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United Voices

Offical newsletter of
District Governor Emma Davis

As we move into Autumn and the end of March, we celebrate Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) Month.It's timely that the fire response is ready for a stage two of the Tankful of Hope program, with action rippling into the District areas. If there remain any clubs interested, the District disaster account assist this important work, BSB 633000, Account 144191087, please reference your club name in the description. For individuals that would like to make a tax deductable donation, please do so on this RAWCS link; Bushfire Appeal - 32-2023-24.

The service roadshow continues with Broadmeadows and Craigieburn International evening and a couple of weeks later the Broadmeadows youth night featuring the National Youth Science program and RYLA Elevate. An Albury Wodonga Sunrise Service visit, with partnering border clubs, for the two days of the Science and Engineering Challenge for primary and secondary school days with 500 students. Onto the Numurkah Art Show to welcome the community on arrival. This week we had the ride to Conference meeting at Seymour, with the ride team supporting the Australian Rotary Health Indigenous Health Scholar, reported further in the next edition with all things Conference wrap up.

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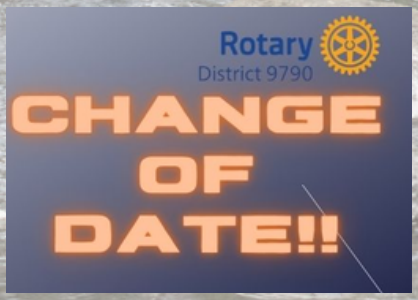
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Cover: Students at the Albury West Sunrise Science and Engineering Challenge (image courtesy Emma Davis).

DG's Column (continued)

In terms of special events and meetings the Wangaratta Turf club was full of club and District guests and supporters for the e-Club of Change Makers 10th Birthday. This is one of our strongest clubs, and the speeches and energy show us why, Congratulations!

Our Foundation chair PDG Patti, Grants lead Clive and I spent a weekend in Sydney for the Zone Foundation event, with a refresher and positive learning environment. The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service recognises individual Rotarians who demonstrated outstanding service to our Foundation. Each year, districts can nominate one member to honour their commitment, enthusiasm, and passion for these ideals. It was with great pleasure that on behalf of The Rotary Foundation Trustees, with Trustee Dennis in the room I announced the award to our Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator PDG David Anderson of Yea Rotary, District 9790. We truly value and appreciate Davids enthusiastic service to the Foundation, congratulations on receiving this prestigious honour David.

We recently celebrated a belated Deniliquin 75th Charter Birthday celebration in a relaxed and friendly event. Well done to the organising team and President Iain for this milestone.

I offered a President, RCL and DG check in which was well received for an update and informal chat. The Zone class catch ups continue as do the 'engaging' Regional Council Engagement sessions. There was another round of Committee of Finance and Committee of Management which reminds the team of all our achievements this year.I take a moment to thank the team that are passionate about their portfolios, and provide me with support this year too.

As I write this article I am working alongside Grant Godino for our upcoming Council of Governors lunch and the Connection, Community, Courage conference in Pentridge. I know that we will give you a full brief in the next edition, and look forward to sharing a summary and photos of our weekend with you all.

Thank you again for all you do, as together we Unite for Good for District 9790 and our community.

David Anderson's Rotary Foundation Citation Award



Change Makers 10th Anniversary







Broadmeadows International evening with chair Bipan



Albury West Sunrise Science and Engineering Challenge









DG's Column (continued)

Numurkah Art show





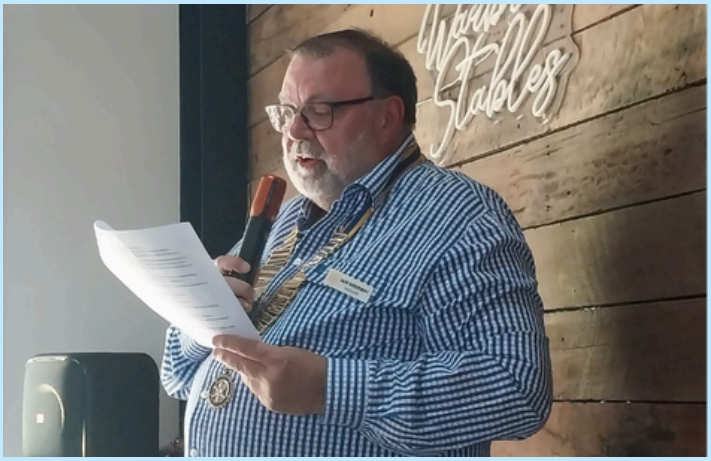
Broadmeadows youth Levi and Finn





Deniliquin's 75th anniversary









Rotary District 9790 UNITE FOR GOOD

"Let's Talk About the Elephant in the Room"

Mental health is part of everyone's story. It affects our families, our workplaces, and our communities. Yet, it's often the topic we avoid. This year, we're inviting you to help change that.

Our 2025/2026 District Project, "Let's Talk About the Elephant in the Room," is about bringing mental health into the open—where it belongs. We're focusing on education, early intervention, and community support through Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training.

MHFA is an internationally recognised, evidence-based program developed by two proud Rotarians—Betty Kitchener AM and Professor Tony Jorm. Their work has empowered millions of people around the world to:
- **Recognise signs of mental health challenges**
- **Offer early support and guidance**
- **Respond effectively in crisis situations**
- **Reduce stigma and build more inclusive communities**

This project reflects Rotary's commitment to creating lasting change—in ourselves, in our communities, and across the globe. By supporting MHFA training, we're investing in the wellbeing of our members and the people we serve.

How Your Club Can Help

We're asking clubs across District 9790 to consider making a financial contribution to support this initiative. All funds raised will be used locally to train Rotarians and community members within our District.

Donation Details:
Bank Transfer
BSB: 633000
Account: 212254981
Reference: club MHFA
(Please do not include "Rotary Club of" in the reference)
Credit Card donations are also accepted.

We'll be sharing stories and updates throughout the year to highlight the impact of your support. Together, we can give mental health a name, a voice, and a very loud trumpet.

Let's lead the way—because when we talk about the elephant in the room, we help others find the courage to speak too.
Thank you for your support and commitment to making a difference.

E. Davis.

DG Emma Davis

Let's Talk About the Elephant in the Room

District Governor Emma's 2025-26 District Project

Mental health affects us all —but it's often ignored. Let's change that.

Support Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) Training

Developed by Betty Kitchener AM and Prof. Tony Jorm, MHFA is an evidence-based Rotary program that helps people:

- Recognise signs of mental health issues
- Offer early support
- Respond in crises
- Reduce stigma

All funds stay local to support training in our District.



Donate Today

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District 9790

PELDS 2026 in. Shepparton - DGE Paul Miegel





The Parklake Resort in Shepparton was the venue for the district's Presidents Elect to come together to learn about their roles for the 2026-27 Rotary year, engage and get to know their classmates and, learn about the various areas of the districts focus from incoming District Governor Paul Miegel.



There were some light-hearted moments with interactive trivia questions about all things Rotary before the serious business of the roles and responsibilities of being a Club President. Attendees were shown how to enter goals in Rotary Club central via a video by Trudy Grice from the RISPPO office in Norwest. Meredith Miegel and Bruce McIntyre delivered a thought-provoking session on Youth Protection and took the attendees through the first module of the volunteer training program.

District Governor Elect Paul then outlined his aims and goals for the year including a message from incoming Rotary International President Olayinka Babalola. The social evening was highlighted by extensive conversations between the attendees as they swapped ideas and experiences and extended the scope of their Rotary network.





Sunday began with more Rotary trivia before attendees benefited from a session on intentional leadership from Carol O'Connell, a session on ClubRunner from PDG Stephen O'Connell and an update on the District Membership Action Plan from membership co-chairs PDG Stephen and Carol O'Connell. District trainer PDG Terry Grant and DGE Paul were both delighted with the engagement of those that attended and the positive attitude that everyone bought to the event.

Thanks go to the Rotary club of Shepparton for a fantastic job of feeding everyone for breakfast and lunch in the park.

Rotary e-Club of Change Makers Celebrates 10 Years of Innovation and Impact



The Rotary e-Club of Change Makers recently celebrated its 10-year Charter Anniversary with a special luncheon in Wangaratta, bringing together members, partners and Rotary leaders to reflect on a decade of service, innovation and global collaboration.

Held in the Oaks Room at the Wangaratta Turf Club, the event attracted around 60 guests including District Governor Emma Davis, past District Governors, local civic leaders and members joining both in person and online — a fitting reflection of the club's hybrid and globally connected nature.

The celebration highlighted the remarkable journey of the club, which was originally formed by 16 founding Rotarians who believed that Rotary could adapt to changing lifestyles while remaining true to its mission of service. The founding members recognised that distance should not limit service and that technology could enable Rotarians to collaborate across regions and countries.
President Susan Benedyka reflected on the club's growth and philosophy: "Our founders believed connection could transcend geography and that Rotary could honour tradition while embracing innovation," she said.

Today, the club truly lives that vision. Members meet online and collaborate across Australia and internationally, working together on projects that deliver real outcomes in communities locally and around the world.

Projects Driving Change
The anniversary event showcased a range of projects led by members, demonstrating the club's strong focus on action and impact.
Among those highlighted were initiatives supporting:

- efforts to end trachoma in remote Australia
- education programs in Sri Lanka
- clean water and sanitation projects in Cambodia
- the innovative Teacher in a Box program, which provides an offline digital library of educational resources now used in 29 countries.

This project-focused approach is central to the club's identity. Rather than asking people simply to attend meetings, the club encourages community leaders and professionals who are already active in projects to connect with Rotary and scale their impact.
"We ask people with projects how Rotary can help them," Ms Benedyka explained. "It's about supporting people who are already making a difference."

A Growing Global Network
The Rotary e-Club of Change Makers has experienced significant growth in recent years. Membership now exceeds 40 members, more than doubling in the past 12 months, making it one of the fastest-growing clubs in District 9790 and across the Rotary South Pacific Zone.
Members come from across Australia and internationally, including Papua New Guinea, Cambodia, Japan and Switzerland, and the club also maintains a sister club connection in Sri Lanka.
President-Elect Clark Fletcher noted that the club's flexible model is one of the reasons for its success.
"We're project-based rather than meeting-based," he said. "We meet online for one hour, 25 times a year, making it easy for busy people to stay engaged and contribute."

Recognising Service
A highlight of the anniversary celebration was the presentation of a Paul Harris Fellowship to club member Heather Redmond, recognising her outstanding service to Rotary and the community.
District Governor Emma Davis described the honour as Rotary's way of acknowledging those who embody the spirit of its founder, Paul Harris.
"We thank Heather for her contributions and dedication to helping others," she said.
Heather reflected on her Rotary journey, noting that the projects she has been involved in have not only helped others but have also been personally rewarding.
"There are so many interesting things you can do through Rotary," she said.

Looking Ahead
The anniversary event also included the induction of two new members, Vani Laupaama from Whorouly and Makhdoom Bhatti, a founding member rejoining the club from the Northern Territory.
As the club enters its second decade, the focus remains firmly on expanding its impact through collaboration, innovation and service.
With its growing global membership, strong project pipeline and commitment to new ideas, the Rotary e-Club of Change Makers continues to demonstrate how Rotary can evolve while staying true to its core purpose — people of action creating positive change in communities around the world.

Susan Benedyka
E-club of Changemakers



An Adventure to Make a Difference



Planning is well underway for the second District 9790 ‘Partners in Education’ trip to Siem Reap, Cambodia, scheduled for January 17 to 28, 2027. This upcoming journey builds on the momentum of our highly successful 2025 trip, which brought together a team of dedicated volunteers and received strong backing from clubs across the district, including Ivanhoe, Pascoe Vale, Rutherglen, Bellbridge Lake Hume, Moreland, Eltham, and Heidelberg.

In collaboration with the Rotaract Club of Siem Reap, the 2025 project made a tangible impact, supplying 41 bicycles and 50 classroom desks to a rural school, 120 solar lights for home study, a village street library, boxes of teaching resources, and support for English language education. The team also provided 10 refurbished laptops to scholarship students from the Cambodia Rural Student Trust, who are currently undergraduates at Paññāsāstra University of Cambodia. Volunteers participated in a diverse range of activities, including teaching, organising sports, offering computer tuition, planting trees, and even building a house.

Lisa Wait
Ivanhoe Rotary



Benalla Rotary Club – Supporting community beyond the fires

It was a very hot and windy day on Thursday 18th December in Goomalibee, a small country town with 100 residents on the outskirts of Benalla. An email was sent to the club. A fire had started and could we come out immediately and feed the firefighters? Rotarians quickly called around and we responded to the call.

Food followed our bright blue rotary bbq, the local butcher ensuring we had enough meat, bakeries and other businesses lending a hand. The businesses ensured we had supplies at all hours of the day and night. Helpers and Rotarians made their way to the meeting point, with road closures and detours.

For the first 7 hours we supplied BBQ and salads to the hot and exhausted fire fighters. Rotarians returned the following morning at 7.30 am as the fire was still not under control to feed the crew's breakfast. More members and community volunteers returned on a very hot 40-degree day to feed the weary crew's lunch and dinner on the Friday 19th.

The fire eventually was under control after burning approx. 1,600 hectares. One home was lost, countless farm properties affected with crops, hay, fencing and sheds lost. Five fire trucks were damaged. We returned to Benalla and as a club wondered what we could do to help moving forward now that the initial emergency was over.

We held a meeting, discussed what worked and what didn't and reflected on what we had learnt from this experience. We developed procedures, who to call for volunteers, supplies and what to do and what to collect from the shed to attend this sort of emergency call out. We created a What's app group set up with all club members so that messages could be sent quickly in an emergency when volunteers are required. We reviewed our insurance. We prepared for future events.

BlazeAid quickly rallied once the initial danger had passed and developed a camp at the Goomalibee fire shed. Initially Benalla Lions Club were involved in providing dinners for the crews 3 nights per week. Rotary joined their efforts catering for 2 nights per week. Our relationship with the Lions club has always been great and we worked together to keep the food coming. Once again the members were called upon to assist.













Images (clockwise from the top)
1. Rotarians Hans Dartmann, Noel Hutchens, Jen Bickerdike feeding the Blaze Aid crew
2. The local fire truck. Our food coordinators – Jen Bickerdike & Hans Dartmann
3. Sunday at the fire
4. Saturday at the fire
5. Sunday at the fire - CFA26
6. Sunday at the fire – Rotarians Jen Bickerdike and Pres Di Murphy & a community member

Benalla Rotary Club – Supporting community beyond the fires













We created a menu and had an overwhelming response with donations and supply of meals or ingredients. The menu varied from casserole, lasagna, curried sausages and roast meats with salads and hot vegetables. Sweets included apple pies and crumble and fruit salad with cream and ice cream. Meals were cooked at Rotarians homes and transported the 12km out of town for serving as facilities were very limited. Leftovers were always left for BlazeAid members to utilise for lunch or for nights when they supplied their own meals. BlazeAid members were always very thankful and often praised the quantity of the meals supplied. Rotarians also assisted BlazeAid with fencing work during this time. We cooked until they needed us no longer, in total cooking for 6 weeks.

The residents of Goomalibee decided to create an event to thank all those who assisted. Dedicated locals organised and the community answered. As a club working on those initial days of the emergency we learned first-hand the difficulties the firefighters faced, old equipment, no air conditioning and generally a lack of resources. We decided to do more. We made donations towards the event which was attended by our members and to the Goomalibee fire station. A local business owner and Rotarian came up with the idea of supplying work boots for the families affected. Vouchers were sent to those affected and were gratefully received. We have received letters of thanks from the residents of Goomalibee who appreciated all who assisted. As one resident said in her letter to the club;
“When you go through something like we did with the Goomalibee fires it certainly puts a few things into perspective … what’s important in life,… the individuals (family, friends & strangers) who stand with you to aid in recovery and support you though it all whilst you try to find the energy, courage and a point to re-start. Please keep up the great work and again thank you for your support.”

We will continue to support Goomalibee residents and are now busy planning our next fundraiser a trivia night with proceeds to go to the Benalla and surrounding rural fire brigades

Kellee Middeleton
Benalla Rotary

Images (clockwise from the top):
1. Workboots voucher
2. Rotarian Peter Davis and Pres Di Murphy with the boots
3. Kelly Macnamara, Peter Davis and Hans Dartmann at the thank you event
4. Thank you event 14/2/26
5. Noel Hutchens, Jen Bickerdike, Hans Dartmann
6 . The thank you event 14/2/26

One little experiment



Little experiment.
This was an idea presented by Stephen and Carol O'Connell at PELDS in February. They said membership is an opportunity to try just one little experiment which would make your club something new members would like to join. Those Rotarians present came up with lots of ideas and here's a few to get you going.

Change your approach to advertising and marketing.
Yea Rotary Club produced a storyboard which is now on show in the local real estate agent's office window. Another club updated their brochures and made sure they were in all the businesses in town.

Have a look at Kinglake Ranges website and their social media which has improved drastically over the last few months.(2)

and finally,using local radio has
encouraged people to come to Rotary events where they asked to be put to work and enjoyed the experience. (2 Alexandra)

First impressions - working together seems to be the draw card at the moment versus meetings which are not that exciting.
Meetings are considered a waste of time and so could be made very short.
Another factor with a meeting is the cost of a dinner and so maybe have the option of dinner beforehand followed by the actual meeting.

Who meets your visitors and looks after them?
Drinks and interesting conversation are a must. (3)

What type of club experience are you offering?
What happens if you get rid of the 'head table'?
Are meetings held via ZOOM? (14 Changemakers)
Do meetings vary from business through social events and vocational.
visits?

Do you put an A frame sign outside the venue where your club is meeting (2 Benalla)
What happens if you seek out potential members for their specific skills?
What happens if members are asked to invite friends and family to social events?

Does your club follow up on all those people who have shown interest in what Rotary are doing? It could simply be a phonecall or emailing the club's relevant Bulletin.

One little experiment like the ideas coming from PELDS could boost your membership. And there's lots more where they came from. Contact your District Membership team!

Penny Paxman
D9790 Membership Committee







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Rotary District 9790 | rotary youth exchange

BUSH DANCING AND FOOD - OUR INBOUND STUDENTS HAVING FUN



I experienced doing bush dance. We danced it at my first host mom's 80th birthday party. I'm glad that I was able to experience very Aussie culture!

Ann Kurosaki, from Japan
Hosted by the RC of Mooroopna

My cultural sharing was through the food. With my host mom we cooked a 'boeuf bourguignon' and some 'mousse au chocolat' as a dessert. I am also sharing this with my food tech teacher at school who planned to do a French meal for my last day of school in Australia.



Pierre Mary, from France Hosted by the RC of Mooroopna.

Rotary District 9790

rotary youth exchange

PARIS!!

Bonjour Linda!

I would like to tell you about my greatest adventure so far - my trip to Paris. I have always wanted to go to Paris ever since I was a little girl. My grandmother would tell me about her Parisian adventures and I would smile and wonder what it would be like to walk those streets, gaze in wonder at those churches and gape at the Eiffel Tower. When I arrived in Paris it didn't quite set in that I was there - it was so surreal I thought it was fake!





My host family first took me to Sacre-Coeur, in Monmatre. When I got out of the metro tears immediately sprung to my eyes, I had arrived in Paris. We immediately started walking and my host mum bought me a croissant. I ate it whilst walking up the steps of Sacré-Cœur, a truly out of body experience. My favourite part was going to the top of the church and looking out over Paris. That was the first time I had ever seen the Eiffel Tower, and let me tell you I was shocked. I immediately turned away and cried. My host parents were looking at me like I had just grown another head! It was a truly gratifying and indescribable experience. We then went to the streets of Monmatre, where the artists paint portraits on the street. I want to set the scene, a town square in Paris, cafes with outside dining lining the street, music coming from the restaurants, the slight smell of cigarettes and wine lingering in the air, men and women walking hand in hand in the most fashionable clothes I have ever seen, and a true display of the heart of Paris in front of me; art. That was a moment I will never forget, it was the encapsulation of the spirit of not only Paris but France unfolding right before my eyes.



The second day we went to an agricultural expo in Paris. We were there for 7 hours, and I tried all of the tastes of France, from the north to the south if there was a cheese from that region I tried it! I was unable to eat anything for a day after that, I was too full! And then my host family took me to the Tuileries Gardens at sunset. It was a picturesque view of the Eiffel Tower. I called my grandmother and we cried together at how magnificent Paris is. We stayed there for a while whilst I tried to soak in my surroundings (I failed, I never was completely able to comprehend Paris' beauty). We then walked down the Champs-Elysees! Holy moly that was just incredible. All of those luxury stores, all the beautiful buildings. Just so surreal (if you were wondering I cried there too). And then I saw L'arc de Triomphe! It is enormous, so much bigger than what I anticipated. And the intricacies on it is just incredible, the depictions of war. And all of the names, the tomb of the unknown soldier made me tear up. It was very serene there, even though we were in the middle of about 800 cars it felt like the world had fallen silent.



(To be concluded in the April edition)

DISTRICT CHANGEOVER - CHANGE OF DATE



Please note that the date of the District changeover at the Wangaratta Turf Club has been changed.

The changeover will now be held on Sunday 12th July 2026.

Booking link will be added at a later date.

Rotary District 9790

ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a dynamic program that inspires club members to lead with purpose and passion. Since 1992, RLI has helped Rotarians grow personally and professionally while unlocking the full potential of Rotary service beyond their clubs.



Level 1

Kickstart your new members' Rotary journey with our immersive 4-hour orientation. They'll dive into our global community and master hands-on tips to navigate Rotary's vast network. With this foundation, they'll connect, contribute, and lead with confidence.

1 x 4-hour workshop - $15

- 25 and 26 Feb 2026 - 6pm-8.30pm
- 16 May 2026 - 9am-1pm



Level 2

Rotarians with 12+ months' service and a spark for leadership—this is your moment. Join our program to master Rotary's mission and volunteer-driven leadership skills. Step forward ready to inspire change in your club and beyond.

Multiple sessions, 10 hrs in total - $30

- 3-4 and 10-11 September 2025 - 6pm-8.30pm
- 8 and 15 March 2026 - 9am-3pm

Level 3

Seasoned Rotarians: join our graduate-level leadership program. Master advanced techniques, tackle real-world challenges, and engage in peer mentoring to amplify your Rotary impact.

1 x 6-hour workshop - $15

- 12 October 2025 - 9am-3pm
- 22 and 23 April 2026 - 6pm-9pm

All sessions via zoom

FOR MORE INFO : HTTP://BIT.LY/4ONQGPG

VICTORIAN ROTARY EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMUNITY AWARDS

NOMINATIONS ACCEPTED 1st MARCH – 30th APRIL



Recognise the outstanding community service of paid and volunteer members of Victorian Emergency Services.

Emergency Service Personnel can be nominated by colleagues, family and members of the community or community groups.

Start your nomination at

https://www.vic.rescawards.org.au/

All Victorian Emergency Service agencies are eligible.

Vic RESCA also supports ESF scholarships.

Vic RESCA is proud to have the patronage of the Governor of Victoria, Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Margaret Gardner AC

Rotary Districts of Victoria | Emergency Services Community Awards



Table Top Mountain Charity Walk

9:00am Sunday 19th April 2026

A Memorial Cairn was erected in 2024 to commemorate a visit by Hamilton Hume and William Hovell in November 1824

This year walkers can add a small commemorative stone to the Memorial Cairn upon arrival the top of Table Top Mountain

Directions: About 40 minute drive from Albury. Turn right on the Olympic Highway at the Peregrines Reception Centre sign. NO DOGS.
https://www.peregrines.com.au/location

Participation Entry Charges

$50 per car, $100 per mini-bus, $200 per coach
Walkers will receive a Sunshine Ribbon and a Certificate of Achievement

BBQ / Sausage Sizzle outside Reception Centre after the Walk

Learn more here >

All funds raised will benefit Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Trust

Rotary Club of Albury North

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Appin Park Wangaratta

INVITES FELLOW ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

TO THE

ANNUAL GROUP 7 REMEL 185 DINNER

WEDNESDAY 22ND APRIL 2026

6 FOR 6.30PM

REMEL 185
399 WHOROULY RD, WHOROULY

GUEST SPEAKER: HARRY HILDEBRAND

RSVP - Monday 13th April
bushydinning@gmail.com

Enquiries: Geoff Dinning - 0418 530 242

Cost $50 per person

Payment by direct deposit:
Rotary Club Appin Park Wangaratta
BSB: 633 000
Acc: 222 274 409
REF: Club and Surname

ROTARY CALENDAR

Visit this calendar throughout the year to find award nomination due dates and convention and event information. Develop meeting agendas, projects, or public image campaigns based on these special occasions. All dates are subject to change.

Rotary Months

March 2026
Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month
World Rotaract Week is celebrated Monday through Sunday during the week of 13 March, Rotaract's anniversary
31 March — Preregistration discount ends for the Rotary International Convention

April 2026
Environmental Month
30 April — Rotary International Convention registrations and ticket cancellations are due

May 2026
Youth Service Month

June 2026
13-17 June — Rotary International Convention, Taipei, Taiwan
30 June — Club Excellence Award nominations are due

District Dates and Deadlines

31 May Committee of Management meeting

13 - 17 June Rotary International Convention 2026 Taipei

12 July District Changeover Wangaratta

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

TAIPEI, TAIWAN | 13-17 JUNE 2026

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REGISTRATION CATEGORY	21-25 JUNE 2025	26 JUNE 2025 TO 15 DECEMBER 2025	16 DECEMBER 2025 TO 31 MARCH 2026	1 APRIL 2026 TO 17 JUNE 2026
Club member, nonmember, or guest, age 31 or over	$395	$475	$575	$675
Club member, nonmember, or guest, age 30 or under	$150	$175	$225	$275
Guest age 5-18	$20	$20	$30	$40
Guest under age 5	Free	Free	Free	Free
Saturday, House of Friendship only	$60	$60	$60	$100

All amounts are in U.S. dollars.

Register today at **convention.rotary.org**

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