

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)

**CREATE
LASTING
IMPACT**



26th October 2026

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Upcoming Club Program

Date	Speaker	Chairperson
26 th October	General Meeting at the Clayton Hotel. Guest Speakers are the RYLA Leaders & the Subject is having 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
28 th December	No General Meeting this week due to the Christmas Break	
4 th January	No General Meeting this week due to the Christmas Break	



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

Sorry for the short report this week.

Tonight the team from RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) will give us a presentation on all the wonderful things that happened this year.

Next week is a week off due to Cup Day

Yours in Rotary
Pres Richard



Last Meeting & Notes

Last Meeting (19th October):

Apologies = Peter Webb, Luk (Judy) Hui, Robyn McNab Atul Gupta & George Carydias.

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



The Oakleigh Rotary Sunday Market Bookings are now online. Click Image above or scan the QR code below to make your booking



The Object of Rotary

1. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
2. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
3. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
4. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Oakleigh Rotary Market Roster

Attention all members as I am unable to perform my Market duties on the 8th November, I am looking for someone to take my place (Michael Ellinger) If you can fill the spot, please let myself or Richard know.

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		
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	Vacant	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	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



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

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

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 Cricket & Netball Club

COMMUNITY

Networking Event

NOV 22
11:30 AM
87-93 Drummond
Street Oakleigh

Join us for an exciting event

- Connect with local businesses
- Learn about redevelopment plans
- Barefoot bowls, BBQ & Bar

Introducing Special Guests

- Ray White Oakleigh
- Murrumbeena Community Bank
- Chadstone Toyota

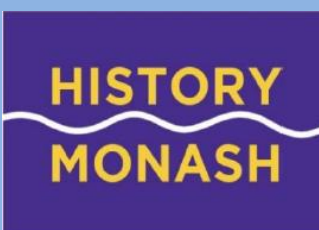
Register Now! oakleighcc.com.au oakleighcc@gmail.com

Community Service Recognised by City of Monash

City of Monash Mayor Stuart James recognised Rotary Oakleigh Clayton Huntingdale for its significant service to Community, along with a number of other Service Clubs, at a special recognition of Service Clubs and Award Recipients within Monash luncheon, held at Riversdale Golf Club on 20th October 2026

Our Club was represented by Atul Gupta & David Whiting, pictured below with Stuart James.

Quick Links



Upcoming Dates

Sunday 1st 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 8th November 2026 – Oakleigh Rotary Sunday Market.

Sunday 15th November 2026 – Oakleigh Rotary Sunday Market.

Sunday 22nd November 2026 – Oakleigh Rotary Sunday Market.

Sunday 29th 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	
Past President	Steven Hill	(Board)
President Elect	Jon Breisch	(Board)
Secretary	Robyn McNab	(Board)
Treasurer	George Carydias	(Board)
Community International	Atul Gupta	(Board)
New Generations	Doug Bowden	(Board)
Vocational Foundation	John Bethune	(Board)
Data / Tech	Peter Webb	(Board)
Club Protection Officer	Ralph Zuccaro	(Board)
Membership / Club Service	Byron Kyriakides	(Board)
PR / Fundraising	TBD	
Market Manager	TBD	
Programme	Luk (Judy) Hui	
Bulletin	Richard Simmons	
Rotaract	Sam Oddo	
	Michael Ellinger	(Board)
	Cess Hodges	

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

Special Announcements

27th October – Michael & Monica Ellinger Wedding Anniversary.

30th October – Steve & Josie Hill Wedding Anniversary.

On to Conference
Sergeant at Arms

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

September–October edition of 9815 IMPACT is out now

Hi everyone,

The September–October edition of 9815 IMPACT is out now: <https://canva.link/distinct9815sept-oct>

This edition celebrates our quiet achievers and the big causes of September and October. It also covers World Polio Day, RYPEN, Interact, the Club Spotlight on Sale, the 2027 Ride for Medical Research and DG Emma's invitation to the Hunter Valley conference.

For the best experience, view it full screen and use the arrows to turn the pages. Please share it with friends and anyone who might like to join Rotary, and give us a Like and Share on Facebook.

Greg Adams
Editor, 9815 IMPACT

D9815 Special Announcement

Heartfelt congratulations, PDG Tony, on your prestigious appointment as a Rotary Foundation Trustee! A richly deserved honour recognising your outstanding leadership and dedication to Rotary. District 9815 Rotarians are absolutely thrilled for you!

<https://my.rotary.org/en/events-and-connections/announcements/2026/announcement>

Regards

Emma Clark
District Governor
PP PHF Rotary Club of Emerald & District Inc.
Rotary District 9815

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

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](#).

- 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

Rotary Inverloch

Council on Legislation

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

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.

HUNTER VALLEY CONFERENCE 2027
RYDGES RESORT HUNTER VALLEY
12-14 MARCH 2027

BOOKINGS OPEN 1ST AUGUST

EARLY BIRD PRICING ENDS 31 DECEMBER 2026

BOOK EARLY & SAVE

SAVE \$\$\$	SAVE \$\$\$	SAVE \$\$\$
FULL CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE EARLY BIRD \$295 After 31 Dec: \$345	CONFERENCE ONLY EARLY BIRD \$195 After 31 Dec: \$225	GALA DINNER ONLY TICKET PRICE \$140 After 31 Dec: \$175

WHY BOOK EARLY?

- Save on registration**
Keep more in your pocket with Early Bird pricing.
- Plan together**
Organise your Club group and make a weekend of it.
- More than a Conference**
Speakers, ideas, connection and Hunter Valley fun.
- A weekend to remember**
Enjoy adventures, Rotary-themed and Snowflake.

TRAVEL MADE EASY
Bus transfers provided for Newcastle Airport and Friday activities.

MAKE IT A CONFERENCE. MAKE IT A HOLIDAY.

BOOK FROM 1ST AUGUST
rotary9815.org.au/book1st4thmarch2027

Volunteer Youth Forms

"All members - following up on working with children checks – it is imperative that all members who may come in contact – even incidental - with children (those under 18) have a working with children's card (WWC) – most members have one but for those that do not could you apply for one ASAP and advise Michael once its received. It costs nothing to apply for a card as a volunteer – you can apply using this link [Working with Children Check \(service.vic.gov.au\)](http://Working with Children Check (service.vic.gov.au))

Now for the additional requirement of a Form 3 – as explained by the District Youth Chair – Ken Mirams – this is an additional requirement imposed by both the Victorian Government, Rotary International and for insurance purposes. The Form 3 is an extra check particularly for those situations where you may at any time be in a one-on-one situation with a child (anyone under 18), in those cases you must have both the WWC card and a completed Form 3.

Trust that this clarifies – incidental contact with children (not one on one) a WWC check is sufficient – in situations where you will or may be one on one then a Form 3 must be completed. Of course, logistically it makes planning a lot easier if we all have both the WWC card and a Form 3"

Upon completion, please send the form to me.

Regards:
Robyn McNab
Secretary (2025-26)
Rotary Club Oakleigh Clayton Huntingdale Inc

Rotaract Club of Monash



Club Meeting Details:

The Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the Month at 7:00pm 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](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

Charley was a new retiree greeter at a large superstore, but he just couldn't seem to get to work on time.

Every day he was 5, 10, 15 minutes late. But he was a good worker, really tidy, clean shaven, sharp minded and a real credit to the company. Quite obviously he illuminated their 'Older Person Friendly' policies.

One day the boss called him into the office for a talk. "Charley, I have to tell you, I like your work ethic, you do a bang up job, but you being late so often is quite bothersome."

"Yes, I know boss, and I am working on it." "Well good, you are a team player. That's what I like to hear. It's odd though, you're coming in late. I know you're retired from the Navy. What did they say if you came in late there?"

"They said, 'Good morning, Admiral. Coffee this morning, Sir?'"

Rotary International News

Cross-generational club in Barcelona feels like extended family

by Hannah Shaw

In the heart of Barcelona's Eixample district, students spill out of ornate school doors and young professionals move along broad, tree-lined avenues as scooters, buses, cars, and a sea of pedestrians flow past. Since it sprang into existence after the removal of Barcelona's medieval walls in the 1850s, the Eixample (literally, "Expansion") has been at the center of Barcelona's experiments in urban planning. It's been a place to create flourishing community-centered neighborhoods without class divisions, a place where all kinds of people come together in shared spaces.

True to that spirit, the members of the Rotary Club of Barcelona-Diagonal are focused on building bridges between generations to preserve the area's Rotary clubs as vibrant hubs of service, ideas, and connection for their communities. Through scholarships, Interact and Rotaract clubs, summer camps, exchanges, and mentoring, the Barcelona-Diagonal club has spent years building connections with young people.

At the center of many of those efforts is Fernando Plaza, a pediatrician who has worked with youth programs since joining Rotary in 2008. "For our future in Rotary," he says, "we have to work with young people and bring them into our clubs."

Plaza serves as an adviser to an Interact club at a German-language school in Barcelona and regularly encourages fellow members to start other youth programs. There are now five Interact clubs in District 2202, and two new Rotaract clubs were chartered this year.



Members of the Rotary Club of Barcelona-Diagonal, including Marisa Caparrós and Fernando Plaza, amplify their impact by building bridges across generations with Rotaractors and others. "The young people need mentors," Plaza says. "And we need their ideas."

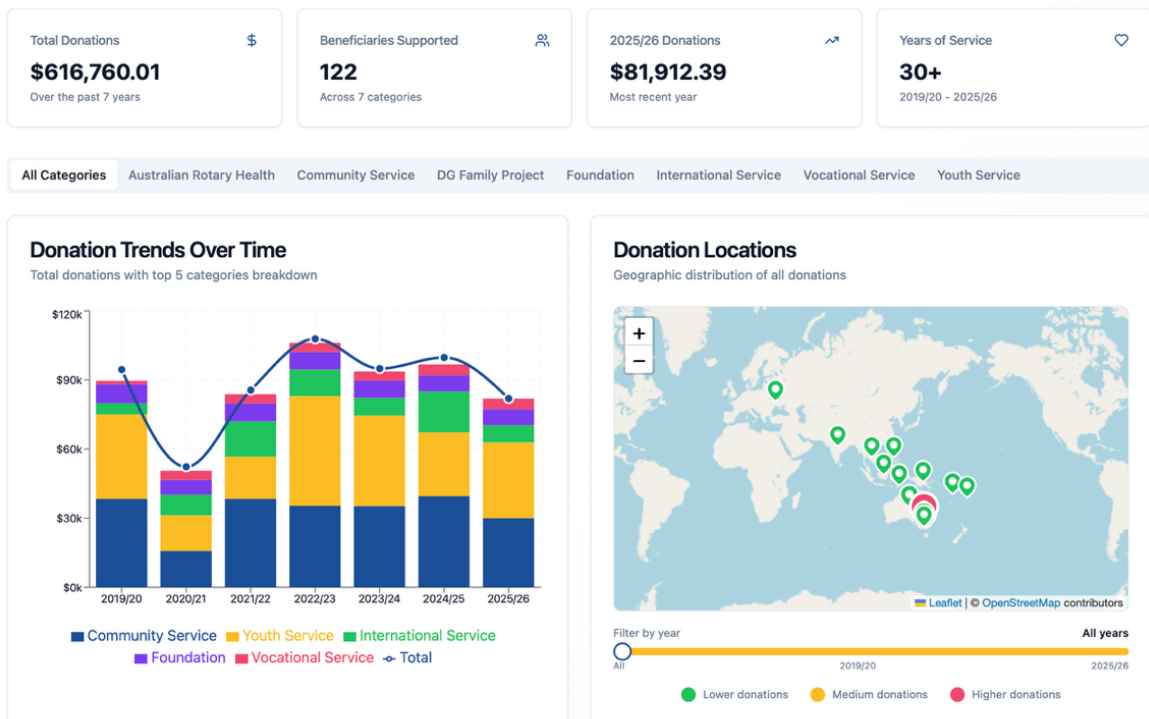
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To read the full article [click here](#)



Rotary Club of Oakleigh Clayton Huntingdale

Community Impact Dashboard



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

Please join us for a...



Garden

Soirée

Celebrating the Official Launch of
Recycled Sound Reimagined Hearing Aid Bank

Saturday
November
7

LXD
Lounge

Chadstone Tower, 1 Ground
Floor/1341 Dandenong Rd,
Chastinae Vic 3148

Doors open 10am

Start time: 10:15am
End time: 12:00pm

Tickets: \$75 p/p
VIP Tickets: \$90 p/p incl
handmade head-piece

Hosted by Rotary Club of Springvale City

A community driven project to collect, restore, refit and reconnect.

Because good hearing technology
should not go to waste while people go unheard.

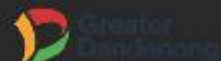
Drink and light refreshments included

Contact: seray.lim@rotaryspringvalecity.org.au

minh.le@rotaryspringvalecity.org.au

Angelina: 0402 168 935 or Cathy: 0422 175 470

RSVP: 24th October 2026



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

