Mental Illness in one way or another. It affects one in five Australians, and through Australian Rotary Health initiatives, we can help fund prevention, early intervention, and education programs that change lives.

You may have noticed something new about Australian Rotary Health. A fresh look, a clearer voice, the first signs of a new public face beginning to emerge. ARH is calling it -our "glow up". Over the past 6 months, ARH nationally, asked our club members, Rotarians, Rotaractors, ARH partners, and researchers, to tell us honestly where ARH is thriving and where we could be braver. So, more Australians can discover what you already know.

District 9815 ARH Committee; We are also looking to “glow up” our district ARH committee. The committee meets quarterly by Zoom and our mission is to work with clubs to strengthen the impact of Australian Rotary Health. If you have a few hours per month, a passion to work with other Rotarians and Rotaractors please Contact PDG Paul Mee -Director, Australian Rotary Health. M: 0466 208 577 E: paul.mee@rotary9815.org.au

Australian Rotary Health is a national program of Rotary and is one of the success stories of Rotary in Australia. Because of you, and your support, all Rotarians and Rotaractors can be very proud of ARH's achievements over the past 45 years over \$56M raised and invested in, 741 Research Grants and 874 Scholarships funded.

But there is still lots more we want to do.

Yours in Rotary,
Emma Clark
D9815 District Governor 2026/27

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.



The poster for the Hunter Valley Conference 2027 features the Rotary logo and a 'Challenge to Change' emblem. It announces the event at Rydges Resort Hunter Valley from 12-14 March 2027. A prominent banner states 'BOOKINGS OPEN 1ST AUGUST' and 'EARLY BIRD PRICING ENDS 31 DECEMBER 2026'. Three pricing tiers are listed: Full Conference Experience Early Bird at \$295, Conference Only Early Bird at \$195, and Gala Dinner Only Ticket Price at \$140. The poster also includes reasons to book early, travel information, and a QR code for booking.

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

Rotaract
Australia



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/>) on 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

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 Sunday school teacher was teaching her class about the difference between right and wrong.

"All right children, let's take another example," she said.

"If I were to get into a man's pocket and take his wallet with all his money, what would I be?"

Little Johnny raises his hand, and with a confident smile he blurts out, "You'd be his wife!"

Rotary International News

Picturing polio pioneer Dorothy Horstmann

For years, she stood in the shadow of great men like Salk and Sabin. Now she's ready for her close-up.

by Geoffrey Johnson

*"For one often catches a glimpse of them in the lives of the great, whisking away into the background, concealing, I sometimes think, a wink, a laugh, perhaps a tear."
—Virginia Woolf*

In the spring of 1944, even as a world war raged in Europe and Asia, a silent and unseen assailant crept into North Carolina's Catawba County. Its first reported victim was a 17-month-old blond girl from Hickory named Linda Kiser. After falling ill in early June, the girl had been rushed to the hospital in nearby Charlotte by the county's public health nurse.

On 7 June, a front-page headline in the Hickory Daily Record announced the dire diagnosis: POSSIBLE POLIO CASE TREATED.

It was in fact polio, and little Linda would not be the last case. In the weeks that followed, the illness spread from Catawba into neighboring counties, and children showing symptoms of polio inundated Charlotte Memorial Hospital and the North Carolina Orthopedic Hospital in Gastonia.

A coalition comprising medical caregivers, skilled craftsmen, community members, and even prison work gangs sprang into action. On 21 June, a children's summer health camp on Lake Hickory was evacuated, and its sole stone building was augmented by tents and hastily constructed buildings. A U.S. Army hospital donated dozens of cots and mattresses, and over three days, the Catawba County Health Camp was transformed into the Hickory Emergency Infantile Paralysis Hospital, accepting its first patients on 24 June.



Scenes from the polio hospital that miraculously sprang up overnight in Hickory.

Image credit: Alfred Eisenstaedt/The LIFE Picture Collection/Shutterstock

Ralph McDonald, state chairman of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis (later known as the March of Dimes) marveled at what had been accomplished in so short a time. "It is just about a

miracle the way the camp is being developed,” he said. “How it has been achieved, I don’t know,” added Stone Crane, an assistant disaster relief director for the American Red Cross. “But the hospital is there to speak for itself, well-staffed and functioning satisfactorily.”

Wanting to see this miracle for itself, Life magazine dispatched its star photographer, Alfred Eisenstaedt, to Hickory. In late July, 14 of Eisenstaedt’s dramatic black-and-white photos appeared in the large-format weekly magazine under the heading “Infantile Paralysis,” and it’s here we first catch sight of Dr. Dorothy Horstmann.

In the world of polio research, where the field is dominated by the names of two men — Jonas Salk and Albert Sabin — Horstmann’s name is little known outside the discipline’s coterie of cognoscenti. But without Horstmann’s breakthrough discovery about the manner in which the polio virus moves through the body to attack the central nervous system, there might never have been a polio vaccine.

In 1944, however, Horstmann had, at best, only a theory. To satisfy her medical peers, she had to first demonstrate the validity of that theory. Which is what brought her and two of her associates from the Yale School of Medicine to Catawba County.

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



Rotary Club of Oakleigh Clayton Huntingdale

Community Impact Dashboard

Total Donations



\$616,760.01

Over the past 7 years

Beneficiaries Supported



122

Across 7 categories

2025/26 Donations



\$81,912.39

Most recent year

Years of Service



30+

2019/20 - 2025/26

All Categories

Australian Rotary Health

Community Service

DG Family Project

Foundation

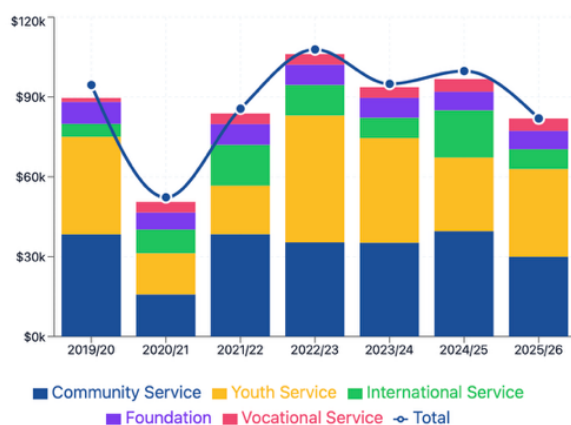
International Service

Vocational Service

Youth Service

Donation Trends Over Time

Total donations with top 5 categories breakdown



Donation Locations

Geographic distribution of all donations



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JACK ATTACK

FUN, FAST & FOR EVERYONE



Program details:

South Oakleigh Bowling Club : November 2026 - Games Start at 6:30pm
Friday 6th, Friday 13th, Friday 20th, Friday 27th
Contact Scott Taylor - 0417 862 582 to register your team

Jack Attack

- Fun, social and inclusive
- A flexible and short term commitment – ideal for busy lifestyles
- Play with a group of friends or join an existing team

