

Zone 8 Conference Programme
31 October - 2 November 2025



FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER		THEME – CONNECT – with friends, community, the world	
Session		General Session 1	4.00–6.15 pm
Topic	Speaker		
Welcome & introductions	RI Director Jennifer Scott MCs PDG Michael Lapina and Rebecca Fry		
Welcome to Country			
Entertainment			
Welcome to region, connecting with community	Hon Laura Gerber MP, Minister for Youth Justice and Victim Support, Minister for Corrective Services		
Welcome to District	D9640 Governor John Oomen		
Flag ceremony			
The Rotary Foundation special presentation			
ROTARY KEYNOTE Connect for Good - connecting internally and externally	RI President Francesco Arezzo		
COMMUNITY KEYNOTE – connecting with community	Jessica Reid Director, Government Relations, Queensland Olympic 2032 committee		
Connecting with each other: Evening arrangements for dinners Close and see you tomorrow at 8.45am			

SATURDAY 1 NOVEMBER	THEME – SHARE - Projects, time, talent, treasure	
Community walk (unofficial)	Local Rotarians lead	7.15-7.45am
Session	General Session 2	8.45 – 10.15am
Topic	Speaker	
Welcome		
Roll Call		
Engaging community through projects – from club to scale	NO to Domestic Violence – PDG Dave Harmon	
Creating impactful projects	Philippa Chong, Rotarian Director & Principal Consultant Chong & Jones Consulting: Impact Strategy Technology Social Policy	
Partnering for project impact	Successful projects in our Island countries	
Rotary beyond the club: Cadres Fellowships Rotary Action Groups	Panel of experts David Alexander BREW ESRAG	
Engaging community through projects – from club to scale	Falls Prevention Alliance Australia David Barnes	
Morning Tea	30 minutes	
Session	General Session 3	10.45am-1.00pm
Topic	Speaker	
Entertainment		
Sponsor		
THE ROTARY FOUNDATION	Dennis Shore, Trustee The Rotary Foundation	
Peace Scholar	Dr Tania Miletic Co-Director, Initiative for Peacebuilding, Faculty of Arts, University of Melbourne	
From concept to success, idea to action - Projects and partnerships	NZ projects	
My Rotary Journey	Panel discussion – Claire Scott (Rotarian and Moderator) Interact, RYE, RYLA, Rotaract	
Safe on Social	Kirra Pendergast	
Developing Partnerships		
Sponsor		
Preparation for afternoon and breakouts		
Lunch	75 minutes	

		1.00– 2.15pm
SATURDAY 1 NOVEMBER	THEME – SHARE - projects, time, talent and treasure	
Session	BREAKOUTS x4	2.15 – 3.15 pm
Topic	Speakers	
Monitoring and evaluation	Philippa Chong David Alexander (Cadre expert)	
Rotary opportunities beyond the club	Fellowships and RAGs (selected speakers)	
Rotaract	Nic Egan, Bronte Barber	
Engaging members and growing Rotary		
Polio walk – all invited Wear your end Polio T shirts	Amanda Wendt End Polio Now Coordinator	3.30 – 4.15 pm
Gala Dinner	6.30 – 11.00 pm	

SUNDAY 2 NOVEMBER	THEME – GROW – Rotary, projects, sustainability	
Community walk (unofficial)	Local Rotarians	7.15-7.45am
Session	General Session 4	8.45am – 12.45pm
Topic	Speaker	
Welcome back	MCs	
In Memoriam	MCs	
Sponsor		
Polio update	Amanda Wendt, Zone 8 End Polio Now Coordinator	
Growing Rotary	From RI – Barbara Mifsud, Andrew Best	
Regionalisation update	Regional Council member Community Leader Specialist	
Young leaders in Rotary	Panel- Claire Scott , Adam Reibel (Fresh Rotarian)	
Come to Taipei Convention!	DG Emma Davis (Taipei promotions committee)	
MORNING TEA	10.20-10.50 am	
Welcome back	MC	
Sponsor	Red Energy - Sue Cornelissen	
The power of Rotary – Growing impact through telling our stories	Adam Reibel, Recent Rotarian & Media and communications guru	
KEYNOTE SPEAKER Transformational Change -growing the future	Michael McQueen Change Strategist, Author, Rotarian	
RI PRESIDENT	RI President Francesco Arezzo	
2026 Institute and Conference promotion	PDG Tony Monley and team	
MC wrap up	MCs Michael and Rebecca	
Wrap up and thanks	Convenor RI Director Jennifer Scott Conference Chair Ingrid Waugh	