
ROTARY WESTERN AUSTRALIA CONFERENCE
MARGARET RIVER
28TH - 30TH MARCH 2025
Rotary Magic @ Margaret River
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Welcome to the Rotary Western Australian Conference for 2025.

The program has speakers who have the ability to inspire and motivate us.

This weekend provides us the opportunity to also inspire each other through fellowship, purposeful connections and conversations to generate ideas that have the power to shape, influence and improve lives in our communities and globally.

That's the magic of Rotary and the power of collaboration.

District Governor WA Pat Schraven

Friday 28th March

10:00 Golf Tournament
14:00 Bush walk from Rotary Park and visit to Settlers Village.
16:00 Registration Opens
16:30 Showcase Opens
16.30 Welcome drinks
16:45 Cocktail food service commences
17.55 Move into hall

18:00 Conference Opening Evening - MC Barry House

18:00 PLENARY SESSION 1 The Magic of Youth
Focus on Youth Programs

18:05 Welcome to Country -Iszaac Webb, a Wadandi Custodian
18:20 Exchange Students - Flag parade
18:35 Shire President - Julia Meldrum
18:45 Jill Hanna and students - Panel Q & A
19:05 Ian Ball - RYLA & RYPEN
19.15 David Cumming - Camp Opportunity video
19:25 Steph Stewart - Alternate leavers Project East Timor
19:45 Youth Circus

20:15 Close - MC Barry House

Saturday 29th March

8:00 Registration and Showcase Open
8:55 Move in - Music bells

9:00 PLENARY SESSION 2
Rotary in our Zone and District

9:00 Riversong Community Choir - Musical Introduction
9:10 MC Barry House - Introduction
9:15 DG Pat - DG Welcome
9:30 Brother Thomas Oliver "Ollie" Pickett AM - Wheelchairs for Kids
9:40 Jessie Harman, RI Presidents Rep and Rotary Foundation - The Magic of Rotary
10:10 Aboriginal Reference Group video
10:12 Peter Durrant - WA Rotary Relief and Disaster Response

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10:20 Morning Tea

10:50 Move into Theatre - Bells ring music

10:55 PLENARY SESSION 3
Compassion and Resilience

10:55 MC Barry House - Introduction
11:00 Lorraine Finlay, Australian Human Rights Commissioner - Human Rights: Everyone, Everywhere, Everyday
11:30 James Savundra - Overseas surgical adventures with Interplast
12:00 Prof Caroline Donovan - Helping little kids sleep: The Lights Out program
12:30 Shelley O'Brien - Shelter Bag project

12:35 Lunch

13:25 Move back into Theatre - Bells and music

13:30 PLENARY SESSION 4
Future WA

13:30 MC Barry House - Introduction
13:35 Prof David Caddy, Retired Chair of the WA Planning Commission - Can we Manage Western Australia's Future Growth?
14:05 Jess Lingard Meteorologist - Shifting Skies: The future of weather in WA
14:35 Narelle Kuppers - Circular Economy -Making sustainable products out of plastic
14:50 David Tucker - Bicycles for Humanity

14:55 Afternoon Tea

15:25 Move back into Theatre

15:30 PLENARY SESSION 5
Virtual World

15.30 MC Barry House - Introduction
15:35 Ross McKillop - The Increasing Impact of AI - Surprising applications making a difference
16:05 Trish Blake - Scam awareness... stay informed and protect yourself
16:35 John Stockbridge - RAWCS

16.45 MC Barry House - Saturday Close

17:30 Drinks with bar open
17:30-18.30 Entertainment
18:00 Dinner
18:30 Concert

21:00 Close

Sunday 30th March

8:00 Showcase Open
8:55 Move into Theatre

9:00 PLENARY SESSION 6
Helping Others

9:00 MC Barry House - Introduction
9.05 Vocational Training team from California - The California & Utah experience with human trafficking
9.35 Cat Levine - Think and Be Me - Transforming Communities Through Preventative Mental Health Education
10:10 Megan McKrill - The forgotten victims of family & domestic violence
10:40 Wesley Sim - Shelterbox

10:45 Morning Tea

11:00 Move Back into Theatre

11:05 PLENARY SESSION 7
Rotary in Action

11:05 MC Barry House - Introduction
11:10 Rajendra Gautam - Revitalizing Rural Community - A Success Story of Grassroots Projects in Nepal
11.45 Jade Lewis - Turning Pain into Purpose: A story of Triumph over Adversity
12.15 DGE Veronica Lawrance - Conference 2026
12.20 Jessie Harman and DG Pat - Closing Remarks

12:30 MC Barry House - Formal Close

12.35 Light lunch for those staying

13:00 *Fly from Everest* movie
14:35 *Raising Resilient Minds*, a free public presentation on helping children understand and improve their mental health and wellbeing by Cat Levine

16:00 Close

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