

27th July, 2020

SYDNEY ROTARY UPDATE



Following the highly successful Rotary Centenary Baton launch by the Governor General, the our Club is engaging with Rotary Clubs in NSW and beyond to promote the Centenary.

We are forming a team of R100 Champions to:

- o To promote the Rotary Centenary
- o To represent the Club at R100 events in NSW
- o To work with the President and the Chair of our Centenary Committee (Geoff Wilbow) to organise events for the Centenary.

While most of the activities will be in the first half of 2021, we need to know who we should call

Tues, 28th July at <u>6pm</u>
Learning about Hate: Returning to Community



Robert Orell, 39, is a direct-talking Swede with the confident air of a military man. He is a former violent white supremacist, having spent years in the Swedish neo-Nazi movement before leaving at 19.

As a teenager, Robert trained his mind and body to prepare for the violent revolution he believed was to come. But enrolling in the military opened his way of thinking to new ideas. Crucially, it gave him a sense of brotherhood, stability and belonging. "It fulfilled those needs in a healthy way," he says. Since leaving his neo-Nazi life behind, Robert has worked hard to become an expert and advocate for those leaving extremist groups.

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on. We are also well aware that any planning must consider that COVID 19 restrictions keep changing and events may have to be cancelled or modified.

Please email Geoff Wilbow if you would like to be a R100 Champion.



President of AMA (NSW) on Vaccinations

Sydney Rotary Club's lunchtime meeting on Tuesday **4th August** will focus on Vaccinations with the President of the AMA (NSW), Dr Danielle McMullen, as the guest speaker.

To mark the Centenary of Rotary in Australia and NZ, Rotary is collaborating with UNICEF to provide life-saving vaccines to 100,000 children across nine Pacific nations to ensure generations of children and women are protected against cervical cancer, rotavirus and pneumococcal disease.

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Time for a Coffee?



Join us for our second virtual coffee meetup on **30 July** held fortnightly on a Thursday at 11am for just 30 mins. Sip on a coffee and catch up with some of your fellow Rotarians and their friends. Find out what is going on around town.

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Climate Action Group Launched

Sydney Rotary's Climate Action Group was launched last week with an enlightening address from Climate Council CEO, Amanda McKenzie. The Group's Chair, Karen Loblay, said the first meeting will be held at 5:30pm on **10 August**. Firstly they will be looking at the science and secondly looking at solutions (the "action" part of the name).

Rotary International has recently placed the Environment at the centre of its six areas of focus. It's a good opportunity to get involved and help shape the direction of future activities.

More info on Group's Facebook Page





It's Fortnightly Fridays at the Castlereagh



conducted on Zoom, we are introducing informal lunch meetups on the 2nd Floor at the Castlereagh Hotel, commencing Friday **7th August** from 11:30am.

Members and friends will need to undertake Covid-19 procedures on the ground floor before going to the 2nd floor. Social distancing will apply with 3-4 people per table. Members simply order and pay

for their food (from an appetising menu) on arrival.

Rotarian Geoffrey Little has kindly offered to organise these events. Just **email** or text him on 0419 178 279 to say you will be attending.

Hop over to Cockatoo Island for Biennale

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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For details about future activities, go to ClubRunner or the Website.

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