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Rotary Club of Heidelberg Inc. Zone 8 – District 9790 – Club No. 18278 ABN 91 870 845 490

1st June 2026

RSL on Bell 12.30 for 1.00 pm

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PROGRAM 2025-26

JUNE

- 1 RSL 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm
Guest Speaker Lisa Wait, Rotary Club of Ivanhoe, “Partners in Education - Siem Reap”
Project and trip scheduled for January 2027.
 - 3 PALZ meeting
 - 8 King’s Birthday no meeting
 - 10 Board meeting 6.30 pm Bowlen Duncan and Associates
 - 15 RSL 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm
 - 22 Sycamore Tree
 - 29 Changeover: Evening meeting, Vasco 7 pm. Details below
- * RSL = RSL on Bell – 180 Bell Street Heidelberg Heights
 - * OE = The Old England Hotel - 459 Lower Heidelberg Road Heidelberg
 - * Sycamore Tree Coffee Shop = 185 Burgundy Street, Heidelberg
 - * Second Bite (volunteer roster)
 - * Bowlen Dunstan and Associates – 38 Beetham Parade, Rosanna
 - * Rotary Club of Ivanhoe - Ivanhoe Uniting Church Hall, Seddon Street, Ivanhoe
 - * RIMERN 32 Lincoln Street East Brunswick (corner of Moreland Road)
 - * Vasko Restaurant 111 Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe

ATTENDANCE

Members are reminded to advise Ken Norman 0437 770 831 or ken.w.norm@gmail.com before 9.30 am Monday, of their planned attendance or apology
 Ken maintains Club stats including attendance records and liaises with venues.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

To my eyes and ears, on several fronts the Bunnings barbecue last Sunday, was a great success: with lots of sausages cooked, sold and eaten; and opportunity for Club members to mingle and chat with “Harry’s helpers” from The Olympic Village Exodus Community, and others. The financial outcome provides a good platform for the 2026/7 team to work from. Well done, and thank you to each and everyone involved.

On Wednesday morning I had a short meeting with Sandy Cotelso (leader of our Interact Club, based at Charles La Trobe College), to hand over the latest *Rotary Down Under* (RDU; multiple copies). In return, from Interact members, the question “If we make a



profit (from a small enterprise being undertaken), who might we give any profit to”? Subsequently, a short list of Rotary programs that the students might like to explore and consider, has been provided.

While on the subject of the RDU, I wonder if others might have read, or even just glanced at the centre pages of the latest edition, and like me, been convinced of need to update their views on publicity/public image! Under a big heading, “Five things to do NOW”, there are some starters. Worth reading! For me there is repeated challenge (or maybe this should read opportunity?). Surely, without overdoing it, we can sell ourselves better than we currently do, as for example, on Sunday, when a group of us were asked, “what does Rotary do?”. Our collective response (mine included), other than that from Roger (highlighting “polio”), was actually, nil! We might at least have started with the “Seven Areas of Focus”! Perhaps the “cheat-sheet”, hastily prepared during the day, and shown below, can help us work on answers.

At Monday’s Sycamore Tree gathering, there was interesting follow up to the above. Those present began listing the past and present RCH projects that, collectively, we could recall. Let’s continue this, pooling resources, checking with past members; and keep a growing list on our website! What stories, current or past, might be worth “airing” on social media? Might perusal of the latest RDU help us?

Richard L

FROM THE PRESIDENT ELECT ****CHANGE OVER DETAILS****

Dear Members and Friends,

I would like to invite you and your families to Our Change Over Dinner at Vasko Restaurant on Monday June 29th at 6:30pm. We are coming together to celebrate our club, our accomplishments and have some fun.

Richard will be passing on the presidents chain to myself while assuming the role of Vice President. We will congratulate all of our new Board members, our old Board members and those who are choosing to stay on.

There will be musical entertainment, laughter and good food. We are planning a 2 course meal with a cash bar. BYOB with a corking fee. The estimated cost will be \$68 per person.

Please RSVP with the number in your party by sending me an email at aelena0309@gmail.com by June 21st. Please provide me with any dietary concerns or restrictions.

I am excited to hear from you soon!

Sincerely,

Allison Roberson

The “cheat-sheet”



Rotary is a global network of community, business, and professional leaders who volunteer their time, skills, and resources to tackle pressing humanitarian challenges. Operating under the motto “Service Above Self,” members address local and international issues, from eradicating polio to supporting local education

Rotary operates both globally and locally through autonomous clubs:

Seven Areas of Focus

Rotary directs its humanitarian efforts and grant funding toward seven primary global causes:



- **Promoting Peace:** Training peacemakers and resolving conflicts.
- **Fighting Disease:** Preventing illnesses and improving health access (most notably leading the global charge to eradicate polio).
- **Clean Water & Sanitation:** Building infrastructure and promoting hygiene.
- **Maternal & Child Health:** Expanding access to quality healthcare for mothers and children.
- **Supporting Education:** Providing basic education and literacy programs.
- **Growing Local Economies:** Fostering community and economic development.
- **Protecting the Environment:** Supporting sustainable environmental initiatives. **Local Community Impact**

In your local area, Rotary clubs identify specific community needs to run hands-on projects, such as:

- Running local food drives, community gardens, or youth mentorship programs.
- Awarding university and vocational scholarships.
- Partnering with local councils on disaster relief and resilience.

Membership and Fellowship

In addition to providing service, Rotary clubs act as a social and networking organization. Members meet regularly to exchange ideas, build professional connections, and collaborate on volunteer initiatives.

If you are interested in joining, volunteering, or learning more, explore the [Rotary International](#) website or browse discussions on communities like the [Reddit Rotary](#) board to see what local members are working on.



Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 45 years. Our goal of ridding the world of this disease is closer than ever.

Rotary's first polio project was to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979. Inspired by that successful vaccination campaign, Rotary went on to become a founding partner of the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) in 1988, which has reduced polio cases around the world by 99.9 percent.

Thanks to the generosity and commitment of our members, Rotary has contributed more than US\$2.9 billion in PolioPlus grants and countless volunteer hours to protect more than 3 billion children in 122 countries from this disease. Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by governments to contribute more than \$11 billion to the effort.

Today, polio remains endemic only in Afghanistan and Pakistan. But it's crucial to continue working to keep other countries polio-free. If all eradication efforts stopped today, within 10 years, polio could paralyze as many as 200,000 children each year.