

# OUR DISTRICT, OUR VOICE

Official Newsletter of Rotary District 9790



## Anne's column

### DISTRICT GOVERNOR ANNE REID

In the year with our motto "Serve to Change Lives", I am honoured and humbled to be District Governor for the year 2021 -2022.

I look forward to meeting as many Rotarians and partners in the months ahead as I can and to serving the District to the best of my ability.

I wish to share some of the vision of RI President Shekhar Mehta:

- Increase membership by encouraging Each One to Bring One
- Embrace change in all areas of clubs.
- Look for Programs for girls.
- Find opportunities for new service projects in your community.
- This is just a sample of the current goals.

One of my passions is for us all, as Rotarians, to treat each other with Respect and Kindness.

"Kindness improves our quality of life in the workplace as well as in the community. It brings people together. Doing good for others feels good. Showing kindness to others is just as rewarding as receiving it from someone else."

I look forward to working with my team to encouraging clubs to expand and find new projects with the RI President's goals in mind.



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## District Changeover and Awards



**DG Anne Reid and the 2021-22 District Team**

More than eighty attended the recent District Changeover at Wangaratta to pass the baton from 2020-21 DG Bruce Anderson and his team across to 2021-22 DG Anne Reid and her team. The emphasis was upon conversation and fellowship, without long-winded speeches, to give plenty of time to meet the incoming District team.

Outgoing DG Bruce the following District Awards:

Club of the Year: Holbrook      Runners Up: Myrtleford, Nathalia

Bulletin:              Albury North      Runners Up: Benalla, Myrtleford

Webpage:            Eltham              Runner Up: Albury North



Foundation Chair PDG Richard Luke presented AG Melissa Hebbard with a certificate and plaque honouring her membership of the Bequest Society.

Everyone present seemed to enjoy the event. We are all hoping for a more "normal" Rotary Year ahead and wish DG Anne and her team all the best for 2021-22.

Cheers, and many thanks for your hard work throughout my DG year!

Immediate Past DG Bruce

# We want you!!



**We know you are out there and we know you are ALL  
doing wonderful things!**

**Don't keep them a secret; don't be shy!**

**YOUR District Bulletin is just that, YOURS!**

**You all have stories to tell and images to share but we can't tell  
anyone else about them unless you share them with us too.**

**It's all very simple really. A couple of good pics of your club's  
projects and activities plus a few good words to inspire us all.**

**Who knows, you may change lives!!!**

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0448852747 to discuss**

**David Redfearn, Bulletin Editor**



**SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES**

## Water tower mural project in Tatura

**The unveiling of the Mural on the water tower in Tatura took place on Sunday 27th June. I felt honoured to be invited to sit in the marquee reserved for special guests. The one thing I noticed above all else was the unpretentiousness of the speakers. First there was Robert Mathieson, past President of the RSL. Bob is such a down to earth guy who shoots straight from the heart. Bob spoke of how, when they were short of the required funds, the Rotary Club of Tatura stepped up to the plate and the army blanket was sent up the street and the funds were raised immediately.**

Then there was former politician Jeanette Powell, who can only be described as a lovely lady with an amazing welcoming smile. Jeanette spoke of her involvement in this mural since 2014, along with the late Tim Fischer in securing Government funding for the project and next there was the great-grand son of Sir John Monash, Michael Bennett, who's pride and respect for his great grand father was so obvious in his speech. Michael talked about Sir John's life story and achievements and his involvement in Rotary in Melbourne 100 years ago. The Rotary club of Tatura has for many years been a force for good in our town.

The Rotary Wheel emblem has been put on the information display board in recognition of Rotary's involvement in this project. The Rotary emblem was first created just after the formation of the first Rotary club, established by 3 men in America in 1905 by a lawyer named Paul Harris. Rotary now has over 23,000 clubs through out the world. The Emblem was to be a wheel to convey movement. I reflected on this cog wheel that hasn't changed since the beginning of Rotary, with its 6 spokes, keyway and 24 cogs, and as I looked around at the local people gathered here for this unveiling I saw how this cog wheel represents our town. Each of us is like a cog on the wheel, it doesn't matter if you are the Lord Mayor of Tatura or a vagrant walking down the main street on a lonely Sunday night, each cog is exactly the same as the next, no bigger or no smaller and that each one is vital in the movement of that wheel. When we are feeling a bit down all we have to do is think of that wheel and how important each of us are to the smooth running of that wheel.

Looking around, I noticed the pride that showed on the faces of the crowd as they unveiled the board. What these people had achieved made me feel proud of our little town, and even more proud, being a Rotarian.

**Bill Purcell**  
Past President Tatura Rotary.



Photos courtesy: Kaye Watson



# SUPPORTING THE ENVIRONMENT our 7th Area of Focus

On 19 June, the District 9790 Environment Task Force was invited to talk to Presidents and Presidents Elect in Group 6 at the North Eastern Hotel in Benalla on the invitation of AG Dave Barrat. Kathryn Chivers (E Club), Marie Gerrard (Southern Mitchell) and David Redfearn (Moreland) presented on Rotary's 7th Area of Focus, the Environment and its implications for Rotary and Rotarians.

It was a threefold presentation.

Kathryn presented on the range of practical measures we can live more sustainably as well as how we can generate community activity and consciousness. The next page lists many of the possible actions that Kathryn outlined and resources available.

Marie spoke about the 7th area of focus and what we are aiming for. She also spoke about the Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group - Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Islands (ESRAG ANZPI), what it does, how to join and how to be involved. The link to ESRAG ANZPI is: <https://www.esraganzpi.org>

Marie concluded speaking on Foundation grants for which applications are admissible from 1 July saying that that Foundation Directors in clubs should be approached for information.

David spoke about the range of environmental areas that can be explored and about a range of Rotary supported projects both local and international that will come under the umbrella of this area of focus. Some examples of these are featured below.

As more projects arise, these will be publicised throughout the district to inspire Rotarians to act in this more critical of areas.



## Some existing Rotary supported environmental projects



Backyard Farmers (Moreland)



Clean up the Highway (Corowa)



Murray Trail (Albury)



Solar panels in Fiji (various clubs)

### Comments by AG Group 6 Dave Barrat to David Redfearn:

*"I really enjoyed the presentation from yourself, Kathryn and Marie. Three of my five clubs were able to attend with two unavailable due to other commitments.*

*The environment is a wonderful area of focus and the presentation provided food for thought for those present. Clubs have an opportunity to become involved with projects either as stand alone, or in conjunction with other clubs or organisations that focus on environmental issues.*

*As Covid has disrupted our lives over the last 15 months, this get together also allowed for some well earned social activity and most of us stayed on for a nice meal at the Hotel after the presentation. This was an enjoyable end to what has been a difficult year for us all.*





## SUPPORTING THE ENVIRONMENT our 7th Area of Focus

Some useful hints from Kathryn Chivers for dealing with waste and other local environmental issues

### Types of household waste:

- Organic waste.
- Paper.
- Plastics.
- Packaging.

### Ways to reduce, reuse and recycle?

- Limit your use of single use and disposable products and choose the alternatives which can be used again
- Opt for products with minimum packaging. If possible, buy in bulk
- Refuse plastic bags when you do not need them. Keep reusable bags handy so you remember to take them to the shops
- When buying fruit and vegetables, put them into your own trolley rather into plastic bags. Make your own net bags
- Repairing household items instead of replacing them can be a great way to reduce and save money
- Locate your e-waste centres
- Start a repair café with your local Men's shed

### There are many ways to reduce household items:

- Give unwanted clothes, household items, furniture and appliances to family or friends or donate them to your charities.
- Hold a secondhand clothes swap fashion parade! Repurpose into art pieces.
- If purchasing something try to find it second hand or buy items containing recycled contents
- Used, washed takeaway containers as stackable containers for your frozen food
- Use glass jars to store food in or other items, pass them onto friends and groups that make jams e.g. CWA (Country Women's Association)
- Use small plastic bags supplied by our council to wrap wet and smelly rubbish in and to pick up after your pets.
- If building or renovating, consider recycled materials such as windows and floorboards; this can save you money.
- Find out what drop off and recycling facilities are available in your local area.
- Contact your local council. They may collect other items for recycling e.g. mobile phones and printer cartridges.
- Aldi and Officeworks take batteries.
- See if your local council has a plastic free, or plastic wise policy. Work with your council when planning events.
- Contact your local council to find out what waste recycling services that they offer for larger electronic products.
- Recycle unwanted plastic bags or soft plastic. Net bags removing the metal clip and bubble wraps.
- Roll aluminum foil into a ball and place into recycling.
- Putting the wrong materials in your recycling bin can lead to large amounts of contamination and recycled materials being sent to landfill!



### Organic waste: keeping it out of landfill:

- Write to your council and ask them to consider bringing in the green bin for garden waste and organic food bins, if they do not already have it.
- Did you know that the bottom of the pizza box can be placed in the organic green bin, with the top section into the recycling bin?
- When organic waste decomposes in landfill, it produces gas that is 55% methane.
- We need Industrial composting facilities.

### Paper waste:

Did you know that shredded paper cannot be recycle in your curbside recycling? Place in an organic bin or use in the garden/chook pens.

### Plastic:

- Soft plastic can be recycled at Coles and Woolworth stores, must be clean and dry, with large sheets of plastic being cut up into A3 size.
- In the 2.1/2 years of collecting and sorting plastic, under Plasticwise Beechworth. 5524 kg of soft plastic was diverted from landfill, that equates to 1,381.000 pieces of packaging 18.41 cubic meters.
- Aussie bread tags for wheelchairs- Rotary e-Club of 9790 are a collection point for these, contact Kathryn Chivers Beechworth [Web site: https://ozbreadtagsforwheelchairs.org.au/](https://ozbreadtagsforwheelchairs.org.au/)
- Find Plasticwisebeechworth on Facebook for more information on the does and don'ts of recycling!
- Coffee cups- are lined with plastic, biodegradable and degradable bags CANNOT be recycled as they only breakdown to smaller particles so avoid at all costs.
- Plastic soft and solid plastic. <http://redcycle.net.au/>

### Networking with other groups so do not try and reinvent the wheel:

- Landcare: for tree planting
- Schools: Stephanie Alexander kitchens
- Sustainability groups: energy
- Youth: get them involved

### Other:

- Clean up days. Picking up litter
- Plant flowers and trees that are good pollinators for bees.
- Fill your nature strip with flowers put a smile on the dial of passers by.

### Some other useful websites:

- <http://www.replas.com.au/>
- <http://www.plasticforests.com.au/>
- <http://www.transmutation.com.au/>





## Youth News

### RYPEN 2022

**RYPEN 2022 is coming in  
March/April - dates will be  
announced soon and sent to  
clubs.**



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# Youth News

## Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)



### Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) 2021

**Dates:**

**RYLA 2021 Conference is 21 November to 27 November 2021, inclusive.**

**RYLA Website:**

Send this link to the young people and have them complete the Expression of Interest (EOI) by clicking on the "Attend RYLA" tab. <https://ryla9790.org.au/>

**Any questions:**

[ryla@ryla9790.org.au](mailto:ryla@ryla9790.org.au) or Linda, 0418 173 279 or Kerry, 0414 861 557.



### RYLA - a Taste for the Rotary Family

We know you've always wanted to attend the RYLA Conference!!! So here is an opportunity to experience RYLA! Many of you have witnessed first hand the excitement and joy that Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) has distilled on past RYLarians (past participants).

RYLarians always struggle to articulate what it was from the week long, self-discovery journey that managed to change their life and have such a profound impact on their lives in such a short time! Would you like to discover some of the RYLA secrets and get a taste of the course that has changed so many young lives for the better?

We are offering all Rotarians and partners/friends the opportunity to be part of a mini RYLA and take away the same excitement and joy, in the hope that your experience will assist you in finding RYLA candidates.

**When: Sunday, 22 August 2021**

**Time: 10am to 3pm**

**Where: Watsonia Scout Hall, A K Line Reserve, 10 Peters St, Watsonia VIC 3087**

**Investment in you: \$15 lunch and all materials provided.**

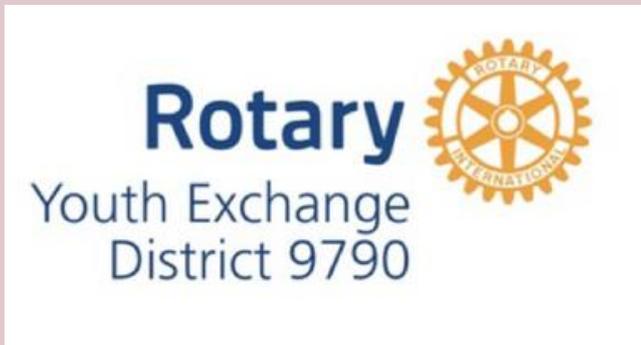
We will guarantee you may LAUGH, LEARN, have FUNN (yes double N) and may shed a tear, If not we will refund your money!!

Spots are limited and it is a first in best dressed so head over to <http://ryla9790.org.au/taste/> and book your spot.

If you have any questions [Kerry Jones \(0414 861 557\)](mailto:kerry.jones@ryla9790.org.au) or [Linda Gidlund \(0418 173 279\)](mailto:linda.gidlund@ryla9790.org.au) and this is not open to potential RYLA candidates, only Rotarians and partners.

# Youth News

## Rotary Youth Exchange 2021-2022



After six years at the helm of District 9790 Rotary Youth Exchange Committee, Bruce McIntyre (RC Benalla) steps down as Chairman. Bruce is a respected and admired Chairman to many exchange students, parents, and committee members.

Bruce is a passionate leader of the committee and is instrumental in the committee developing into a group of like-minded members, all sharing this same passion about Rotary Youth Exchange. This, in turn, has led to District 9790 becoming one of the leading Rotary Youth Exchange Districts in Australia, evidenced by the increasing number of Exchange Students, compared with other Districts who have struggled to maintain their numbers, with most suffering a decline.

Prior to the decision by Rotary International to suspend Rotary Youth Exchange until July 2022, District 9790 had increased its number of Long-term exchange students by 50% with the numbers in the Short-term program increasing 300%. Whilst it has been disappointing to lose the hard-won momentum, Rotary International's decision was for the safety of everyone involved throughout the world and the fairest option for all.

Bruce is a very committed Chairman who has spent significant hours every week ensuring the well-being and safety of all students. His care and compassion provided relief to many a parent when their child experienced any difficulty whilst overseas on exchange.

Whilst Bruce is handing over the role of Chairman to the current Secretary of the committee, Meredith Miegel (RC Corowa), he will remain on the committee as an integral part of the team utilizing his vast experience. Bruce and Meredith have worked very closely over the past two years and, with their very dedicated committee, will continue the work to reinstate the program once International Student Exchange is again deemed safe.

The committee extends its thanks to Bruce for his tireless efforts in the Chair and hopes that he will now have more time to spend with his beloved wife Christine, who is an invaluable supporter in the background!

Rotary Youth Exchange Committee



**Rotary Club of Broadmeadows**  
**15th Annual Paul Harris Birthday Celebration Dinner**  
**Guest Speaker: Frank Vincent AO, retired Judge**



**Tuesday 27th July, 2021**  
**Northern Golf Club,**  
**Glenroy Road, Glenroy**  
**6.30 for 7.00 pm,**  
**\$45 pp**

***Lawyers would would enter courts just to hear him speak – firstly as a barrister in murder trials, then as a Supreme Court justice”. John Silvester, The Age***

FRANK Vincent has dealt with more crooks and murderers than he cares to think about.

But when it comes to Christmas cards, the retiring Supreme Court judge says the best one came from a "client", the notorious Mark "Chopper" Read

Frank Hollis Rivers Vincent - who formally ended his career in criminal law yesterday when he reluctantly retired from the Court of Appeal - was once dubbed "Mr Murder".

He represented the accused in more than 200 murder trials before his appointment to the Supreme Court in 1985, where he presided over dozens more. When you add the number of convicted murderers who have pleaded their case to him during his 16 years as chairman of the Parole Board, it's a sobering tally.

As a judge, he sentenced four killers to life imprisonment with no possibility of release.

When young Frank began studying law at Melbourne University, his parents - then living in Tasmania - moved back to Melbourne and lived with him in an army hut at Camp Pell, the old US military camp at Royal Park.

Eventually the family moved to a Housing Commission property in Glenroy.

Justice Vincent, a Bulldogs supporter, also retired as chancellor of Victoria University but will retain an interest there. He will also stay involved with groups including Western Chances, which operates a scholarship scheme for disadvantaged youth.

Rotarians, Partners & Friends welcome.

**Bookings: Kaye Gauci 0447 151 776**

**Payment: BSB: 063-135 Acct: 00800260 Book Now!**

# BARRELS INVENTED FOR WINE, REINVENTED FOR WHISKY.

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be donated to the  
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projects.*

## STARWARD TOASTS ROTARY'S CENTENARY.

Starward are pleased to be joining Rotary Australasia to celebrate their 100th anniversary as part of Rotary International, with a special Starward Single Barrel release.

Starward Single Barrels are the truest expression of our whisky style. Highlighting our premium Australian red wine barrels, the nuances of oak and of course, the maturation that is truly unique to Melbourne. These barrels are a special, one off display of these characteristics and all that makes Starward.

We worked closely with the Rotary Club of Strathmore (D9790) to find the best barrels to mark the Centenary. Three single hogshead barrels were chosen to perfectly celebrate the momentous occasion, each to be released separately over the coming months.

The first barrel release is special, as it amongst the last remaining barrels produced at our first distillery in Essendon. Released this December 2020 exclusively to Rotary Australia, this single malt whisky was fresh filled and matured in a red wine barrel from the Barossa Valley and finished in a charred American hogshead. Unique to Starward as this barrel was matured for a total of four and a half years in barrel, whereas most of our barrels are bottled at three and a half years.

### TASTING NOTES

- COLOUR** Jarrah with a cherry red hue.
- AROMA** Tropical fruit with pineapple, mango and toffee.
- FLAVOUR** Fruity with soft bread and caramel, balanced by the charred oak.
- FINISH** Long soft finish with delicate tannins from the barrel.

### ABOUT STARWARD

Just like our hometown, Melbourne Australia, our Starward whiskies are versatile and a little different. We craft from local ingredients and mature in barrels from the famed Australian wine industry to make the epitome of a distinctly Australian spirit. Awarded and lauded the world over. We champion a new way of thinking, crafting and experiencing. Of course, we're still whisky but it is whisky done different.

Limited to 400 bottles from this barrel, is one to collect and enjoy. Priced at \$175 per bottle, including postage and handling via the Starward webstore. To place your orders go to: [starward.com.au/rotary100](http://starward.com.au/rotary100)



## Calendar of events

Event	Location	Date(s)	Contact
Rotary Club of Broadmeadows 15th Annual Paul Harris Birthday Celebration Dinner	Northern Golf Club, Glenroy Road, Glenroy	Tuesday 27th July, 2021 at 6.30 pm	Bookings: Kaye Gauci 0447 151 776
Mini RYLA for Rotarians, aprtners and friends. \$15 for lunch and materials	Watsonia Scout Hall, A K Line Reserve, 10 Peters St, Watsonia VIC 3087	Sunday, 22 August 2021 from 10am to 3pm	Kerry Jones (0414 861 557) or Linda Gidlund (0418 173 279)
Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) Camp	TBA	Sunday, 21 November to Saturday, 27 November 2021	Kerry Jones, Secretary M 0414 861 557, Email <a href="mailto:info@ryla9790.org.au">info@ryla9790.org.au</a>

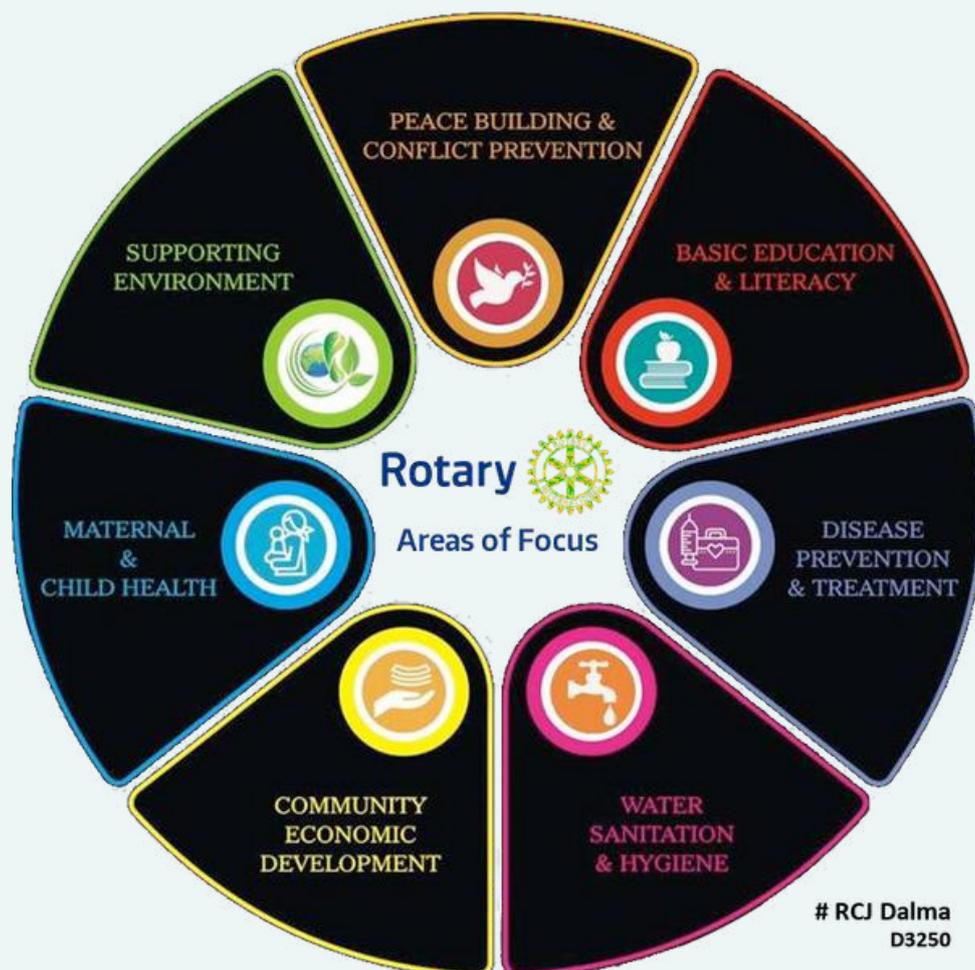
### District/club deadlines

Grant applications for  
'Supporting the Environment'

Projects will be  
accepted from 1 July  
2021

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0428 834 162

## July 2021 is Transition Month



**August 2021**

Membership and New Club Development Month

**September 2021**

Basic Education and Literacy Month

**October 2021**

Community Economic Development Month

4-5 October – Presidential Conference – Gyeongju, Korea

4-10 October – Rotary Alumni Reconnect Week

24 October – World Polio Day

**November 2021**

Rotary Foundation Month

1-7 November – World Interact Week

5-7 November – Presidential Conference – Venice, Italy

26-27 November – Presidential Conference – Manila, Philippines

**December 2021**

Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

15 December – Last day for early registration discount for the 2022 Rotary Convention

**January 2022**

Vocational Service Month

16-20 January – International Assembly, Orlando, Florida, USA

**February 2022**

Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month

4-6 February – Presidential Conference – Hyderabad, India

12-13 February – Presidential Conference – Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil

23 February – Rotary's anniversary

**March 2022**

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month

4-5 March – Presidential Conference – Maputo, Mozambique

14-18 March – World Rotaract Week

31 March – Preregistration discount ends for the Rotary International Convention

**April 2022**

Maternal and Child Health Month

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

**May 2022**

Youth Service Month

**June 2022**

Rotary Fellowships Month

3-4 June – Presidential Conference, Houston, Texas, USA

4-8 June – Rotary International Convention, Houston, Texas, USA

30 June – Rotary Citation for Rotary Clubs Award nominations are due

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**Rotary**  
DISTRICT 9790



**Conference 2022**  
**Marysville**  
**18 – 20 March**



# Embracing Change

Service above self

- ✓ **Golf Day supporting Mental Health**
- ✓ **Ride to Conference supporting Indigenous Scholarships (ARH)**
- ✓ **Ruth Konig Walk**
- ✓ **Rotary Showcase**
- ✓ **Koala preservation**
- ✓ **Environmental Projects**
- ✓ **High Profile Guest Speakers**
- ✓ **Celebratory Dinner on Saturday**



**Bookings link and further information on [rotary9790.org.au](http://rotary9790.org.au)**

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