

Rotary

Modbury Golden Grove



A message from our President, Teresa Evans

It has been an active and rewarding few weeks for our club. We've maintained strong momentum through fundraising efforts, including our Bunnings BBQ and chocolate sales, while supporting Lifeblood during a time when blood supplies were critically low. If you are able and willing to donate - now is a good time!

Our commitment to local youth remains a key focus, with continued involvement in initiatives such as RYPEN and the Health of the River Forum. At the same time, we've been actively engaged in broader Rotary projects including Shelterbags, as well as advancing our own First Responder App project. You can watch a short video [First Responder Mobile App](#) or check out our [website](#) for more information.

We are excited to partnership with Bunnings for a special fundraising BBQ event on Wednesday, 28th October - First Responder's Day. Our goal is to have Rotary clubs at all 25 Bunnings stores across SA and NT hosting BBQs simultaneously. This coordinated effort will not only raise crucial funds for the app but also help promote the project and its impact within our communities.

We continue to strengthen our connection with the local community and seek opportunities to unite for good. Last month, we were pleased to learn more about the important work of Cure4CF.

Several members recently attended the District 9510 Club Leaders Learning Seminar gaining valuable insights to support our future planning and strengthen club operations. It was encouraging to recognise the strong foundation we have built and the many positives that position us to continue creating lasting change.

Behind the scenes, preparations are underway as we approach the close of the Rotary year. I warmly invite you to join us at our Changeover Dinner on 14 July, where we will celebrate the past year and I will officially hand over the reins to our incoming President, Chad Horton.

Thank you to every member for your continued dedication to **Unite for Good** and for the meaningful impact you make in our community and beyond.



May 2026 Club Meetings

9th June
6:30pm

Rotary Club Meeting - 6:30pm for 6:45pm Start
Guest Speaker - Alan Howard-Jones - Rotary Foundation

16th June
7:00pm

Rotary Club Board Meeting : 7pm Start.

23rd June
6:30pm

Rotary Club Meeting - 6:30pm for 6:45pm Start
Guest Speaker: Foodbank - CEO Greg Pattinson

Peace Pole Project



Peace Poles are a universal symbol of peace, with over 300,000 peace poles located in over 200 countries around the world. They are placed in the earth and stand as a silent vigil reminder of the importance of peace in our hearts, homes and in our communities.

The Rotary Club of Modbury Golden Grove has proudly sponsored the placement of Peace Poles at:

- East Para Primary School
- Modbury Primary School
- Golden Grove Lutheran School

On 21st September 2026 we are pleased to be sponsoring the placement of another peace pole at the **Golden Grove High School.**

Change over dinner ^k

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**CREATE
LASTING
IMPACT**

The Rotary Club of
Modbury Golden Grove

Invites you to their

2026

CHANGE OVER

Dinner



TUESDAY 14TH JULY 2026

6:00PM FOR 6:15PM START

MANGOSTEEN RESTAURANT
1362 North East Rd. Tea Tree Gully

COST \$50.00
(3 COURSE MEAL)



RSVP:
5/7/26



BOOK YOUR TICKETS AT:
www.rotarymgg.org.au

Up Coming Bunnings Events



Parafield Bunnings BBQ – 27th May 2026



We raised close to \$1,000 at our Bunnings BBQ on 27th May 2026. Well done to the BBQ team.

Club Meeting : Tue 26th May 2026



Renee Brown from Cure4CF was our guest speaker, sharing with us the amazing work that is being done to support researching cures for CF in Australia, and their office is located just down the road in Golden Grove!

CF doesn't take a break. It is there every day - in every breath, every meal and every plan. Managing it requires hours of daily treatment, dozens of medications and regular hospital care from infancy through to adulthood.

It is physically demanding and emotionally exhausting.

And while no two journeys are the same, the relentlessness of CF is something every person with the condition lives with.

That is why Cure4CF exists — to help find a way to stop this disease for good.

Shelterbags for the homeless



Modbury Golden Grove has donated another 5 Shelterbags this month.

Just in time for the wintry weather ahead, we donated more Shelterbags to the TTG Salvation Army for distribution to provide shelter and warmth to the homeless people in our local community. These bags are designed to withstand harsh weather conditions.

Shelterbags for the Homeless project is run by the Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong, NSW and supported by the Rotary Club of Gawler Light in SA

Youth Projects



Our club is proudly supporting a student from Para Hills High School to attend RYPEN this July. The student will be invited to a future meeting to share his experience.

RYPEN stands for Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment. It is an intensive weekend-long camp and personal development program sponsored by local Rotary Clubs for young people aged 14 to 17.

The program is designed to help teenagers unlock their potential, discover new abilities, and boost their confidence through the following elements:

- **Skill Building:** Participants engage in workshops focused on public speaking, teamwork, goal setting, and stress management.
- **Interactive Activities:** The camps feature problem-solving challenges, physical activities, and group debates in a supportive, informal environment.
- **Personal Growth:** It targets students who have shown potential but may be overlooked for traditional academic or sports leadership roles.
- **Community Connection:** Participants meet like-minded peers from diverse backgrounds, helping to build social resilience and new friendships.



‘HEALTH OF THE RIVER’ ROTARY YOUTH FORUM

Our club is seeking a student in our community from Year 9 or 10 who is passionate about the environment, conservation, water management and more.

This 5-day forum is held at Calperum Station in Renmark from 14-18 September 2026.

Applications are due by 14th August 2026.

For more info visit the [District website](#)

Club Leaders Learning Seminar – 30/5/26



Carol, Alan, Chad, Liz and Teresa attended the District 9510 Club Leaders Learning Seminar.

They were inspired with knowledge and have practical tools to set goals and continue to improve our club for the coming Rotary year.



Full Name: *Mykal Gurnick*

Nickname: *Don't have one, but I do call myself "Captain Awesome" on occasion.*

Where were you born? *Adelaide*

What do you do for work? *I do administration stuff for the NDIS*

How long have you been in Rotary? *8 years. 5 years in MGG Club*

What is your most memorable Rotary moment? *Going to Cambodia as part of the club project has to be right up there.*

If you had a super hero power, what would it be? *The power to fly!*
Have you seen the price on fuel these days?

Famous fact about you? *I used to perform in rock bands, wearing nothing but fuzzy pants and a giant pair of wings. Good times*

What would you like to be doing in 5 years' time? *Relaxing in my completed backyard. (hopefully)*

Who protects first responders when animals are involved?



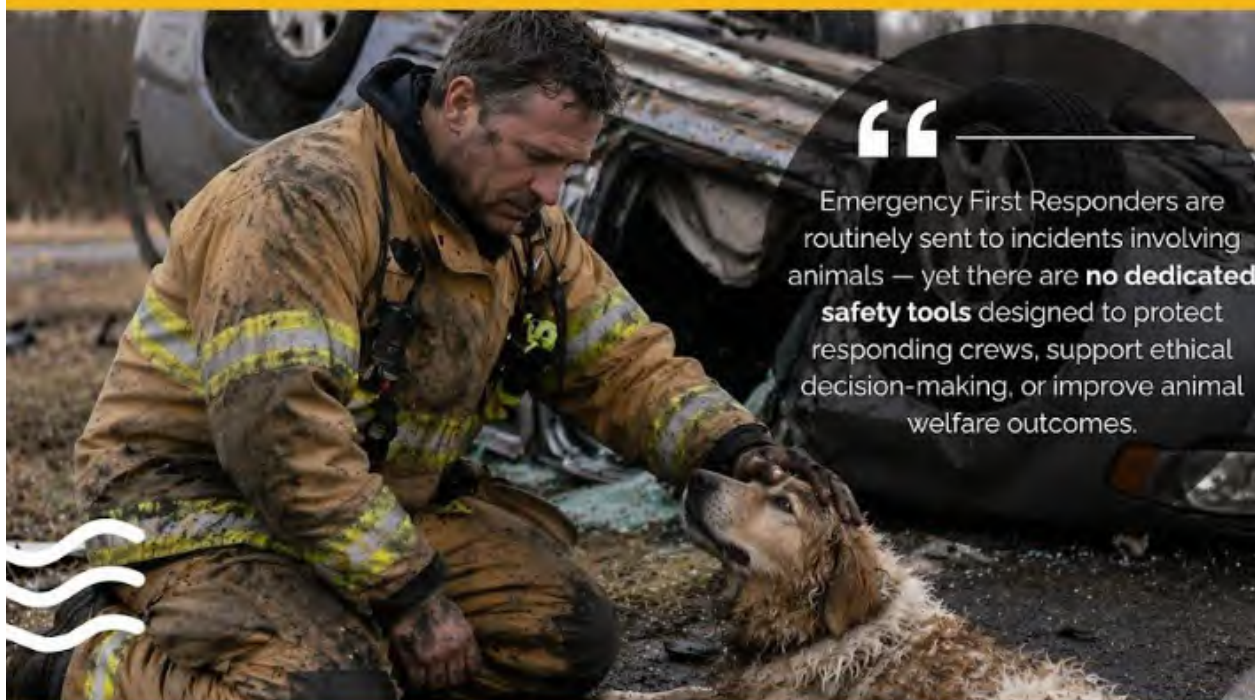
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First Responder
Mobile App

The **Rotary First Responder Mobile App**

is being developed to support first-arrival crews at animal-related incidents — helping them assess risk, protect themselves, and improve animal welfare outcomes



Emergency First Responders are routinely sent to incidents involving animals — yet there are **no dedicated safety tools** designed to protect responding crews, support ethical decision-making, or improve animal welfare outcomes.

Why this Project Matters



For our community

- Safer emergency scenes
- Reduced responder injuries and secondary incidents
- Better outcomes for people involved in animal-related emergencies



For the Environment & Wildlife

- Improved decision-making during bushfires, floods, and disasters
- Reduced animal suffering and unnecessary fatalities
- Ethical, informed responses to wildlife emergencies



For Emergency First Responders

- Stronger duty of care
- Reduced psychological trauma and post-incident regret
- Support when specialist animal services are delayed or unavailable

Support the
development of the
**Rotary First Responder
Mobile App.**



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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\$21 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.

Emergency Medical Information Book

What is the Emergency Medical Information Book?

A combined community service project by Rotary, Lions Club and Ambulance Service.

The 'Emergency Medical Information Book' contains all your information and medical records which are needed if or when an ambulance is called and you need to be transported to a hospital.

When paramedics are called, a typical scenario is that distraught family members may be unable to give correct details of the patient's condition, or the medication they may be on. The paramedics physically have to collect all the patient's medication in the house, try and obtain a medical history and take it to the hospital with the patient. This small book contains patient contacts, service or carer provider information, medications and any medical condition, so a paramedic is able to treat and ready a patient for transport to a hospital.

Who should have one of these books?

All people, adults and children who 'take medications or have a medical condition' should have an EMIB, especially elderly people living on their own.

Each book has a clear plastic sleeve with strip magnets and is placed on the fridge door once it has been filled out by the owner (patient) together with their doctor.

For more information on where to find these books or order online, visit our [website](http://www.rotarymogg.org.au)





The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world.

Since it was founded more than 100 years ago, the Foundation has spent more than \$4 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects.

Together, we can make an impact in your community and around the world.

Our mission

The Rotary Foundation helps Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty.

What impact can one donation have?

- \$3 is the average cost to fully protect a child against polio.
- \$50 can maintain water filters to help fight waterborne illness.
- \$200 to develop work opportunities by replacing livestock for people impacted by disasters.





Rotary South Pacific Conference 2026. People. Planet. Peace.

The Rotary South Pacific Conference (30 October – 1 November 2026, Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre) provides an opportunity to see what strengthening Rotary in our part of the world looks like.

Under the theme People. Planet. Peace., the conference will bring together leaders, members and Rotaractors from across Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific to strengthen collaboration and amplify impact across the pilot region.

Rotary International President Elect Larry Lunsford will attend and, in addition to addressing delegates, will participate in a dedicated session exclusively for current club presidents — creating a rare opportunity for direct dialogue with Rotary's incoming global leader.

With global and regional leaders present, clubs are encouraged to consider convening district meetings, fellowship gatherings or action group sessions around the conference dates to maximise collaboration while members are together in Melbourne.

Preferential accommodation rates are available at Novotel Melbourne South Wharf, located beside the Convention Centre, to support early travel planning.





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is needed.**

Join the **Rotary Australia Club of
Modbury Golden Grove Lifeblood Team**
and start saving lives today.



 **LIFEBLOOD TEAMS**

life **IS THE REASON**

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Rotary International President-elect Olayinka H. Babalola called on members to Create Lasting Impact at Rotary's International Assembly in Orlando, Florida, USA, on 12 January. He urged members to make their clubs more welcoming, carry out impactful projects, and allow their Rotary experiences to transform them personally. "If we can change ourselves, we can change our districts," he said. "If we can change our districts, we can change the communities we serve. And if we can change our communities, we will change the world." Most Rotary members will be aware that Presidential Messages such as this one have replaced what used to be called the Annual Rotary Themes.

