



Sydney Districts 9675 & 9685

# An Invitation to the Rotary Foundation Dinner

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Bicentennial Drive, Bicentennial Park, Sydney Olympic Park

26 November, 2018 at 6:30PM



## **Cost**

**\$75 per person or \$700 for a table of 10**

**For bookings: Go to your District website and follow the links**

## **Program**

<b>6.30 - 7.00pm</b>	<b>Fellowship and pre-dinner drinks</b>
<b>7.00</b>	<b>Introductions</b>
<b>7.15</b>	<b>Main course</b>
<b>8.00</b>	<b>Key Note speaker</b>
<b>8.45</b>	<b>Dessert</b>
<b>9.00</b>	<b>Close</b>

## **The Rotary Foundation**

In 2016-17 the Rotary Foundation raised US\$304.3 million, primarily through Rotarians, Rotary Clubs and Friends of Rotary. 92% of the annual expenditure goes towards projects and programs aimed at “doing good in the World”. 2% is administration and 6% promotion. The Rotary Foundation has been awarded a four-star rating by the Charity Navigator for eight consecutive years.



Let's Celebrate! The Rotary Foundation Rotarians in Sydney Districts 9685 and 9675 are proud of their Foundation and the work that is done throughout the world. We are also proud of the contributions made to our Foundation by the Rotarians, and Rotary clubs in the Sydney Districts. Our annual dinner is a time to celebrate the good works of The Rotary Foundation and the excellent support from the members and clubs.

### **Recognition**

To recognise the contributions made by individual Rotarians and Friends of Rotary, we have several recognition levels.

- Centurion: members A\$100 annually
- Paul Harris Fellow <sup>US</sup>\$1,000
- Paul Harris Society Members <sup>US</sup>\$1000 annually
- Major Donor Level 1: \$10,000, Level 2: \$25,000 Level 3: \$50,000, Level 4: \$100,000 (USD)
- Arch Klumph Society US\$250,000

## END POLIO NOW



The Rotary Foundation's universally best-known program is Polio Plus — the eradication of Polio — which began in 1985 and is now hopefully in the final stages.

Not so long ago, the world was paralysed by the fear of polio. More than 125 countries were polio-endemic, and thousands of families watched in anguish as the disease killed or crippled 1000 people a day, most of them children.

For 35 years now, Rotary and its partners, such as the World Health Organisation, UNICEF and the US Centre for Disease Control, have worked tirelessly to rid the world of polio. So far Rotarians have raised over US\$1.3 billion to help fund this program.

Since 1985, more than two billion children have received the polio vaccine, and five million children destined to be polio victims are walking today because of global immunisation. In 2011, India, which has been one of the most endemic countries, went one full year without a single case and has now been removed from the endemic countries list. In 2017 Africa, the continent, has now also achieved two-year polio free, including Nigeria which is one of the 3 endemic countries in the world.

### Polio Cases

2018 (at April)	2017	2016	1985
8	22	37	1000 per day

### The Final Challenge

Reported cases have dropped 99.8% and only two countries Afghanistan and Pakistan remain endemic. However, the virus knows no borders and can quickly spread from endemic countries into polio-free countries.

The greatest battle now is financial. The World Vaccine Summit in Geneva, estimated that Polio can be eradicated within the next 3 years and that the cost will be US\$5.5 billion. Fortunately, world governments and other agencies have committed \$4.4 billion leaving a **short fall of \$1.5 billion**. This is another fund raising challenge for Rotary, in conjunction with the Gates Foundation. Rotary has now sent out the call for Rotarians to **raise \$50 million per annum** which will be matched by the Gates Foundation 2:1.

**We thank all Rotarians and Friends of Rotary for their generous support.**

## Key Note Speaker

### Ian Riseley IPRIP



Ian H.S. Riseley is a chartered accountant and principal of Ian Riseley and Co., a firm he established in 1976. Prior to starting his own firm, he worked in the audit and management consulting divisions of large accounting firms and corporations. His firm specializes in income tax and management advice for individuals and small businesses. He has a master's degree in taxation law and graduate diplomas in accounting and income tax.

Riseley has been a member of the boards of both a private and a public school, a member of the Community Advisory Group for the City of Sandringham, and involved in Sea Scouts and sporting groups, as well as honorary auditor or adviser for a number of charitable organizations.

Riseley's honors include the AusAID Peacebuilder Award from the Australian government in recognition of his work in East Timor, the Medal of the Order of Australia for services to the Australian community, the Distinguished Service Award and the Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World from The Rotary Foundation.

A Rotarian since 1978, Riseley has served as treasurer, director, Foundation trustee, and member and chair of numerous RI and Foundation committees. He is Immediate Past Rotary International President, having served during the period 2017-18.

He and his wife, Juliet, a past district governor, are Major Donors and Bequest Society members of The Rotary Foundation. They live on seven hectares at Moorooduc, where they practice their personal philosophy of sustainable and organic living. They have two children and four grandchildren.