

APPLECROSS ROTARY

Applecross Rotary has a proud history and traditions that have met members needs and circumstances over many years. We have a unique culture and ways of functioning that we all value however there may be small ways we could tweak our operations that may better suit changing times and membership. We would appreciate any feedback on the following possibilities regarding potential trials for meeting structures and social gatherings.

Feedback on meeting structure:

- Would you like to have approximately 3 speakers per month with one meeting reserved for Applecross Rotary business, Board reports or an unexpected speaker?

Comments: to include member's stories, new members,

YES 18	MAYBE 1	NO 0
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- Would you like to have an occasional dinner meeting, perhaps once every 1 or 2 months?

Comments: 1/month, finger food + drinks, every 2 months, eg every '5th Tuesday', every 6 months,

YES 12	MAYBE 5	NO 2
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- Would you prefer meetings every 2 weeks?

YES 4	MAYBE 4	NO 11
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- Would you definitely prefer to maintain our existing structure?

YES 6	MAYBE 8	NO 3
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- Do you have any other suggestions?

Mostly for special events, Xmas, Changeover, be aware that changing the format can have unintended consequences

Not unhappy with existing meeting structure but open to change as above.

Social gatherings:

1. Which timing best suits your circumstances:
 - a. 12 Weekday sundowners Not Thursdays, Friday no time limit
 - b. 4 Weekend sundowners,
 - c. 4 Weekend morning picnic/bbq
 - d. Other suggestion – perhaps once 2/3 months more of an evening function,
2. Which event style do you prefer: ?
 - a. 7 In member's homes (byo style)
 - b. 14 At outside venues such as Tompkins Park bar – for a beer.
 - c. Other suggestion

Do you have any other suggestions?

I liked the format we used at Xmas Party, Essential to maintain the fellowship of ...?... and well-conducted meetings, check with newer members, changeover to be a formal dinner not a buffet,

Pushing for a somewhat business after hours model to gain new members, alter some perceptions about what Rotary is to some people.

In summary:

- Almost unanimously, members would like to have approximately 3 speakers per month with one meeting reserved for Applecross Rotary business, Board reports or an unexpected speaker.
- The majority would be interested to have an occasional dinner meeting, every month or two or the '5th Tuesday in a month. (*this would require us to source a suitable venue*)
- The majority of members prefer to meet every week, not fortnightly.
- There is significant satisfaction with our current structure that suggests any tweaking according to the preferences above would be on a trial basis for 2027, to be reviewed.

Regarding social gatherings, a majority are in favour of weekday sundowners at outside venues such as Tompkins Park where members, partners and friends can choose to drink or eat, as they please. However, there is still some support for occasional byo style gatherings in member's homes.