

Rotary
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FOR
GOOD



Rotary



January

VOCATIONAL SERVICES MONTH

*"Where your talents and the needs of
the world cross, there lies your
vocation"*

Aristotle



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New this week



VALE PDG SYLVIA BYERS

I am sorry to inform you of the passing of Past District Governor Sylvia Byers, who died on Friday 16th January 2026.

Sylvia had been a member of Rotary since 1993 and served with distinction as District Governor of D9460 in 2001-02. She was a long-standing and highly regarded member of the Rotary Club of Mosman Park Cottesloe.

Throughout her Rotary journey, Sylvia held a number of roles and made a significant contribution as a valued member of the Rotary Foundation Cadre, where her skills, expertise, and commitment were deeply appreciated. She had a particular passion for education, which guided much of her service.

On behalf of all Rotarians, we extend our sincere condolences to Sylvia's family and friends

District Conference Northam 13-15 March 2026

ACCOMMODATION GOING, GOING...



Northam

Northam offers diverse accommodation including hotels, chalets, caravan parks, self-contained cottages, glamping, and heritage cottages.



York

York's range of accommodation is as expansive as its history, offering over 350 accommodation beds from family cottages and farm stays to shared facilities and free RV parking.



Toodyay

Chalets, villas, and cottage accommodation in Toodyay is affordable, self-contained, and often grouped with communal facilities, or friendly neighbors.

BOOK NOW!

The guest speakers are lining up fast, to entertain, inform and share their experiences in being:

- PROUD** to be Australian
- PROUD** to be a Rotarian
- PROUD** to be a little bit crazy
- PROUD** to be from the bush, and
- PROUD** to be here!

SPEAKER UPDATE

Dr Scott Blackwell
Proud to Serve the Community
A Good Way to Die



Peter Cooke
Proud to be from the Bush
100 Years of Farming



Professor Peter Veth
Proud to be an Aussie
The incredible story of the settlement of Australia by First Australians



For more Information see our Facebook page
 at
Rotary WA Up, Up and Away 2026 Conference

Register for your place at the conference
<https://www.trybooking.com/DDQKM>
 See our Facebook page for details of
 accommodation

**TAKE
CHARGE**

Mental Health First Aid

Accredited training providing
skills that make a difference.

Gain the knowledge and
skills needed to support
individuals experiencing
mental health problems
and/or crises.

7+8 February 2026 ✓
9:00am - 3:00pm

Maylands location- ✓
provided with registration

Light refreshments ✓
provided, BYO lunch

\$50

Per Person

> Register Now!

To register & for more info:
www.humanitix.com



INTERESTED IN AN INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE IN 2027?



Applications open in January and close 24 March 2026 for Exchanges starting January 2027

Rotary



rotary
youth
exchange

A Rotary Youth Exchange allows you to:

- Travel, live & study overseas for a year
- Learn another language
- Develop a network of friends from around the world
- Experience a new culture

To find out more:

www.exchangestudentwa.org.au

For further information
please email

ryechair9423@rotarywa.au

Open to all WA students who will be between 15 – 18.5 in January 2027 and have completed at least year 10.

Financial assistance may be available.

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INTERESTED IN AN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL EXCHANGE NEXT YEAR?

If you will be aged between 15 – 18.5 in January 2027 you could be eligible to spend 2027 in another country.

To find out more, attend our

Information Day

Sunday 15 February 2026

Zoom session 9.30am – 11.00am

for regional and remote students who cannot attend in person

email: mike@winslade.com.au for zoom link

In person session: 2.00pm – 3.30pm

John McGrath Centre

97 Hensman Road

, South Perth WA 6151

Register: mike@winslade.com.au

A Rotary Youth Exchange allows you to:

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MEET PAUL LITWIN

SUPPORTING MEN'S MENTAL HEALTH IN OUR COMMUNITY



Paul Litwin

CEO, Mens Talk

Paul Litwin is the CEO of Mens Talk, a Western Australian not-for-profit focused on improving men's mental health, wellbeing, and social connection. Passionate about breaking down

stigma, Paul leads initiatives that create safe spaces for men to talk, connect, and seek support, including safe hubs and mobile outreach services for isolated or underserved men.

This presentation introduces Mens Talk's work across Western Australia, highlighting challenges men face such as isolation, stigma, and barriers to support. It showcases how the organisation's hubs and outreach programs foster meaningful connection, early intervention, and pathways to help, strengthening men, families, and the wider community. Be part of the conversation – secure your spot!

EVENT DETAILS

Date and Time

Wednesday • 11 February 2026

5:15pm - 7pm

\$30 pp for Rotarian & guests

Location

WACA, Bradman Room (Gate 8)
Corner Braithwaite & Hay Street,
East Perth WA 6004

To book your ticket, scan the QR code or visit the link:
cityrotaryperth.org.au/calendar/



2026 Kalgoorlie Rotary Markets.



SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH (9AM TO 12:00PM)
@ CENTENNIAL PARK

FEB 8	MAR 8	APR 12	MAY 10
JUN 14	JUL 12	AUG 9	SEP 13
	NOV 8	DEC 13	

HUGE VARIETY OF HANDMADE GOODS, ARTS, CRAFTS, NOVELTY ITEMS, GIFTS, SPICES, JAMS, PLANTS, REFRESHMENTS, SECONDHAND GOODS AND MUCH, MUCH MORE.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A STALLHOLDER?
EMAIL KALGOORLIEROTARY@OUTLOOK.COM

THE MARKETS ALSO INCLUDE:

ROTARY CLUB OF KALGOORLIE BBQ



ROTARBURGER
BACON & EGG BURGER
SAUSAGE SIZZLE
DRINKS AVAILABLE

ROTARY CLUB OF KALGOORLIE RAFFLES



MONTHLY LUCKY NUMBER
RAFFLE BOARDS. PROCEEDS
GO BACK INTO THE
COMMUNITY

Kalgoorlie Rotary Markets!



When: Second Sunday of Every Month

Time: 9:00am until Lunch

Highlights: Local arts and crafts, bric-a-brac, confection, desserts and Rotary sausage sizzle and burgers!

Find out more information at our Kalgoorlie Rotary Market Facebook Page!



Rotary
Club of Kalgoorlie



BALDIVIS
ROTARY CLUB
CAR RALLY
AND
SCAVENGER
HUNT
2026

DISTANCE 85 KM
APPROXIMATELY 2 HOURS
ITS NOT A RACE BUT AN
ADVENTURE !
\$20-00 PER CAR



[https://www.trybooking.com](https://www.trybooking.com/DIWPDY)
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or email baldvisrotaryclub@gmail.com

8th MARCH 2026

Previously listed



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Club of Kojonup

Chartered 19th February 1966

Come along and join current Rotary members and partners as we celebrate and acknowledge all the past members and the wonderful achievements we have made in our Kojonup community.

DATE:—Saturday 21st February 2026, Kojonup Memorial Hall

TIME: 11.30am—3.30pm

COST: Buffet Lunch and drinks provided for \$55 per person.

RSVP: Linda Bilney—kojonuprotary@gmail.com 0427341022

FUN QUIZ

chase
the ace

Cockburn
Rotary
Club



• **PRIZES** •

THURSDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2026
from 6.30-9pm at Cockburn BARC
(40 Birchley Road, Yangebup)

Tables of 6 to 8 people
\$10 per adult



COCKBURN BARC



Register via SMS 0407 689 131: Quiz table name; number attending

RAFFLE

Pre-quiz dinner and drinks
available at the
Bowl and Fork,
and Legends Bar

Cockburn Rotary monthly FUN QUIZ starting up again for 2026. First Thursday of each month.

Next event Thursday 5 February. Great prizes, raffles and Chase the Ace which is at \$250.

Book a table asap. Details on the flyer.

NEW DATE—10 FEBRUARY

Less admin! More Rotary!

Simple tools for a great experience,
strong Clubs, more members

**Only
\$26pp!**
Lovely two
course meal
included

**NEW DATE
10 FEB**

Tues, 10 Feb 2026



6:00pm for 6:30pm

**Gosnells Golf Club
95 Sandringham Prom
Canning Vale**

**Proudly
presented by:**

**Ric McDonald and
special guest Al Bob**

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Southern Districts

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South East Perth and Hills



Destiny at Dusk

Together we can save lives

Join us as we unite under the stars to make a difference and save lives at Destiny at Dusk - Together we can make a change!

Let's come together to make a difference and support a great cause. Don't miss out on this opportunity to be a part of something special!

Lawnbrook Estate
19 Loaring Road Bickley
28 Feb 2026 at 4:30 to 8:30pm
for an evening of inspiration and community.

Your \$89 ticket includes 2 drinks, canapes, live music and games with the opportunity to participate in raffles and a silent auction.



Scan or click to buy tickets

**TOGETHER
WE CAN
END**

Child sexual slavery
and exploitation



Help deliver relief to communities impacted by bushfires across Victoria



Australian
Rotary
Districts



Donate today

Over the past few days, bushfires across Victoria have caused widespread devastation, threatening homes, livelihoods and entire communities.

As emergency services and local organisations respond on the ground, immediate support is needed to help affected families recover and rebuild in the days and weeks ahead. RAWCS is working to ensure aid reaches communities where it is needed most.

Your donation today can provide vital assistance to those impacted by the Victorian bushfires. If you would like your donation to be directed specifically to Victoria, please include this in the notes section when making your donation.

👉 Donate now: <https://directory.rawcs.com.au/32-2023-24>

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**Rotary, in collaboration with the NSW Government, has launched the
Unite for Bondi - Bondi Terror Attack Appeal
to provide benevolent relief to survivors and victims.**

Rotary, in collaboration with the NSW Government, has launched the to **Unite for Bondi - Bondi Terror Attack Appeal** to provide benevolent relief and support to injured survivors and direct next of kin of those deceased following the fatal shootings which occurred in Bondi NSW, on Sunday 14 December 2025.

The NSW Government has provided a support package with a contribution of \$1 million to this public donation appeal launched through Rotary.

As Rotarians we stand united in our values of compassion, peace, and community with the victims and survivors of the Bondi shooting tragedy. Our hearts and thoughts go out to the victims, their families, and all impacted by this devastating event.

The effects of the tragedy will be far-reaching, impacting the survivors, victims and their immediate families for years to come.

Your generosity will help provide timely support to those who are in need to help them with their future. Some funds may also be used for long term support.

Rotary will work with appropriate community organisations, including the Jewish Board of Deputies, to help identify and support affected individuals, supported by the NSW Government.

All donations over \$2 are fully tax deductible, and every contribution — no matter the size — can make a meaningful difference.

Please donate and share widely: [Unite for Bondi - Bondi Terror Attack Appeal](#)

[Donate today](#)



the Rotary Tour of the Blackwood

28 MARCH 2026

BLACKWOOD RIVER PARK, BRIDGETOWN
WWW.BLACKWOODTOUR.INFO



134KM FULL TOUR

For advanced riders only. A very challenging 134km ride from Bridgetown to Balingup and Nannup.



65KM HALF N BEST

Somewhat easier but still challenging ride between Bridgetown and Greenbushes. For moderate levels of fitness.



35KM NOT-SO-COSY

Introductory road ride, between Greenbushes and Bridgetown, designed to encourage community participation. For fit beginners.



92KM NUMBAT GRAVEL EXPERIENCE

Following the Blackwood River east of Bridgetown and through the Palgarup State Forest where you could see a Numbat! Then heading north to Jayes Bridge and back to Bridgetown



Ride to support mental health, raising awareness and minimising stigma, with proceeds going to support mental health projects across the Warren Blackwood.



"My Home"

Rotary 
Clubs of Western Australia



**We are 60%
towards our
target
Help us make
a House a
Home**

The Albany homes are nearly completion and we are 60% towards our target of \$97,000 to furnish and fit them out.

Early next year, we'll be welcoming local residents into what could be their forever homes.

"My Home" and Rotary Clubs supporting this project now need your help to turn these houses into safe, warm and welcoming places to live.

Your tax-deductible donation will help furnish and outfit each unit — providing the essential items that bring comfort, dignity and stability to someone rebuilding their life.

👉 Donate here: <https://donations.rawcs.com.au/25-2025-26>

Every donation is tax deductible.

Together, we can make a real difference — and help change lives. 🧡



The Rotary Peace Pole Project

The Peace Pole Project commemorates the International Day of Peace (September 21) and promotes the message "*May Peace Prevail on Earth*," originated by Masahisa Goi in Japan after the devastation of World War II.

Initiated in Australia to celebrate Rotary's centenary, the project aims to install Peace Poles in schools, each featuring the phrase in multiple languages, including local Aboriginal dialects.

These poles serve as a focus for peace ceremonies and foster community, while also raising Rotary's profile. For WA's 2027 centenary, the goal is to have at least 100 poles installed in WA schools.

The schools that have them have adopted them with enthusiasm and now incorporate a Peace Pole Ceremony in their calendar. At these ceremonies a Rotary member attends and reads the UN Peace Message with a short preamble to explain Rotary's presence and involvement. This does two things:

- It promotes Rotary's visibility and public image
- It gives the participating club a presence and foothold in the school to foster other projects and build a sense of community.

The individual poles are square with 100mm sides and incorporate at least 4 languages chosen by the school. English and various versions of the local aboriginal dialect are always chosen.



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Rottnest Room
Esplanade Hotel
Fremantle

**YOU ARE INVITED TO
AFTERNOON TEA!
2 - 4PM
25TH OCTOBER**

More information contact
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RYE REUNION 2026

Were you a Youth Exchange student sponsored and sent by any Western Australian Rotary Club? Does the blazer bring back lots of great memories of your life in a year? We would love to reconnect and see as many of our alumni as possible following our Rotary Youth Exchange Australia Conference that weekend.