

Rotary

Modbury Golden Grove



A Message from our President, Teresa Evans.

We kicked off our first meeting of the year with a relaxed BBQ in Civic Park on a lovely summer evening, setting positive tones for the months ahead. It was wonderful to see so many members come together, sharing holiday stories, personal updates, and exciting ideas for upcoming projects. We also locked in roles for the club, and I sincerely appreciate everyone who stepped up to volunteer for key roles. This secures the future of our club for the next Rotary year.

After the scorching Australia Day celebrations, we welcomed members from the Rotary Club of Salisbury to our meeting. We celebrated the success of our joint international project, ODA in Cambodia, which was a testament to our Unite for Good spirit. The meeting had two Presidents run their official club meetings with great collaboration. Several pieces of ODA artwork were auctioned, and the winners delighted. The evening was filled with friendly conversation with catching up with old friends and making new ones. We look forward to the ongoing partnerships and continuing to making a real difference for the children in Cambodia with education opportunities.

Looking ahead, our focus is on preparing and planning for fundraisers and projects that will make an impact in our local and international communities throughout the year. Thank you all for your ongoing commitment and enthusiasm your involvement is what makes our club so vibrant and successful. Together, we're set for an amazing year!

January has set a strong foundation for 2026. Thank you to all members for returning with such enthusiasm and dedication. This year promises meaningful projects, strong fellowship, and opportunities to grow as a club and as individuals. Let's keep the momentum going!



February 2026 Club Meetings

**10th Feb
6:30pm**

Rotary Club Meeting

The Grove - 232 Greenfell Road. Surry Downs

**17th Feb
7:00pm**

Rotary Club Board Meeting

R.S.V.P to Teresa.

**24th Feb
6:30pm**

Rotary Club Meeting

The Grove - 232 Greenfell Road. Surry Downs

Up Coming Bunnings BBQ Dates



Other Future Bunnings BBQ's: Saturday 11th April

Upcoming Events



THE MULTI DISTRICT **IMPACT SUMMIT.**

HORSHAM TOWN HALL, VICTORIA. 27TH – 29TH MARCH 2026.



People Planet Peace

ROTARY SOUTH PACIFIC **ZONE 8 CONFERENCE**

Calling Out To Chocolate Lovers



At the next Club Meeting bring your cash and stock up on \$1 Freddo Frogs or Caramello Koalas to enjoy with your family and friends. Proceeds to Art Supplies for ODA in Cambodia. You can buy a box of 60 for \$60 and sell at work, social groups or family and friends.

For more details, please speak with Teresa.

Joint Project with Rotary Club of Salisbury.

In 2025 the Rotary Club of Modbury Golden Grove and the Rotary Club of Salisbury (SA) jointly supported ODA **in partnership with Rotary Australia World Community Service**, with a shared aim to improve education access for rural children in Cambodia.

ODA is based in a rural village near Siem Reap and **creates life-changing opportunities** for children through free English and computer education — skills that are key to improving future employment prospects.

Together, we delivered \$22,237, providing:

- Battery solar systems for schools,
- School uniforms and supplies
- Educational and sporting equipment

This contribution culminated in November 2025, with a Rotary team travelling to Cambodia and witnessing firsthand the impact of this work and the services ODA provides — from the distribution of uniforms to over 700 children to joyful school visits filled with learning, play, and connection.

The visit also highlighted ODA's residential school, organic farm, and an art gallery, which support long-term sustainability and community development.

This project was made possible through the generosity, collaboration, and commitment of members from both clubs, alongside the support of partners and donors. The impact will be long-lasting, and the partnership with ODA will continue. **(Click on page to watch Video.)**



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Opportunities of Development thru Art



Joint Club Meeting with RC Salisbury – 27th Jan



Celebrating Our Success

Para Vista Primary School Community Hub Project

Back in 2025, we raised over \$1000 at our December Bunnings BBQ for the Para Vista Primary School Community Hub. The funds were to go for the Family Food Hampers they hand out each month for those in need. This month, members Chad and Liz were able to go grocery shopping and deliver the food purchased for the Community Hub. Below is a letter of thanks from the Coordinator of the Community Hub.

Dear Members of the Rotary Club of Modbury, Golden Grove,
On behalf of our Community Hub and the families we support, I would like to extend our most sincere and heartfelt thanks to you for your generous donation of dry ration essential packs. Your kindness and commitment will directly support 25 families in our community, helping to ease everyday challenges and ensuring they have access to essential food supplies. This support means so much to our families, and it truly reflects the Rotary spirit of service, compassion, and community care.

We are grateful for your partnership. Contributions like these remind our families that they are not alone and they are being valued.

We are proud to acknowledge this project as being sponsored by the Rotary Club of Modbury, Golden Grove.

Thank you once again for your continued support!

Kind Regards,

Nilukshi Cooray
Community Hub Coordinator
Para Vista Primary School



Rotary International News

Olayinka Hakeem Babalola announced as 2026-27 RI president

Back in Sept 2025, Olayinka Hakeem Babalola, a member of the Rotary Club of Trans Amadi, Nigeria, has been selected by the Board of Directors to become Rotary International's president for 2026-27.

His term will begin on 1 July 2026.

The Board, guided by the RI code of policies, conducted a special session to select the organisation's leader after the resignation of RI President-elect SangKoo Yun, who decided to step back from his Rotary responsibilities and focus on his recovery from recent cancer treatment.

Olayinka began his Rotary journey in 1988 as a Rotaractor. He joined the Rotary Club of Trans Amadi six years later. His leadership roles include serving as district governor (2011-12), RI vice president (2019-20), and member of the RI Board (2018-20). He was also an active leader and participant in RI committees such as the End Polio Now Countdown to History Campaign Committee (2017-23) and the Nigeria National PolioPlus Committee (2013-present, adviser 2016-present).

Olayinka received a university degree in engineering in 1988. He has worked for 25 years in the oil and gas industry, holding senior positions in Shell PLC and carrying out projects on four continents. He is the founder of two companies: Riviera Services Ltd., an oil and gas infrastructure delivery company, and Lead and Change Consulting, an executive coaching and organisational performance advisory group.

Olayinka's professional affiliations include the Nigerian Society of Engineers, the Institute of Safety Professionals and the Association of Change Management Practitioners. He is a member of Jericho Business Club, an organisation in his home city that provides input to governments on economic and social policy.

Olayinka and his wife, Preba, live in the city of Port Harcourt. He supports The Rotary Foundation with a named endowment and as an Arch Klumph Society member. A trustee of ShelterBox UK and director of the Safe Blood Africa project, he is a recipient of the Africa Centennial Heroes Award, the Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World, the RI Service Above Self Award, and The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service.



Clean Up Australia Day
Sunday 1st March

**END
POLIO
NOW**

Today, polio cases are reduced by 99.9%. Rotary needs your support to complete the job.

Since our first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979, Rotary members have contributed more than US\$2.1 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect nearly 3 billion children in 122 countries from this paralyzing disease. Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by governments to contribute more than US\$10 billion to the effort. With polio remaining endemic in Afghanistan and Pakistan, it's crucial to continue vaccination and prevent up to 200,000 child infections yearly.

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ALL HEROES WEAR CAPES,
SOME WEAR APRONS!



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