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| 3H | Health, Hunger and Humanity |
| 3-H GRANTS | Health, hunger and humanity - Grants of US$100,000 to $500,000 for multi- year international projects and social development |
| ACRE | Australian Campaign for Rabbit Eradication. ACRE promotes the need for rabbit control through awards for rabbit-free properties. |
| ADG | Assistant District Governor (incorrect – see AG) |
| AG | Assistant Governor - One of a number of senior Rotarians appointed by District Governor (DG) to assist with administration |
| AI DAB | Australian International Development Assistance Bureau – Now called AusAid. |
| Alumni | District and Club Groups - Association of former members of Group Study Exchange teams (GSE), Scholars and other Foundation programs |
| Ambassadorial Scholars | An international program of Rotary Foundation which enables men and women to spend an academic year abroad in university level or vocational studies. |
| ANZO | The abbreviation of our Rotary Region - Australia, New Zealand, Oceania. |
| ANZSE | Australia New Zealand Study Exchange |
| ARH | Australian Rotary Health - A multi-District project approved by RI to seek public donations in support of health research within Australia. Previously ARHRF. |
| ARHRF | Australian Rotary Health Research Fund – now ARH |
| AVAC | Australian Vocational Advisory Committee |
| Board of a Rotary Club | The governing body of a Rotary club expected to meet monthly - Consists of President, Vice President(s), President Elect, Immediate Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, Directors and others as the By-Laws shall provide. |
| CAP | Community Assistance Program |
| Carl P Miller Discovery Grant | RI Foundation grant up to US$3000 for travel, research of an international service project - To be used by a Rotarian or group thereof who have a written invitation from club in host country who will offer home-hosting |
| Catalogue | List of all major publications, supplies etc available from RI - Supplementary updates issued annually in July Contains order forms to send to NSW Branch Office of RI (Gratis) |
| Centurion | A Rotarian who commits to a $AU100 donation pa to TRF. |
| Charter Member | The original members of a newly chartered club - Identified with a special lapel badge |
| Classification | A principal concept to assure each Rotary club represents cross section of business/professions - Describes the distinct and recognised business or professional service which the Rotarian renders to society (Not position held) |
| Club and District Changeovers | A mainly formal event held annually just prior to a new Rotary year and includes partners - Formal changeover to new President and team of incoming Officers/Directors and provides a review of past year achievements and activities |

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| Club Banner | A small flag expressive of the community, country or region of a club - Commonly used to present to visitors or exchange with clubs visited throughout the world |
| Club Charter | A document issued when a new club is admitted to Membership in RI - Signed by RI Pres, General Secretary and DG Date thereon represents date of official membership Framed and preserved |
| Club Committees | The "action" groups within a club - Comprise standing committees under the 5 Avenues of Service plus others approved by the Board Each headed by a Director, with Deputy and committee members |
| Club Forum | Formal meeting of an entire club - called to inform members about service activities and progress of projects. Also an opportunity for members to air views |
| Club Secretary’s Manual | Issued by RI to each incoming Club Secretary - Contains procedures and guides to dates and secretarial functions etc |
| Club Task Allocation | List of essential tasks allocated to members - enables spread of administrative and essential tasks to ensure effective outcomes. List available from Secretary |
| CLP | Club Leadership Plan |
| CMS | Citation for Meritorious Service |
| COG | Council of Governors - A District committee of Past DG’s who convene to give advice to the current DG on programs, policies and procedures |
| COM | Council of Management |
| COL | Council On Legislation - The legislative body of Rotary International - Composed of one delegate from each Rotary District that meet each 3 years to consider proposed changes to the Rotary Constitution and Bylaws |
| DAA | Disaster Aid Australia |
| DDF | District Designated Funds |
| DG | District Governor - Directly responsible to the Board of Rotary International (RI) for the supervision of clubs within a designated district |
| DGD | District Governor-Designate (DG next+2 Rotary Year) |
| DGE | District Governor-Elect (DG next Rotary Year) |
| DGN | District Governor-Nominee (DG next+1 Rotary Year) |
| DIK | Donations-in-kind - Supplies of donated educational and medical equipment available to serve a need in the developing world |
| DIN | Donations-in-Kind Information Network (Not DIKIN) |
| District Conference | Annual event for members and partners - Held annually in each District to further the programs of Rotary through fellowship, inspiring speakers and recognition of club activities etc |
| DLT | District Leadership Team - an enhanced organisational structure to enable cost-effective growth and faster, more responsive support to clubs by appointment of Assistant Governors |

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| DLP | District Leadership Plan |
| DRFC | District Rotary Foundation Committee |
| DRR | District Rotaract Representative |
| DSA | Distinguished Service Award |
| DSG | District Simplified Grants |
| DT | District Trainer |
| FAIM | Fourth Avenue in Motion (International Service) now renamed Rotary Project Volunteers operated by RAWCS |
| FARG | Foundation Alumni Resource Group. |
| Fellowship | A major club function - Promotes acquaintance among members through participation in clubs recreational and social activities |
| Five Avenues of Service | Club Service; Vocational Service; Community Service; International Service and Youth Service (formerly New Generations). The major elements of the "Object of Rotary" - Term used to refer to Club Service; Vocational Service; Community Service and International Service. |
| Founder of Rotary | Refers to Paul P Harris who organised the first Rotary Club in Chicago in 1905 Born 19 April 1868, died 27 January 1947 |
| Four Avenues of Service(Now FIVE) | Now Five Avenues of Service with the addition of New Generations which is now called Youth Services |
| Friendship Club | An informal agreement that may lead to Sister Club status after a trial period - As above but less demanding of mutual co-operation until proper communication lines and philosophy is established. |
| Functional Literacy Program | An RI program to meet the needs of adults deemed to be functionally illiterate and to promote support for reading, writing skills through community Literacy centres. |
| GETS | Governor-Elect Training Seminar |
| GNG | Global Networking Groups |
| GSE | Group Study Exchange |
| GSE Team | Group Study Exchange Team Program of Rotary Foundation of RI - A cultural and Educational exchange of young non-Rotarian professionals which promotes international understanding through travel and personal contact. Usually once annually for duration of 4 to 5 weeks under Rotary leadership |
| Helping Grants | Up to US$15,000 based on 2:1 match of club or district contributions - For projects in a country other than that of the sponsor where Rotary participation is not possible |
| Honorary Member | Recognition of a past member or non-Rotarian - Persons who have distinguished themselves by meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals. Not a member for RI purposes. |
| Inner Wheel | An international organisation of women - A Rotary sponsored service group open to wives, widows of present and past Rotarians. |
| Interact | Interaction between youth and service - World-wide Rotary sponsored group of young people dedicated to service and International understanding and is open to students in their last 4 years of secondary education |
| International Assembly | An annual assembly of District Governor Nominees held in Anaheim, US in Feb/Mar - To educate, instruct and inspire DGNs and adoption of RI theme and new programs of RI |
| International Convention | World-wide gathering of all Rotarians and partners - Held usually in May in a different country chaired by RI President |
| INTERPLAST | International Plastic Surgery Program - Established by Australian District 9800 in 1980. Sends teams of volunteer surgeons and nurses to developing countries to operate on deformities, burns etc. |
| IPAC | International Projects Advisory Committee - A national committee to update registry of international projects identified as suitable for support by clubs |
| IPDG | Immediate Past District Governor |
| IPEC | International Polio Eradication Committee |
| IPP | Immediate Past President |
| IPPC | International PolioPlus Committee |
| LOA | Leave of Absence. Upon written request to the Club Board - May be granted to excuse member from meetings for a specified length of time but does not operate to give credit for attendance (See Make-Ups) |
| LYTE | Long Term Youth Exchange |
| Make-Ups | Making up of attendance at meetings of another Rotary Club or District meeting - A card is obtained from the visited club in order that credit for attendance is gained Make-ups can be within 14 days prior to or following the normal meeting |
| Matching Grants | Up to US$50K that match club contributions - For projects involving Clubs in 2 or more countries for humanitarian service |
| MDPETS | Multi District Presidents Elect Training Seminar - Held annually for incoming Presidents and partners to be trained in the administration of their club and to develop challenging projects and programs |
| MOP | Manual of Procedure - A reference manual for Rotary Leaders updated each 3 years Contains policies & procedures for club and RI administration |
| MUNA | Model United Nations Assembly - An international youth project that simulates the workings of the United Nations Usually held annually for 2 days in March |
| NCC | National Coordinating Committees (of RAWCS) |
| NESS | National Engineering Summer School |
| New Generations | The fifth avenue of service, now renamed Youth Services |
| NID | National Immunization Days |
| NPF | National Project Funding |
| NYSF | National Youth Science Forum - A program to enable select secondary science students to attend a science forum annually |
| Object of Rotary | A statement from the Rotary Constitution - The object is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise |
| OD | Official Directory: A RI publication - Issued annually listing all clubs, names and addresses of all Presidents, Secretaries, time and place of meetings etc Available from Club Secretary |
| ORK | Orphan Rescue Kit |
| PACE | Pacific-Australia Cultural Exchange |
| PAG | Past Assistant Governor |
| PAL | Promote Adult Literacy |
| PDG | Past District Governor |
| PE | President-Elect |
| PEDS | Presidents’ Elect Designates Seminar |
| Peer Support Foundation | Non-profit group founded 1971 with Rotary support - Operates in most state primary and secondary schools to offer leadership training for senior students who in turn assist integration of new students |
| Per Capita Dues | Dues each club pays to RI for each active, senior active and past service member - Payable semi-annually on 1 July and 1 January at current rate of exchange notified by RI |
| PETS | Presidents Elect Training Seminar - Held annually for incoming Presidents and partners to be trained in the administration of their club and to develop challenging projects and programs |
| PHF | Paul Harris Fellow - A form of recognition for financial or meritorious service to the Foundation or to the community generally |
| PHF with Sapphire | Supplementary recognition to above PHF - A special recognition gold pin with blue stone to represent additional financial contribution or meritorious service |
| PHS | Paul Harris Society |
| PHSM | Paul Harris Sustaining Member - Recognises financial contributions to the Foundation in increments - Recognises individuals who have made contributions in instalments up to US$1000 |
| Polio Plus | An international program of Rotary Foundation - To protect all of the world’s children from poliomyelitis through national immunisation days, laboratory networks and reporting of suspected cases |
| Project Volunteers | Teams of from 2 to 6 volunteers visit for 2 to 4 weeks to developing countries to provide skills training and assistance. This is one of the programs that comes under the RAWCS umbrella. |
| PP | Past President |
| PPE | Preserve Planet Earth |
| PPRI | Past President Rotary International |
| PRI | President Rotary International |
| PRID | Past Rotary International Director |
| PRIE | President Rotary International Elect |

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| PRIP | Past Rotary International President |
| PROBUS | Professional and Business - A Rotary sponsored group for retirees and semi-retired professional and business people Meet monthly |
| Provisional Club | A group organising the formation of a new club - Meets weekly until admitted to membership of Rotary International with a minimum of 25 charter members |
| RAGs | Rotary Action Groups |
| RAM | Rotarians Against Malaria - Project to support anti-malaria projects in selected countries in Asia Pacific region |
| RAOAF | Rotary Australia Overseas Aid Fund |
| RAWCS | Rotary Australia World Community Services Ltd - A public company formed 1987 to co-ordinate and authorise the various international activities within Districts. Programs that come under RAWCS include Project Volunteers, RAM, SWSL and DIK. |
| RC | Rotary Club |
| RCC | Rotary Community Corps |
| RCD | Rotary Club Director |
| RCP | Rotary Code of Policies |
| RDU | Rotary Down Under The official Rotary magazine for the South West Pacific region - Distributed monthly to clubs or by post or email to Rotarians address. Subscription is compulsory. |
| RF | Rotary Foundation is a philanthropic Trust - A not-for-profit corporation whose activities extend world-wide to achieve world understanding and peace. Also known as TRF. |
| RFE | Rotary Friendship Exchange |
| RFFA | Rotarians For Fighting AIDS |
| RI | Rotary International |
| RIBI | Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland |
| RID | Rotary International Director |
| RIDE | Rotary International Director Elect |
| RIF | Relief Institution Fund - A District disaster relief fund to which clubs can contribute to alleviate distress from natural disasters occurring within Australia |
| RI F | Rotary International Foundation |
| RIMC | Rotary International Membership Coordinator |
| RINO | Rotarian in name only (also known as Knife and Forker) |
| RIP | Rotary International President |
| RIPA | Rotary International President's Ambassador |
| RIPE | Rotary International President Elect |
| RIPR | Rotary International President Representative |
| RITS | Rotary International Travel Service |
| RLI | Rotary Leadership Institute - The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a series of fast-paced, interactive, one-day courses offered to refine a Rotarian's leadership skills and increase their base of knowledge in Rotary. |
| RNN | Rotary News Network |
| ROAR | Rotary Organization of Amateur Radio |
| ROBIN | Rotary Native Bird Nest-box Project |
| ROMAC | Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children - Established by District 9800 in 1984. Finances medical aid and operations in Australian hospitals for children up to age 15 brought from SE Asia and Pacific Region |
| ROTA | Rotary Overseas Travel Award |
| ROTI | Rotarians On The Internet - A Rotary International Fellowship - http://www.roti.org/ |
| ROTARACT | A Rotary sponsored service group - For young people aged 18 to 30 who meet each two weeks to foster service to the local and international community |
| ROTARTANK | Rotary Water Tanks - Established by District 9800 to supply and install portable fresh water tanks by Rotary Project Volunteers in neighbouring countries. |
| Rotary | Founded 1905 by Paul Harris in Chicago US - An  organisation of business and professional persons united world-wide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world |
| Rotary Club Flag | The official flag of Rotary with emblem and club name - For display at club and district assemblies |
| Rotary Emblem | An emblem representing "civilisation and movement" - A gear wheel with 6 spokes, 24 cogs, in colours of royal blue and gold. A key was added in 1923 to signify the wheel was a "worker" not an "idler" |
| Rotary Themes or Mottos | Official slogans adopted annually by RI President - A theme which changes yearly to reflect the philosophy and programs for the year. The Principal motto that remains constant is "Service Above Self" since 1989 |
| Rotary Volunteers | A local and overseas volunteer program - Teams of from 2 to 6 volunteers visit for 2 to 4 weeks to developing countries to provide skills training and assistance. Also known as Project Volunteers. |
| Rotary Volunteers Program | Voluntary overseas service - Facilitates placement of volunteers and may cover some expenses of those serving abroad for 28 days or more |
| ROTEX | Organisation of former Rotary Exchange Students |
| ROTOPLAST | A non-profit, humanitarian organization founded in 1992 as a world community service project of the Rotary Club of San Francisco, that provides free plastic surgery for children in the third world. See Interplast. |
| ROVE | Rotary Overseas Vocational Exchange - A program to encourage vocational exchanges of up to 12 weeks |
| RRFC | Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator |
| RRVF | Rotary Recreational and Vocational Fellowships |
| RYDA | Roadsafe Youth Driver Awareness |

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| RYLA | Rotary Youth Leadership Award - An interactive, experientially-based leadership conference offered in the last week of November each year. |
| RYEP | Rotary Youth Exchange Program |
| RYPEN | Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment - A program of weekend seminars for young people aged 14 to 17 years. Two seminars are held in October and March. |
| RYWELL | Rotary Youth Wellbeing |
| SHARE | Share (RF distribution of funds) |
| SRT | ShelterBox Response Team |
| Sister Club | Relationship agreement between clubs in other Countries/districts - To foster better understanding and fellowship exchange and mutual support and co-operation on humanitarian projects |
| SSE | Summer Science Experience |
| Southwest Pacific Service Centre | Office of RI based in Parramatta, NSW - Serves Rotary clubs and Districts in Australia, NZ and Pacific Islands |
| SRCC | Standard Rotary Club Constitution. Originally adopted in 1922 - Provides the framework for all clubs in the world and is a condition to receiving a charter. |
| STYE | Short Term Youth Exchange |
| SWSL | Safe Water Save Lives - Project teams of up to 3 weeks to funding and assisting install fresh clean water tanks and dams in overseas communities |
| TARFT | The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust - A trust funds that offers Rotarians and corporations etc a tax free deduction on donations to the Rotary Foundation |
| The 4-Way Test | A measure for Rotarians of conduct and thinking –  1 Is it the truth?  2 Is it fair to all concerned?  3 Will it build goodwill and better friendships?  4 Will it be beneficial to all concerned? |
| Theme Months | Focus in various months on major activities - Gives specific attention to Membership (August) Youth (Sept) Vocational (Oct) Foundation (Nov) Awareness (Jan) World  Understanding (Feb) Magazine (April) Rotaract Week (Mar) |
| TR | The Rotarian (RI magazine, which you can receive instead of RDU if you so choose) |
| TRF | The Rotary Foundation see RF |
| WCS | World Community Service |
| WFA | World Fellowship Activities |
| World Fellowship Committee | An international program - For the many groups of Rotarians sharing common sporting & vocational interest and encourages reciprocal visits to other countries where home- hosted |