

THE ROTARY CLUB OF SYDNEY



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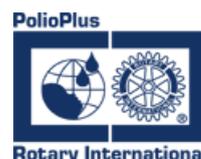
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The Rotary Club of Sydney is a very busy multi-dimensional club. Every Tuesday there is a lunchtime meeting for members to network and listen to a stellar line-up of guest speakers: Premiers, Governors, ambassadors and consuls, engineers, scientists, journalists, business leaders and many more. There are breakfasts generally with modern business practices, business technology or social media as the theme; there are evening meetings under the auspices of the Rotary Peace Building Group and drinks after work often incorporating Rotary Means Business networking. There are also dinners, balls, dances, vocational evenings and other social activities in members' homes, art galleries and function centres, clubs and restaurants. Guests are always welcome.

The Rotary Club of Sydney is a part of Rotary International (www.rotary.org) a secular global network of business, professional and community leaders who volunteer their time and talents to make a difference on a local, national and international level. Rotary International's motto is Service Above Self.



The Rotary Club of Sydney's has an extensive list of current activities and projects including:

'Serving On' - Veterans serving their communities

Under the leadership of Rotary Club of Sydney President Shane Herbert 'Serving On' is a joint initiative with Soldier On giving contemporary veterans the skills, opportunities and support to continue to serve through purposeful work and impactful projects helping people and communities. Serving On will be piloted in Sydney 2017-2018, with plans to recruit, train and deploy 100 contemporary veterans on a range of community service projects suited to their skills and capabilities. Selected veteran volunteers will be trained to the roles of project team leaders and will eventually take on the day-to-day planning and management of the projects. During the second half of the year, the model will be refined and documented with evidence based research so that Serving On can become scalable and sustainable. Future plans will include expanding the volunteer pool, sharing the model with other Rotary Clubs in areas of high density of contemporary veterans, and seeking long term, sustainable funding to support the operating costs of the programme.

Indigenous Education

The Rotary Club of Sydney's ongoing commitment to the education of indigenous students:

- The Rotary Club of Sydney's Soukup Memorial Scholarship Fund provides scholarships to young, post-secondary students of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent whose means would not otherwise permit them to undertake tertiary study. Currently the Scholarships support one post graduate and 7 undergraduate students at The University of Sydney and The University of Technology, Sydney.
- The Rotary Club of Sydney is partnering with Australian Rotary Health and the University of Technology, Sydney to support two Indigenous Health PhD Scholarships which started in 2017. One of the students will focus on indigenous mental health and the other on indigenous disabilities.
- The Rotary Dalang Project, President Alex Shaw's project for 2016-17, supports indigenous health education; partnering with the Poche Centre for Indigenous Health at the University of Sydney. This project builds on the Rotary Aboriginal Oral Health Scholarships, a ground-breaking project led by President Diana Richards in 2014-15, also in partnership with the Poche Centre, which trained Indigenous young people to become dental hygiene assistants.



The Rotary Club of Sydney supports a large number of international charities, including

Vision Beyond Aus (VBA) which provides free eye surgery to the world's most disadvantaged people.



Opportunity Cambodia provides education & training for Cambodia's most vulnerable children.

And many others: See: www.sydneynrotary.com.

The Rotary Club of Sydney Rural Community Support Programme.

The Rotary Club of Sydney Rural Community Support Programme was established in 2014. To date as part of the programme the Club has supported the Burrumbuttock Hay Runners, Soils for Life Western Division Resilient Landscapes Project, Australian Rotary Health Mental Health First Aid Courses, Christmas hampers for rural families in financial stress and the Muttaborra State School and the Muttaborra Amateur Swim Club (AKA Mudskippers) and was one of the sponsors of a Bourke High School students' excursion to Japan.



The four service committees of the club each provide their own activities and service projects:

- The Youth Committee
- The International Services Committee
- The Service and Awards Committee
- The Peace Building Group

See: www.sydne Rotary.com/what-we-do/committee-projects

Club committees run the NSW Police Office of the Year Awards; conduct the annual ANZAC Day BBQ at Hyde Park to feed marchers, service providers and spectators; and is an administrator and participant in the MS MegaSwim in aid of multiple sclerosis sufferers.

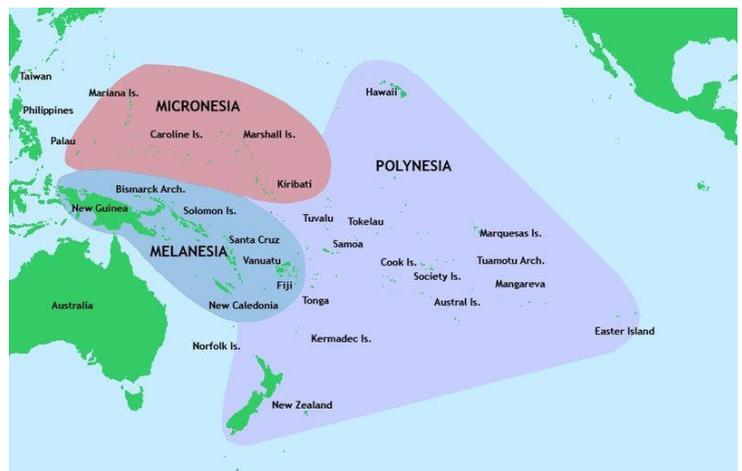
Future Plans as the Rotary Club of Sydney looks toward its centenary:

Rotary Centenary Immunisation Across the Pacific Project (Rotary IAP)

The Centenary of Rotary in Australasia in 2021 is an opportunity to celebrate 100 years of Rotary achievements and demonstrate the contemporary relevance of the Rotary motto "Service above Self". The Rotary Clubs of Sydney, Melbourne, Wellington and Auckland in partnership with UNICEF Australia and New Zealand will lead the RIAPCP to support the sustainable introduction of three new life-saving vaccines across nine Pacific Island Countries.

The three life-saving vaccines:

- Rotavirus Vaccine, to prevent a severe form of diarrhoea;
- Pneumococcal Vaccine, to prevent pneumonia, blood infections (such as sepsis) and meningitis;
- Human Papillomavirus Vaccine, to prevent some kinds of cervical cancer.



The nine Pacific Island Countries: Cook Islands, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Samoa, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu

Rotary District 9675 and the Rotary Club of Sydney will host one of six international Peacebuilding Conferences Rotary International President Ian Riseley is convening. The Sydney Conference on the 17 March 2018 will focus on economic and community development, as it relates to peace.

A programme to engage at risk Indigenous youth in Sydney.

The Rotary Club of Sydney has an outstanding history of Achieving for Others *

- **Founding the New South Wales Society for Crippled Children in 1929, now known as the Northcott Society; the first Australian Rotary Project.**
- **Establishing the Police & Citizens Boys' Clubs in New South Wales.**
- **Establishing the Mt Eliza Executive School of Business now part of the University of Melbourne.**
- **Instrumental in the building of an International House to accommodate overseas students at the Universities of Sydney and NSW.**



(* Brian H Fletcher, *Achieving for Others - The Rotary Club of Sydney 1921-2005*, Southwood Press 2005.)

Each year the president of The Rotary Club of Sydney spearheads fundraising for a major project or projects. Projects in recent years include:

- 2014-15 (President Andrew Laurie), **The Rotary Take Charge of Your Life Program** helping children leaving foster care in partnership with Wesley Mission.
- 2013-14 (Geoff Wilbow) established **The Rotary Life Skills Centre** to support the **marginalised and homeless in inner city Sydney**, run by The Salvation Army.
- 2012-13 (James Allen) started a **vaccination programme in Timor-Leste (East Timor)** to eliminate a preventable mosquito transmitted, parasitic disease that causes elephantiasis in partnership with University of Sydney.
- 2011-12 (Ned Boyce), funded the establishment of a **state-of-the-art centre and day program for young adults with significant intellectual and physical disabilities** run by the Wesley Mission
- 2010-11 (Roslyn McLeod, OAM) provided funds for the internationally acclaimed **Children's Medical Research Institute (CMRI)** cancer research team.
- 2009-10 (John Given) assisted a number of existing charities that were interested in expanding their services into a new area including the **Australian Children's Music Foundation, Y-Fin, Lou's Place, The Jewish House and Home Hospice**.
- 2008-09 (Patricia Harrison) provided funds for **Youngcare**, a charity devoted to providing high level care for young adults, physically incapacitated through accident or illness such as multiple sclerosis, who would otherwise have to live in aged care facilities.
- 2007-08 (Garry Browne) with a theme of "**Education Matters**" supported the Inspire Foundation's Beanbag program to help those with mental illness reconnect with society through different forms of IT; and provided scholarships at the University of New South Wales.
- 2006-07 (Gerry Rihs) supported an innovative, early-childhood educational enrichment program offered at **La Perouse Public School**, teaching parents of three- to five-year-olds how to develop their children's school readiness, communication abilities, and relationship skills before they begin their education in the classroom; as well as financing a micro-credit bank in a very poor region of the northern Philippines to lift some 15,000 working poor up the economic ladder.
- 2005-06 (Adrian Pilton) provided a new **Ambulance for NETS** which is a clinical component of the PSN (Pregnancy and Newborn Services Network) of NSW.
- 2004-05 (Bruce Edwards) and 2003-04 (Chris Ferris) helped the **Salvation Army** construct a new building to house the **Careline** service taking calls from around Australia; a member was the architect. They also ran a two year project to support **Wesley's EQUIP Youth Mentoring Program** helping young people, by one to one mentoring, to learn skills for employment and personal development.

Ethics is a hallmark of Rotary

Rotarians experience personal growth in an organisation that is respected worldwide for its high values and standards and at the same time develops business networking opportunities and builds lifelong friendships. Clubs are non-political, secular and open to all cultures, races and creeds.

Rotarians abide by The Four-Way Test. Of the things we think, say or do:

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it BUILD GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?