



SEPTEMBER BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY

*"Education is the most
powerful weapon with which
you can change the world"*

Nelson Mandela



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New this week



SAVE THE DATE



VIENNA POPS NYE CONCERT

**Featuring – Mark Coughlin
and the Vienna Pops Orchestra**

**Wednesday 31 December 2025
WINTHROP HALL**

**Afternoon Matinee
Evening Gala.**

Tickets on sale soon.

**Perth
Rotary**



WA ROTARY

100

1927-2027

Liquid Gold Polio Dinner

Swan to Surf Rotary Community Group warmly invites **YOU** to make a day of it. Ride the Trains during the day in support of D9423 and then join us to celebrate -

Rotary World Polio Day at the Royal Perth Golf Club

LIMITED
TICKETS!



Cambridge RC
Crawley RC
City East RC
Dalkeith RC
Elizabeth Quay RC
Freshwater Bay RC
Heirisson RC
Matilda Bay RC
Mosman
Park/Cottesloe RC
Nedlands RC
Perth RC
Perth Rotaract
Subiaco RC
West Perth RC
Western Endeavour RC

Speaker: Renee Kennedy, film and television producer
feature film "The Golden Age", Joan London
Date: Friday 24 October 2025
Venue: Royal Perth Golf Club
Time: 6.30 for 7pm sit down. 9.30/10pm close.
Cost: \$65.00/pp 2 course meal. Cash Bar.

Funds raised at this event will support Rotary International's End Polio Now Campaign.



Book your ticket now!
<https://www.trybooking.com/DFTVX>

SWAN TO SURF
ROTARY COMMUNITY GROUP



"Surf to Swan Rotary Community Group" warmly invites all Rotarians to join us for dinner Friday 24 October at the Royal Perth Golf Club.

Why not**"Make a Day of It..."** Ride the Trains during the day and then come out to dinner to celebrate and exchange train stories.

Renee Kennedy, an acclaimed film and television producer is our Guest Speaker. Renee is currently producing a feature film adaptation of the celebrated novel **"The Golden Age"**, by Joan London. The Golden Age is set in a 1950s Perth children's convalescent home during the polio epidemic. Her talk will connect the poignant story of this compelling post-war narrative to Rotary's ongoing mission.

Rotarians are able to make an on-line donation towards the End Polio Now Campaign at the time of booking, or purchase a raffle ticket on the night. All funds raised will be linked back to your club when forwarded to Rotary International.

Date: Friday 24 October 2025
Time: 6.30pm/7.00pm sit down
Cost: \$65/pp 2 course meal. Cash Bar
RSVP: www.trybooking.com/DFTVX
Dress: Business/Smart Casual. No denim please.

District Conference Northam 13-15 March 2026

ACCOMMODATION



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 share 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!

A TASTE OF OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Jonathon Usher

Master of Ceremonies



John McKechnie

Proud to be Australian



Judith Fordham

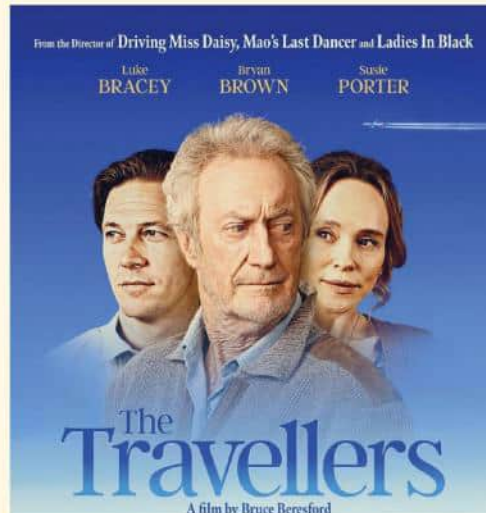
Proud to be a little bit crazy



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

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

FUNDRAISER MOVIE NIGHT



Join Armadale Rotary for a fundraising movie night in support of End Polio Now at Reading Cinema's in Armadale on the Tuesday 7th of October 2025.

Scan QR code to purchase tickets. \$20 + booking fee.

[Eventbrite link](#)



Rotary
Club of Armadale



7th October

6:30pm

**Reading Cinema,
Armadale**

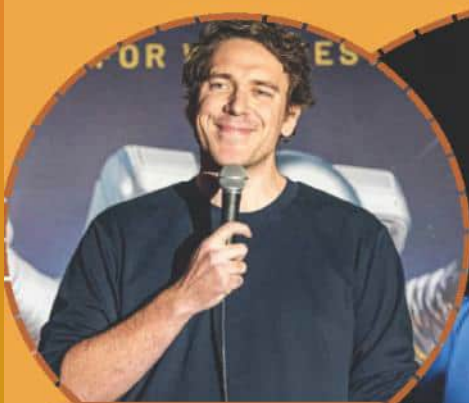
The Travellers is a poignant, funny and heartwarming family story from acclaimed filmmaker Bruce Beresford. Stephen Seary, a charismatic and successful stage designer, returns to his small hometown in Australia to say goodbye to his dying mother. What was to be a quick trip descends into chaos, drama, and at times downright funny moments as Stephen navigates family responsibilities, a difficult relationship with his father, old friends & past lovers, all while trying to return to Europe for a major opera contract. Written and directed by Bruce Beresford

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Live Comedy

HYDE PARK HOTEL

**Friday
17th of
October**



Nic Meehan



Aaron Smyth

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Molly Kerr



**COME EARLY AND GET DINNER!!
COMEDY SETS BEGIN AT 8PM**

EARLYBIRD TICKETS \$15 ONLINE

\$20 A TICKET AT THE DOOR

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS



331 BULWER ST, WEST PERTH

EVENT IS 18+ UNLESS ACCOMPANIED

[HTTPS://EVENTS.HUMANITIX.COM/LIVE-COMEDY](https://events.humanitix.com/live-comedy)



It's happening! Rotary Club of Northbridge is holding its first Live Comedy Night. Come and see some of Perth's brightest new comedians on stage at the Hyde Park Hotel. Comedy for local community causes. Come early and grab dinner first.

Tickets \$20 at the door.

Book here early for discount \$15 tickets. <https://events.humanitix.com/live-comedy>

Please note that this is an 18+ event unless accompanied.

For further information contact joynorthover@gmail.com

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The Time Capsule



Victoria Holmes assisted by Richard Hordacre with the Time Capsule



A selection of the Time Capsule Contents

Time Capsule Opening

In late 2000, the Rotary Club of Pinjarra placed a time capsule on the Shire of Murray Office grounds. The site was marked with a large metre-high rock bearing a plaque describing what was buried below.

Twenty-five years later, it has been retrieved, and at a function held during a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Pinjarra, the contents revealed to the members and guests who were present. The guests included individuals or representatives of the people who had contributed items to the time capsule.

Rotary Club of Pinjarra Community Services Director Victoria Holmes named the items as they were taken out of the capsule.

Victoria noted that the capsule itself, believed to have been made by metalwork apprentices at Alcoa Australia, has survived its interment very well. She asked Alcoa HR Manager Nick Bacon to pass the Club's gratitude to the Company. The capsule is suitable for re-use, and the Club will examine the possibility of sponsoring another capsule which could be retrieved in the year 2050.

The goods retrieved included a selection of documents from the Shire of Murray. Shire President Douglas McLarty was interested to observe, that when he opened a set of minutes from a December 2000 Shire meeting, discussions relating to the Pinjarra Road Diversion were being held. "Nothing seems to have changed," he said. "Discussions are still ongoing!"

A banner from the Sydney Olympic Games was unfurled, and the audience was amused when a year 2000 model Nokia mobile phone was shown.

Drawings and photographs from students and staff of the local schools were shown, and school representatives looked forward to displaying these at their schools soon. Letters from some individuals were collected by family members who were delighted to receive them.

Other items that were in the capsule included A Guide to the new GST Tax system that had been introduced on 1st of July that year; copies of December 2000 issues of the West Australian Newspaper, The Countryman; Mandurah Mail; Mandurah Coastal Times; and the Mandurah Telegraph. The Sunday Times Guides to the year 2000 AFL Season and the Sydney Olympics; a New Idea Magazine from December 2000. And a Program Booklet from the Pinjarra Racing Club were also revealed.

President Brett Loney thanked everyone for attending the meeting, and indicated the Club was determining how best the capsule and contents can be made available for the public to view. *

Previously listed



SOCKS IN THE CITY



Winter is Coming . . .

With wet and cold nights

- Homeless people struggle to find clean dry socks to wear. As a result they can develop both trench foot and warm water immersion foot. This becomes particularly bad during Winter.

The best treatment is Prevention

- Once trench foot or warm water immersion foot has developed healing occurs only when the feet are cleaned, dried and exposed to air for weeks. The best treatment is prevention and the best prevention is to wear clean dry socks

The value of a pair of socks is way more than the price

Clubs can help by either:

1. **Donating socks** - preferably new adult socks in natural fibres (cotton or wool). Donated socks can be left with Perth Homeless Support Group (PHSG) at 28A Munt St, Bayswater. Alternatively contact Ken Mullin on ken.mullin@iinet.net.au and we will organize to **collect and deliver** your socks to Perth Homeless Support Group. OR
2. **Donating money** to the web site - www.socksinthecity.org.au. \$6 will buy three pairs of socks. PHSG is a registered charity and all donations of \$2 and over are tax deductible.



Learn how your club can support prevention of Family & Domestic Violence

Family and Domestic Violence (FDV) continues to rise across our communities, with profound impacts on women, men, children, and families. Many Rotary clubs already contribute through fundraising and support services, but together, we can do more.

The FDV Collective was formed to:

- Raise awareness and understanding of FDV within Rotary.
 - Connect like-minded Rotarians to share ideas and collaborate.
 - Advocate for prevention and education, not just crisis response.
 - Build partnerships with service providers to ensure our efforts are targeted and effective.
- We have strong links with the Centre for Women's Safety and Wellbeing and have identified key gaps—particularly education and staff development in rural and remote WA. This is where Rotary can make a real difference.

We invite you or your club to get involved, nominate an interest, and join us for a discussion on how Rotary WA can strengthen its role in preventing FDV and supporting those affected. Together, we can turn awareness into action and create safer communities for all.

Date: Saturday 4th October 2025
Venue: Colin Moore Community Centre - 724 Nth Beach Rd GWELUP (Cnr Lagonda Drive)
Time: 09:30am for 10:00am until approximately 13:00

Please RSVP your interest or intention to attend by return email to Wilma McBain (williemac241@gmail.com)

before 28th September 2025.



Rotary Booragoon Rotary Club



In two week's time Team Rotary Riders is joining 1,800 other riders to take on a huge challenge: cycling 200 km in one weekend to raise vital funds for cancer research.

We believe in a future where cancer doesn't take the people we love too soon. Together, with your donation, our sweat, and the brilliant minds at the Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research, we can help make that future a reality — helping people live longer, healthier lives.

Every donation, no matter the size, goes directly to advancing life-saving cancer research — and yes, it's tax-deductible. Copy this link in your browser

<https://www.cancer200.org.au/fundraisers/peterbest/cancer-200-2025>

Let's keep pushing forward — for everyone affected by cancer.

Thank you to the 50+ Rotarians and friends who have already donated.

I hope that more Rotary Riders will join me next year.



ShelterBox

25TH

ANNIVERSARY DINNER

SCAN FOR TICKETS



OR VISIT:
bit.ly/4fUKEIz

Meeting

WED 22 OCT
6-8PM

Join us to celebrate 25 years of ShelterBox.

Come along to hear from ShelterBox CEO Mike Greenslade, who will be sharing about the evolution of ShelterBox's disaster relief aid over the last 25 years..

TICKETS: \$32 PER PERSON

INCLUDES: MAIN COURSE, TEA, COFFEE & CAKE



ROYAL FREMANTLE GOLF CLUB

359 HIGH STREET, FREMANTLE WA 6160

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Club of ATTADALE



2026 District Conference

Northam

Accommodation

Rooms are being held under "Rotary"
until 30 September so please book now.

BOOK NOW!

THE REC HOTEL

Caitlin Stewart
9670 3450

RIVERSIDE HOTEL

Chloe Hawkins
9622 1023

FARMERS HOME

Debbie
6500 3920

NORTHAM CARAVAN PARK

Leilani Wilkins
9622 1620

NORTHAM TOURISM

<https://www.northam.wa.gov.au/visit/visitor-information/accommodation.aspx>

2026 District Conference

York

Accommodation

Rooms are being held under "Rotary"
until 30 September so please book now.

BOOK NOW!

YORK MOTEL 10 WILLIAM STREET YORK

Kerry Elliot
9641 2066

SETTLERS HOUSE 126 AVON TERRACE YORK

Emma McGann
9641 1884

NOSH AND NOD 75A AVON TERRACE YORK

Kerry
0438 842 930

THE YORK 145 AVON TERRCE YORK

Nola Bliss
0426 181 948

THE IMPERIAL 81 AVON TERRACE YORK

Michelle
9689 4239

York Tourism

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<https://visit.york.wa.gov.au/stay/accommodation.aspx>

2026 District Conference

Toodyay

Accommodation

These are extra accommodation suggestions
Not reserved for Rotarians

BOOK NOW!

TOODYAY MANOR 82 STIRLING TERRACE

0422 135 862
toodyaymanor.com

VICTORIA HOTEL 116 STIRLING TERRACE

9574 2165
vichotel2j@gmail.com

BULLOCK & CO COTTAGE 86 STIRLING TERRACE

0402 298 826

HODDYWELL COTTAGE 925 CLACKLINE ROAD

0419 221 212
stay@hoddywellcottage.com.au

VISIT THE TOURIST BUREAU LINK BELOW FOR MORE SUGGESTIONS

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Toodyay Tourism

<https://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/visit-toodyay/accommodation>

ROTARY IS GREAT FOR MENTAL HEALTH ! & Mental Health Day, Week & Month is coming

Tuesday 2 September	Rotary ARH WA Mental Health PhD Awards Rotary Means Business - <i>Why Mental Health Matters</i>	
Wednesday 24 September	Perron Institute - <i>Healthy Minds, Brains & Bodies</i> - John McGrath Pavilion, South Perth	
Sunday 28 September	Como Classic Car Carnival - Wesley College	
Wednesday 1 October	Wellness Wednesday - Mandurah Foreshore	
Saturday 4 October	Lift the Lid Walk - Busselton	
4-11 October	Mental Health Week - <i>Empowering Communities, Thriving Workforces</i>	
Friday 10 October	World Mental Health Day	
Sunday 2 November	Mind the Walk - Rockingham	

October is Mental Health Month

- Are you arranging something locally?
- Are you representing Rotary at local events in your community and linked schools?
- Have you invited a local speaker?

Contact ARHWAteam@gmail.com for more ...

EVEN IF YOU AREN'T RIDING THE TRAIN, REGISTER AND WEAR YOUR END POLIO T-SHIRT ON THE DAY TO RAISE AWARENESS

Join us for drinks and a photo shoot at Yagan Square at 6:00pm

Cut off date for t-shirt orders is 1 September—be quick



Ride The Train - Next Stop Polio Eradication!

Choose a train that stops at every station on your selected line(s).
Get your club to sponsor the ride
\$5- \$10 per station.
Individuals can sponsor \$1 per station.
Wear your red Polio T-Shirt.

The Challenge

8.00am to 6.00pm
World Polio Day
24 October 2025

When

No getting on and off at each station.
No fundraising on trains or station property.
Do not block carriage doors.
Rotarians should enter the train and sit.
Take photos in between stations.
Talk to people but don't ask for money.

The Rules

Rotary remains committed to Ending Polio, and aims to completely eradicate the disease *poliomyelitis* through the vaccination of children throughout the world.

Today there are 98 cases in Afghanistan and Pakistan and our aim is for a Polio Free world.

In order to achieve this, we need to raise funds.

By creating awareness RotaryWA aims to raise \$50,000 to 'End Polio Now' over the next 12 months.

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will match funds raised by Rotary.

The plan is for Rotarians from RotaryWA to ride the trains throughout the Western Australia Railway network on Friday 24 October promoting End Polio Now to **create awareness**.

Perth has 86 stations and Rotary Western Australia has 86 Clubs.

There are 59 Metro Clubs and 27 Regional Clubs in our District.

Ideally this would mean 5-10 Rotarians from each Club to travel on the train line(s) closest to their Club.

The journey will begin from 8.00am and ends at 6.00pm.

Register your Club's participation now and together let's make Polio a thing of the past!
at <https://www.trybooking.com/CYVGP>



BLACKWOOD MARATHON RELAY



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**OPTIONAL
RIDE**



CYCLE

ENTER AS A TEAM OR GO SOLO!

SATURDAY 25 OCTOBER 2025

BOYUP BROOK TO BRIDGETOWN



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Looking for a grant to support Australians in need?



Rotary Australia Compassionate Grants (RACG)

Empowering Rotary Clubs to Support Australians in Need

RACG is a powerful support initiative enabling Rotary Clubs to deliver **direct, compassionate aid** to Australians facing hardship. Through **matching grants** ranging from **\$2,000 to \$15,000**, RACG helps boost project budgets and deliver timely, life-changing support.

These grants are administered under the **Rotary Australia Benevolent Society (RABS)**, ensuring **tax deductibility** for donors and streamlined project registration via the **RAWCS website**.



How It Works:

- Rotary Clubs identify a local need and register a project.
- Fundraising begins, including contributions from the community and donors.
- Once the matching target is reached, RACG **doubles the funds** (e.g., \$15,000 raised + \$15,000 RACG = \$30,000 project budget).
- Projects are locally managed, centrally accounted, and often shared through impactful stories.



Proven Impact:

Initiated by a generous \$2 million donation from the **Dick and Pip Smith Foundation** in 2017, RACG has already delivered **\$6 million in aid**. A recent **\$1 million top-up** from the Smiths is set to supercharge even more compassionate projects.



Who It Helps:

RACG supports **individuals, families, and marginalised groups** suffering disadvantage—especially from unforeseen events like accidents, assaults, or medical conditions.



Project Examples:

- Travel support for families with loved ones hospitalised far from home
- Equipment for disabled children to participate in school and sports
- Support gear for those not covered by NDIS
- Aid for women's refuges and the homeless
- Educational resources for Indigenous children



Scan the QR code or visit www.rawcs.org.au to explore RACG project criteria and start making a difference today.





INVITATION

The President and Members of the Rotary Club of Mandurah Districts invite you to an entertaining evening.

International Service Dinner and Presentations

Tuesday 25 November 2025

6.00 pm for 6.30 pm start

At the Mandurah Country Club, Marsh Street, Halls Head, Mandurah

Presentations

- **“The Internationality of Rotary”** DG Veronica Lawrence
- **Rotary Australia World Community Service**
- **District Grants and some existing Projects**
- **Exchange Students** - Current and returned.
- **Peace Scholar** and the international program.
- **Rotary Sumba Project** - Update on programs, and a live chat with Dr Alex Wettstein in East Sumba

A two-course meal, bottle of wine per table for **\$25.00** pp. Cash bar.

Payments can be made to: - Rotary Club Mandurah Districts

BSB 036 192 Account 131 420 Reference: - “Dinner and Name”

A wonderful opportunity for a Club visit!

Details on any dietary or other requirements or questions to John Kevan

john.kevan@iinet.net.au 0419 947 862

We look forward to meeting you.

**Support our team's challenge to save lives
and deliver healthcare to the outback**



E-WA Rotary is inviting the whole family of Rotary in Western Australia to join our 'Rotary and Friends WA' team in support of the Royal Flying Doctor Service. <https://www.oceanstooutback.org.au/join/rotaryandfriendswa>

The Oceans to Outback challenge runs for the month of October but you can sign up now to be part of our team. You can walk, run, cycle or swim and share your progress while fundraising for the RFDS. Last year, with the help of our friends from Rotary Club of Esperance, our team was the third highest fundraiser in Australia. This year we aim to top the list! Get fit, have fun, tell great stories, connect all our clubs across our great state.

Rotary 
E-Club of Western Australia

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Respect and Action Trust for the Environment (RATE)

A Rotary Pathway to Environmental Impact

Are you passionate about protecting our planet? Now, Rotary Clubs across Australia can take meaningful environmental action with full support from **RAWCS**—both locally and globally—through the **Respect and Action Trust for the Environment (RATE)**.

RATE is a newly registered **Environmental Organisation** with the **ACNC and ATO**, offering the same benefits as RAWCS humanitarian projects, including **tax-deductibility for donors**. It's designed to empower Rotarians to lead and support projects that directly benefit the **natural environment**.

What RATE Supports:

RATE projects must focus on the **natural environment**, including:

-  **Significant ecosystems** like rainforests
-  **Wildlife and habitats**
-  **Environmental issues:** air & water quality, waste minimisation, soil conservation, biodiversity
-  **Sustainable development principles**

Project Examples:

- Tree planting & habitat rehabilitation (including disaster recovery)
- Community education & advocacy for environmental protection
- Conservation of native flora & fauna
- Rescue and care of native wildlife

Why Get Involved?

RATE projects are a powerful way to:

- Show Rotary's commitment to environmental stewardship
- Engage your local community
- Attract environmentally conscious members
- Drive real change through **direct action** and **awareness**

 **Scan the QR code** or visit www.rawcs.org.au to explore RATE project criteria and start your journey toward a greener future.



Putting a face to the story...



Thiri, a 25-year-old mother, had just given birth via C-section when the ground began to shake. This was the start of the 7.7 magnitude earthquake that struck Myanmar on March 28, 2025,

***“The earthquake hit as I met my baby.
I thought I was going to die.”***



Forced to flee the collapsing hospital with her newborn, Thiri faced days of uncertainty in emergency shelters.

***“We were outside the hospital for two or three days.
I had to lie on the ground. It was hard to eat or drink.”***

With your support, ShelterBox is providing shelter, clean water, and essential aid to families like Thiri's.

“I would like to thank those who have come to donate to us. I am very grateful for the help during this difficult time. My baby is in good health, and I am proud to have delivered him despite the challenges.”

Despite the fear of aftershocks, Thiri remains hopeful: “As a mother, I have a son and a daughter to care for. I pray to Buddha that no more disasters happen again.”

Please share Thiri's story to help us reach more people in need.



Looking for speaker at meetings?

Wesley Sim

0411-603-936

wesley@simkids.net

ShelterBoxAustralia.org.au



ShelterBox

Rotary





Rotary South Pacific Conference 2025

Gold Coast

31 October—2 November

All Rotarians and Rotaractors are invited to come together to Connect, Share and Grow at the 2025 Rotary South Pacific Zone Conference.

You will be inspired and motivated as we connect and share ideas to grow Rotary and activate the strategic priorities of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation.

The 2025 event will be held at Twin Towns Conference and Function Centre, Tweed Heads, just a few minutes stroll to Coolangatta and the Gold Coast's spectacular beaches.

Special accommodation rates at The Sebel Twin Towns and Mantra Twin Towns have been negotiated. To secure a room [click here](#) and complete the form.

From golden beaches to lush hinterland, this iconic part of Australia offers a plethora of experiences to enjoy before or after the conference. It is fast becoming a foodie hotspot, whether you're after fresh fish and chips on the beach or chef-hatted haute cuisine.

Register early to enjoy the region's warm hospitality.

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Save the Date

Rotary

Club of Attadale



presents

Festive

SEASON
CONCERT

with the Fremantle Chamber Orchestra

Sunday, 7th December, 3:00 p.m.

Fremantle Town Hall

Full booking details coming soon

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