

Message from our District Governor

Now that we've all returned home from our first District 9815 Conference in Bendigo, it's the perfect time to pause and reflect on what an incredible few days we shared.

Thank you for everyone who made the trip, shared your stories, ideas and energy, and helped make this historic gathering such a memorable success. From powerful keynote speakers to inspiring project showcases, to an amazing "Rotary Rocks" gala dinner – it truly captured the spirit of "We Belong – We are Better Together".

A very special thanks goes to our Rotary International President's Personal Representative Bharat Pandya, for joining us and sharing such thoughtful insights on Rotary's global impact.

To our incredible conference team, volunteers, presenters and our wonderful MC Johnathan Usher – thank you for your tireless work behind the scenes. And to everyone who attended: thank you for showing up with open minds and hearts.

Let's carry the energy and connection of Bendigo back to our clubs and communities – and keep building a District where everyone truly belongs.

Onto Hobart next year ...

DG Colin Byron (RC Greater Dandenong and Endeavour Hills)



Thank you to everyone who supported the inaugural District Conference, whether it be via attending - especially the first timers giving it a go, encouraging someone to attend, having your organisation be a sponsor, or being a committee member, volunteer, exhibitor, speaker minder or a speaker!



Thanks to your coffee orders during the Conference, Red Energy Arena donated over \$300 to the District.

The Sunday Monash Children's Hospital Cancer Fundraising Walk raised over \$1,100 for the DG Partner's Project - thank you participants! This is in addition to the over \$125,000 donated by Clubs during the Gala Dinner (*feedback has been noted on this!*)

Thank you to those who took part in our Post Conference Survey (now closed) - results will be provided to future Conference Committees.

Useful Information

Check out the District Conference [Webpage](#) for:

- Program
- Conference Photos
- Speaker Bio's (*click their names for their information*)
- Link to accommodation deal for the 2026 Conference



Competition Winners:

- Golf: Rotary Club of Noble Park – Dingley
- Bowls: Rotary Club of Rowville – Lysterfield

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2026 Conference Announcement

Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart

13 - 15 March 2026

During the Bendigo Conference DGE Peter Behm announced that the 2026 District Conference will be held at the Hotel Grand Chancellor in Hobart, Tasmania between Friday 13th March - Sunday 15th March 2026 with the theme 'Be Inspired'. The 2026 Conference Chair is Monique Smith (RC Boronia) assisted by Kehela Vandenberg (RC Mount Waverley) as Conference 2IC.

We have secured an accommodation discount at the Hotel Grand Chancellor, access via: <https://www.grandchancellorhotels.com/hotel-grand-chancellor-hobart/rotary-conference-2026>

Please note delegates will need to use the 'Access Conference Rates Here' button at the bottom of the screen and not the 'search availability' function at the top of the screen, otherwise you will not gain access to the discount rates! If any delegates have any questions or concerns about the link, please feel free to reach out to the hotel directly.

Other accommodation deals and tourism offerings will be provided in due course.

Further Conference and extra session details to be announced at and following the **official launch on 19 July 25** with early bird Conference bookings and other session bookings to open approx. 1 August 25.

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See you in Tassie!