



Dear fellow Rotarians & Friends,

We're back!

Face to face once again, hybrid style! Hopefully for a while, but I'm not betting on it just yet.

If you have previously registered to attend but not paid, please do this again. We need to know numbers asap and that is why this message has arrived early this week.

[Book here now.](#)

We're all pretty familiar with the procedures by now but do give yourself some leeway just in case of a delay at hotel reception.

If you read the November edition of RDU then you will have seen this article. I'm please also to let you know that Rotarian Glenn Stafford will step into our lead for PCYC NSW.

We do still need some more helpers to step up for the other roles as described further below.

Sydney Rotary launches Youth Encouragement Scholarship

THE Rotary Club of Sydney, NSW, in partnership with PCYC NSW, initiated the perpetual Youth Encouragement Scholarship (YES) as part of Rotary's centenary celebrations in 2021.

A committee was formed in October to develop and formulate the criteria. There are four categories in both urban and rural areas: Arts, Music, Sport and Education. The urban area covers the Local Government Areas of Sydney, Wollongong and Newcastle.

The first eight awards scholars from across the state were announced at the club's meeting on April 7 during Youth Week, with extremely diverse areas of choice and focus for their scholarships.

Each scholar will receive up to \$3000 for their chosen project. The nominations are circulated throughout NSW through the partnership of Rotary and PCYC to continue to connect with the local clubs of both organisations. PCYC club managers have provided encouragement and support to the program, which is targeted at youth between the ages of 12 to 17 years.

Nominations for the inaugural scholarship were very strong, with the judging panels comprising of members from both the Rotary Club of Sydney and PCYC.



PICTURED: Faith Clark was nominated for the Youth Encouragement Scholarship by PCYC Wollongong. She is studying digital illustration and concept art and will be using her scholarship to enrol in the diploma.

The committee is looking forward to the opening of nominations for next year's scholars on November 16, closing February 28, 2022. The announcement of all winners will be held during Youth Week on April 5, 2022, at the Rotary Club of Sydney's weekly meeting.

For further information on the project, contact Chair of the Rotary Club of Sydney Youth Committee Dr Sonu Bhaskar via drsonubhaskar.rotary@gmail.com or Rose Cepero from PCYC NSW via rcepero@pcycnsw.org.au or Rotarian and PCYC NSW Board Member Dorothy Hennessy OAM via dothennessy@gmail.com. •

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Lots more below.

Please read on & register for our upcoming meetings.

Help Needed

RCS Web Master - Support

Our new website needs constant updating mainly for new events. The web site operates on the user friendly WordPress system.

While updates are regular they are generally small and can be processed quickly.

Debra Hill has agreed to take the lead on this and your role will be to help out as needed. Training is available and you will find this an interesting job.



If you can assist us with this [please click here to let me know.](#)

RCS PCYC Youth Encouragement Scholarships Support

Our Yes (Youth Encouragement Scholarships) are into their second year. Rotarian John Snelgrove has agreed to chair the committee and is looking for some support.

The Yes scholarships change young lives. This truly is a wonderful project.

If you have some spare time and would like to know more [please click here to let me know.](#)

ANZAC Day BBQ Support

We are making preparations for our ANZAC Day BBQ next year and need your help to prepare.

We have a detailed description of the process and a number of helpers however we need your help to lead this project.

If you have some spare time and would like to know more [please click here to let me know.](#)

PCYC South Sydney - Bookkeeper

South Sydney PCYC is in need of a **part time bookkeeper** to assist for a few hours each week to keep their payments and receipts correctly accounted for and under control.

It is a wonderful opportunity to contribute to this community and the PCYC. If you can assist us with this [please click here to let me know.](#)

This Week's Speaker

The Kindness Revolution

Hugh Mackay
in conversation with Lindsay Mell.

Generous, erudite, optimistic and candid ... Hugh Mackay knows how to bring out the best in ourselves and in our society, in both good and troubled times. Writer of 22 books, including 8 novels.

Drawing on the themes of Hugh Mackay's new book, *The Kindness Revolution*, Hugh's conversation with Lindsay Mell will be examining the nature of kindness – presenting it as a unique form of human love, and pondering its crucial role in the building of social cohesion and harmony.

They will be talking about listening as one of the most potent acts of kindness, and will be addressing the question: Why are we so reluctant to listen attentively and empathically to each other?

The conversation will also be exploring the social trends that have been reshaping our society over the past 30/40 years and pushing us in the direction of becoming more individualistic, more socially fragmented and, as a result, more lonely, anxious and depressed.

Because Hugh Mackay believes that the COVID-19 pandemic has the potential to become a circuit-breaker, the conversation will also explore the ways we might be changed – as individuals and as a society – by its impact.

Along the way, Hugh will be offering some tips on how to increase our personal "kindness quotient" if we want to join the kindness revolution.

[Book here now.](#)

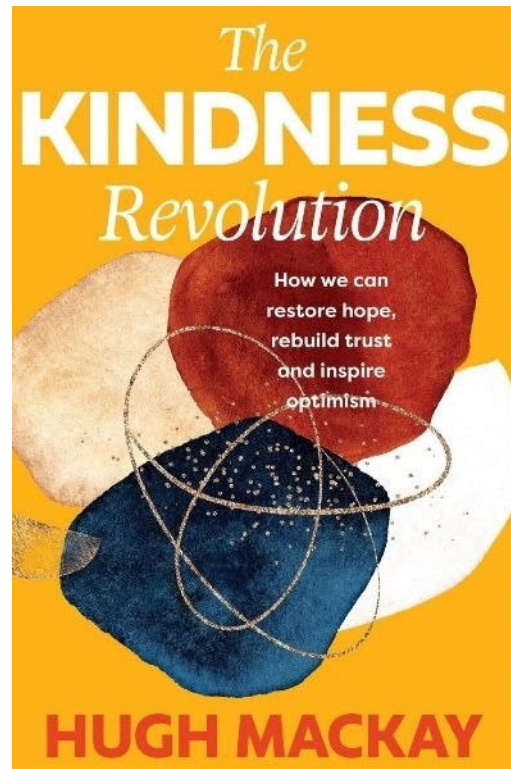
So pleased to see so many already booked.

Humantix is now available to take **paid bookings** so you may need to revisit to secure your four square meters.

Our chefs have decided on a delicious meal for us so please revisit the booking page to choose and then email me your preference if you have already paid but not selected.

Bit confusing but they're confusing times these days.

[Book here now.](#)





As usual the event is free however, for those that can, I ask you to make a small donation to support our club's activities.

Upcoming Events

PCYC Virtual Fundraising Gala

PCYC would like to invite you to attend this year's fundraising Gala you must act NOW!

Choose from the available hampers below, dress up your top half and log in for an entertaining fundraising event.





Funds raised will go towards PCYC NSW new mental resilience and well-being program, GRIT (Growth-mindset Resilience Intervention for Teenagers).

TICKET PACKAGES

GOLD PACKAGE \$180

(Includes hamper for 2 people, delivery, registration)

SILVER PACKAGE \$120

(Includes hamper for one, delivery, registration)

BRONZE PACKAGE \$60

(Includes registration + \$50 donation)

SPECIAL GUESTS

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Nine Network's
Peter Overton, AM

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

NSW Police Commissioner
Michael Fuller, APM

ENTERTAINMENT

ARIA nominated singer songwriter
Pete Murray

DRESS Black Tie (top half) | **RSVP TO** 1800 777 292 or events@pcycnsw.org.au

EVENT SUPPORTERS



[Click here to RSVP](#)

[Please click here for a full list of our upcoming events.](#)

[Please click here for details of our Committee meetings.](#)

Other News



Rotary All-Member Survey

Rotary International invites you to participate in the 2021 Rotary All-Member Survey.

10 or 15 minutes is all you need.

Closing soon.

[Please click here to start the survey.](#)

2021 Rotary All-Member Survey

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RCS Vocational & Community Service Awards

Please look out for an email from Rotarian Alex Ebert of our Service & Awards Committee seeking your recommendations for worthy recipients of our Community Service and also Vocational Service Awards.

Alex will elaborate on our criteria.

To acknowledge outstanding service to either through their vocation or community activities is an important function of our club and is always a special meeting.

Please start considering worthy recipients.

[Click here for a look at previous recipients.](#)

Sponsor Roni Corn's Mega Swim for MS

Mega Rotarian Roni Corne is doing a Mega Swim to raise money for MS and is looking for your support.

[Please click here to support Roni](#)

Multiple Sclerosis Fundraising

Our friends at MS Australia have invented a new **MEGA SWIM** event that we can all do at our local swimming pool.



Fundraising from this event contributes to research and to fund some **MS Go for Gold Sponsorships**.



There is no known cure for multiple sclerosis. Treatments attempt to improve function after an attack and prevent new attacks.

The **Go for Gold Scholarships** enable the recipients and their families to enjoy a fun experience of their choice.



RCS Fundraising Raffle

Like to **WIN** or **GIFT** a great resort holiday in tropical Fiji?

Support **Rotary Club of Sydney** projects

+ Give kids on remote islands a modern education

+ Save carbon emissions and plastics.

[Please click here to purchase your tickets.](#)



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Thank you for all that you do in Rotary, and in your community.