

The Sydney 2014



INTERNATIONAL EDITION # 4



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ROTARIANS TO BLOW OPRAH OUT OF THE WATER AND OFF THE BRIDGE

Led by Rotary International President Ron Burton, Rotarians from around the globe will come together at this year's RI Convention in Sydney to beat a world record currently held by Oprah Winfrey and raise funds for polio eradication.

Rotary International President Ron Burton has plenty of friends, but he'll need them if his attempt at a unique Sydney world record is to be achieved in the lead-up to the Sydney Convention this year.

Rotarians from all over the world will be among the 20,000 or so delegates to the International Convention, but before it begins, they will have the chance to be part of a spectacular world record currently held by none other than Oprah Winfrey herself.

In doing so, those same Rotarians will be supporting an innovative fundraising effort in aid of The Rotary Foundation's polio eradication campaign.

"The challenge is there for Rotarians attending their International Convention to set new world records for the number of flags from different nations on the bridge at one time, and for the number of people on the bridge at one time," said the CEO of convention partner Bridgeclimb, Todd Coates.

"For our part it's an exciting way to show off



BridgeClimb Public Relations Executive Charli Beale, RDU Executive Director Bob Aitken and RDU Digital Production and Marketing Manager Ellissa Nolan blazed the trail for RI President Ron Burton's Harbour Bridge world record attempt in the lead-up to this year's RI convention in Sydney.

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WELCOME TO AUSTRALIA

I warmly welcome fellow Rotarians to Australia for the 105th Rotary International Convention. I am a proud member of Rotary in my home state of Western Australia, one of 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide.

This convention brings people together from all walks of life, and offers Rotarians the opportunity to develop new friends and enhance existing friendships. This is a key to the success of Rotary.

Australia's unique natural and cultural attractions are amongst the world's best and I trust will leave you with memories to last a life time. Australians are warm and friendly with a rather different sense of humour, so please make contact with as many Aussies as you can!

While Sydney has icons best known to many visitors, do take the time to expand your Australian experience, past the city and the east coast. We have cities across the continent that offer world class shopping experiences and a vibrant night life. We are bound by white sandy beaches and World Heritage listed environmental attractions including the Great Barrier Reef. We have stunning natural landscapes as diverse as the Red Centre, the Great

Ocean Road, the Blue Mountains and the Australian Alps.

Those looking for food and wine will be spoilt for choice. Australia boasts some of the world's freshest produce, prepared by internationally acclaimed chefs with cooking styles which have emerged from our rich multicultural heritage. Our wines are world renowned, whether from the Hunter Valley, the Barossa Valley in South Australia or the Margaret River region in Western Australia.

Hopefully you will travel west to our Indian Ocean shores, to swim with dolphins at Monkey Mia, go camel riding on Cable Beach in Broome and experience the stunning beauty of the Kimberley ranges.

Australian Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders have a rich, living culture stretching back at least 50,000 years, and there are opportunities to experience this first hand.

Australia is proud to host the Rotary International Convention and I encourage Rotarians to take this opportunity to be immersed in our culture. Sample our food and wine, visit our cities, towns and the outback and take home warm

memories and friendships.

As Foreign Minister I am able to experience much of what the world has to offer, but I can attest to the fact that There's Nothing Like Australia.

• **THE HON
JULIE BISHOP MP**
*Minister for
Foreign Affairs*



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Sydney's most iconic attractions to people from all over the world, and to help in Rotary's magnificent effort to rid the world of polio," Coates said.

BridgeClimb will donate 50 per cent of each ticket purchased by Rotarians participating in the world record attempt. An additional donation will be made for Rotarians who climb the bridge outside of the record attempt.

"I can't think of a better way to show off the world's most spectacular harbor, and for Rotarians to support the polio campaign," Coates said.

The team from Rotary Down Under blazed the trail for fellow Rotarians in December under the supervision of BridgeClimb's Public Relations Executive Charli Beale.

"This is a special chance for Rotarians of all ages and levels of fitness," Charli said.

"We've got guys like Lloyd Poulten, who at 85

years of age has climbed the bridge 61 times [when this went to press].

"Of course, Oprah Winfrey climbed with 315 of her Ultimate Viewers and declared there was no better way to see Sydney in all of its glory when she brought her team out here in 2012.

"We've even had a guy like Chris Muller, who climbed the bridge when he was 100 years old, so there's really no reason for anyone to think climbing the Sydney Harbour Bridge is beyond them."

The physical effort is one thing, the sheer height is another factor entirely, but as someone who gets nervous in a glass elevator at the shopping mall, climbers can rest assured that this is hardly a challenge.

Once you're on the bridge itself, the width of the girders that support the walkway give an assuring

level of personal safety. Of course, you are tethered to the bridge rail at all times using a security system used by solo round-the-world sailors to ensure they don't fall overboard.

The image of 392 Rotarians led by President Ron Burton spanning the upper arch of the Sydney Harbour Bridge will be beamed around the world to showcase Rotary's ability to achieve whatever it sets its collective mind to do.

Places are limited so book your spot now at www.bridgeclimb.com/rotary. And remember, every booking attracts a donation towards the eradication of polio.

Look out, Oprah, Rotary is coming after you!

• **MARK WALLACE**
*Editor, Rotary Down Under
Rotary Club of Bowral Mittagong, NSW*



HUMAN NATURE - AUSTRALIA'S BEST MALE VOCAL GROUP!

Brothers Andrew and Mike Tierney, and high school friends Phil Burton and Toby Allen celebrate the impressive milestone of 25 years together this year as Australia's most successful male vocal group, Human Nature.

They are one of the great Australian music

success stories; releasing 10 albums, five of which reached the #1 spot, over 24 platinum awards, 18 Top 40 hits, ARIA Award winners, and with album sales in well excess of 2 million in Australia alone.

For the past five years the group have performed five nights a week in Las Vegas becoming the first

Australian musical group to secure a residency in the entertainment mecca. This year will see them surpass the equally impressive milestone of 1000th shows performed in Las Vegas Strip at the Venetian Casino & Resort.

www.humannaturelive.com

THIS EDITION

In this edition of Corroboree we will be showcasing all that Sydney has to offer during the lead up to and after the convention. Many clubs from all around Australia have exciting events and activities planned that will keep you entertained for hours on end throughout your time here in Australia.

From attending the International Golfing Fellowship of Rotary's 51st World Championship being held in Adelaide to getting the opportunity

to set new world records on top of the iconic Harbour Bridge the pre-convention events will make for exciting times ahead.

We have also bought to you a vast array of events and attractions that will be occurring during the convention period. From attending the events bought to you by the Host Organising Committee such as the Restaurant Night to the concert at the Opera House and special AFL Match. Other local clubs have also got events planned for you to keep

your nights filled with fun and laughter with new and old friends alike!

Let's not forget that after the convention is over the fun won't stop there, as the International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians and Flying Rotarians have some interesting and unique tours planned to showcase more of what this fantastic country has to offer!

So read on to discover all that is coming your way during the exciting times ahead!

AFL MATCH

The Sydney Swans are excited to host Rotary International convention delegates at the club's historic Australian Football League (AFL) match against Geelong on Thursday May 29th, 2014.

The Swans have kindly agreed to feature Rotary promotional images on the giant scoreboard and will have several 'footy' souvenir offers for Rotarians at the game.

The match will recognise and pay tribute to the contribution Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have made to the game of AFL – Australia's most popular and entertaining sport.

AFL, also known as Australian Rules Football, is the country's only Indigenous game which 18 teams compete for the coveted premiership each season.

It's fast paced, entertaining and full of bone crunching tackles, spectacular marks and incredible goals. There's no other sport quite like it.

The Swans and Geelong match, which is being held at the historic Sydney Cricket Ground – which has recently undergone a multimillion dollar upgrade – to launch Indigenous Round will feature some of the biggest names in the sport including Adam Goodes, Lance Franklin and Kieren Jack from the Swans.

The Swans and Geelong are two of the most successful teams of the modern era having won five of the last nine premierships between them.

It will be the first time a match is held on a Thursday night at the SCG so the match is expected to be a sell out.

The roar of the crowd and the excitement of the action on the field will be nothing short of extraordinary for those who attend.

This is a fantastic opportunity to watch Sydney's most popular sporting team in Australia's biggest city play a blockbuster match of Australian Rules Football – it truly is an event not to be missed.

Match Details: Thursday May 29th

Round 11 – Indigenous Round

Sydney Swans v Geelong Cats

Thursday 29 May, 2014

Sydney Cricket Ground, Driver Avenue,

Moore Park, Sydney

First bounce: 7.10pm | Gates open 5:30pm

Official match day presentation commences: 6.30pm



Dual Brownlow Award Medallist and Australian of the Year 2014, Sydney Swans player Adam Goodes featured above. With a 14-year career history with the club, see him return to the pitch for the 2014 season by purchasing your tickets early and getting in fast!

Ticket offers:

All tickets include GST. Please note, there may be an additional transaction fee that applies to each booking.

There are a range of exclusive ticket offers for Rotary International convention delegates from fine-dining to sitting in the grandstand, eating hot meat pies among the thousands of passionate Swans supporters.

Chairman's Club - \$390 per person

- Exclusive Sydney Swans club function attended by local celebrities and government officials

- Ticket includes 2 hour pre-match function, sit down dinner, beverages, guest speakers and entertainment, premium undercover match seating, 1 hour post match function (Dress code: lounge suit, tie optional, strictly no denim).

Rotary Exclusive Function - \$210 per person

**subject to numbers

- Exclusive Rotary function at the game
- Ticket includes premium undercover match seating, 1 hour pre-match function, footy finger food, beverages, AFL Record, Sydney Swans scarf (Dress code: smart casual)

Rotary Exclusive Gold - \$70

- Ticket includes premium gold undercover grandstand seating within Bay 317 in the forward pocket, Sydney Swans scarf, AFL Record

Rotary Exclusive Silver - \$55

- Ticket includes concourse seating within Bay 25 (not undercover), forward pocket, Sydney Swans scarf.

To purchase tickets or for more information please visit:

<http://rotary2014.com.au/event/australian-rules-football-afl-match/>

AUSTRALIANA COCKTAILS AND DINNER AT TARONGA ZOO



To coincide with the Rotary International Convention in June 2014, the Rotary Club of Sydney is hosting an **Australiana Cocktails and Dinner at the iconic Taronga Zoo.**

The Dinner will be held on Monday, 2nd June at 5:45pm for 6:45pm at Taronga Zoo's Reception Centre with its outstanding views of Sydney by Night.

Taronga Zoo is the nation's leading zoological garden, featuring Australia's finest collection of

native animals and a diverse collection of exotic species. What makes Taronga something special is its location on elevated land along the waterfront, in one of the most beautiful vantage points on Sydney Harbour overlooking Sydney Cove, the Harbour Bridge and the Opera House.

On arrival, guests will be introduced to some of Australia's unique animals. This will be followed by cocktails and a delicious three-course Dinner with entertainment from The Reel Matilda bush band.

All guests will receive a complimentary soft toy Koala or Kangaroo.

An optional Australian Walkabout tour will be available prior to the dinner allowing guests to see Australian wildlife including koalas and kangaroos. This one-hour escorted tour of Australian Wildlife will commence at 4:15pm.

Bookings for this unique dinner are now open. <http://www.trybooking.com/EBTX> or Google the Sydney Rotary Club's website.

G'DAY FROM SYDNEY

One of the unique benefits for the Sydney Convention is the free transport pass offered to each Convention registrant by the New South Wales Government. This pass will permit Convention attendees to travel throughout most of the State of New South Wales without cost. The pass will be honored on trains, buses, and government-operated ferries and will permit travel from Thursday, 29 May, until Thursday, 5 June. This includes the three days prior to the Convention, the four days of the Convention itself, and the day following the Convention.

Recently I was in Sydney for a Convention planning visit. Over the weekend, I utilized a similar pass to travel around greater Sydney. I was able to travel to all of my destinations utilizing public transport without using a taxi at any point.

I began my travels at the Holiday Inn in

Parramatta, a western suburb of Sydney. It was only a short five-block walk from the hotel to the Parramatta Station. From there trains departed at least every fifteen minutes to the Central Business District of Sydney. It was only a 35-minute ride into the CBD. I enjoyed shopping and seeing the sights in Circular Quay, Hyde Park, and Darling Harbour.

That evening, I decided that I wanted to explore Sydney's Little Italy in the suburb of Leichhardt. To get there, I caught a bus from George Street at the Queen Victoria Building direct to Leichhardt. Just two blocks from the bus stop, I found a delightful, family-operated Italian restaurant on Norton Street to which I hope to return during the Convention.

After a wonderful meal, it was time to head back to the hotel in Parramatta. It was just a short bus ride from Norton Street in Leichhardt to the Petersham Station. The bus driver was very friendly

and made sure that I got off at the right stop and found my way into the station. From Petersham, it was a nice ride to Parramatta with a quick change of trains at Strathfield.

The New South Wales Government wants all Convention attendees to fully explore all that New South Wales has to offer. This complimentary transport pass provides all Rotarians with the opportunity to see as much as they wish to see. Take advantage of this tremendous Convention benefit and join your fellow Rotarians from around the world in Sydney as we *Engage Rotary, Change Lives.*

• **MARK DANIEL MALONEY**
Chairman
2014 Sydney Convention Committee





CORROBOREE ON SYDNEY HARBOUR

The Rotary Club of Sydney Cove is hosting a spectacular Corroboree on Sydney Harbour. The word "Corroboree" describes an Aboriginal traditional meeting or a party with plenty of food and enjoyment. This unique experience will be held on Monday June 2nd from 6.30pm for just \$99 per person.

You will cruise on the "Mari Nawi", the Tribal Warrior cruise and training vessel on Sydney's stunning harbour. Guests can then expect to visit Goat Island within the harbour where many ancient ceremonies have taken place and was home to Bennelong and Barrangaroo whose names are linked to many famous landmarks in Sydney. You will then experience a traditional Aboriginal welcoming, ceremonies and performances and throughout the night hear authentic stories from Aboriginal Sydney whilst enjoying a three-course dinner.

Today, the Tribal Warrior Association is entirely run and managed by local Aboriginal people, many of them direct descendants of the original inhabitants. They aim to preserve and promote their heritage, develop and expand traditional skills and engage visitors with authentic, insights and experiences of this ancient culture.

This will be a truly unique and memorable experience while in Sydney when you experience the culture of the Gadigal people of the Eora Aboriginal nation that made Sydney their home and meeting place. For more information or to book tickets please visit:

<http://www.sydneycoverotary.com/fundraisers/corroboree/>

FEAST ON SYDNEY



Enjoy having a front row seat to Sydney's Vivid light, music and sound festival on board this bumper value Cruise on Sydney Harbour. Whilst taking in all that Sydney has to offer wine and dine to live Jazz, popular Opera or have fun at an Aussie Bush Dance - each on separate decks - the choice is up to you!

Enjoy a spectacular feast on Sydney Harbour while on your stay for the International Convention. The Rotary Club of Sydney Cove and The Rotary Club of Sydney (with an entertainment contribution from the Rotary Club of Darling Harbour) will be providing an enjoyable evening full of music, entertainment and different experiences.

Departing from Circular Quay on Tuesday June 3rd at 7pm, guests can expect to pay \$120 for a three-course dinner with beer, wine and soft drink included.

The cruise is split across three different floors giving early bookers the option to choose where they would like to sit. Each floor has a different type of experience available. For example guests can wine and dine to the sounds of sweet Jazz or listen to the heavenly sounds of Opera or have a bit of fun at a traditional Aussie bush dance, the choice is up to you!

To make things even more exciting you will have one of the best seats in the house to view the popular Vivid Sydney Festival, with the cruise giving you amazing view points to see the

fantastic light displays being projected all around the harbour and foreshore.

The latest news from the host clubs (RC of Sydney Cove, RC of Sydney and RC of Darling Harbour) is that "tickets are selling well and, as numbers are limited, delegates and their guests are advised to book early to avoid disappointment".

So if you are wanting to have a good time and haven't got any plans to fill your nights while at the convention why not get together with fellow Rotarians and have a fun-filled night together. For more information or to book please visit:

<http://www.sydneycoverotary.com/fundraisers/feast-on-sydney/>

Further info: The Rotary Club of Sydney Cove will hold its regular Friday morning breakfast meetings aboard the "Sydney 2000", leaving Wharf 6 at Sydney's Circular Quay at 7.25am, returning at 8.45am on 30th May and 6th June. \$30 pp, payable on board. Please advise by e-mail to Convention2014@sydneycoverotary.com if you intend to join either of these meetings.

VIVID VISIONS CRUISE

In June 2014, Sydney will be transformed into a Spectacular canvas of light, music, ideas and community, when Vivid Sydney and the Rotary International Convention transform the city.

The Rotary E-Club of Greater Sydney is proud to play host to the spectacular "Vivid Visions" cruise on Sydney Harbour.

Join us on board our historic and authentic 1920's twin sister Tall Ships as we set sail on the seas of Sydney.

On Friday night, May 30th 2014, our tall ships will be setting sail from Campbell's Cove for a wonderful evening adventure of light, music and Rotary!

Sailing through our magnificent illuminated harbour, you will meet our members and learn how the E-Club focus on international projects supporting development, education and health in developing countries.

You will also see and hear the amazing story of the ships, be enthralled by a Kenyan Maasai warrior, take in the salty sea air and see Sydney at its brightest!

For only \$95 per person, the food, drink and entertainment aboard this two hour cruise, will all be provided by the friendly Ship's crew, all of whom



With one of the best seats in the house to view the spectacular light display from the Vivid Sydney Festival, this Tall Ship cruise will leave you with a night to remember. Come aboard and experience a night filled with laughter and entertainment amongst new and old friends alike.

are at your service!

Make this event a truly memorable part of your Sydney Convention "Down Under" experience.

Please don't miss out as tickets are now strictly limited, as this event will undoubtedly sell out again in record time.

To Book please visit any of these sites.

<http://www.sydneytallships.com.au/rotary-e-club.html>

<https://sydts.bookingboss.com/booknow.cfm?e=SYDTS1971>

INNER WHEEL'S AFTERNOON COFFEE CRUISE

The Executives and members of Inner Wheel Australia invite Convention visitors to an afternoon of friendship and sightseeing on Sydney Harbour. Inner Wheel has a cruise organised that will depart Circular Quay at 2.30pm on Tuesday June 3rd and will return that afternoon by 4.30pm.

While on the cruise visitors can take in all of the fabulous views that Sydney Harbour has to offer. This

2 hour cruise will pass iconic landmarks such as the Sydney Opera House, Royal Botanic Gardens and the Garden Island Naval Base. It will also venture across to the Eastern Suburbs where the stunning shoreline and exclusive seaside homes are breathtaking. Following on, the cruise will journey past Taronga Zoo, Government House then under the Sydney Harbour Bridge cruising on through into Darling

Harbour, before finishing the journey back in Circular Quay.

Not only will patrons get to see all that Sydney has to offer but afternoon tea, personalised commentary and plenty of photo opportunities - all for the tidy sum of \$35. This is a special price being offered as tickets for this type of cruise usually cost \$55. The ship also has plenty of different viewing platforms both indoors and outdoors that will give visitors the opportunity to take in Sydney from different vantage points on board the ship.

Rotarians, partners and friends are encouraged to spare a few hours in the day see Sydney in a fun and exciting way. Why not join the friendly members of Inner Wheel on board their Coffee Cruise?

For more information or to book visit:

<http://www.innerwheelaustralia.org.au/ftp/iwashcruise.pdf>



G'DAY FROM SYDNEY

2014 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
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With the Sydney Rotary International Convention less than 6 months away it is time to get your travel plans for Down Under organized.

Australia is an incredible destination that offers so many unique sights and experiences found nowhere else on the planet. With so much to see and do Down Under it can be a little daunting knowing where to start. It pays to use experts with fantastic local knowledge when heading Down Under and with a team of Aussies who specialize in travel in the region, Global Connection are well placed to help you with your travel plans to Australia and its wonderful neighbours New Zealand and the South Pacific Islands.

As a full service licensed travel agency and the Official Travel Partner of the Host Organising Committee we are here to make your trip Down Under the most incredible trip of your lifetime. So what are you waiting for? Get in touch and get planning your next adventure!



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ROTARIAN TOURS

Join one of our multi-day tours that have been designed by Rotarians and are exclusively for Rotarians. Explore the sights of Down Under and share your travel experiences with like-minded travellers. See the many tour options available on our website

www.globalconnection.com.au



TAILOR MADE TRAVEL

If you would like a trip that is tailored to your interests and budget then there is no better way to design your perfect vacation Down Under than by using our team of local experts. Having lived Down Under all of our lives nobody knows this part of the world better than us! Tell us about your perfect trip via email (travel@rotary2014.com.au) and we can get to work on your dream vacation today.



GROUP TOURS

Perhaps your district is planning on coming to Australia as a group or maybe your rotary fellowship is considering a special interest tour Down Under. No matter what your group requirements are, Global Connection can custom design a group package according to your budget and interests. To arrange a group quote for 10 or more people contact us at

travel@rotary2014.com.au



GLOBAL
CONNECTION

About Global Connection

Global Connection has been appointed by the Sydney Host Organising Committee as the Official Travel Partner for the 2014 Rotary International Convention Sydney. As a proudly Australian Owned Company we look forward to sharing our country with Rotarians from all corners of the world. We have been working with feverish excitement to prepare a range of exclusive tours and experiences that will provide Rotarians with a unique and enriching perspective of Australia and its neighbours – New Zealand and the South Pacific Islands. We look forward to helping Rotary make the 2014 Convention the best yet!

IGFR 51ST WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP ADELAIDE

What an exciting time it is going to be here in Australia during the lead up to the International Rotary Convention. There is going to be so much to see and do, we don't know how you will fit it all in! A week before the convention starts the International Golfing Fellowship of Rotary (IGFR) will celebrate their 51st tour down under in Adelaide, South Australia. The tournament will go from the 18th May until the 24th May 2014. During this time, tournament goers and non-golfers will have endless activities to indulge in. Rotarians and Golfing partners will be able to practice and play on the greens of the prestigious Kooyonga and Royal Adelaide Golf Clubs. Many international and interstate championships have been hosted here as well as being recognised as some of the best golf courses in the world.

If you aren't participating in the tournament, don't fret as the city of Adelaide and its surrounds have a lot to offer. Known as the City of Churches and being voted as one of the most liveable cities in the world, Adelaide is a fascinating city. Organisers have tours arranged for non-playing partners that will allow them to explore and keep busy over the 4-day tournament.



There is also a large Opening Ceremony to signify the start of the tournament as well as an Aussie dinner held at the Adelaide Convention Centre. A Gala dinner will be held at the Intercontinental Hotel on the final night to present the awards from the IGFR championships.

So are you now thinking that you would like to see more of what Australia has to offer? Why not extend your stay by going on one of the pre or post tours that have been arranged by the tournament organisers. Before the golfing

championship begins you can explore Kangaroo Island or take a tour from tropical Far North Queensland down to the red-hot centre of the earth to Ayres Rock and Uluru. If you don't have time to squeeze that in before the tournament begins, why not go on a post tour. You can have a Southern Ocean Experience or visit the picturesque Flinders Ranges. Before the convention begins, why not attend the IGFR 51st World Championship and participate in all that they have on offer. For more information please visit: <http://www.igfr2014.com/>



RESTAURANT NIGHT

What a great way to catch up and meet fellow Rotarians from all around the world!

Many of Sydney's popular restaurants around Darling Harbour and adjoining areas throw open their doors for a night of fine food, camaraderie and friendship. The Restaurant Night will be on Saturday May 31st from 7pm. Come and experience all of the sites and tastes of Sydney at its best – and experience the magic of Darling Harbour. Enjoy fabulous food, great company and appreciate that Australia is one of the most cosmopolitan countries in the world by showcasing every possible ethnic cuisine imaginable. Bookings will be available in the New Year but for now why not register your interest by visiting the site below and clicking on the Register Your Interest button, to ensure that you don't miss out on any exciting announcements or important information.

<http://rotary2014.com.au/event/rotary-restaurant-night/>



ENTERTAINMENT AT THE SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE



Enjoy a memorable evening at the iconic Sydney Opera House, listening to the notable Sydney Symphonic Orchestra whilst taking in the magnificent views of Sydney, the harbour foreshore and it's surround.

Thinking of things to do while in Sydney? Why not visit the Sydney Opera House and attend a concert or performance in this well-known Australian landmark. With its iconic setting, grand interior and cathedral-like ambience, the world-renowned Sydney Opera House is one of the most prestigious performing spaces around. Immerse yourself in the architecture and witness a range of extraordinary performances bought to you by the Sydney Symphony Orchestra, Music House and Australian Chamber Orchestra.

While at this iconic destination you will get to experience magical views of not only the Harbour Bridge but also the harbour foreshore and its surrounds. Also during this time the Vivid Sydney Festival is on. By being at the Sydney Opera House it will give you a fantastic view of all of the different

elements of the festival ranging from light to music and sound. In previous years even the sails of the Opera House have had lighting projections displayed throughout the duration of the event.

Sadly, the official Rotary Concert that is occurring on Monday, June 2nd is sold out. However, Rotarians can be put on a waitlist to attend this particular concert or are encouraged to see other performances that are being held around the convention time. For more information or to be put on the waiting list to attend the official Rotary Concert at the Sydney Opera House please visit:

<https://rotary2014.com.au/event/concert-at-the-sydney-opera-house/>

Or to see what's on at the Opera House visit:

<http://www.sydneyoperahouse.com/whatson/index.aspx>

ROTARACT PRE-CONVENTION EVENT UPDATE

The Rotaract Host Committee is hard at work putting together some spectacular events for your enjoyment. They are aiming to showcase the best that Sydney has to offer Pre-Convention to make your trip truly one-of-a-kind.

A few different activities and events are in the works that aim to take in the best of Sydney and

allow you to have a memorable experience where you will develop amazing friendships that will last a lifetime. A cruise on Sydney Harbour will allow you to take in the sights of Sydney as you explore the Vivid Sydney Festival and encounter a night that showcases Australia from the outback to the sea.

Another day will be filled with an

Environmental Project followed by a night out in one of Sydney's "hot spot" areas.

So watch this space to stay tuned for more details and don't forget to LIKE their Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/rotaractprecon2014> to keep up to date with the latest information and news.



IFMR POST CONVENTION RIDES



Why not see New South Wales (NSW) in an adventurous and different sort of way! You can join the International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians on rides they have organised throughout NSW that showcase all that we have to offer.

Have you been thinking about what your plans are once the Rotary International Convention has come to an end? Well the International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians (IFMR), have got some fantastic motorcycling adventures organised. There are 3 different rides that have been arranged, all of which offer something different to see and do within New South Wales.

The first adventure sets off from Sydney on June 5th and is a day trip to the Blue Mountains travelling through Oberon and Bathurst. While in the Blue Mountains visitors will expect to see the iconic 3 Sisters as well as getting the opportunity to take some amazing photos of the mountains and landscape from the fantastic lookout points.

The next ride available for people to participate, departs on June 6th and will also be a day ride departing from Sydney. On this ride motorcyclists can expect to be travelling down south to the Southern Highlands and then returning east along the Pacific Coast back up to Sydney.

If you are interested in doing a longer haul ride and seeing more of what New South Wales has to offer, you may consider doing a 2-day ride. Departing Sydney on June 7th and returning the 8th,



riders will get the chance to travel up north. From Sydney visitors will cruise up towards the Central Coast and then into the Hunter Valley, New South Wales premier wine region. Guests will stay overnight in Gloucester with the return trip being made through New England, spending the night near the coast in Coffs Harbour before returning back to Sydney.

Travellers should note that they would need to arrange their own bikes before starting out on the

tours. The IFMR have recommended certain types of bikes that would be perfect for the various trips organised. For the 2 day ride there is a maximum of 50 bikes or 100 people able to make this trip. Spots are filling up fast so you will need to get in quick, to not miss out on this fantastic opportunity to see New South Wales in a unique and memorable way! For more details and information please visit:

<http://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=62674>

SYDNEY 2014 IFFR POST CONVENTION TOUR

The International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians (IFFR) has planned a post convention tour in association with A Tour Travel Service, Cherrybrook that will allow fellow Rotarians to explore Canberra and Central Australia. The tour will begin after the convention on June 5th 2014 and will end June 14th 2014. With a 10-day itinerary planned, visitors can expect to visit areas such as Canberra, Ayers Rock, Kings Canyon and Alice Springs.

You can expect to depart Sydney by coach on Thursday morning and head to Australia's capital, Canberra. Along the way the tour will stop at sites such as the Royal National Park, Bowral and the Macquarie Pass. While in Canberra people will be given the opportunity to visit Old Parliament House, the National Archives and National Gallery.

From there the tour will take you to the NASA Deep Space Network, where visitors will be able to observe the support for spacecraft missions as well as the radio and radar observations from the solar system and universe.

Continuing on guests will then be flown to Ayers Rock where you will get to watch the sunset over the iconic Uluru while enjoying nibbles followed by a delicious BBQ dinner and stargazing. The next



Like in Portugal, the International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians pictured above have another exciting encounter planned, which will take you from the city to the outback. Explore the red-hot centre of Australia and extend your stay in this fascinating country a little longer.

morning you will then get to watch the sunrise over Uluru and go on guided walk through Kata Tjuta and take some fantastic photos from the Valley of the Winds Lookout.

Tying back to the purpose of the this fellowship, participants in this tour will get the opportunity to go to the School of Air which provides an educational service for children living in remote areas. You will then get the opportunity to visit the historic Telegraph Settlement, which marks the first European settlement in Alice Springs. Visit the Royal Flying Doctors service and learn how this

amazing facility operates to care and provide for the people in outback Australia.

There are also optional extra mini tours available to participate in while on the trip ranging from gaining access to the Desert Park to visiting the West MacDonnell Ranges and Ghan Museum. So, if you want to explore the red-hot centre of Australia and see all that is has to offer, why not join the IFFR post convention tour. For more information please visit:

http://www.iffro.org.au/Coming_Events.html
or email roslyn@atourtravel.com.au

NEED A VENUE IN SYDNEY IN 2014?

Business Events Sydney offers a free service for your event during the Rotary International Convention 2014 in Sydney.

Planning an event in Sydney is easy with the assistance of AccessNSW. It will identify venues and support services and will provide advice, quotes and contacts to save you time to ensure your event in Sydney, or the NSW regions, is secured during the Convention.

Sydney offers a wide range of venues with large and small capacities to suit



all types of events from seminars, conferences, cocktail receptions, gala and private dinners. Venues will be in high demand during the Convention

and AccessNSW is able to assist you to identify those that are most appropriate to meet your requirements. It can also assist with other services such as audio visual, photography, tours to restaurants, team building activities and attractions.

To start planning your event with AccessNSW, complete a Request for Proposal (RFP) form at www.businesseventssydney.com.au call AccessNSW on 1300 134 920 or email accessnsw@BESydney.com.au



VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR THE ROTARY CONVENTION OLYMPIC PARK SYDNEY JUNE 1-4, 2014

Rotary is expecting 20,000 attendees at their Annual International Convention which is being held this year at Olympic Park in Sydney. The majority of attendees will be travelling from overseas so this is a great opportunity to meet, greet and direct these visitors to Sydney and help them enjoy our great city and country.

We are seeking volunteers for a one or two week period. Help will be required at the airport from approximately 23rd May to 7th June, at stations (Central and Lidcombe) 29th May to 4th June and at Olympic Park from 29th May to 4th June. Some limited assistance may be required at Hotels

YOU WILL RECEIVE

- volunteer vests, name badges and caps
- Free public transport to your selected venues
- Online or local orientation training for your role and venue

HOW TO APPLY

Applications are open on our website www.rotary2014.com.au.

Go to the "CONVENTION" tab and scroll down to volunteer tab for an application form. There is more information about this event in the convention newsletters.

Important Registration Information

I've decided to attend the family-friendly convention in Sydney, Australia!

HOW DO I REGISTER?

Register online at www.riconvention.org. If you are an active user, your account will be ready for immediate use; otherwise, you'll need to create a new user account with a unique email that is not shared by another Rotarian. Visit www.rotary.org.

WHY REGISTER ONLINE?

Our new and improved online registration system is fast, easy, and secure:

- Confirmations (with letter of invitation if necessary) will be sent to you as soon as you complete your registration!
- We now accept credit card payment in several currencies online.
- If you're in a country with a Rotary International Office or Fiscal Agent, you can register online and get your confirmation right away, and then complete payment with your fees due notice through your office or agent.

AFTER I'VE REGISTERED, HOW CAN I MAKE CHANGES?

You can log into your account and update your registration:

- Edit your contact information and update your membership record.
- Add or cancel guests, RI luncheons, preconvention meetings or your registration.
- Send yourself a new copy of your confirmation (and letter of invitation) after making any edits.

NOW THAT I'M REGISTERED, WHAT DO I DO NEXT?

Take a look at Host Events and tours, make your travel plans and get your visa*, book a hotel, and tell everyone you're going!

*All visitors to Australia will need a visa, but citizens of many countries can apply electronically.

RI REGISTRATION SERVICES

GREAT AUSSIE BBQ



One of the most iconic activities that people think of when visiting Australia is to have a good old fashioned Aussie BBQ. Well the organising committee must have read your mind and are hosting a free Great Aussie BBQ for convention attendees on Sunday June 1st 2014.

The BBQ will be held on site in the Cathy Freeman Park conveniently located close to the main Plenary Hall and Allphones Arena. So that you don't miss out on other activities planned during the conference the BBQ will be held from noon until 3pm between the two Convention Opening Sessions.

This event is a great way to kick off the

conference and allow you to meet new and old friends alike. So that the organisers know you are coming to the BBQ and to make sure that they have some snags (Aussie for sausages) ready for you, please remember to book before you attend so that no one misses out, 2137 of you already have! Please note any dietary requirements when you book so we can cater for your needs. We look forward to seeing you all there!

For more information or to book now please visit:

<http://rotary2014.com.au/event/great-aussie-bbq/>

DREAMCRICKET A HIGHLIGHT

An exhibition of DreamCricket will be one of the highlights for international visitors enjoying the Great Aussie Barbecue at Sydney Olympic Park.

DreamCricket is a program of adapted cricket activities, developed under medical supervision, providing boys and girls between 8 and 12, with a wide range of disabilities, the opportunity to develop individual and team participation skills, to build confidence and self esteem, and to increase their mobility. It creates a link between the community, schools, cricket bodies, and expert medical advice by means of the Rotary network throughout Australia and overseas.

DreamCricket is a not-for-profit organisation with three partners: Rotary Clubs, Bradman Foundation and Movement Disorder Foundation. DreamCricket is currently active in the eastern States of Australia, with expansion planned into WA and SA. DreamCricket expanded into Chennai and Colombo in 2012.

In 2013, over 3000 children from 120 schools in 70 towns participated in the program. The program has been enthusiastically supported by parents, carers, teachers, Rotarians and students.

Patron: Hon. John Howard OM AC, "I am delighted to be involved as Patron".

Neurosurgeon: A/Prof Brian Owler, "the activities are likely to improve the physical movements and motor skills of participants".

Teacher: "One of our boys was very anxious as he didn't know how to play cricket. On Friday afternoon he dragged his dad out to play cricket all afternoon and then again on the weekend".

HOST HOSPITALITY NIGHT DINNER

We have had an overwhelming positive response from our Rotarians all around the world who are eager to spend a night here in Sydney with local Rotarians.

We now need the help of our host Rotarians to make this night a success! Why not host a night during the convention filled with laughter, endless banter and showing these visitors how we do things here in Australia. The Host Hospitality Night is being held on Tuesday 3rd June at various Rotary Hosts' homes, clubs or restaurants across Sydney. This would be a great way to experience and learn

about new cultures, make new friends and demonstrate what life is like here in Sydney whilst being in the company of small groups.

If this sounds like something you would like to do and will give you the opportunity to share your experiences with like-minded people, then why not host a dinner.

For more information or if you would like to host a dinner please visit:

<http://rotary2014.com.au/theconvention/host-a-dinner/> or contact PDG Dick White at hosthospitality@rotary2014.com.au



FREE PUBLIC TRANSPORT



One of the key attractions of the Sydney Convention is free public transport on Sydney's buses, trains and ferries for registered Rotarians, courtesy of the New South Wales Government so you will be able to experience all that Sydney and its surrounds has to offer at no cost.

Take a bus to Bondi Beach and see the Bondi

Lifeguards at work or a ferry across beautiful Sydney Harbour to Manly Beach. Catch a ferry to the world famous Taronga Park Zoo. Take a train over the iconic Sydney Harbour Bridge.

Details on how to access free travel will be provided in CORROBOREE and on www.rotary2014.com.au in due course.

You can plan your trip and find out how to get around Sydney by train, bus or ferry by using the 131 500 Trip Planner or calling the 131 500 Transport Info line.

This service provides up to date travel and timetable information as well as information on getting to events taking place in Sydney during your stay.

A SPECIAL AUSSIE TREAT . . .

To prepare intending Sydney Convention visitors for the culinary delights of Australia, this 'recipe corner' is a regular feature of The Corroboree Newsletter.

LAMINGTONS



Makes 15

INGREDIENTS

125g butter, softened
1 cup caster sugar
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
3 eggs
1 3/4 cups self-raising flour, sifted
1/2 cup milk
2 cups desiccated coconut

METHOD

Preheat oven to 180°C/160°C fan-forced. Grease a 3cm-deep, 20cm x 30cm (base) lamington pan. Line with baking paper, leaving a 2cm overhang on all sides.

Using an electric mixer, beat butter, sugar and vanilla until light and fluffy. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating well after each addition (mixture may curdle).

Sift half the flour over butter mixture. Stir to combine. Add half the milk. Stir to combine. Repeat with remaining flour and milk. Spoon into prepared pan. Smooth top. Bake for 30 minutes or until a skewer inserted in centre comes out clean. Stand in pan for 10 minutes. Turn out onto a wire rack. Cover with a clean tea towel. Set aside overnight.

Make icing: Sift icing sugar and cocoa into a bowl. Add butter and boiling water. Stir until smooth.

Cut cake into 15 pieces. Place coconut in a dish. Using a fork, dip 1 piece of cake in icing. Shake off excess. Toss in coconut. Place on a wire rack over a baking tray. Repeat with remaining cake, icing and coconut. Stand for 2 hours or until set. Serve.