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United Voices

Offical newsletter of
District Governor Emma Davis

As we move through November, it is Rotary Foundation month.I'm always impressed by the scale and impact of our charity of choice. I thank each of you, our D9790 Rotarians for your time, talent and treasure you commit to our Foundation and Rotary service.

The service roadshow has continued with the Southern Mitchell uniforms collection, that will be distributed by the SHARE warehouse in Broadford. With several clubs in attendance, the e-club of changemakers led a working bee to celebrate their first Birthday.

We continue to have zoom and recently some more in person DG class meetings for our team of 19 from Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Islands. I also recently attended the Zone Business Session, along with the Insurance and Child Protection updates. It's pleasing to see our District is a leading group in the importance of policy review and training with our members. Thanks to all involved in this and if you missed the all member email, please review District 9790's Commitment to Child Safety here.

We continue with public image zoom's hosted by Hamish. It's so great to see the incredible work around from our members, clubs and communities, so please keep sharing these. If you have an interest in working with Hamish and the PI team, particularly with social media, please let him know.

We are seeing strong membership growth and retention in our District, currently number two in Australia.Thank you to Membership co-chairs Stephen and Carol, with their team Pat, Penny and Susan. They have some great initiatives in play and would welcome your contact to continue our strong growth. Don't forget to get your membership action plan framework for improvement. This will be year two for some clubs and the start for others. The team are available to support you to ensure your clubs are strong well into the future.

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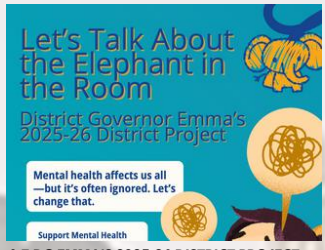

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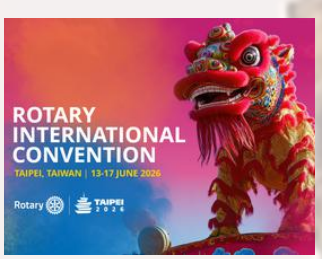

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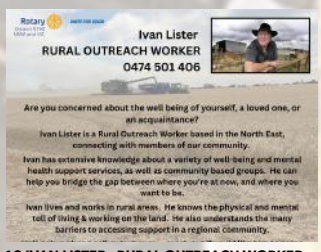

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Cover: DG Emma with with her father Peter at his induction into Benalla Rotary (Image supplied by Emma Davis)

DG's Column (continued)

Thank you to IPDG Stephen and mentor Kate for supporting out newest Rotary Satellite Club of Numurkah Broken Creek Connect. We look forward to to supporting chair Jim and their members as they develop their events and service projects in the North East. We are seeing many new member inductions and often in multiples at the one time. It was particularly special to induct my dad this last month into the Rotary club of Benalla. This club was where I started my youth programs some 26 years ago and so it was special to be back on a youth and membership focused evening. A big shout out to inbound youth exchange student Anna Cavaletti Bosse who cooked a Brazilian BBQ dinner feast for all to share.These evenings of fun, food and fellowship are so important.

It's AGM season and clubs are hosting theirs, along with District's AGM on 6 November. Thanks again to Treasurer Rod and Secretary Rosemary for assisting in preparing the audited 2024/2025 reports, and congratulations to IPDG Stephen for a wonderful year.

The Say No to Domestic Violence, say Yes to Respectful Relationships continue to be a feature where I attended a launch in Mansfield recently and a community awareness stand at the Day in the Gardens in Benalla. This continues to feature at Zone at Institute and also a trip to Parliament where Rotary were hosted by The Hon. Ged Kearney MP, Assistant Minister for Social Services and Assistant Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence. Rotary's strength through partnerships featured strongly, and genuinely shows the community we care.

To wrap up Polio Day, PDG Patti arranged a wonderful Foundation Gala event in Wangaratta. We heard from Past RI Director Jessie Harmon on her May 2025 trip to Everest Base Camp to support Polio, a reminder of my memory of that same trek in 2024. It was special to have Trustee Dennis Shore present our newest Major Donor to Grant Godino of Pascoe Vale.



Our newest Major Donor - Grant Godino, Pascoe Vale





Foundation Gala



Mansfield



Emma's dad's induction in Benalla



Benall Youth Exchange dinner

DG's Column (continued)



Southern Mitchell



SHARE e-club members in Broadford

Whilst I'm working full time and balancing the commitment, I was very happy to take some leave recently and head to the Gold Coast for our Zone Institute. We had several class dinners and meetings, including one with RI President Francesco Arezzo, a full day DG forum, meetings with General Secretary John Hewko and Regional Council Chair Neville. I attended and voted at the multi district organisation AGM's and information sessions for RAWCS, RDU, ARH, ROMAC. The conference component included my flag ceremony duties, a moment on stage to promote the Onto Convention Taipei 2026 as representative for Zone. I highly recommend a Convention so if you are considering, this might be the one with an expected 35,000 strong crowd.Book now for the Rotary International Convention, and by 15 December before the next rate change.

As a wrap up to Zone in the Gold Coast, we celebrated the ConnectShareGrow theme, with fabulous connections between friends new and old, inspiration and challenging topics and opportunities to expand our reach into our communities. It's always refreshing to see our Rotary leaders embrace the future of Rotary with RI President Elect Olayinka Hakeem Babalola calling for an impromptu under 45's Rotaract and Rotarian session where the discussion was honest. We currently have three under 44 DG's this year, with three more young DGE / DGN's.

We continue with the drought disaster grant coordination which is near complete and a full summary will follow on acquittal. It's been really special to work with nine clubs across NSW and Victoria to assist our farming drought affected areas. Ironically, the sky's opened for the Eltham festival and whilst it was disappointing to see the hard work bring limited public out, the day showed true resilience and teamwork amongst the members. It also doesn't hurt to wander the grounds with my bright Rotary umbrella and chat to members, community partners and the public.

I thank you all for another great months as we Unite for Good

E. Davis.

DG's Column (continued)







Benalla













Zone Institute



Canberra





Eltham

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

Credit card donations
Bank Transfer:
BSB: 633000
Account: 212254981
Reference: [club] MHFA
(Don't include "Rotary Club of" in the reference)

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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

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PELDS 2026







Register for an inspiring and informative seminar as you prepare for your year as your Rotary Club President. Learn your roles and responsibilities and how to lead your team, and your club.

Learn about the tools to assist you in having a successful year with regard to membership, clubrunner, and youth protection.

Network in a relaxed atmosphere on the Saturday night with the incoming District Executive, and other incoming Presidents.

The event details are as follows:

Venue: Parklake Hotel
481 Wyndham St.,
Shepparton Vic. 3630

Date: 14th - 15th February 2026

Time: 12:30pm on Saturday to 12 noon on Sunday

Delegates are required to book their own accommodation.

Please find below the link and QR code for delegates to book through Humanitix:

https://events.humanitix.com/pelds-2026



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**

#Rotary26

Press Releases & Publicity: Getting Your Rotary Story Heard

When local news media cover your Rotary activities, you do more than share good news - you help your community understand who we are, what we do, and why it matters. Media articles build trust and potentially grow our membership by helping potential members understand who we are and what we do.

Why Media Coverage Still Matters

Rotary is a powerful source of stories for journalists. As business, community, and professional leaders, our members take action every day - responding to local needs, supporting international causes, and creating lasting change.

But even the best work goes unseen if we don't share it. Media coverage amplifies our impact, attracts new members and partners, and shows the community that Rotary is a relevant, people-driven force for good.

What Journalists Look For

Journalists are always searching for stories that are:

- **Timely – linked to current events, trends, or observances**
- **Local – involving people and issues in their community**
- **Human – showing real faces and emotions**
- **Visual – with strong, action-based imagery**
- **Supported by facts – backed by results or data**
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When your club holds an event, launches a project, or hits a milestone, think about how it connects to what's happening in your area or the wider world. Those links make stories newsworthy.

But What If Your Club Has No Local Paper?

Many metropolitan or city-based clubs now find themselves in "media deserts," where local newspapers have merged, downsized, or gone digital-only. That doesn't mean you can't tell your story - it just means finding new channels to reach your audience.

Here are some proven options:

1. Become Your Own Newsroom - Use your website, Facebook Page, or LinkedIn Page as your "digital newspaper." Post press-release-style updates, use photos with captions, and tag local leaders or partner organisations. Treat every post as if a journalist were going to quote it.
2. Partner with Community Influencers - Many community Facebook groups, school newsletters, and neighbourhood pages reach thousands of locals. Contact their admins or editors with a short, factual post about your event or impact - they're often keen for positive, local stories.
3. Collaborate with Local Radio and Podcasts - Community radio stations and local interest podcasts are hungry for authentic guests. Offer to speak about your club's project, an upcoming event, or a global cause such as End Polio Now. They provide long-form storytelling opportunities that print sometimes can't.
4. Pitch to Sector-Specific Media - Think beyond geography - approach issue-based media.
For example:

- **A Rotary literacy project might interest education blogs or teacher networks.**
- **An environmental cleanup could be featured in sustainability publications.**
- **A vocational mentoring program might fit a business magazine or LinkedIn newsletter.**

5. Leverage Rottry Channels
Whilst not necessarily getting you new members as you're speaking to the converted, Rotary channels can help with project volunteers and supporters. Submit your stories to:

- **Your District website or newsletter**
- **The Rotary Down Under magazine**
- **Zone Facebook Pages and publications**

Practical Media Tips

- **Keep releases short (one page) and factual.**
- **Include clear contact details and one high-quality action photo.**

Final Thought

Even if your club no longer has a local newspaper the need to tell your story hasn't changed - only the tools have.Every Facebook post, newsletter article, or radio interview can help someone discover that Rotary is more than just a meeting - it's a movement of People of Action.



By Hamish Jones, District 9790 Public Image Chair

HAVE YOU CHECKED IN WITH YOUR MEMBERS?



What started as a simple idea — circulate the Member Health Check from the Membership Action Plan to learn what members want, what we should change, and what's working well — has turned into an encouraging reminder: checking in matters, and when done thoughtfully it produces opportunity.

The September 1 target was always aspirational, and in the spirit of Rotary's Action Plan priority to Increase Our Ability to Adapt, we encourage clubs to simply complete their Member Engagement Check-In as soon as it works for them. The important part isn't the deadline — it's making sure members are asked, heard, and responded to.

What worked

- Personal contact. Clubs that spoke with members by phone or asked for responses in person found higher completion and richer feedback. Conversations not only produced survey answers but also built goodwill and reminded people they're valued.
- Ease and convenience. Members responded when the process was simple and quick. Short, clear questions and easy submission options increased participation.
- Incentives and follow-through. One club boosted responses by offering a small incentive; another saw enthusiasm grow when members were told the results would be shared and discussed openly. Knowing their voices would lead to action made members more likely to respond.

What members shared (and why it's a positive)

Responses highlighted a few common themes — people feeling mismatched in their roles, questions about meeting frequency, and a desire to attract younger members. These aren't problems so much as signposts. They point directly at practical changes clubs can make to become more vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable.

Turn feedback into momentum

- Make it easy: Offer multiple ways to respond — short online forms, phone calls, or a quick chat after a meeting.
- Protect confidence: Offer anonymity options for candid feedback, and be transparent about how responses will be used.
- Share results: Present findings to the club and invite members to help co-design solutions. When people see their input matters, engagement rises.
- Act soon: Small, visible changes (adjusting meeting frequency, revisiting roles, creating a young-members outreach committee) show that feedback leads to results.

There's no need to stick to an arbitrary deadline. The goal is simple: check in, listen, and respond. Every conversation is an opportunity to strengthen connections, re-energize volunteers, and create a club that better serves everyone.

So reach out — a quick phone call, a friendly nudge at a meeting, or a streamlined survey could open the door to fresh ideas and renewed commitment. Who knows where those responses will lead? The next great chapter for your club might start with a single check-in.

Penny Paxman, District Membership Team

200,000 In 20 Months!!

Tatura Rotary has hit a milestone this October.

200,000 cans and bottles have been collected in 20 Months. The number two is very prevalent. In order to select the person to have the honor of being responsible for this magic can or bottle, we put the names of everyone who brought in cans and bottles last Sunday in a hat and drew out a winner. Guess what number came out? No 2. Colin Hiscock.

Each person was presented with a certificate and a can of drink to mark the occasion.
The money raised will enable Rotary to donate to many local projects. The money raised will also go to helping our TWO schools, providing assistance for disadvantage kids.
The club endeavors to use the money raised from this project, within our town and district. Funds have been used to support our local hospital, historical museum and youth within the town, to name just a few.

We can do a lot better with your help. We are only scratching the surface. If you want 2 get on board this project, just save all your cans and bottles and bring them to our Rotary Shed at the Men's Shed on Ross Street.

We have a collection day on the 1st Sunday of every month, between 9am and 12 noon.
Rotary would like to thank all those that have helped us reach this milestone.

Media director. Bill Purcell, Tatura Rotary

PS: by the way, the dog's name is "Buddy"









Moreland Lift the Lid Walk 2025

It was a grey October Sunday morning and the forecast was for rain sometime that day. Springtime in Melbourne? That didn't deter 120 people from gathering at the Coburg Lake Reserve for our annual LIFT THE LID WALK for Mental Health, an event which takes place on the Merri Creek and raises both funds for Australian Rotary Health and awareness of the importance of mental health in our community.

In fact, ARH provides between 2-3 million dollars each year for research and programs, thanks to events such as this. Events such as the Lift the Lid Walks provide valuable support for ARH and also help bring our community together.

With 120 walkers and volunteers, Moreland's 5th event was a successful mental health awareness and research fundraiser for Australian Rotary Health, our best effort to date. We thank everyone for their generous support.

We are grateful to our wonderful sponsors - the Strathmore Community Branch of Bendigo Bank, Nelson Alexander Real Estate, Benton's Plumbing Supplies and Lodge Killara. This assured that we were able to cover all expenses as well as the cost of the event t-shirts and caps. As a result, the full registration fee of $30 will go to Australian Rotary Health. Thanks also to Pascoe Vale Rotary for providing the BBQ. Moreland Rotary was able to raise over $10,000 dollars for mental health research.



We also give thanks to those members of the local community and Rotarians from other clubs who took part. It all helped make this event the success it was!

A big shout out to Rosemary Freeman as well who once again so very ably organised a wonderful event.
We hope everyone enjoyed the day. It was great to have those who have supported previous walks and to also welcome new participants this year.

We look forward to seeing everyone again at the 2026 Moreland LIFT THE LID WALK for Mental Health.

David Redfearn, Moreland Rotary







9790 YOUTH PROGRAMS

Youth Sailing Challenge

SAILING: JAN+APR 2026

AN ADVENTURE UNLIKE ANY OTHER

INSPIRED BY A LOVE OF THE SEA AND A BELIEF IN THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF SAILING



FOR STUDENTS AGED 15-18

Why spend 4-7 days out at sea on a tall ship?

- Empower Yourself
- Face Fears
- Make Connections
- Learn How To Work Under Pressure



Do you, or someone in your club, know a young person that would benefit from facing the life-changing challenges experienced from learning to sail on a tall ship at sea?

Cost to club: $1,400

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https://youthsailing.com.au/

Program Contacts

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Rotex

CONTACT:
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Become a Host Family

You do not need to be a Rotarian or have a sibling participating in the program to be considered as a suitable host family.

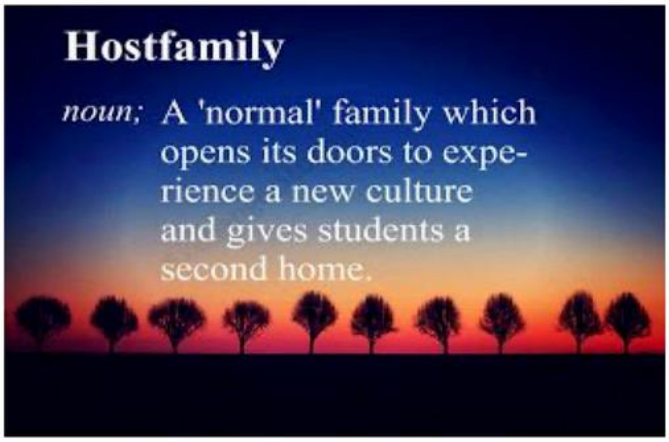
There is no typical family structure required. An acceptable family might have small children, older children or no children living at home. All that is expected is a that a caring and friendly family and home atmosphere is provided.

Exchange students are between the ages of 15 years and 18 years and will be attending a secondary school in the area of the host club. Host families voluntarily open their homes to these students for periods of approximately three to four months. This time provides an opportunity for everyone to develop a lifetime of friendships, to learn a different culture and to gain many other rewarding experiences.



Share their hopes, dreams

Be a part of their growth and



- By hosting an exchange student from another part of the world, you promote friendship, understanding, and cooperation. This allows us to better understand our differences and appreciate our similarities.

- You can bring the world to your family and community – and experience all the excitement that comes along with it. You'll try new foods, learn new words, see new places, and create lifelong relationships with people you otherwise might never have crossed paths with.

- When hosting an exchange student, everyday occurrences that you may take for granted suddenly take on a new life.

- By learning to relate to those who may have had an upbringing that varies greatly from your own, your ability to connect, communicate, and collaborate with others is greatly enhanced.

- One of the most valuable lessons learned when you host an exchange student is that we have far more in common than we realise.

- The greatest by-product of cultural exchange is the web of lifelong friends that spans the globe. Students regularly keep in touch with their host families' years after their program ends and it's not uncommon for host families to travel to their student's home country to visit, experience their culture firsthand, and meet their families. By welcoming a student into your home, you open the door to an exciting new world of relationships and experiences.

- We believe that the leaders of tomorrow are the children of today and that we can all play a part in raising them to be strong, curious, and kind individuals.

For more information contact Richard Heeps, Belvoir Wodonga Rotary Club, records@rye9790.com.au… and to register your family's interest please fill out the Host Family application form

City heart, country hands: Rotary's $10,000 gift brings hope to rural Victoria

St Vincent de Paul Society VICTORIA good works

On a cold and rainy day just a few weeks ago, Geelong Regional Council President Martin Butler received a surprising call that would soon spark a story of compassion, connection and community. "I usually don't answer calls from unknown numbers," Martin recalled with a laugh, "but something told me to pick this one up – and I'm so glad I did."

On the other end of the line was Vincent Marino, ex-President and proud member of the Bundoora Rotary Club. Vincent introduced himself, with a simple message: "We have $10,000 to help struggling farmers. We want it to go to Victorians who need it – now."

It was a powerful moment.

The generous donation, raised through the tireless efforts of Bundoora Rotary's members –including sausage sizzles, raffles and with vital support from Bunnings – was gifted to the Society. It has since been transformed into fresh food vouchers for farming families quietly bearing the brunt of a long and grinding drought.
"We didn't want it to go into a big wishing well," Vincent explained. "You hear about the pressure families are under and we just wanted to make sure our support didn't get lost in a bureaucratic system. We trusted that Martin and the Society would deliver help where it was needed most – we wanted to make an immediate impact."

Martin and the Geelong Conference did just that. With decades of experience as a social worker and farming, he knows all too well the emotional and financial toll drought can take. "This isn't just about dry paddocks," he said. "It's about children going to school with anxiety, parents skipping meals to pay for feed and families doing it tough behind closed doors."

Working through the Society's networks in Camperdown, Colac and beyond, Martin hand-delivered the food cards with dignity and discretion. "These are proud people," he explained. "They don't normally present in welfare circles. But this gesture showed them – they're not alone."

The food cards are already easing the burden on households overwhelmed by the costs of feeding livestock, carting water and simply keeping afloat. "When your food bill triples and it costs $500 just to bring in water – it's a crisis," said Martin.

"This is what real community looks like," he reflected. "City people reaching out to rural families with empathy, understanding and dignity. The support from Bundoora Rotary wasn't just financial – it was a message that they're not alone."

Vincent echoed the sentiment: "If farmers can't produce food, where does that leave the rest of us? We might be in the city but we're all connected. Helping them is helping ourselves."

At the heart of this story is the power of practical compassion. The Society is proud to serve as the bridge between generous hearts and communities quietly struggling. Through trusted local networks and long-standing community presence, the Society ensures help reaches the people who need it most – quickly, respectfully and with lasting impact.

We extend our sincere thanks to the Bundoora Rotary Club for their generosity and unwavering commitment to community. And to our dedicated members like Martin Butler, whose tireless compassion and local knowledge bring our mission to life – thank you. It is through these partnerships and people that the Society is able to continue delivering hope and practical assistance where it is needed most.

Community Car Raffle 2025 raising funds for your charity of choice.



What is your other charity?

What is your partner's charity?

The local cemetery trust, pregnancy support, croquet club, world vision, land care group, fishing club, whatever your non-Rotary charity is, the Rotary Club of Mooroopna invites **charity organisations** to use our car raffle as ***your fund raiser.*** Not for profit organisations are welcome to apply. Of course Rotary Clubs from anywhere in Victoria or NSW are also welcome to apply

First Prize: An automatic KIA Stonic Sports valued at $30800. On-road costs included.

Prizes 2,3 and 4: $1000 vouchers winners' choice for either groceries or hardware.

Proceeds 60/40: The on-selling organisations receive 60% of the proceeds and Mooroopna Rotary Club receives 40% of the proceeds. Mooroopna will fund the entire prize pool and all other costs.

Ticket price: $5.00 per ticket or 5 tickets for $20 **Ticket sales:** From September 1st to December 20th for on-sellers. **Raffle draw:** December 31.

You will be selling physical tickets in books of 25. There is no requirement to sell all the tickets you request. Unsold tickets can be returned.

To register interest please contact Richard Speedy at rspeedy@iinet.net.au

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Ivan Lister

RURAL OUTREACH WORKER

0474 501 406



Are you concerned about the well being of yourself, a loved one, or an acquaintance?

Ivan Lister is a Rural Outreach Worker based in the North East, connecting with members of our community.

Ivan has extensive knowledge about a variety of well-being and mental health support services, as well as community based groups. He can help you bridge the gap between where you're at now, and where you want to be.

Ivan lives and works in rural areas. He knows the physical and mental toll of living & working on the land. He also understands the many barriers to accessing support in a regional community.

He's only a phone call or text away - reach out if you'd like him to swing past for a cuppa, or so you can talk to him about a loved one you're worried about.

Ivan is available in the North East on Mondays or Thursdays.

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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

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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

December 2025
Disease Prevention and Treatment Month
15 December — Last day for early registration discount for the Rotary International Convention

January 2026
Vocational Service Month
11-15 January — International Assembly, Orlando, Florida, USA

February 2026
Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month
23 February — Rotary's anniversary

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

4 December Committee of Finance meeting

6 December Council of Governors lunch meeting Wangaratta

14 December Committee of Management meeting

7 - 8 February Youth Exchange rebound weekend

14 - 15 February PELDS Shepparton

5 March Committee of Finance meeting

15 March Committee of Management meeting

20 March Council of Governors lunch meeting Melbourne

21 - 22 March Connection Community Courage 2026 Conference, Coburg; selling fast
https://www.trybooking.com/DAMWL

21 May Committee of Finance meeting

31 May Committee of Management meeting

13 - 17 June Rotary International Convention 2026 Taipei

5 July District Changeover Wangaratta

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