



District 9815 Conference 2025: Bendigo

Conference Program

THURSDAY. 27 March 2025

10:00am: Winery Tour (*via Rambling Wine Tours*) (Optional Session)

FRIDAY. 28 March 2025

ROTARY SPORTS & SOCIAL DAY

8:30am: Golf Competition at Bendigo Golf Club (*Optional Session*)

10:00am: Bowls Competition at White Hills Bowls Club (*Optional Session*)

10:00am: Winery Tour (*via Rambling Wine Tours*) (*Optional Session*)

10:00am: Morning Tea at Gallery Cafe on View, Bendigo Art Gallery (*Optional Session*)

1:00pm: High Tea with optional Tour at Fortuna Villa. (*Optional Session*)

4:30pm: Pre-Conference Cocktail Drinks at the MacKenzie Hall, MacKenzie Quarters (*Optional Session*)

7:00pm: Club Dinners (*Optional Session*)

SATURDAY. 29 March 2025

CONFERENCE DAY 1

7:30am: First timers' Orientation Breakfast at Red Energy Arena (*Optional Session*)

- DG Colin Byron
- RIPPR Bharat S Pandya
- Rhonda McKenzie

8:30am: Rotary Expo at Red Energy Arena

9:00am: Plenary Sessions during the day

- Mayoral Welcome (Mayor Cr Andrea Metcalf)
- Welcome and Openings by DG Colin Byron and Trustee Dennis Shore
- Platinum Sponsor Segment - Red Energy (Sue Cornelissen)
- RIPPR Segments (Bharat S Pandya)
- Rotary Ride to Recovery & The Jared Dunscombe Foundation (Jonelle Colabufalo)
- Interplast (Janette Etherington)
- Dr. John Cade's Story (Greg De Moore)
- Raising awareness of modern slavery in Australia (Roxan Fabiano)
- Rotaractor's Trip To Nepal (Lily Setnik, Quinney Brownfield, Zarah Cunningham, Daisy Henwood, Charlotte Redey)
- Rotary Action Plan (Leanne Jaggs)
- Mercy Ships (Jessica Taranto)
- Rotary Foundation (Mark Anderson & Alma Reynolds)

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- Team Sports 4 All (Simon Davie)
- Melbourne Indigenous Transition School (Edward Tudor)

Morning tea and lunch included

1:00pm: Alumni Networking Lunch (*Optional Session*)

2:00pm: Public Access to Rotary Expo at Red Energy Arena (*until 4pm*)

7:00pm: Gala Dinner with the theme: "Rotary Rocks" (*arrival from 6:45pm*)

SUNDAY. 30 March 2025

CONFERENCE DAY 2

7:00am: Foundation Breakfast at Red Energy Arena (*Optional Session*)

- Mark Anderson & Alma Reynolds

8:00am: Expo at Red Energy Arena

9:00am: Plenary Sessions until lunchtime

- Called to Higher Service
- Purpose-driven Passion: How Aligning Your Values Transforms Lives and Builds Communities (Annie Ford)
- 2026 Rotary Conference Launch
- Operation Grain Harvest Assist (Garry Spencer)
- Disaster Aid (Brian Ashworth)
- Monash Children's Hospital (Leanne Byron & Michelle Martin)
- My Home (Margaret Zita)
- RIPPR Segment (Bharat S Pandya)
- DG Colin Closing Remarks

Morning tea and packed lunch included

2:30pm: Fundraising Walk for Monash Children's Hospital Cancer Centre, around Lake Weeroona. (*Optional Session*)

Monday. 31 March 2025

10:00am: Winery Tour (*via Rambling Wine Tours*) (*Optional Session*)