



10th August, 2020

SYDNEY ROTARY UPDATE



Celebrating the Centenary in Sydney

Members of the Centenary Committee have been busy and plans are well advanced to celebrate the Club's 100th Birthday. **The most important date to put in your diary now is the long weekend, 14 to 17th May 2021.**

As part of the Centenary, three new programs have been developed that that will have impact well into our second century.

Rotary Give Every Child a Future : An International Project immunising 100,000 children across nine Pacific countries.

The Rotary Winter Appeal working with PCYC South Sydney.

The **Rotary Climate Action Group** launched in July to support Rotary International's new area of focus: supporting the environment.

There will be many more initiatives this year and into the future. If you have any ideas, please talk to the President or attend committee meetings to develop these initiatives with your fellow Rotarians. ([Read on for more information](#))

Tues, 11th August at 12:30pm

Violet Roumeliotis AM addresses Strengths of Diverse Communities



Guest speaker at Sydney Rotary Club's online meeting on Tuesday **11 August** will be Violet Roumeliotis AM, a social entrepreneur who champions the strengths of our diverse communities. Through her C-suite and board roles, Violet uses innovation and collective impact to promote social justice and inclusion in all forms. She is the CEO of Settlement Services International, a community organisation and social business that supports newcomers and other vulnerable individuals to achieve their full potential.

Visitors most welcome.

[Please Register Online](#)

Vale Past-President, Gerry Rihs



It is with deep sadness we announce the peaceful passing of Past-President, Gerry Rihs, on Saturday after a long battle with cancer.

Gerry was involved with numerous Club activities and projects for many years. As President he led the club in supporting an innovative, early-childhood educational enrichment program offered at La Perouse Public School, teaching parents of three- to five-year-olds how to develop their child's school readiness, communication abilities, and relationship skills before they begin their education in the classroom. ([more](#))

Robert Tickner's Reunion with Birth Parents

The guest speaker at Sydney Rotary Club's online lunchtime meeting on **18th August** will be Robert Tickner.

As a former minister in the Hawke and Keating governments, Robert Tickner has many stories to tell, but the little known story of his reconnection with his birth parents may well be the most fascinating of them all.

[Please Register Online](#)



Code of Conduct Adopted

Rotary
Club of Sydney



At the last Board meeting, Rotary International's Code of Conduct was adopted.

The last aspect in this Code has been included since 2019: "5. Help maintain a harassment-free environment in Rotary meetings, events, and activities; report any suspected harassment; and help ensure non-retaliation to those individuals that report harassment."

[Read the full Code here](#)

Climate Action Group Takes Off



Patricia Armstrong
Rotary Chair,
ESRAG's Regional
Chapter
(it's about the
Environment)



Sydney Rotary's Climate Action Group will hold its first online meetup at 5:30pm today.

Guest speaker at this inaugural meeting will be Patricia Armstrong who is Communications Director of Environmental Sustainability Rotarian Action Group (ESRAG) and Chair of ESRAG's Regional Chapter.

[Please Register Online.](#)

Your Club Needs You!

Volunteers Needed!



Many areas of the Club need members to become actively involved to assist in our important community work..

Treasurer **Bruce Edwards** is seeking a couple of people to join his team to help with subscriptions and other financial matters. Centenary Chair, **Geoff Wilbow**, needs R100 Champions and others to help with

Centenary events.

Climate Action Chair, **Karen Loblay**, would love to hear from your young and enthusiastic friends to help run this new Group.

If you have never joined up with one of our Committees, now is a good time to drop in to any of their Zoom meetings, all of which are listed on the **ClubRunner Homepage**.

Member Profiles



Member: Glenn Stafford

My bio picture was taken shortly after on a trip to South Korea with my wife, Sin Jeong, and our twins Julian and Elizabeth.

I met my wife in Korea in 1994 where I spent a total of 6 years project managing major banking transformations and as Country Manager for an Australian Fintech.

Today I run my own IT and Business Consulting business and partner with Fintech's from around the globe bringing innovative technology to the Banking, Financial Services, and Insurance industries in Australia. ([more](#))



Member: Alma Argayoso

Adventurer, chocolate-lover, and carnivore, Alma "Alms" Argayoso wants to live in an organised world KonMari-approved.

As a trade diplomat with over a decade of experience, she's been assigned in the Netherlands and Indonesia and was responsible for advancing the Philippines' trade and economic interests through trade promotion, investment promotion, and trade policy negotiation.

Prior to joining government service, Alma also worked in the private sector managing a portfolio of fast moving consumer goods for one of the biggest food and beverage conglomerates in the Philippines. ([more](#))

See you on Saturday at Cockatoo Island

On Saturday **15th August** you are invited to join Sydney Rotarians as they catch a ferry to

the former convict prison of Cockatoo Island which has been reimagined as an immersive contemporary art space for the 22nd Biennale of Sydney.

It is suggested that people should arrive at Cockatoo from around 11:30am, utilising ferries from Circular Quay or Barangaroo. Volunteer Guide and Sydney Rotarian, Phoebe Alexander will be on duty to assist visitors.

Visitors to the island are invited to engage with a series of public artworks anchored in this year's theme: NIRIN.

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