



This Week: CHRISTMAS DINNER

No regular luncheon this week!



**8 Dec
2009**

It's our Christmas Dinner on Tuesday night at the Castlereagh Hotel at 6:30pm for 7:00pm.

It will be a musical evening with the Cantorian Sydney Male Voice Choir, Josmery Ramirez and a visit by Santa Claus.

Bookings closed last week.

ROTARY MATTERS

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Next week the Club will be awarding its prestigious Community Service Award which is made for conspicuous service to the community.

The Award has been given to a long line of notable people over the years who have made significant contributions to the community.

Last year the Award went to two outstanding people - Elaine Henry, CEO of The Smith Family and Jack Heath, the Founder and Executive Director of the Inspire Foundation.

This year we had a very strong field of possible contenders for this award. The winner will be announced in the next Bulletin and you will have the opportunity to meet that person on the 15th December at our last meeting of the year.

The Annual General Meeting of the Rotary Club of Sydney Inc. will be held at The Castlereagh Hotel, 169 Castlereagh Street, Sydney on Tuesday, 15th December 2009 at 12.45pm.

BUSINESS:

1. Confirmation of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 25 November 2008.
2. Receive from the Board the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2009.
3. Elect Office Bearers for 2010/11.

What can we do to increase Membership

When it comes to recruiting club members, there are almost as many ideas as there are Rotarians, which is not surprising considering Rotary's diversity.

There are some universal themes that come up again and again. Others capitalise on new technologies and communication methods, or are targeted at expanding Rotary's demographic reach. Below are a few from Rotarians for increasing membership:

- Invite friends, colleagues, or neighbors to participate in one of our club's projects.
- Keep a supply of the Start with Rotary postcards and wallet cards, and give them to potential members.
- Encourage prospective members who live outside our geographic area to visit the Web site, view membership videos, and complete a prospective member form.



- Ask the district membership chair to contact qualified candidates who have come to the district's attention through an online referral.
- Talk with potential members about Rotary's humanitarian work, including programs like PolioPlus. Mention the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's involvement in the polio eradication effort through Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge.
- Invite professional women in our community to one of our club meetings. Initiate projects that focus on women's issues, and invite prominent women in the community to participate, speak, or lead.
- Maintain contact with all local alumni of Rotary's educational and service programs, and organise events for them. Work with qualified candidates to help them join your club.
- Advertise special programs or projects on social networking sites such as Facebook, LinkedIn, or Ecademy, and invite visitors to our club meetings and events. Learn about RI's official social networking pages.
 - Sponsor an open house (or an open meeting with a special guest) that caters to a demographic group or classification that isn't represented in the club.
 - Maintain a Web site for our club so that interested individuals can easily find out who you are, what you do, and what inspires you.

ROTARY – People like you and me



Coming Up!

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www.clubrunner.ca/sydney

- 8 Dec Christmas Function (evening event)
- 15 Dec Community Service Award Presentation. (final Meeting for the year)
- 2010
- 12 Jan First meeting of 2010
- 2 Feb **Rotary Means Business, 6pm Castlereagh Hotel (International Networking Day)**
- 9 Feb Elizabeth Ann Macgregor, Director, Museum of Contemporary Art
- 12 Feb Tashi Tenzing (grandson of Tenzing Norgay of Mt Everest fame)
- 30 Mar Dr Robert Frater, VP Innovation, Resmed.

Jean Elborn is still looking for candidates for the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA).

Please contact Jean on Tuesday night if you have any candidates in mind.



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Happy Birthday
to these
members:

Dave McLeish
Ken Davey
Hans Klieber
Nick Layton

