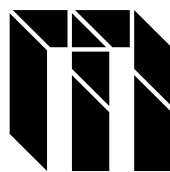




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A delegate who participates fully in the RSP26 Conference will leave with a clear, energising, and deeply practical understanding of what People • Planet • Peace looks like across Rotary South Pacific today — and how emerging global forces, including artificial intelligence, are reshaping the landscape in which Rotary leads. Across three days of plenaries, panels, breakouts, and lived-experience keynotes, delegates will follow a deliberate narrative arc: beginning with trust, partnership, and community-led service; moving into real-world pathways for climate resilience, water security, and long-term disaster recovery; and culminating in a forward-looking exploration of peacebuilding, digital security, and the societal impacts of AI.

Delegates will gain concrete tools to strengthen clubs, grow membership, build respectful relationships with Indigenous and Pacific communities, support mental health and WASH initiatives, and communicate Rotary’s story with greater clarity and impact. They will also leave with a deeper understanding of how technology is reshaping communities — and how Rotary can provide ethical leadership, digital resilience, and human-centred connection in an AI-accelerated world. Most importantly, delegates will leave with renewed confidence that Rotary is modernising with purpose — and with the agency, insight, and inspiration to lead meaningful change in their own clubs and communities.

Message from the Convenor — RI Director Jennifer Scott AM

Welcome to the Rotary South Pacific Zone 8 Conference for 2026. It is a privilege to gather with you in Melbourne as we explore what *People • Planet • Peace* means for our region at this moment in Rotary's history. Across these three days, you will hear from leaders, practitioners, scholars, and community voices who are shaping the future of service in Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific.

This program has been designed with intention: to deepen our understanding of community-led partnership, to strengthen our response to the challenges of climate and water security, and to expand our vision of peacebuilding in a rapidly changing world. Most importantly, it invites each of us to consider how Rotary can modernise with purpose — and how we, as leaders, can help our clubs grow stronger, more inclusive, and more impactful.

Thank you for your commitment to Rotary and to the communities we serve. I hope you leave this conference energised, connected, and confident in the role you play in shaping Rotary's future.

Message from the Conference Chair — Tony Monley OAM

Welcome to RSP26. Over the past year, our team has worked to create a conference that is not only informative and inspiring, but genuinely useful — a place where Rotary leaders can gain practical tools, fresh ideas, and renewed confidence for the work ahead. *People • Planet • Peace* is more than a theme; it is a framework for how Rotary can lead with relevance in our region.

This program reflects the issues our clubs are facing today: building trust with communities, strengthening resilience in the face of climate and disaster, supporting mental health and wellbeing, and navigating an increasingly complex global environment. It also reflects the optimism that defines Rotary — the belief that when we work together, we can create lasting change.

Thank you for being part of this journey. I hope you find space here to learn, to connect, and to imagine what Rotary can become. Your leadership matters, and your presence here strengthens our region.

RSP26 DAILY OVERVIEW

Friday 30 October — Opening Day

Morning & Early Afternoon

- Registrations open (8:00–4:00)
- Multi-District Organisation AGMs (8:30–11:00)
- Rotary Foundation Masterclass with Gordon McNally (10:00–12:00)
- Rotarians Against Malaria Seminar (10:00–2:00)
- Exhibitor bump-in (12:00–3:00)

Conference Opening (4:00–6:00)

- Welcome to Country
- Addresses from RI Director Jennifer Scott AM, DG Graeme Hope, and the Governor-General
- RI President Elect Larry Lunsford keynote
- Simon Kriss - Emerging Technologies, Human Futures, and the Role of Civic Leadership

Evening

- Friday Fellowship Dinner (ticketed)
- DG Year-Group Dinners (own arrangements)

Saturday 31 October — People & Planet Day

Morning

- Community Walk (6:30–7:15)
- Registrations (8:00–12:00)
- Presidents' Breakfast with RIPE Larry Lunsford (7:00–8:30)

Plenary Session (8:45–10:15)

- Dr Jill Gallagher AO — Trust & partnership with Aboriginal communities
- Ending Trachoma — Robert McGuirk
- Rotary Community Groups Awards
- TRF Trustee Gordon McNally — Mental health & hope
- TRF Trustee Dennis Shore — TRF Perpetual Trophies

Midday Plenary (11:00–1:00)

- Water & Community Resilience — Bridget Teirney
- WASH Scholar Journey — Patrick Pagkale & A/Prof Brian McIntosh
- Climate & Disaster Leadership — Tim Wiebusch
- Resilience Panel — Grant Hocking, Haran Ramachandran OAM, Lynne Duckham OAM, Mahir Momand
- Regionalisation update

Afternoon Breakouts (2:00–2:45)

- Regionalisation Q&A
- DEI & Membership
- Catalysing Climate Action in Rotary

Evening

- End Polio Now Walk (3:30–4:15)
- Major Donor Recognition Event (invitation only)
- Conference Dinner – Masquerade Ball (6:30–late)

Sunday 1 November — Peace & Future Pathways Day

Morning

- Community Walk (6:30–7:15)

Plenary Session (8:45–10:15)

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| • In Memoriam | • Dr Tania Miletic — Preventing conflict in the Indo-Pacific |
| • Larry Lunsford — Membership & vibrant clubs | • Arch Klumph Society Presentation |
| • Assoc Prof Sebastian Kaempf — Geopolitics of cyberspace | |

Breakouts (11:00–11:45)

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| • Peace in Practice — Kaempf & Miletic, moderated by PDG Murray Verso | • Rotaract to Rotary Pathways — Joe Martinovic, Amanda Barnes, Stephen Lovison, Nicholas Egan, Laura Telford |
| | • Public Image Masterclass — RDU |

Closing Plenary (11:45–1:30)

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| • Intercultural Education & Peace — Annette Schneider | • International Convention Promotion — PDG Lisa Hunt |
| • Global Trends & Rotary's Future — Michele Berg | • 2027 RSP Conference Promotion — PDG Jennie Herring |
| • A Region at a Crossroads — Jennifer Scott AM | • Wrap-up & closing entertainment |

Lunch

- Own arrangements

RSP26 FULL PROGRAM

Friday 30th October

8:00 am to 4:00 pm	Registrations	Clarendon Auditorium Level 1
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Multi District Organisations Annual General Meetings **Registration not necessary**

8:30 am: ROZOps Ltd; NZ Clubs Charitable Trust	9:00 am: ROMAC	9:30 am: RDU	Clarendon Auditorium Level 1
10:00 am: ARH	10:30 am: RAWCS		

Rotary Foundation Seminar **This is a ticketed event. Register [HERE](#)**

10:00 am to 12:00 pm	<i>The Rotary Foundation: Impact, Innovation, and Inspiration — A Pre-Conference Masterclass</i> Hosted by Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator David Anderson . Featuring Incoming Trustee Chair, Past Rotary International President Gordon MacInally	Clarendon Room A Level 4
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Australian Rotarians Against Malaria Seminar **This is a free ticketed event. Register [HERE](#)**

10:00 am to 2:00 pm	<i>Driven to End Malaria: Now We Can. Now We Must.</i> Presented in partnership with the Australian Centre of Research Excellence in Malaria Elimination.	The Alfred Education and Innovation Hub, South Yarra
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12:00 pm to 3:00 pm	Exhibitor Bump In	Clarendon Auditorium Foyer Level 1
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4:00 pm to 6:00 pm	Conference Opening	Clarendon Auditorium Level 1
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Welcome & Introduction RI Director **Jennifer Scott AM**
Jennifer Scott sets the tone for a purposeful, modern, and region focused conference that equips leaders with clarity, confidence, and practical pathways for impact.

Welcome to Country Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation
A grounding moment that honours Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung custodianship and frames the conference in respect, relationship, and truth-telling.

Welcome to Melbourne Melbourne City Council Lord Mayor or delegate
A civic welcome highlighting Melbourne's commitment to inclusion, sustainability, and global engagement as a natural home for People • Planet • Peace.

Flag Ceremony
This session recognises and celebrates the nations participating in this Conference.

PEOPLE PLANET PEACE - A Rotary International Perspective RI President Elect **Larry Lunsford**
Larry Lunsford connects Rotary's global mission to the South Pacific context, inspiring delegates to lead with hope, unity, and purpose.

Emerging Technologies, Human Futures, and the Role of Civic Leadership **Simon Kriss** customer experience and artificial intelligence futurist
Simon Kriss reveals how artificial intelligence is reshaping society, trust, and community cohesion — and what this means for Rotary's future. This session sets a forward-looking frame for the conference, inviting delegates to consider how People • Planet • Peace must evolve in a world transformed by intelligent systems.

6:30 pm	Friday Fellowship Dinner This is a ticketed event. Register HERE	Melbourne Cellar Door 25 Dukes Walk, South Wharf VIC 3006
	District Governor Year Group Dinners	Own Arrangements

Saturday 31st October

6:30 am to 7:15 am	Community Walk	Novotel Hotel Entrance
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8:00 am to 12:00 pm	Registrations	Clarendon Auditorium Level 1
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Presidents' Breakfast [This is a ticketed event. Register \[HERE\]\(#\)](#)

7:00 am to 8:30 am	Presidents' Breakfast featuring Rotary International President 2027–28, Larry Lunsford	Clarendon Room Level 4
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8:45 am to 10:15 am	Conference Plenary	Clarendon Auditorium Level 1
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Closing the Gap Starts with Trust: What True Partnership with Aboriginal Communities Requires

Dr Jill Gallagher AO, CEO
Victorian Aboriginal
Community Controlled Health
Organisation Inc

Dr Gallagher shows that genuine partnership with Indigenous communities begins with trust, humility, and community-led decision-making.

Ending Trachoma in Australia: A Decade of Rotary Action, Partnership and Community Strength

Robert McGuirk, Rotary Club
of Melbourne

This session demonstrates how Rotary's decade of partnership-driven action is bringing Australia closer to eliminating trachoma for good.

Rotary Community Groups Award Presentations

Stephen Lovison, Director,
Rotary South Pacific Ltd

The awards celebrate grassroots Rotary groups whose local leadership strengthens community connection and service impact.

Mental Health, Hope & The Rotary Foundation

The Rotary Foundation
Trustee, Past Rotary
International President,
Gordon McNally

Gordon McNally highlights how Rotary can destigmatise mental health and create hope through compassionate, community-based initiatives.

Presentation of District TRF Perpetual Trophies

TRF Trustee **Dennis Shore**

Dennis Shore recognises districts whose commitment to The Rotary Foundation drives sustainable, high-impact humanitarian outcomes.

10:15 am to 11:00 am	Morning Tea	Clarendon Auditorium Foyer Level 1
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11:00 am to 1:00 pm	Conference Plenary	Clarendon Auditorium Level 1
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Water at the Heart of Community Resilience: Practical Pathways for People, Planet and Peace

Bridget Teirney MSc, BEng
(Hons)

Bridget Teirney shows how water security underpins climate resilience, community wellbeing, and long-term stability across the region.

From Scholarship to Service: Building Pacific Water Resilience — A WASH Scholar's Journey

Patrick Pagkale, 2026 WASH South Pacific Scholar
Assoc Professor Brian McIntosh, Academic Advisor, International Water Centre (IWC), Griffith University

This session demonstrates how Rotary's investment in emerging leaders strengthens Pacific water resilience and community-driven solutions.

Rising to the Challenge: How Communities Survive and Rebuild in a Changing Climate

Tim Wiebusch, Victorian Emergency Services Commissioner

Tim Wiebusch outlines how communities can prepare for, withstand, and recover from increasingly complex climate-driven emergencies.

Panel: From Crisis to Capacity: How Rotary Builds Community Resilience Beyond the Emergency

Moderator: PDG **Grant Hocking** Panellists: **DGE Haran Ramachandran OAM**, **Lynne Duckham OAM**, **Mahir Momand**, CEO RAWCS

This panel explores how Rotary supports communities long after the emergency ends by building capability, resilience, and local leadership.

Stronger Clubs, Greater Impact: How Regionalisation Is Powering Our Future

PDG **Jennie Herring**, Chair Rotary South Pacific Ltd (Regional Council)

The Regional Council demonstrates how regionalisation is creating stronger, more vibrant clubs with greater capacity for impact.

1:00 pm to 2:00 pm	Lunch	Clarendon Auditorium Foyer Level 1
2:00 pm to 2:45 pm	Breakout Sessions	
Regionalisation Case Studies	Stephen Lovison, Amanda Barnes	Clarendon Auditorium Level 1
<i>Delegates gain clarity on how regionalisation will strengthen club operations, leadership pathways, and long-term sustainability.</i>		
Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI): A Pathway to Stronger Clubs & Growing Membership	Rotary South Pacific DEI Portfolio Team	Clarendon Room D Level 1
<i>This session shows how diversity, equity, and inclusion practices help clubs grow, thrive, and better reflect their communities.</i>		
Catalysing Climate Action in Rotary: Climate Solutions for Mobilising Clubs, Districts and Communities	Dr Patricia Armstrong	Clarendon Room E Level 1
<i>Delegates learn practical ways Rotary clubs can accelerate climate action and environmental stewardship across the region.</i>		
3:30 pm to 4:15 pm	End Polio Now Walk This is a ticketed event. Register HERE	Novotel Hotel Entrance
5:30 pm to 6:30 pm	The Rotary Foundation Major Donor Recognition Event This is an invitation-only event	Clarendon Foyer Level 4
6:30 pm to Late	Conference Dinner Masquerade Ball	Sovereign Room MCEC

This is a ticketed event. It may be included in your Conference + Dinner ticket or dinner-only tickets can be purchased HERE		
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Sunday 1st November

6:30 am to 7:15 am	Community Walk	Novotel Hotel Entrance
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8:45 am to 10:15 am	Conference Plenary	Clarendon Auditorium Level 1
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In Memoriam

Strengthening Rotary's Future Through Membership Growth and Vibrant Clubs

Rotary International President Elect **Larry Lunsford**

Larry Lunsford outlines how vibrant clubs and intentional membership strategies will shape Rotary's future strength.

The geopolitics of cyberspace: global political trends and their impact on security, privacy, and human rights

Associate Professor Sebastian Kaempf, Director, Rotary Peace Centre, School of Political Science and International Studies, University of Queensland

A/Prof Sebastian Kaempf explains how digital conflict and global cyber trends affect security, privacy, and human rights in the Indo-Pacific.

Preventing Conflict in the Indo Pacific: Local Leadership, Regional Stability, and Rotary's Role in Building Peace

Dr Tania Miletic, Co-Director, Initiative for Peacebuilding, School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Melbourne

Dr Miletic shows how local leadership and cross-cultural dialogue can prevent conflict and strengthen regional stability.

Arch Klumph Society Presentations

Zone 8 Endowments & Major Gifts Advise **Wendy Protheroe**

These presentations recognise the Zone's latest members of the Arch Klumph Society.

10:15 am to 11:00 am	Morning Tea	Clarendon Auditorium Foyer Level 1
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11:00 am to 11:45 am	Breakout Sessions
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Peace in Practice: Navigating Conflict, Information Warfare, and Community Resilience in the Indo Pacific

Moderator: **PDG Murray Verso**
Panellists: **Assoc Professor Sebastian Kaempf, Dr Tania Miletic**
Clarendon Auditorium Level 1

This breakout equips delegates with practical tools to navigate misinformation, conflict, and community resilience in a shifting regional landscape.

From Rotaract to Rotary: Designing a Seamless Pathway for the Next Generation of Leaders.

Moderator: **Joe Martinovic**
Panellists: **Amanda Barnes, Stephen Lovison, Nicholas Egan, Laura Telford**
Clarendon Room D Level 1

The panel explores how Rotary can create seamless, meaningful pathways that welcome and retain the next generation of leaders

Telling Rotary's Story Well: A Masterclass in Public Image for Clubs RDU Clarendon Room E Level 1

Guided by the editorial and photography team from Rotary Down Under (RDU), participants work through their own story live in the room. The best stories produced in the session will be considered for publication in an upcoming edition of Rotary Down Under magazine.

11:45 am to 1:30 pm	Conference Plenary	Clarendon Auditorium Level 1
From Prejudice to Belonging: How Intercultural Education Builds Peace in the Next Generation		Annette Schneider , CEO Together for Humanity
<i>Annette Schneider shows how intercultural understanding and anti-prejudice education build peace in the next generation.</i>		
Rotary at a Turning Point: Global Trends, Emerging Priorities, and What They Mean for Our Region		Michele Berg , Deputy General Secretary
<i>Michele Berg provides a global perspective on the trends shaping Rotary's future and the opportunities for our region.</i>		
A Region at a Crossroads: Re-Shaping Rotary South Pacific for a Stronger Future		Rotary International Director Jennifer Scott AM
<i>Jennifer Scott outlines how Rotary South Pacific can modernise with purpose and reshape itself for a stronger, more unified future.</i>		
International Convention Promotion		PDG Lisa Hunt
<i>Lisa Hunt highlights the opportunities for global connection and inspiration at the upcoming Rotary International Convention.</i>		
2027 RSP Conference Promotion		PDG Jennie Herring
<i>Jennie Herring previews the 2027 RSP Conference and invites delegates to continue the regional journey.</i>		
Wrap Up & Thank You		Rotary International Director Jennifer Scott AM
Closing Entertainment		

Lunch: Own Arrangements

RSP26 SPEAKER BIOS

Plenary Speakers

RI Director Jennifer Scott AM

Jennifer Scott AM is Rotary International Director for Zones 8 & 10 and a leading advocate for Rotary's modernisation. With senior public-sector leadership experience and long service in Rotary governance, she champions inclusion and strategic clarity. At RSP26 she speaks on Rotary's future direction and regional priorities.

RI President Elect Larry Lunsford

Larry Lunsford, Rotary International President Elect (2027–28), is a passionate advocate for membership, youth programs, and the Rotary Foundation. A CPA and higher-education executive, he is known for his energetic, people-centred leadership. At RSP26 he shares insights on strengthening Rotary's future through vibrant clubs and engaged members.

Past RI President & TRF Trustee Gordon McNally

Gordon McNally, Past RI President and current Foundation Trustee, is a global advocate for mental health, peacebuilding, and community resilience. His presidential theme "Creating Hope in the World" continues to shape Rotary's priorities. At RSP26 he speaks on mental health, hope, and the Foundation's impact.

TRF Trustee Dennis Shore

Dennis Shore, Rotary Foundation Trustee (2023–27), is one of Zone 8's most respected Foundation leaders. A chemical engineer and long-serving Rotarian, he has held major governance, fundraising, and training roles. At RSP26 he presents the District TRF Perpetual Trophies and highlights the Foundation's role in sustainable impact.

Simon Kriss

Simon Kriss is a customer experience (CX) and artificial intelligence (AI) futurist who advises boards and senior executives on how emerging technologies are reshaping business, society, and customer experience. With more than 30 years' experience leading operations across Australia, New Zealand, Asia, Europe, and North America, he has worked in sectors including banking, insurance, travel, energy, government, telecommunications, and FMCG for brands such as Expedia, HSBC, and Cathay Pacific.

Dr Jill Gallagher AO

Dr Jill Gallagher AO, a proud Gunditjmara woman, is a national leader in Aboriginal health, self-determination, and community-led policy. As long-time CEO of VACCHO and former Treaty Commissioner, she brings deep insight into trust, partnership, and Closing the Gap. At RSP26 she opens the People stream.

Robert McGuirk

Robert McGuirk, Rotary Club of Melbourne, has been central to Rotary's decade-long effort to eliminate trachoma in Australia. With experience in community health partnerships and Indigenous engagement, he highlights Rotary's achievements and the path to ending preventable blindness. At RSP26 he reflects on lessons learned and future priorities.

Bridget Teirney

Bridget Teirney is a water engineer and climate-resilience specialist with extensive experience across the Pacific. She focuses on community-centred water security and practical adaptation solutions. At RSP26 she explores how water underpins resilience across People, Planet, and Peace.

Patrick Pagkale

Patrick Pagkale, the 2026 Rotary South Pacific WASH Scholar, works on community water systems and climate adaptation across the Pacific. His studies at Griffith University strengthen his leadership in water resilience. At RSP26 he shares his journey from scholarship to service.

Associate Professor Brian McIntosh

Brian McIntosh, Griffith University's International Water Centre, is an expert in water governance, resilience, and capacity development. He has led major programs across the Pacific and Asia. At RSP26 he discusses leadership, education, and Rotary partnerships in strengthening water security.

Jennie Herring

Jennie Herring is a senior Rotary leader with extensive experience in governance, regional collaboration, and strategic program delivery across Australia and New Zealand. A Past District Governor and long-serving contributor to regional initiatives, she is recognised for her clear strategic thinking, strong organisational capability, and commitment to strengthening Rotary's impact across the South Pacific. Jennie has held leadership roles in major Rotary events, training programs, and regional governance bodies, and is known for her ability to build cohesive teams and guide complex, multi-country projects. As Chair of Rotary South Pacific Ltd, she leads the delivery of the Regionalisation Pilot, ensuring Rotary South Pacific remains future-focused, collaborative, and positioned for long-term success.

Tim Wiebusch

Tim Wiebusch, Victorian Emergency Services Commissioner, is one of Australia's most experienced leaders in disaster response and community resilience. With decades of operational leadership, he brings insights into how communities survive and rebuild in a changing climate. At RSP26 he speaks on resilience before, during, and after emergencies.

Associate Professor Sebastian Kaempf

Sebastian Kaempf, Director of the Rotary Peace Centre at UQ, is a global expert in digital conflict, international security, and human rights. His research examines the geopolitics of

cyberspace and information warfare. At RSP26 he explores digital threats and peacebuilding in the Indo-Pacific.

Dr Tania Miletic

Tania Miletic, Co-Director of the Initiative for Peacebuilding at the University of Melbourne, is a leading practitioner in conflict prevention and dialogue processes. With experience across Asia and the Pacific, she examines Rotary's role in supporting stability and peace in the region.

Annette Schneider

Annette Schneider, CEO of Together for Humanity, leads national programs in intercultural understanding and anti-prejudice education. With a background in education leadership and social cohesion, she works to build belonging among young Australians. At RSP26 she speaks on intercultural education as a pathway to peace.

Michele Berg

Michele Berg, Deputy General Secretary of Rotary International, is a senior global executive with decades of experience in governance, operations, and organisational transformation. At RSP26 she provides a global perspective on Rotary's future and emerging priorities.

Panel & Breakout Speakers

PDG Grant Hocking

Grant Hocking, Past District Governor and former CFA senior officer, has deep experience in emergency management, volunteer coordination, and community recovery. In Rotary he has served in governance, training, and public image roles. At RSP26 he moderates the panel on building capacity beyond the emergency.

DGE Haran Ramachandran OAM

Haran Ramachandran OAM is a community leader recognised for service to multicultural communities. A District Governor Elect, he has held senior Rotary roles in leadership development and regionalisation. At RSP26 he contributes to the panel on community resilience and long-term recovery.

Lynne Duckham OAM

Lynne Duckham OAM is a long-serving Rotarian and community leader with extensive experience in humanitarian service and governance. Recognised for her contributions to community organisations, she brings practical insight into long-term recovery and resilience. At RSP26 she joins the panel on capacity building beyond emergencies, sharing insights in her capacity as a member of the The Rotary Foundation Technical Cadre.

Mahir Momand

Mahir Momand, CEO of RAWCS, is a global development leader with experience in economic empowerment, refugee support, and community resilience across Afghanistan, Australia, and the Pacific. At RSP26 he speaks on Rotary's role in long-term recovery and sustainable development.

PDG Murray Verso

Murray Verso, Past District Governor and medical practitioner, is a respected Rotary leader known for his work in public health, governance, and training. He has served in senior regional roles and is an experienced facilitator. At RSP26 he moderates the peace and security breakout session.

Joe Martinovic

Joe Martinovic is a Rotarian and youth-leadership advocate with experience in mentoring, club development, and Rotaract–Rotary collaboration. At RSP26 he moderates the panel on designing a seamless pathway from Rotaract to Rotary.

Amanda Barnes

Amanda Barnes, Director of Rotary South Pacific Ltd, is a Rotarian and community leader with strong experience in youth programs, club development, and leadership pathways. At RSP26 she contributes to the panel on strengthening transitions from Rotaract to Rotary.

Stephen Lovison

Stephen Lovison, Director of Rotary South Pacific Ltd, has extensive experience in governance, education leadership, and community engagement. At RSP26 he presents the Rotary Community Groups Awards and joins the panel on Rotaract–Rotary pathways.

Nicholas Egan

Nicholas Egan is an emerging Rotary leader with experience in Rotaract, youth engagement, and club innovation. At RSP26 he brings a next-generation perspective to the panel on transitioning from Rotaract to Rotary.

Laura Telford

Laura Telford is a Rotaractor and young professional committed to leadership development and community service. She has held roles in district Rotaract leadership and contributes to strengthening youth pathways. At RSP26 she joins the panel on designing seamless transitions into Rotary.

Special Sessions

PDG Lisa Hunt

Lisa Hunt, Past District Governor, is a leader in membership, youth programs, and international engagement. Known for her strategic thinking and energetic communication, she has served in multiple district and regional roles. At RSP26 she leads promotion of the 2027 Rotary International Convention.

PDG Jennie Herring

Jennie Herring, Chair of Rotary South Pacific Ltd, has extensive experience in governance, training, and regional collaboration. She has played key roles in district leadership and major event planning. At RSP26 she introduces the 2027 Rotary South Pacific Conference.

Tony Monley OAM — Conference Chair

Tony Monley OAM is a senior governance leader, CPA Australia Fellow, and long-serving Rotarian with extensive experience across corporate, government, and community sectors. Over a 40-year career in the oil, gas, and energy industries, he held senior roles including Chief Financial Officer, Financial Controller, and Executive Director in Australia and Southeast Asia. He has served on numerous boards across health, legal services, education, Indigenous community organisations, and international disaster relief, bringing deep expertise in finance, audit, risk, and organisational performance.

Tony's Rotary journey spans decades, beginning with Rotaract, RYLA, and a Rotary Foundation Group Study Exchange to Italy in 1989. Since joining Rotary in 1995, he has served as District Governor, International Assembly Training Leader, Council on Legislation representative, Vice Chair and Secretary/Treasurer of the Melbourne 2023 Convention Host Organising Committee, and a member of the Rotary International Finance Committee. He currently

serves as a Director and Company Secretary of Rotary Foundation Australia, Company Secretary of Rotary South Pacific Ltd, and an Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator.

Recognised with the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM), Manningham Citizen of the Year, and the Royce Abbey Award, Tony is known for his strategic clarity, collaborative leadership, and commitment to modernising Rotary with purpose. As Chair of the 2026 Rotary South Pacific Regional Conference, he brings a strong focus on relevance, impact, and practical tools for leaders across People • Planet • Peace.

EXHIBITORS

2027 International Convention
2027 Regional Conference
Australian Rotary Health (ARH)
Disaster Aid Australia
End Trachoma
Environmental Sustainability
Kieser Australia
Lese Oalai School PNG
RDU Photo Booth
RDU Supplies
Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS)
Rotary Balwyn Centenary Grants
Rotary Bee Fellowship
Rotary eClub of Changemakers
Rotary eClub of WASH
Rotary International South Pacific & Philippines Office
Rotary Modbury Golden Grove – First Responder App
Rotary Noble Park - Dingley Village Jewellery Sales
Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC)
Rotary South Pacific Ltd (aka Regional Council)
Rotary South Pacific WASH Scholarship
Shelterbox
The Rotary Foundation
Wendy Wu Tours
Wheelchairs for Kids

ACCESSIBILITY & INCLUSION AT RSP26

Rotary South Pacific is committed to ensuring that every delegate can participate fully, comfortably, and with dignity. The following arrangements are in place throughout the conference to support accessibility, inclusion, and wellbeing.

Mobility & Venue Access

- All conference spaces at the Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre are wheelchair accessible.
- Lifts connect all levels used for plenaries, breakouts, and social events.
- Accessible seating is available in the Clarendon Auditorium; please speak with a volunteer if you require assistance.
- The End Polio Walk route is flat and suitable for mobility aids.

Drop-Off, Parking & Transport

- Accessible drop-off points are located at the Clarendon Street entrance.
- Designated accessible parking bays are available in the MCEC car park.
- The Novotel (Community Walk meeting point) provides step-free access.

Hearing & Communication Support

- All plenary sessions use amplified audio and large-format screens.
- Reserved seating is available for delegates who require proximity to speakers or screens.

Quiet Spaces & Wellbeing

- A quiet room is available for delegates needing a low-stimulus environment for rest, prayer, reflection, or sensory regulation.
- Mental health support information is available at the registration desk.
- Delegates are welcome to step out of sessions at any time.

Dietary Requirements

- All catered events include vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, and dairy-free options.
- If you have specific dietary needs or allergies, please notify the registration desk or catering staff.

Cultural Safety & Inclusion

- RSP26 is committed to culturally safe engagement with Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, Māori, and Pacific communities.
- Delegates are encouraged to approach all sessions with respect, curiosity, and openness.
- A Welcome to Country will be delivered at the Opening Ceremony.

Family & Carer Support

- Carers accompanying delegates are welcome at all sessions.
- Parents and carers may use the quiet room for feeding or settling children.
- Please speak with volunteers if you require additional support.

Emergency & Assistance

- MCEC staff and Rotary volunteers are trained to assist in emergencies.
- Emergency exits and evacuation routes are clearly marked.
- For immediate assistance, please approach any volunteer or staff member.

Access to Sessions

- Registration badge must be worn at all times to gain access to all conference sessions.

Venue Map

