

# The Southern Nomads Rotary Satellite Club of Swan Hill

## NEWSLETTER #3

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Work on getting the first E-Club in District 9780, a satellite club sponsored by the Rotary Club of Swan Hill, is moving ahead slowly.

The Satellite E-Club, where members meet online via Zoom, is aimed at Rotarians and current non-Rotarians who want to continue to be involved in community service activities but who are travelling or don't have the time to attend traditional face to face meetings. Specifically, a Satellite E-Club is the first step toward chartering a full Rotary E-Club.

Online information meetings have already been held but so far, we have been unable to gain commitment from at least 8 members required to form the Satellite E-Club. Recently the Rotary Council of Legislation have approved a change in the rules for Satellite Clubs, commencing in the 2022-23 Rotary year. The changes will allow a Satellite club member to be a member of A Rotary Club instead of being a member of the sponsoring Rotary Club. The details of how this will operate are yet to be advised to all clubs but will be available shortly.

The Club has the working title of 'The Southern Nomads Rotary Satellite Club of Swan Hill'. The name reflects the first already successful Nomads E-Club based primarily around South East Queensland. The Southern Nomads E-Club will be attractive to Rotarians living in D9780 and surrounding areas of Victoria, South Australia and Southern NSW/ACT. The Club will also appeal to Rotarians caravanning away from home for long periods. It is quite different to the fellowship RV Fellowship of Rotarians (RVFR) as it is a full Rotary Club with a focus on service activities done in non-traditional ways. Service projects are centred around:

1. Musters - where members meet together for up to a week to work on projects such as charity and community events, bushfire or flood recovery, environmental regeneration etc usually in association with a local Rotary Club.
2. Individually joining with another other Rotary club for a one off activity while travelling.
3. Joining with local clubs to sponsor and install Peace Poles at a school
4. Activities to support the Royal Flying Doctor Service, that is a vital service, but hopefully never needed, by those Nomads travelling around Australia.

Of course, there is fun and fellowship, but the focus is traditional Rotary Service.

There are further activities planned in the lead-up to launching the Satellite E-Club including a Spring muster in September in or around Swan Hill, the installation of a Peace Pole at a school in D9780 and more information on the impact of Satellite Club rule changes.

Further updates will be provided in due course. If an E-Club is something that would suit your lifestyle and you want to get involved in D9780 please contact John or Faye.

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