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## Convention news - A special edition from Melbourne

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## Events in Melbourne, House of Friendship and more...

Melbourne is known for its big events, and our city is enthusiastically welcoming the Rotary International Convention, 27-31 May. We're excited to meet you, and we're creating unique experiences that you won't want to miss — from when you arrive until when you leave!

First, if you're hoping to find economical, frequent, and reliable transportation from Melbourne Airport to the city centre, you can get a 10% discount on [SkyBus](#) (one-way or return) valid for up to seven days after the convention. When you purchase your tickets, use the code ROTARY10. Find more information at [SkyBus - Express airport transfers](#).

Of course, taxis and ride-hailing services are also readily available at the airport.

Melbourne has beautiful parks, gardens, and walking trails — so join us Friday, 26 May, for a leisurely 2.5-kilometer (1.5-mile) [End Polio Now Walk](#). We'll go from Federation Square in the city centre along the magnificent St Kilda Road and past many of the city's finest landmarks to the Rotary Melbourne Peace Park in the beautiful Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria. At the park, take time to find plaques commemorating Rotary leaders over the years, including Paul Harris.

On Saturday afternoon, join locals and discover the exhilaration that comes from attending a match of our own **Aussie rules football**, or as we call it, footy.

On Saturday night, experience a different kind of excitement with our welcome reception at the **Melbourne Museum**, showcasing Victoria's finest food and beverages as well as an insight into Australia's history. Learn about Indigenous culture, the origin and evolution of our life in Victoria, and sporting treasures like the mighty racehorse Phar Lap.

For a very different food and beverage experience, enjoy a sample of our culinary diversity through the **Streets of Melbourne** events. On Monday and Tuesday nights at South Wharf, you can sample the best we have to offer — and you never know what other surprises we have planned for you!

Monday night also offers you a choice from an assortment of **club-hosted hospitality events**, each one unique.

Our final special event on Tuesday night will take you on an exclusive Rotary express train to **Flemington**, home of the renowned Melbourne Cup horse race, for a night like no other. This is your chance to wear your fanciest fashions, as if you were attending the race. You can dine on Victoria's superior cuisine and wines while enjoying a three-course meal and have your picture taken with a past winning racehorse and the mighty Melbourne Cup itself.

If you're interested in service while you're in Melbourne, you can join a project in the House of Friendship to assist us in achieving our goal of **packing 100,000 emergency meals**. Registering in advance will help us plan the day and maximize your contribution.

Melbourne has so much to offer — make sure you take this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! Visit the host committee website [to book these events](#).

### **Explore Melbourne and Australia**

To encourage you to get the most out of your visit, we've also organized a range of spectacular tours to help you explore Australia beyond the convention. Whether it's a part-day walking tour of Melbourne or an exploration of the Great Barrier Reef and nearby rainforests, you'll find something to meet everyone's tastes. [Explore the tours and book yours today](#). To learn even more about Melbourne, visit [melbournecb.com.au/welcome-to-melbourne/](http://melbournecb.com.au/welcome-to-melbourne/).

### **A special House of Friendship offer**

Do you know someone that wants to join us in Melbourne but is unable to register for the full convention? Non-registrants can enjoy a free three-day pass to the House of

Friendship, where they'll connect with thousands of fellow Rotary members from around the world and enjoy hundreds of Rotary project booths, vendors, foods, and entertainment options. The pass is valid Monday-Wednesday, 29-31 May, and offers an excellent opportunity to invite your friends and family to experience the world of Rotary. This offer only applies to those not registered for the full convention. House of Friendship access is already included in your convention registration. [Learn more and register.](#)



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