

## The Sydney 2014



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### IT'S 'GAME ON' FOR SYDNEY CONVENTION HOST ORGANISING COMMITTEE!

With the Rotary International Convention in Lisbon, Portugal, now a pleasant memory, it really is 'game on' for the Sydney 2014 Host Organising Committee.

An estimated attendance of 17,000 to 20,000 Rotarians, their families and friends are expected to pour into Sydney Olympic Park from June 1 – 4, 2014 - for what is predicted to be one of the largest indoor Conventions in Sydney's history!

Chairman and RI Past Treasurer Barry Thompson is leading intensive discussion/planning sessions with RI President Ron Burton and RI Convention Chairman Mark Maloney – along with representatives of the NSW Government, Sydney Olympic Park and Sydney Showground.

Chairman Barry urged Rotarians to check out the brilliant, new website now up and running – [www.rotary2014.com.au](http://www.rotary2014.com.au) – for all the latest news.

"We are very grateful to our travel partner Global Connection and their website developers for their outstanding work", he continued.

Technology Sub Committee Chairman Lindsay May said the web site is very easy to access with sections for the Home Page, What's On, Plan Your Trip, The Billabong (House of Friendship), The Convention (creating exciting atmosphere with



RI Sydney Host Committee Chair Barry Thompson and Promotions Sub Committee Chair Lloyd Roever pictured on stage at the Lisbon Convention - where they clarified issues in relation to the Australian language!

images from Lisbon), News, and Corporate Partners.

"The Host Organising Committee's technology team is now adding the finishing touches so go on line and book for some of the exciting HOC events – an Aussie Rules football match and a Restaurant/Fireworks night on Darling Harbour

to a world class concert at the famous Sydney Opera House featuring the Sydney Symphony Orchestra," he added.

Barry Thompson explained that the events currently available were just 'the tip of the

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iceberg’ and that his Committee was now looking for maximum involvement by Rotary clubs around Sydney – and indeed even clubs across the ditch in New Zealand or within neighbouring island nations.

“Clubs are very welcome to pick up such ideas and get involved in the Convention spirit. They are limited only by their own imagination and creative flair!” he said.

Sydney’s first Rotary Convention since 1971 will offer many uniquely Australian features ...

- An opening day barbecue – between the two opening ceremonies on Sunday, June 1.
- A FREE light show courtesy of the outstanding VIVID Festival in the heart of Sydney which features the spectacular illumination of public buildings on the harbour and in the heart of Sydney. The VIVID spectacular is perfectly timed for the two weeks Convention delegates will be in Sydney! (See story page 4 and 5)
- A traditional Aussie Bush Dance in Sydney's Olympic Park at an appropriate time in the program.
- Return of a traditional host hospitality night for small groups of Rotarians in Rotary homes around Sydney.
- A mini Garden Gnome Convention in The Billabong featuring Gnomes in national dress from various parts of the world.
- Introduction of more family focused events, ie: special tours to Taronga Park Zoo and Featherdale Wildlife Park.

Chairman Barry suggested that there were many ‘challenges’ ahead for the Host Organising Committee team – not the least being the campaign to gather sufficient volunteers.

“The Sydney Olympic Park and Showground facilities are world class but also well spread out. We will need hundreds of volunteers to guide people around the various attractions and assist with special events.

“Interested Rotarians and friends are urged to go to the volunteers section on [www.rotary2014.com.au](http://www.rotary2014.com.au) and fill out the required form as soon as possible,” he said.

PDG Monica Saville has charge of the

Services Sub Committee and said their special challenge is working closely with Federal Government advisers to ensure the best possible visa advice for Convention visitors.

“At this time, the clear message is to apply for visas as early as possible”, she said.

Further to the subject of volunteers, ‘Welcome’ Sub Committee chair PDG Bob Richards made a special plea for a ready ‘army’ of friendly Rotarians to volunteer for ‘service’ on Welcome Groups planned for the airports and Central Railway Station.

“It is absolutely vital we create a very favourable first impression for all visitors”, he said.



The Lisbon Convention provided a major logistic exercise for the Sydney Host Organising Committee in the moving of hundreds of kilos of promotional items for the Sydney Booth in the House of Friendship. Here, Events Sub Committee Chair Greg Muldoon, RDU Projects Coordinator Gay Kiddle, and HOC Chair Barry Thompson organize boxes of freight for couriers.

Public Relations Sub Committee chairman Bob Aitken said one of the best features of the new website was the ‘Contact Us’ button.

“Rotarians seeking information hit the Contact Us button and are directed to a special box designed to channel enquiries to the appropriate source – with General Enquiries at the top of the list. In succession, the list includes – HOC Events, Travel, Convention Promotion, Convention Public Relations, Convention Sponsorship/Exhibition, The ‘Billabong’ (House of Friendship), Volunteering, and Website enquiries.

“Enquiries are already flowing in on a daily

basis and PDG David Cook and his wife Carolyn are in charge of this vital information desk service,” he said.

Promotions Sub Committee Chairman Lloyd Roever said the Convention promotion ‘team’ has conducted many Rotary club promotional evenings and he would be delighted to receive many more bookings.

‘We have informed presenters ready to serve in all parts of the region and interested club presidents need only contact me (see contact list page 8) with a favoured date.

“We plan to visit EVERY club in Districts 9675 and 9685 – and as many as possible in all other

parts of Zones 7B and 8,” he added.

PDG Lloyd is also a member of the RI Convention International Promotion Committee charged with ‘spreading the word’ world-wide on Sydney’s many attractions!

Sponsorship/House of Friendship Booths Sub Committee Chairman PDG Harold Sharp is pleased with the high level of interest in booth space in the Billabong House of Friendship.

“We already have an excellent range of corporate organisations and Rotary projects with firm bookings and space is filling fast. Interested groups should not delay in contacting me to discuss details”, he said.

## IDEAS FOR BREAKOUTS?

### 2014 Sydney Convention

#### Breakout Session Program

Do you want to be part of the 2014 Sydney Convention Program? Rotary is now accepting breakout session proposals through 21 October, and we’d love to hear from you!

Whether you want to share your project success story, discuss strategies for strengthening membership, or facilitate a roundtable on fundraising ideas, you’re invited to submit your ideas for consideration.

Breakout sessions offer an excellent chance for Rotarians and guests to share experiences, learn from others, and make new friends in the process. For more information and to start your proposal, go to [https://rotary.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_bCt9QyOsE37MyJn](https://rotary.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_bCt9QyOsE37MyJn).

## G'DAY FROM SYDNEY!

**Sydney Olympic Park offers an exciting and unique venue for the 2014 Rotary International Convention. Developed for the incredibly successful 2000 Olympic Games, Sydney Olympic Park is clearly one of the world’s best facilities for a convention of 20,000+ attendees.**

Convention plenary sessions and some breakout sessions will be conducted in Allphones Arena. Allphones Arena hosted gymnastic and basketball events during the Olympic Games. The arena is an ideal plenary hall with tiered, stadium seating providing excellent sight lines to the stage from any location in the hall. The facility also provides easy access with ramps and escalators available to the upper levels. All Convention registrants, even those with mobility challenges, will find Allphones Arena easy to navigate.

The hub of Convention fellowship will be the ‘Billabong’ House of Friendship in the Dome and Exhibition Halls of Sydney Showground. Sydney Showground is the home of the Royal Agricultural

## A FAMILY FRIENDLY CONVENTION!

**It’s not too early to start making plans for you and your family to join Jetta and me for the 2014 Rotary International Convention.**

As you well know, the Convention will be held in beautiful, friendly Sydney, Australia 1-4 June. Sydney is one of those magical places in the world that everyone wants to experience. Those who have never been have always wanted to come and those who have been always want to return.

Sydney is a family friendly town. You and your family will enjoy the seeing kangaroos, koalas, and wombats and depending on where you go some of them may not be in the zoo. But, you

can always see them at the Taronga Zoo, a must stop on your trip to Sydney. The view of the Harbour from there is without a doubt the best to be found. A must for kids of all ages.

But, that’s just one of the many family friendly things to do. You can enjoy the beaches, the museums, the botanical gardens, the delicious Australian cuisine, the great Australian wine, the world-class shopping but don’t forget to come to the Convention. So, go ahead, finalize those plans for the family and come on down to Sydney where we’ll have a great program for you to go with the other exciting things Sydney has to offer.

• **RI PRESIDENT RON BURTON**



RI Convention Committee Chair Mark Maloney delivers an emphatic 'call to Convention' during the On To Sydney luncheon at the Lisbon Convention.

Society of New South Wales and its Royal Easter Show. The ‘Billabong’ will include more than 21,000 square meters of exhibition space for Rotary and commercial booths, entertainment, and international food and beverage outlets.

A brand new exhibition hall in the Sydney Showground immediately adjacent to the ‘Billabong’ will be the location of Convention registration and RI ticketed luncheons. All Sydney Showground facilities are directly across Olympic Boulevard from Allphones Arena.

Best of all, Sydney Olympic Park is easily accessed from throughout the Sydney metropolitan area. Dedicated trains for Rotarians will run from Sydney Central Station to Sydney Olympic Park Station, which is adjacent to the ‘Billabong’ House of Friendship. Rotary shuttle

buses will run from hotels in the Sydney Central Business District, Parramatta, and Rosehill with disembarkation on Olympic Boulevard outside of Allphones Arena.

Sydney Olympic Park may well be the best venue for a Rotary International Convention ever. In the next issue, I will share some of the many activities in Sydney Olympic Park beyond the Convention facilities themselves. Please join your fellow Rotarians from around the world in Sydney as we **Engage Rotary, Change Lives.**

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





**By a stroke of very good fortune, visitors to Sydney for the 2014 Rotary International Convention will have the opportunity to view an exhibition of imagery that is rapidly becoming acclaimed as one of the greatest light shows in the world. VIVID is a unique 'festival' created as a highlight for tourists visiting Sydney mid year.**

## LIGHTS, CAMERAS, ACTION - VIVID SYDNEY!

**“The FREE Vivid Sydney festival is a favourite with Sydneysiders but it is also fast becoming a major drawcard for events looking to leverage off the excitement”, writes Ylla Wright.**

This year’s Vivid Sydney festival, which ran from May 24 to June 10, was an unprecedented success, with estimates suggesting record attendance of more than 800,000 people over the 18-day event, significantly more than last year. Around 100,000 headed to the Sydney harbour foreshore for the city’s annual festival of light, music and ideas during its opening weekend alone.

The fifth year the festival has been run, this year’s event expanded into North Sydney with the lighting of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, and featured spectacular water show performances in Darling Harbour.

According to Sandra Chipchase, chief executive of Destination NSW, the government agency which owns and manages the festival, the success of the event is testimony to the way the festival has been embraced by Sydneysiders and visitors alike, and the

creative services industry.

“So much enthusiasm and passion is invested in making Vivid Sydney a wonderful winter event by not only the creative practitioners involved in the Festival itself, but the hundreds of thousands of people who attended,” she said. “To be able to hold an event which attracts so many visitors, not only domestically but also from all over the world is very special, and of course is an important contributor to the goal of doubling overnight expenditure by 2020.

“There has been excellent collaboration with key partners and sponsors as well as hundreds of local businesses and communities to make Vivid Sydney a success, and something that is looked forward to every year. It’s a hallmark event for Sydney and Australia, and is also increasing its fan base internationally.”

### SHARING IDEAS

An accompanying Vivid Ideas programme which showcased Sydney as a place to collaborate, foster business connections and showcase new ideas featured more than 180 talks, workshops, panels

and meet-ups with more than 6000 tickets sold.

Thousands more attended key creative industry meetings and events which formed part of Vivid Ideas such as Mumbrella360, Reportage Photography Festival and AMPLify.

According to Kristian Nicholls, general manager business development for Business Events Sydney (BESydney), who worked with Destination NSW to showcase the opportunities for Vivid Sydney to act as a business events anchor to clients, “aligning business events and incentives with the city’s major celebrations adds an extra special touch to a delegate’s experience, ensuring their time in Sydney is truly unforgettable”.

“This year’s Vivid Sydney is a great example of how meetings and events can create strength through alignment,” he said. “The festival of music, light and ideas is forward-thinking, creative and innovative, and features amazing light and water displays that provide a stunning backdrop for harbourside conferences and gala dinners.

“Now in its fifth year, the festival has become a major drawcard for business events. In 2013, five events secured by BESydney coincided with Vivid

Sydney. And we also hosted two family groups from Asia. Our clients were dazzled by the creativity and beauty of Vivid Sydney and really enjoyed the vibrant, buzzing atmosphere the festival created. The city was so full of energy and action.

“I’ve no doubt many of these groups will return to the city during Vivid Sydney in the future as a result of their experience this year.”

Business events secured by BESydney and held during the festival included the Australian International Design Forum; International Symposium on Electronic Art; BC Card Korea Incentive; Goldensun Technology China Incentive; and the IDX Indonesia Incentive.

**Next year Sydney will welcome the 105th Rotary International Convention during Vivid Sydney.**

“We’re looking forward to dazzling [the] more than 17,000 Rotarians and showing them Sydney in true Sydney style,” said Nicholls.

### SHOWCASING SYDNEY’S TALENT

Also benefitting from the festival were many of Australia’s talented lighting and special effects companies who were able to showcase their talents for all to see.

Arguably the highlight of the festival was the illumination of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, the brainchild of Iain Reed, founder of 32 Hundred Lighting, which has worked on corporate events such as the QT Hotel Launch in Sydney, David Jones 17th Birthday, and the Gourmet Traveller Awards.

With the support of major Vivid sponsor Intel,



Vivid Sydney lights the Opera House

Reed was able to rig more than 100,000 low energy LED lights and 140 custom made high powered LED par can lights to light up the Western side of the bridge. Software developed by 32 Hundred Lighting meant that the public were able to choose from a variety of effects, palettes and movements to create a two minute play of colours across the bridge.

Sydney-based projection company The Electric Canvas has been responsible for another crowd favourite, the Sydney Opera House projections, over the last four years of Vivid, providing the projection technology, technicians and architectural templates that are the backbone upon which the creative content is produced each year by a guest

artist. The company works closely with guest artists to make the most of the Opera House’s unique architecture.

The Electric Canvas specialises in high-power digital and large-format filmstrip projection techniques. Established in 1997, the company pioneered large-scale projection in Australia and has provided immersive, architectural or themed decorative projection for many corporate events. Clients have included the NIDA Foundation Trust, Adelaide Bank Festival of Arts, Bulgari, Rotary Down Under - Polio eradication and the Office of Protocol & Special Events, NSW Premier’s Department.

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## 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](http://www.businesseventssydney.com.au), call AccessNSW on 1300 134 920 or email [accessnsw@BESydney.com.au](mailto:accessnsw@BESydney.com.au)**





### Great Barrier Reef & Uluru Tour

6 Days

Tour the Great Barrier Reef and Uluru with fellow Rotarians. Together you will explore the cruise out to the reef for a snorkel tour and visit the sacred red rock in the outback. Enjoy an evening of dining under the sparkling outback sky and so much more.

*Tour commences*  
26th May 2014 (pre Convention)  
from \$1,790pp AUD



### Tropical North Queensland Tour

4 Days

Explore Tropical North Queensland with your fellow Rotarians. Cruise out to the Great Barrier Reef on your high speed vessel and enjoy a presentation by a marine naturalist, whilst viewing the spectacular coral and tropical fish from the underwater.

*Tour commences*  
5th June 2014  
from \$615pp AUD



### Uluru & Great Barrier Reef Tour

6 Days

Tour the Great Barrier Reef and Uluru with fellow Rotarians. Explore the reef up close and visit the sacred red rock in the outback. Enjoy an evening of dining under the sparkling outback sky and so much more.

*Tour commences*  
5th June 2014 (post Convention)  
from \$1,790pp AUD



### Down Under Highlights Tour

15 Days

See and experience the best Australia and New Zealand have to offer with fellow Rotarians. Visit New Zealand's Auckland, the Bay of Islands and Rotorua; as well as Australia's city of Adelaide, the Barossa Valley, Uluru and The Great Barrier Reef on our showcase tour.

*Tour commences*  
17th May 2014  
from \$4,205pp AUD



### Blue Mountains & Hunter Valley Tour

6 Days

Tour two of New South Wales most beautiful regions with fellow Rotarians. Meet Aussie wildlife at an animal park, take in aboriginal performances, see the Blue Mountains and taste world-class wines on vineyard tours in the Hunter Valley.

*Tour commences*  
26th May 2014 (pre Convention)  
from \$1,439pp AUD



### Hunter Valley & Blue Mountains Tour

6 Days

Tour two of New South Wales most beautiful regions with fellow Rotarians. Meet Aussie wildlife at an animal park, take in aboriginal performances, see the Blue Mountains and taste world-class wines on vineyard tours in the Hunter Valley.

*Tour commences*  
5th June 2014 (post Convention)  
from \$1,439pp AUD

## Tropical North Queensland

The Cairns & Great Barrier Reef region mixes the excitement of new discoveries with the enchantment of exotic experiences. Spectacular tropical landscapes are matched with superior natural encounters where you can step out of your comfort zone, or retreat to indulge in modern luxuries.

It is the only place in the world where two World Heritage listed areas co-exist side by side - the magnificent under water world of the Great Barrier Reef and the ancient Wet Tropics Rainforest. Dive, snorkel or take a scenic helicopter over the Great Barrier Reef. Immerse yourself in the living museum of the oldest rainforest on the planet, where giant kauri trees are parted by waterfalls tumbling into cool waterholes. Learn the ancient traditional of the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people, or get up close and personal with the native flora and fauna.

For those looking to relax, indulge yourself in one of the many spas throughout the region, play a round of golf on a championship course, feast on local seafood & other tropical produce, or just relax on one of the many beaches and let the world pass you by. The warmth of the tropics combined with exhilarating experiences and peaceful escapes will leave you with memories of a lifetime.

## Rotary Down Under Tours

### Exclusively for Rotarians, designed by Rotarians

As the Official Travel Partner of the Host Organising Committee for the 2014 Rotary International Convention in Sydney, Global Connection has put together a range of tours covering the best of Australia and New Zealand. These tours are exclusively for Rotarians and their friends and families.

Travel Down Under with fellow Rotarians and share the sights and enjoy countless amazing experiences along the way in the company of like-minded travellers. All of these tours are escorted by professional english speaking guides who will make your trip a pleasure from start to finish.

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## VOLUNTEERS AND VISAS

### VOLUNTEERS

Join us in making Sydney 2014 the friendliest Rotary Convention ever! We need you - Rotarians, your partners, Rotaractors, Probud members and your friends to become Volunteers in Sydney for a few hours in the period 28 May until 5 June 2014.

With a smile and a wave in your special Volunteer vest and cap you will reassure our visiting Convention goers that they are most welcome and headed in the right direction for the numerous events. Volunteers are needed for the Convention venue at Olympic Park and for the airport, Central Railway Station, Circular Quay and the Opera House. Register today as a Volunteer on our website [www.rotary2014.com.au](http://www.rotary2014.com.au)

Our volunteers will do all that they can to see that you have an enjoyable visit to our Convention.



• **PDG MONICA SAVILLE**  
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### VISAS

The majority of people who travel from overseas countries to Australia for the Convention will need visas.

We urge all overseas Convention goers to register for the Convention now. Once you have registered, Rotary International will send you a letter of invitation which will be most helpful and, in some cases, essential in applying for your visa. If you wish to bring your children to the Convention you will need to register them as well. This can be done for US\$11 and then your children will be included in your letter of invitation.

As the visa application process can take time we strongly encourage you to commence the process early.

## THE WEATHER

Sydney enjoys a temperate climate with a very mild winter, and has more than 340 sunny days a year. The average maximum temperature in June is nearly 17°C (64.4°F). As I write this article, the temperature is 16.1°C (61°F) with an expected maximum of 20°C (68°F). Not bad for the end of August.

Australians are famous for their traditional Aussie barbecues, so what better way to spend a magnificent Sydney day than with Rotarians from all around the world at the Great Aussie BBQ.

This event will be held at the conveniently located Cathy Freeman Park, in Sydney Olympic Park, close to the main plenary hall. The Great Aussie BBQ will be on between the two Opening Plenary sessions on Sunday 1 June. Whether it's catching up with old friends, or making new ones, this is the ideal opportunity for wonderful fellowship.

Bookings are now open for the Great Aussie BBQ at [rotary2014.com.au](http://rotary2014.com.au)

While at the Host Organising Committee website look at the other great events planned for you next year. We look forward to welcoming you in June 2014!

• **PDG GREG MULDOON**  
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Sydney Host Organising Committee Technology Sub Committee Chairman Lindsay May and his partner Tania Mace (in gold shirts) point out some of the highlights of the Sydney Harbour skyline to a group of potential Convention registrants in Lisbon, Portugal.



## 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](http://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.

### 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 through your office or agent with your fees due notice.

### 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

## THE BILLABONG (HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP) WILL BE SENSATIONAL!

Cutting edge decorative design, world class entertainment, variety in quality dining and beverages, a mini zoo, and an impressive array of Rotary and corporate booths will ensure non-stop enjoyment for Rotarians and families at the Sydney Convention.

Chairman of The

Billabong Sub Committee, Past President Angelo Raveane, said the huge Sydney Showground Dome and linking exhibition halls guarantee the best possible House of Friendship design and content in RI Convention history!

"It will be sensational," he said.

Further details will be released as plans are finalized but the Chairman has announced his appointment of Past President Tom Sweeney of the Rotary Club of Crows Nest in District 9685 as convenor of the 'on stage' entertainment within the Dome.

"Tom is Mr Show Business of District 9685 and has years of experience in producing, directing and starring in a multitude of musicals and other theatrical productions.

• **PP ANGELO RAVEANE**  
**House of Friendship**  
**Sub Committee Chairman**  
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Sydney HOC members (from left) Angelo Raveane (Billabong House of Friendship Chair), Mark Swift (Tourism partner) and Lloyd Roeve (Promotions) discuss plans for the day at Sydney's promotional booth in the House of Friendship at the Lisbon Convention.

"He has already collected a line-up of talent to ensure success – music, poetry and even magic will keep the venue 'buzzing' with excitement and expectation," he added.

Angelo said he is currently working with the Convention Host Organising Committee to achieve decorative effects in the Dome that will 'raise the bar' to previously untouchable levels.

"If all goes as expected, we will make a special announcement in the October issue of The Corroboree," he said.



From left, Host Organising Committee leaders Harold Sharp (Sponsorship/House of Friendship Booths) and Barry Thompson (Chairman) discuss Sydney Convention plans with Genevieve McCabe, a senior manager with the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet.

## NEW WEBSITE



The 'new' HOC website

[www.rotary2014.com.au](http://www.rotary2014.com.au) is launched. We had our challenges but are now very happy with the look and functionality. In the first week we had 2700 hits and average viewing time a healthy 3 mts 44 secs.

New information is being added every day and we're attempting to provide you with comprehensive details about the Convention and the Host Organising Committee's offerings.

HOC Events – Bookings are now open for the Big Aussie BBQ. Next we will have the Sydney Opera House concert bookings operational. In the meantime Register Your Interest for HOC Events and as soon as bookings are open we will advise you by email.

FAQ's – We have a list of FAQ's covering Travel and Convention and we are adding to these as we see queries arise via; Contact Us, Facebook, Twitter

Volunteers – can register their interest and send their Details to the Volunteer coordinator.

Contact Us by clicking the red button at the top right then selecting from a drop down menu the specific aspect of your query. HOC Chairs will check their HOC inbox and manage these requests.

Get online now and find out all about Sydney 2014.

• **PP LINDSAY MAY**  
**Technology Sub Committee**  
**Chairman**  
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## WELCOME COMMITTEE

First impressions are important, which is why the “Welcome Committee” for the 2014 Convention is determined to provide a very warm welcome to delegates from the moment they arrive in Sydney - whether it is at the terminals at Sydney airport or at Central Railway Station.

Static signage and information on the TV monitors at strategic points throughout these locations will direct delegates to information booths outside the airport baggage collection areas and on the Central Station concourse.

There, delegates will be met by well-

informed and willing volunteers to welcome you to Sydney with a cheery “G’Day!”. They will be equipped with answers to all the questions you are likely to have to help you on your way. Advice and directions for the best way to travel to your hotel, motel or even your home-stay accommodation will be readily available.

Both State and Federal Government agencies are cooperating with the Host Organising Committee to ensure a first class event. They are helping us to provide excellent service to delegates - so ensuring a trouble-free and

enjoyable experience for all delegates, from wherever they come.

There is a growing excitement amongst volunteers and the HOC. We can hardly wait to give that first cheery “G’Day”!.

• **PDG BOB RICHARDS**  
**Welcome Sub Committee**  
**Chairman**  
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## A SPECIAL AUSSIE TREAT . . .

*To prepare intending Sydney Convention visitors for the culinary delights of Australia, this ‘recipe corner’ will be a regular feature of The Corroborree Newsletter.*



### PUMPKIN SCONES

Makes 12 large scones

**INGREDIENTS**

- 2 1/2 cups self-raising flour
- 1 cup mashed pumpkin
- 55 g butter
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup milk

**METHOD**

Beat butter until soft, then add sugar.  
Mix in mashed pumpkin and egg.  
Add milk, then slowly add flour.

Turn dough onto a floured board and knead.  
Roll out and cut dough into small circles.

Place onto a greased tray.  
Bake at 200°C for 15 minutes

Made famous by Flo Bjelke-Peterson a former Australian Senator and wife of Queensland Premier Jo Bjelke-Peterson



## 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](http://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.