

ROTARY CLUB OF KU-RING-GAI - VISIT WITH NEW MEMBER

Welcome to Rotary

Rotary is ordinary people working together to improve our communities and help the less fortunate. It's amazing what we can accomplish when hearts and minds work together. Rotary has achieved extraordinary things such as providing the firepower to eradicate Polio - over a billion dollars since we started in the 1980s. 2.5 billion children immunized. We have almost completely eradicated the disease from the world - 99% reduced. Rotarians are ordinary citizens uniting for the common good. **With your help, we can accomplish even more.**

Background

- Established 1905 by Paul Harris in Chicago USA. Meeting venues 'rotated' around members' businesses
- Rotary is in 166 countries - approximately 1.2 million Rotarians - 34,000 Rotary clubs
- When travelling it is rewarding to take the opportunity to visit another club
- Members enjoy fellowship with people outside their usual circle, often developing genuine friendships
- It's all about connectivity - it opens doors for the less fortunate all over the world - and Rotarians. Tony Abbot's father is a Rotarian. Tony Abbott announced at the 2014 Convention a \$1m donation to Polio Plus
- Rotary is not a venue to advertise one's business - but it is a *networking & relationship building opportunity*
- **Classification principle:** one representative per profession in each club, but it is not a strict rule
- Great things can be achieved when people with a wide variety of experience work together, harnessing their skills and networks to create programs to make a difference, locally and overseas.

Our Essence

We exchange ideas, bringing together our expertise and diverse perspectives to help those less fortunate.

We prefer projects to bring lasting change - e.g help put a foot on the first run of the ladder, not ongoing.

It is important we have fun while working together - and it feels good to do these things!

Motto: '*Service Above Self*'.

Rotary International Structure

Rotary International is our supporting arm - the governance and offices that support its 34,000 member clubs.

Rotary Foundation is Rotary's fundraising and grant-making arm. It funds Student Exchange, Group Study Exchange, Polio Plus (polio is 99% eradicated) and provides grants for approved club projects

Head Office: Chicago. **RI Convention** in a different country annually, Sydney in June 2014 (18,000 attended)

- District 9685** - 79 clubs in our district - North Sydney to Central Coast and the Blue Mountains
- District Governor is elected from any club in the District (last from our club was in 2005)
 - District Conference - conducted in March each year for all members and partners.
 - All Rotary positions (club presidents, directors, committees) change annually on **1 July**
 - District Assembly - April each year: training session for in-coming directors & committees

Rotary Club of Ku-ring-gai

- Meetings format - usually a guest speaker, special nights & functions, Job Talks by members
- Members join one or more committees. Committees choose projects to undertake
- Committee activity is often conducted other than on a Monday night (phone, email, meetings)
- Some members get together socially at other times for golf, tennis, cycling, etc

Avenues of Service (Committees) and Project Examples

- **Club Service** - social calendar, organise guest speakers, Sergeant at Arms, financial accounts

- **Youth** - drop-in centre, RYLA, Interact (PLC Pymble), Science Camp, Clarke Rd Special School, 'Benefic' (having a favourable influence) Award for local High Schools, RYDA (youth road safety)
- **Community** - Gordon Markets, Tree for Joy, LifeLine Gordon (major beneficiary for Cycle Classic), Carers' Night, Bobbin Head Cycle Classic, Bowel Scan project, Women's Refuge
- **International** - Fish farms, Student Exchange, Sewing Machines India, Running Water for Lao villages
- **Vocational** - Pride of Workmanship, 'What's new in my Profession', 3 minutes on Me, Networking

How Projects are Chosen

Join a committee; discuss, recommend projects to the Board for approval & funding. Club forum every few months is an opportunity to report, to ask questions and propose. Committee leads the action on a project.

Club Budget. Some projects raise funds, others expend funds. At the start of each year committees submit their proposed income/expenditure on projects to the Board which develop and approve the Club Budget for our Project Account. A second account is maintained to fund club administration (District fees, equipment, etc)

General Points

- **Invited** to participate in projects, e.g. Gordon Markets roster 2½ hrs on a Sunday, 3 per year
- **Ask for a small job** in projects or a committee that interest you – it is rewarding to participate
- **Fellowship** – partners are encouraged, especially at **Induction** and social events
- **Social events:** change over (semi-formal), Christmas, restaurant & movie nights
- Welcoming by members - don't wait to be asked to join others at the bar, just join in

Rules

- Costs: dinner fee currently \$32, annual fees \$298, functions at own cost, conferences
- Meeting time 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm start. Finish 8.30 pm sharp
- Attendance - Invoiced for catering if do not apologise on **club website 'Attendance' system**
- Participation: Come when you can – do what you can, no need for a commitment
- 'Make ups' – rewarding experience to visit ANY club world wide

Web Sites

Club: www.kuringgairotary.org.au: **'MEMBERS'** for Attendance, contact details, admin documents.
NOTE:

- **Your login. Keep your profile (contact details) current** because club communications and member lists draw 'live' information from your profile on the website
- Explore all the menus in 'MEMBERS' area – Mass Email to all members
- Weekly Newsletter ('**Koongga**') is emailed to you. Past copies are available on web.
- See website Homepage for weekly programme.

Bobbin Head Cycle Classic (Riders site): www.bobbinheadcycleclassic.com.au

Bobbin Head Cycle Classic (Volunteers Management): www.vol.bobbinheadcycleclassic.com.au

District 9685: <http://rotarydistrict9685.org.au>

Rotary International: <https://www.rotary.org/en>

(Note, once the Secretary has registered your email address with RI, you may 'register' on the site to gain access to the 'My Rotary' area – for resources, images, training material etc)

Gordon Markets: www.gordonmarkets.com.au