



HOW TO MAKE THE MOST FROM THE CONFERENCE

Rotary District 9685 Conference 2014

The Concourse, Chatswood,

Sydney | 23 February 2014

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Choose a Breakout Session

The following statements of objectives are designed to assist your choice. Where possible, clubs are encouraged to ensure they are represented in each breakout in order to gain best advantage for the club as a whole. Remember, the session relies on your input.

1. Rotary and sustainability - an interactive discussion

A brief outline will be presented of some key issues associated with the environmental issues we face today. Participants are invited to discuss and identify what part clubs can play in helping to raise awareness and to consider possible resolutions of these issues.

GREEN ROOM – Level 2 near lifts

2. How to bring healing to a child through ROMAC

Come and be enthralled during the Breakout Session! Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC) is your Project!

ROMAC's objectives are to provide medical treatment for children from developing countries in the form of life saving and/or dignity restoring surgery not accessible to them in their home country.

ROMAC brings into Australia and New Zealand, on average, 27 children each year giving them an improved lifestyle. Come to the ROMAC Breakout Session and learn how you can participate in bringing in a child for treatment!

CHORUS ROOM – Level 2 near lifts

3. How your club can change lives with RAWCS

Rotary Australia World Community Service Ltd (RAWCS) is the arm of Rotary International that assists Rotary Clubs to develop and manage international projects as part of their community service.

This is your opportunity to hear how RAWCS operates in 2014, discuss how this can assist your club's objectives, and to ask questions of the panel.

ORCHESTRA ROOM - Level 1 via external balcony

4. Engaging Women in Rotary - Top Tips

In the 35 years since women have been eligible for Rotary membership, in Australia there are 7,049 female members out of a total 31,041. The worldwide perception still exists that women are not allowed or welcome in Rotary. Globally membership in Rotary is dropping. Rotary needs to grow and it needs to be relevant; diversity of thought and inclusivity is needed. Join us for small group brainstorming on a range of issues, with the aim to compile “top tips” on recruiting and retaining women - not only in our district, but nationally and across borders! The findings will be incorporated into creative, strategic recommendations for club leaders.

LEVEL 2 FOYER

5. How to attract tomorrow’s Rotarians and our next generation of Leaders

This breakout will cover:

- What the new Rotary is about
- How to attract tomorrow’s Rotarians and contemporary Leaders
- Practical tips on engaging current Members and new audiences (incl. local government and corporations)
- Details on the “Conversations to Actions” campaign including the current Rotary Ambassadors’ program
- Resources available to PR Directors and members.

The objectives of the session will be to show PR Directors how and why they and their clubs need to embrace and leverage the Conversations to Action program.

PAVILION B - Down the main staircase, or lift & turn left at the Library

6. The Concise A-Z of the Rotary Foundation

An opportunity to learn about Rotary’s only charity - the Rotary Foundation. There will be time for questions.

Learn about different types of Foundation grants and other Foundation funded programs. Be informed on the Foundation’s financial reports, and get to know the many ways in which Rotarians and partners can support the Rotary Foundation.

PAVILION A - Down the main staircase, or lift & turn left at the Library

7. Take a Stand - Stop Bullying

For generations, society often considered bullying as an acceptable technique to toughen up a person. We were told to "be a man", ignore it, don't complain. We believed that only the weak, the fat, and nerds were bullied. It was an acceptable behaviour in our society.

We now know better and although it has taken many years and many destroyed lives, bullying is no longer an accepted norm; in fact, it is illegal.

This breakout session will explore what is bullying, and what is not bullying. It will touch on the new laws involving bullying in the workplace and bullying in schools. Bullying can also occur in voluntary organisations, such as Rotary.

We will explore types of bullying, signs of bullying, and why bullying occurs. Finally we will discuss your role and your obligations as a bystander.

Why is it important to you and to your club? Rotary's aim is to build understanding and peace. Bullying destroys understanding and peace and can, in the extreme, promote violence and destruction of humanity.

ART SPACE - down the stairs or lift to Ground Level (Box Office)

As part of our On-line Conference, a summary of each session will be made available during the next two weeks

Move Quickly but Safely

To maximise the benefit you enjoy from the 30 minute breakout session, please follow the directions given to your venue. Move quickly but carefully when negotiating staircases.

At the discretion of the convenor, lunch may be collected at the end of the session and taken back into the room for further discussion.



The Urban Screen

You can't miss the Urban Screen – apart from providing a great spot to have lunch, it is visible to the public around The Concourse and along Victoria Avenue.

The Conference Committee has taken the opportunity provided by Willoughby City Council to broadcast the **Rotary Showcase on the Urban Screen** during our lunch hour.

Make sure you see it!

Read the Program Booklet

There are speaker and entertainment bios in the Conference Program Book as well as the welcome from our leaders.

There's also a guide to the program!

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- Our commercial sponsors – Subaru Australia, Ord Minnett, & Telstra
- Chatswood RSL for its donation under the ClubGrants scheme
- Willoughby City Council, The Concourse, and Century Venues for their support and assistance.

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Conference Showcase

Each year, the flavour of the Conference is enhanced by the Rotary and other exhibitors who display their wares and projects to delegates. We appreciate their contribution under sometimes trying circumstances so make sure you visit them to learn more about them.

They are:

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Rotarians for a Sustainable Future

Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC)

Rotary Youth Exchange Program (RYEP)

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Conference On-line

Details of the on-line Conference, running in the two weeks after our District Conference are available in a separate flyer.

The Conference On-line will supplement what you see and feel today - a chance to re-live aspects of the Conference, discover new ideas, interact and learn more about Rotary, our clubs, and our district.

Register your interest at online.rotarydistrict9685.org.au and stay tuned to:

- announcements during the Conference on stage,
- our District Facebook page www.facebook.com/RotaryDistrict9685, and
- watch our Conference On-line page at www.rotarydistrict9685.org.au/Page/on-line-2014-district-conference

Happy Birthday

Max Prince – Dee Why Warringah

Lucy Hobgood-Brown – Hunters Hill

Molly Ghosh – Chatswood

Others we may have missed

The Rotary Club of Chatswood International (4)

Rotary International (109)

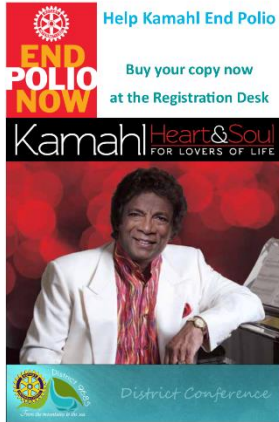
The first mass polio vaccinations (1954)

The First Conference of Rotary District 9685

Fellowship & Farewells in the Foyer

You are invited to stay awhile after the formal conference proceedings have closed to enjoy fellowship and say your farewells over a drink in the foyer.

There are many restaurants in Chatswood and the surrounding areas for you to enjoy before you head home.



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