



WELCOME TO THE

# District 9790 Monthly Newsletter

◆  
A word from DG Stephen



I hope you all enjoyed a joyful Festive Season and that 2025 brings success, health, and happiness to you and your clubs!

On 17 December, Carol and I had the privilege of meeting with Rotary International (RI) Deputy General Secretary Michele Berg, RI Director of Learning & Development Sarah Remijan, RI Director of Strategy Megan Anderson, and RI Director of Membership Development Brian King. The purpose of the meeting was to present the District 9790 Framework for Improvement, and I'm thrilled to share that this initiative is being recognised as a groundbreaking tool for driving club growth, engagement, and impact.

This recognition demonstrates that our member's efforts in District 9790 are gaining significant attention at the global level. Rotary's world leaders are closely watching our progress, recognising the Framework's potential for broader implementation across Rotary worldwide. Much like Rotary Youth Exchange, which began in our District in 1959, transformative ideas often start locally. This Framework is our opportunity to inspire global change.

↓ In this newsletter you will find:

Latest district news, what's on, projects and much more!  
Keep Reading!



# HIGHLIGHTS THIS MONTH



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**JOIN ROTARY SUNBURY  
TO WALK & TALK  
FOR MENTAL HEALTH**

**SATURDAY  
1 MARCH**

**TIME  
9:30 AM**

**STARTS FROM**



14-18 WHAT'S COMING UP, DEADLINES AND NOTICES

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## DG's Column (continued)

### A Call to Action

Now is the time to lead the way, showcase our collective innovation, and demonstrate how our local efforts can have a global impact. By actively engaging with the Framework, we can achieve meaningful membership growth and ensure that clubs remain vibrant, impactful, and sustainable. Please encourage your clubs to share their progress, successes, and lessons learned from the Framework. Send updates to Carolyn O'Connell at [carolyn.oconnell2@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn.oconnell2@gmail.com). Your contributions will help us measure progress and shine a spotlight on the outstanding work being done across District 9790.

### Looking Ahead

I'm excited to announce that this initiative is now part of a three-year plan, ensuring sustained focus and impact for the years ahead. If your club hasn't started the Framework yet, don't worry—you can begin the first year of the plan from 1 July 2025. Together, we can build a brighter, more connected future for our District.

Our District must be doing something right—we are one of the few in our Zone experiencing growth! Let's keep the momentum going and continue making District 9790 a leader in innovation and impact.

Thank you for your leadership, dedication, and unwavering support of this important initiative. Let's keep working together to change the world, one step at a time.

Best wishes,  
DG Stephen





# Membership

**WE'RE KICKING GOALS!**



The numbers are in, and we've got something to celebrate!

At the start of this DG year, we committed to recognising the small wins along the way. Well, this one is anything but small—it's tremendous.

The membership numbers for the first half of 2024/25 have been released for Zone 8, and guess which district is sitting in 4th place out of 19 Districts? That's right—District 9790! We should all take a moment to feel proud of what we've achieved together.

Our collective focus on membership engagement and growth is making a real impact:

- One club in our district leads the way with a net growth of 7 members.
- Many other clubs have achieved net gains of 1 to 5 members, while many have maintained steady numbers.

If your club hasn't seen net growth yet, don't lose heart. Sometimes, external factors play a role. But if there's something you haven't tried yet, now is the perfect time to give it a go.

Looking for fresh ideas?

**Join us for the Membership Day at Oxley—it could be the spark your club needs.**

**Date: Sunday, 16 February 2025**

**Time: 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM**

**Location: Oxley Shire Hall, 1157 Snow Road, Oxley VIC 3678**

**RSVP by 1 February to District Secretary Marg Crisp at [margswb2@bigpond.com](mailto:margswb2@bigpond.com)**

We're champions of bravery in the membership space, and it's inspiring to see so many of our clubs stepping up to the challenge. Be bold, keep experimenting, and let us know how we can support your efforts.

Congratulations to everyone—let's keep the momentum going with a strong focus on engagement and growth!

Yours in Rotary,

DG Stephen & Carol O'Connell

# 2025 District Conference

## CONFERENCE UPDATE FOR JANUARY 2025

Conference Dates April 11, 12 and 13, 2025

Venue: Commercial Club, Albury: <https://commercialclubalbury.com.au>



**TO REGISTER:** go to <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1269916>  
or scan the QR code. Take advantage of the discounted Early Bird rates!  
And New Member rates for all members inducted after 22/4/24



### SHOWCASE (HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP)

Attendance prediction: 400+

Venue: 618 Dean Street, Albury, NSW, Australia, New South Wales 2640

Areas available for use for Showcase exhibitors.

Limited sites available

Full day Conference Saturday 12th April. Half-day Conference Sunday 13th April.

House of Friendship open to general public.

Operating hours: all day Saturday and half day on Sunday)

Sponsorship packages available including donations in kind.

Each attendee receives an information bag at registration desk.

Promotion of sites throughout the Conference program.

For enquiries please contact Gordon Shaw, email: [gordonsac@bigpond.com](mailto:gordonsac@bigpond.com)

### CONFERENCE PROGRAM FEATURE

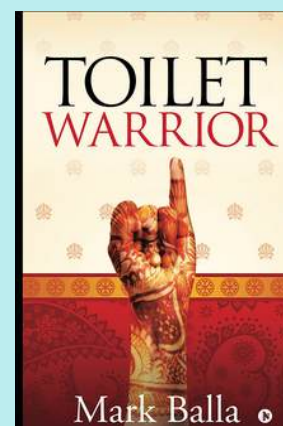
#### Mark Balla

Mark is a passionate Rotarian and has instigated the establishment of toilets and education programs in many areas of India to give dignity and safety to Indian women and girls.

During a business trip to India, Mark made an unexpected discovery, a discovery that was to turn his understanding of our world upside down. He was so shaken by what he learned that he felt unable to simply walk away.

More often than not, when people are confronted by a major issue with global implications you will hear them say "What can I do? I'm only one person." Mark decided that such a response would be unacceptable and he made up his mind to get involved. Rather than just sit on the sidelines, in 2014 Mark and a group of his friends took decisive action. As a result, Mark's inner humanitarian was awakened and the lives of tens of thousands of underprivileged children in India have been changed for the better.

You can see the full Conference program and speaker line-up here <https://www.rotary9790.org.au/sitepage/conference-2024-2025>



### ACCOMODATION IN ALBURY

**CHECK OUT VENUES with the Albury Wodonga website:**

<https://www.visitalburywodonga.com/stay-here/>

**•Book ahead to ensure you don't miss out.**

### OPENING CEREMONY

**5pm Friday 11 April-** The Opening Ceremony features a performance by the internationally renowned Flying Fruit Fly Circus. The Fruit Flies, as they are affectionately known, were established in Albury Wodonga in 1979. They are one of the world's leading youth arts companies, a celebrated producer of contemporary circus-based theatre for young people and a national centre of arts training excellence. You will see our very own Exchange students in action in a jaw dropping flag ceremony, meet the International President's representative, network and more.

Stay in touch with the Conference, program updates and more on the District 9790 web site at <https://rotary9790.org.au/sitepage/conference-2024-2025>

# DISTRICT 9790 CONFERENCE 2025 - ALBURY NSW

## Guest Speaker



## Interplast®

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in the Asia Pacific region

## DGs Partners Project

### TICKETS VIA

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## Mr David J Morgan MB BS FRACS Plastic & Reconstructive Surgeon

Mr David J Morgan is a Melbourne-based Specialist Plastic Surgeon. He is currently the Head of the Faciomaxillary Surgery Unit at The Alfred Hospital in Melbourne and is involved in all aspects of the management of acute facial trauma. He also runs a private practice performing skin cancer management and cosmetic surgery of the breast, body, and face. Mr Morgan is the newly-elected President of the Australian Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS), and is Chairman of their Advocacy and External Relations Committee, and the Cosmetic Surgery Subcommittee.

He has recently been appointed to the Board of Directors of Interplast, and remains an active volunteer for the organization which provides volunteer plastic surgery services to the Pacific and South East Asia. He has served as the country-coordinator for Tonga for many years.

He has previously been the National Chairman of the Board of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, the body that oversees the training of future Plastic Surgeons across Australia, and led an overhaul of the plastic surgery curriculum and training program.

Mr Morgan is a member of the Australian Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS), the Australasian Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons (ASAPS), and is an International Member of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons

## Carol O'Connell's DG Partner Project in support of Interplast

To demonstrate Carol's investment in this Partner Project, she has set herself a personal challenge. Carol played around with the numbers of our district, D9790, and has started on a 987.0km walk culminating at the District Conference in Albury in April 2025. She will do the walk in about 10km bursts between District commitments.

**If your club is yet to support Carols Partner Project -  
Interplast, please donate now! Scan the QR Code and  
follow the prompts**



## Equipment for schools in Cambodia

Dear Donors,

We are writing to update you on the Cambodia & District 9790 - Partners in Education Project (RAOAF) RAWCS Project.

The project has exceeded its fundraising target, raising \$22,240 to support education for students in Siem Reap, Cambodia. In addition, the project has been gifted ten ex-government laptop computers fitted with new batteries and updated software.

The project team is very grateful for the fantastic support from Rotarians. As the sponsoring club, the Rotary Club of Ivanhoe has been partnered with other Rotary Clubs who have generously donated, including Pascoe Vale, Moreland, Eltham, Rutherglen, Heidelberg and Bellbridge Lake Hume. The team was also successful in obtaining a District 9790 Grant. In addition, individual donations from Rotarians have rolled in from across Australia, including Queensland, Western Australia, Victoria and NSW.

Working in co-operation with Cambodia Rural Students Trust (CRST), 17 Rotary Volunteers will travel to Siem Reap in January 2025. The volunteers include five young University



Desks in use at Angkor Thom High School teaching students to experience the power of Rotary international community service as guests of our young host club, the Rotaract Club of Siem Reap. All volunteers are paying their own way and have personally contributed to fundraising.

The project provides community needs such as bicycles, solar lighting, desks (see photos below), study materials and sporting equipment to support education for primary and secondary students in Siem Reap, one of the poorest regions of Cambodia. A scholarship has also been granted for a disadvantaged student to attend university. The team will assist teachers and mentor students to build skills and self-determination, guided by Rotaract Club of Siem Reap members.

We will provide a final update during February 2025. We can't wait to work with the Rotaract Club of Siem Reap in January 2025! Many thanks for your support of this project. All the best for the festive season!

Regards.

Robyn Angus - Project Manager  
Lisa Wait - Assistant Project Manager  
Ivanhoe Rotary



Desks on the way to Angkor Thom High School



# Lift the Lid on Mental Health

## ACTIVITIES AROUND THE DISTRICT

Many clubs in district 9790 were active during October (Mental Health Month) and November, supporting Australian Rotary Health's annual awareness and fundraising initiative - Lift the Lid on Mental Illness. Clubs were asked to provide details and photos of events they held.

Two successful LIFT THE LID WALKS for Mental Health - Rotary Moreland's fourth at Coburg Lake in October and the first and much anticipated Kinglake Ranges event in November, brought together Rotarians and members of local community groups to raise awareness and help break down the barriers around mental illness, while raising funds for Australian Rotary Health's mental health research. Broadmeadows, Bundoora, Diamond Creek, Heidelberg, Ivanhoe, Kinglake Ranges, Moreland, Pascoe Vale, Preston, Strathmore, Sunbury, Southern Mitchell, Whittlesea and Yarrowonga-Mulwala clubs were all represented.

There has also been two other ARH LIFT THE LID WALKS for Mental Health in 2025. Yarrowonga-Mulwala in February and Numurkah in May. The Sunbury Rotary inaugural walk takes place in March 2025.

In November, Benalla Rotary assisted the Benalla Live4Life program, a mental health education and youth suicide initiative, by providing a BBQ for the participants of the Walk for Mental Health.



Hat Day club events were popular awareness and fundraising activities in October. The Eltham, Albury West and Numurkah clubs all had fun Hat Day events. Numurkah also held a mental health discussion evening.



DG Stephen O'Connell and Carol participated remotely in the Moreland event and walked in their LTL t-shirts while in Sydney, attending the Zone 8 Transformation Workshop.



Yea Rotary held a Lift the Lid Best Hat night while also inducting two Rotarians. An article appeared in the Yea Chronicle.





## Lift the Lid on Mental Health

Holbrook and Albury North Rotary clubs met at the Gerogery Hotel for their Halfway Get-together and enjoyed the Tight Arse menu.



Strathmore hosted an evening with a presentation by ARH PhD scholar Georgina Rawson which was attended by Rotarians from 7 Rotary clubs. Georgina's scholarship is funded by Strathmore Rotary.



Strathmore Rotarians also attended Essendon railway station on October 10th, World Mental Health Day, as they have for many years, collecting donations from commuters and raising awareness of Australian Rotary Health and mental health research.

Bunnings BBQs and community sausages sizzles were popular fundraisers, along with ARH donation tins placed in local businesses, cafes and sporting clubs.



Australian Rotary Health to your communities while raising funds for mental health research, promoting good mental health and destigmatising mental illness. Importantly, we've had fun while doing so.

Rosemary Freeman  
Rotary Moreland  
District 9790 Australian Rotary Health Chair

## Lift The Lid and Kinglake Ranges Show N Shine in November

We would like to thank EVERYONE that came & supported our Lift the Lid Walk & Show N Shine!!

Lots of planning and work went into putting on this free event for our community and we couldn't have done it without your support and help! You guys are awesome! Both Helmut and Neil also did the walk on top of all the running around - lucky they had been training all October with the RFDS fundraiser 😊

The walk went off in between the showers; unfortunately it poured in the afternoon. We still had plenty of awesome looking cars & noisy bikes. The BBQ was busy and the music was great! We missed a great photo opportunity when Helmut was playing his air guitar and Miriam's feet couldn't keep still. Andy has nominated Debbie as our head BBQ chef - he was impressed with her skills.

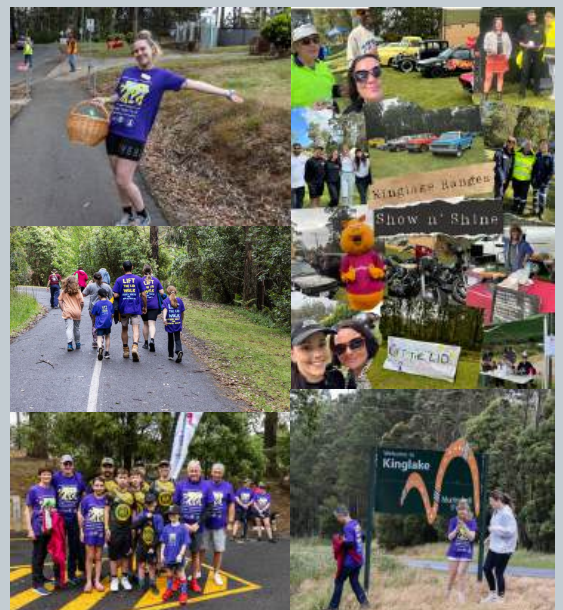
We had UGFM radio broadcasting and made sure we filled their time slot with Rotary info, Australian Rotary Health, Warren talking about Mental Health and the Kinglake Junior Footy kids also had a chat. Yarra Valley Live TV did a great coverage for us and again the junior footy kids had a go too.

Special thanks to the crew of helpers from Southern Mitchell Rotary - we look forward to help you guys in April with your art show and Busker Competition

Mother Nature threw everything she had at us but finished with sunshine - she must have copied us!

At the end of the day we raised funds for Research into Mental Health, a few more sponsor interests, a handful of community members want to join the committee and many ideas / advice for a better event next year!

Tamara & Nina  
Kinglake Ranges Rotary



# Youth News

## Murray High School Presentation

In December following our weekly Rotary meeting I attended the Murray High School end of year presentation and, as we do every year, we present a year 10 student that has excelled in science, the year 10 science excellence award .

As I have had the honour of presenting this award for many years now, it was a pleasure and privilege of presenting this award to Peggy Arnold, Peggy also came first in five other subjects. No doubt she will have a very bright future ahead.

The end of year presentation is always very well attended, and given that our Rotary Club of Lavington is strongly supporting District 9790 Area Groups 9 and 10 initiative, Say No To Family and Domestic Violence, it was an excellent opportunity to put on display our purple shirt.

I also took the opportunity to present the School Principal with a copy of recently published history of the Rotary Club of Lavington 1985 - 2024

Nick Paola  
Lavington Rotary



# Youth News

## My Christmas Down Under

### Yves Mounir, Switzerland

This year I had a Christmas BBQ with my host family in on New Year's Eve we watched the fireworks in Melbourne



### Rosa Reenberg, Denmark

I spent the 25th on holiday in Gippsland with my host family enjoying the Hot Springs



### Arianna Da Boit, Italy & Niccolo Arriciati, Italy

I spent the Christmas Day with my host family in Benalla and we had a big lunch with that was delicious.



### Juju Demoor, France

Very special for Christmas I was with my second host family on a farm we also went water skiing which was great fun!



### Karolina Kolenciak, Slovakia

I spent my Christmas Day at home where we had 50 people over and we had lunch together. On New Year's Eve I was at the Mooroopna Festival organised by my Rotary club.



### Olga Kovanen, Finland

We celebrated on the 24th of December, and it was a normal day except a BIG dinner with the family.



### Rebecca Chen, Taiwan

I had Christmas breakfast with my host family, and I spent time with my counsellor's family on Christmas Day, it was great to experience summer Oz Christmas.





# Youth News

## My Year Down Under - Annica Arnold

Dear Rotary Club of Corowa,

With Christmas just around the corner, I wanted to give you a little update on my life since I returned home from Australia. At the same time, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for giving me the best year of my life. It was an incredible experience that has shaped me into the person I am today.

When I first got home, everything was wonderful for the first two days. My family and friends were excited to see me, and I enjoyed being back in a familiar environment. However, once the initial excitement wore off, I started missing my exchange year and all the special moments I experienced in Australia.

Since being back, I've started school once more. It took a while to adjust to my new class and the long school days here. It wasn't always easy, and I truly miss the many sports teams and the strong sense of community at Corowa High School. I especially miss the sporty weekends where I played netball for the best club (CDHBU) and watched footy – those weekends were some of my favourite memories.

One of the biggest highlights since my return was reuniting with my host family, the Lavises, during their trip through Italy. I took the train down to Bologna and stayed with them for a few days. It was the best part of my time since returning home, but saying goodbye was tough, and it left me feeling like I had fallen into a deep hole.

I've tried to keep Australia close to me in small ways. Every morning, I have a Vegemite toast with a good slice of Swiss cheese – it's my way of combining the best of both countries so I won't miss Australia too much.

I often think back to the Wednesday night Rotary meetings and the BBQ stands on Sundays, and I miss the warm Aussie sun that always brightened my day – now I just look like a ghost!

Since being home, I've started playing soccer and golf again, and with winter here, I'm also teaching how to ski in the mountains. I've attended several Rotary events here in Switzerland, and I love inspiring new students to participate in the exchange program. However, the organisation here is often chaotic – no one does it better than District 9790!

Returning to everyday life hasn't been easy. There are no more school-free days where I can choose to help Bill on the farm or travel to Uluru instead of going to class. But I'm saving every penny I can so I can return to Corowa as soon as possible.

Wow, I would give anything to be able to lie in my swag on the banks of the Murray River and chat to my mates until late at night!

One moment I'll never forget was when someone here felt sorry for me because I wasn't placed in a big city. I got sooo mad! I proudly told them how lucky I was to be placed in Corowa and how much more meaningful and personal my experience was compared to being in an impersonal big city.

Of course, I miss all of you very much – your kindness, the boys' mullets, bin chickens, Balldale chips, Shapes, Tim Tams, and Meredith's lollies that Paul had to share with me. I even taught my friends how to play netball, footy, and cricket, so a little bit of Australia has made its way here too.

Once again, I can't thank you enough for this incredible year. It was truly the best time of my life, and I will cherish those memories forever. My exchange year defines who I am, and I will always be proud to have been part of the Corowa Rotary Club family.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas, and I hope to see you again soon – hopefully in Corowa!

With lots of love from Switzerland,



## Youth News

### Youth Programs Contacts

**Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE)** – Meredith Miegel, M 0417 246 546, Email: [chairperson@rye9790.org.au](mailto:chairperson@rye9790.org.au)

**Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)** – Linda Gidlund, M 0418 173 279, Email [info@ryla9790.org.au](mailto:info@ryla9790.org.au)

**Rotary Youth Program of ENrichment (RYPEN)** – Contact Sally West, M 0402 361 551, email [sallywestrotary@gmail.com](mailto:sallywestrotary@gmail.com) or [rypen@rotary9790.org.au](mailto:rypen@rotary9790.org.au)

**Rotex** – Contact Rotex by email: [rotex9790@gmail.com](mailto:rotex9790@gmail.com), see the Rotex District 9790 Facebook page.

**Albury North - Rotary Youth Program of ENrichment (RYPEN)** – Nathan Stuart, M 0412 707 770, Email - [msgnathans@gmail.com](mailto:msgnathans@gmail.com)



If you would like further information please email Youth Programs Chair Nat Hood on [nat990151@gmail.com](mailto:nat990151@gmail.com)

**SAVE THESE DATES IN 2025!**

## Key Dates in District 9790

22 and 23 Feb 2025

**PELDS for Presidents Elect, Shepparton**

4 May 2025

**Assembly for Presidents Elect and boards, all members welcome**

6 July 2025

**Changeover 'new location', all members welcome  
Wangaratta**

Yours in Service,  
Emma Davis

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Albury Wodonga

# BOOKFAIR

Sat 14<sup>th</sup>, Sun 15<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2025

**SAT 8.00am to 4.00pm**

**SUN 9.00AM TO 3.00PM**

**PCYC**  
Andrews Street,  
North Albury

**\$2.00  
Entry**



Rotary  
Rotary Club of Albury North

# JOIN ROTARY SUNBURY TO WALK & TALK FOR MENTAL HEALTH



**SATURDAY  
1 MARCH**



**TIME  
9:30 AM**

**STARTS FROM  
ROTARY PARK  
LIGAR ST, SUNBURY**

WITH THANKS TO OUR PROUD SPONSORS

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**LIFT THE LID WALK**

— PHYSICAL HEALTH FOR MENTAL HEALTH —



## Peter Toomey Police Officer of the Year Award



The Peter Toomey Police Officer of the Year Award is granted each Rotary year to a Victorian or NSW police officer in District 9790 who shows an exemplary commitment to their local community. It is named in honour of the late Peter Toomey, a distinguished Rotarian and long serving police officer, who helped establish this award at both his local club of Pascoe Vale as well as at the district level.

Victoria Police and NSW Police units within the District encourage their members to become involved within their local community and Rotary Clubs can acknowledge this great work through their own local award as well as through the Peter Toomey Award. It is a win - win for both Rotary and the police.



Then DGE Stephen O'Connell presenting to Crystal Croxford who was nominated by Sunbury Rotary and Crystal with the Senior Sergeant at Sunbury, John Bliss.

From a Rotary Club perspective, running your own local club award is a rewarding program with relatively low cost.

You can make your own club award and nominate for the district award or you can nominate directly by **Friday 7 February 2025**

The information pack and nomination form can be downloaded [HERE](#) or by scanning the QR code. For any further enquiries, please contact **David Redfearn** on **0448 852 747** or email [dredfearn@vtown.com.au](mailto:dredfearn@vtown.com.au)







## **Dates for RESCA 2025**

Nominations open **1 March** and close **30 April 2025**

Finalists announced in **June 2025**

The Vic RESCA Awards Dinner will be held:  
**Saturday 30 August 2025**

The Aus RESCA National Event will be held in:  
**October 2025**

**For further information, go to:**  
[www.vic.rescawards.org.au/](http://www.vic.rescawards.org.au/)



## CALL FOR RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS

Phillipa Huynh, an Australian Rotary Health PhD Candidate, is conducting a study on The Risk and Protective Factors for Complex Trauma in Australian Rural and Urban Men.

Phillipa reports, "..Traumatic events can have a significant impact on someone's well-being and quality of life. By identifying what helps or harms men's mental health, the study could lead to better support and interventions for men dealing with the long-term impacts of traumatic experiences.

This research is especially important as men in rural Australia face higher suicide rates than those in cities. Understanding the unique challenges and strengths of men in both urban and rural areas could provide valuable insights for improving mental health care and reducing suicide rates in the community.

Your participation or support can help us make a difference in promoting the mental well-being of Australian men..."

## RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS NEEDED

Researchers at Swinburne University are looking for men to take part in a study

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**Who?** Adult men living in Australia, who have experienced prolonged **potentially traumatic experiences** at some time in their life such as:

- bullying
- growing up with someone with mental illness or drug/alcohol problems
- being exposed to violence
- emotional or physical abuse or neglect, or
- sexual abuse

**What?** Complete a survey (up to 60 minutes)

**\$** Opt in for a chance to win 1 of 8 \$50 eGiftcards





Scan QR code or visit:  
<https://tinyurl.com/men-trauma>

For further information contact Phillipa Huynh: [phuynh@swin.edu.au](mailto:phuynh@swin.edu.au)

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**DAVEY**

#### Know about insurance for bushfire, storm or flood events - avoiding the pitfalls

17 October 2024 7.30-9.00pm AEDT

- Annabelle Butler, Hollard Insurance Australia
- Peter Gartlan, Financial Counselling Australia
- Denis Nelthorpe AM, Consumer Lawyer

#### Insurance and financial challenges after bushfire, storm or flood - when things go wrong

28 October 2024 7.30-9.00pm AEDT

- Annabelle Butler, Hollard Insurance Australia
- Peter Gartlan, Financial Counselling Australia
- Denis Nelthorpe AM, Consumer Lawyer
- Sharon Keith, Disaster Legal Help Victoria

#### Best practice property bushfire risk reduction

12 November 2024 7.30-9.00pm AEDT

- Justin Leonard, CSIRO
- Kevin Hazell, Town Planner
- Mark Holland, Country Fire Authority

#### Understanding our changing bushfire weather

28 November 2024 7.30-9.00pm AEDT

- Justin Leonard, CSIRO
- Kevin Parkyn, Bureau of Meteorology
- Mika Peace, Bureau of Meteorology



## 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.

### January 2025

Vocational Service Month

### February 2025

Peacebuilding and Conflict  
Prevention Month

9-13 February — International  
Assembly, Orlando, Florida,  
USA

23 February — Rotary's  
anniversary

### March 2025

Water, Sanitation, and  
Hygiene Month

10-16 March — World  
Rotaract Week

31 March — Preregistration  
discount ends for the Rotary  
International Convention

### April 2025

Environmental Month

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

### May 2025

Youth Service Month

### June 2025

Rotary Fellowships Month  
21-25 June — Rotary  
International Convention,  
Calgary, Canada

30 June — Club Excellence  
Award nominations are due

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