Sydney Rotary

A YEAR OF SERVICE

Rotary Club of Sydney

President

Phoebe Alexander

2025–2026

United for Good



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Sydney Rotary



As my year as President of the Rotary Club of Sydney draws to a close, I do so with a heart full of gratitude.

This has been a year of challenges, achievements, friendship and service. Together we celebrated our 105th Anniversary, revived important Club traditions, strengthened our community partnerships and continued to make a difference both locally and internationally.

Most importantly, we did it together.

Thank you to every member, partner and friend of the Club for your encouragement, support and friendship throughout this remarkable journey.

Serving as your President has been one of the greatest honours of my Rotary life.

Though my term is ending, my commitment to Rotary and to the Rotary Club of Sydney remains as strong as ever.

I would like to take this opportunity, to thank my Board of Directors for your unwavering supports and dedications in the past year.

With gratitude,

Phoebe Alexander
President 2025–2026
Rotary Club of Sydney

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Service Above Self

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Chair Rotary NSW Police Officer
of the Year Award



James Allen

Rotary GECAF Director
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Major Fundraising and Grants

Leadership is not about standing alone; it is about bringing people together to serve.

PROF JOCELYN CHEY AM

A Red Sky in the Morning – A China Warning

Firestorm at Rotary: China Warning Ignites Debate



Sydney Rotary kicked off the year with fireworks as Professor Jocelyn Chey AM — veteran diplomat and expert on Australia–China relations — delivered a provocative keynote titled "Red Sky in the Morning – A China Warning."

Far from a polite briefing, Chey's talk was a witty, unflinching take on decades of diplomacy, critiquing both Beijing's assertiveness and Australia's missteps.

Her bold remarks drew praise from many for their honesty, but also stirred unease among those who felt the tone may have been too blunt for Rotary's diplomatic tradition.

Controversial or courageous — the message was clear: Rotary's 2025 speaker series isn't pulling any punches.

CHENG LEI

Beyond the Wall

Australian Chinese Journalist Cheng Lei tells her story on how she survived in China's Ministry of State Security for three years and two months.











DR GEOFF RABY AO

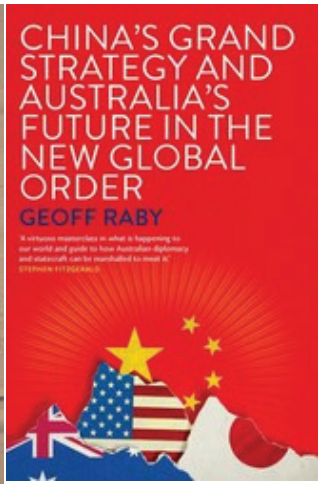
Great Game On: Global Power Shifts, Geopolitics & Australia's Future

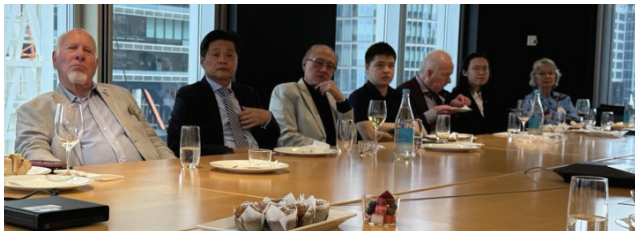
On 16 September 2025, the Rotary Club of Sydney welcomed Dr. Geoff Raby AO, Australia's former Ambassador to China, for a compelling address on the shifting global order.

The luncheon, hosted at UBS Asset Management, coincided with the release of Dr. Raby's new book Great Game On: The Contest for Central Asia and Global Supremacy.









DR BRENDON O'CONNOR

Trump's Nobel Ambition: Testing the Limits of the Rules-Based Order





On 7 April 2026, Dr Brendon O'Connor, Professor of US Politics and Foreign Relations at the University of Sydney, addressed members and guests at our meeting on "Trump's Nobel Ambition: Testing the Limits of the Rules-Based Order," explored the question: Why Iran?

He highlighted the influence of the US–Israel relationship, the legacy of past conflicts, and the risks of an "America First" approach driven by strategic overconfidence.

Dr O'Connor noted that current US policy reflects broader institutional dynamics rather than any single leader, while also observing that political opposition has struggled to respond effectively.

His thought-provoking address offered valuable insights into an increasingly uncertain global landscape, prompting members to reflect on the future of international order and the challenges facing global diplomacy.

MICHAEL SILMAN

Global Head of Corporate Real Estate at Macquarie Group and Project Director for the Metro Martin Place Development gave some insights into the design and building of Martin Place Metro Station.





WARREN MUNDINE AO

One of Australia's most influential voices, Warren Mundine AO, gave us a compelling discussion on leadership, business, and public life.







Celebrating Excellence

NSW POLICE OFFICERS OF THE YEAR AWARDS & LOCAL POLICE OFFICERS AWARDS

Congratulations to Senior Constable Leonie Durham and Detective Sergeant Douglas Jay for being awarded Service Above Self by Rotary Club of Sydney.

A heartfelt thank you to Rotarian Trina Phillips for an inspiring luncheon presentation on 5 August 2025. As Joint Chair of the NSW Police Officer of the Year Awards, Trina shared powerful insights into honouring the courage and service of NSW Police.

Trina talked about the upcoming 2025 Awards Gala on 7 Nov, at Hyatt Regency. She also gave reflections from the Rotary International Convention at Calgary, Canada and the session highlighted Rotary's deep commitment to community and global impact.



DIANNE NORTH OAM

Interplast Australia and New Zealand

We thank PDG Dianne North OAM for her truly compelling address on Tuesday, March 3rd 2026. Dianne shared details about the vital, life-changing work of Interplast, highlighting the dedication of volunteer teams—surgeons, anaesthetists, and nurses—who travel across the Asia-Pacific region to provide essential, free reconstructive surgery.We commend Dianne for her tireless work in serving the community, and her passion for those in need of a helping hand.





JAMES ALEXANDER

Australia is recognised as one of the fastest-growing tech ecosystems and a leading producer of capital-efficient unicorns. James Alexander, Co-founder and General Partner of Galileo Ventures, gave an exciting review into "The Innovation Frontier: Powering Australia's Next Tech Wave.









PETER HACK



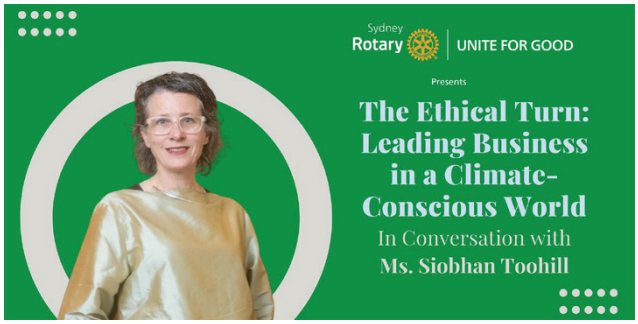
Peter Hack, a researcher and historian of modern Chinese history, revealed the remarkable story of Chinese-Australian merchants from Sydney's Haymarket who helped establish Shanghai's iconic department stores, tracing their success back to Sydney's early banana trade and highlighting a unique historical link between the two cities.



ETHICS

Community expectations are a powerful force reshaping corporate ethics

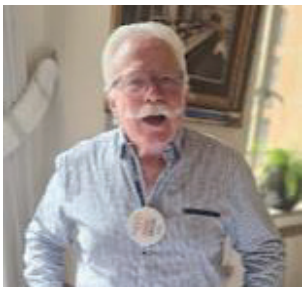
For our Annual Ethics Meeting, Ms Siobhan Toohill, a senior advisor to business and government on sustainability and governance, spoke about in an era defined by climate urgency, community expectations are a powerful force reshaping corporate ethics. The session explored on how public attitudes towards sustainability are evolving and, critically, how this shift is compelling changes in the behavior and strategic governance of both businesses and governments. It deals with the practicalities of leading with integrity in a transitioning world.















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ANZAC TRIBUTE:

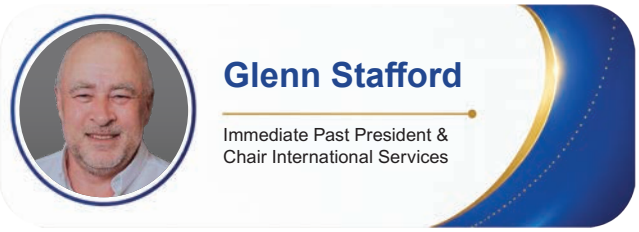
A Reflection on Service and Sacrifice

On 21 April 2026, we held a deeply moving ANZAC Tribute at UBS, expertly organized and conducted by PP Alex Shaw OAM. The meeting provided a profound opportunity to hear diverse reflections on the ANZAC legacy. We were joined by Dr. Phil Lambert PSM, who spoke on the Jewish community's involvement, and Rev. Tay, who shared insights from the Sydney Mission to Seafarers. We also gained a unique perspective on the Salvation Army's historical role from Mitchell Evans. The highlight of the afternoon was a powerful ANZAC Address by Lt. Colonel Schon Condon GCSJ, RFD, followed by a solemn observance of the Ode, the Last Post, and a minute of silence. It was a beautiful reminder of the courage and sacrifice that continue to inspire our own commitment to service.





INTERNATIONAL CHAIR GLENN STAFFORD'S REPORT



During 2025–2026, the International Services Committee, chaired by Glenn Stafford, continued to strengthen the Rotary Club of Sydney's global humanitarian impact through collaboration, sound governance and sustainable project development. Working with committee members and international partners, the Committee progressed projects across Nepal, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Malawi and Cambodia.

Highlights included advancing the Jyamire Drinking Water Project with the Reece Foundation, supporting the Rotary Club of Admiralty (Hong Kong) Diabetic Foot Global Grant, expanding initiatives in education, health, nutrition and livelihoods, and successfully concluding several legacy projects.

The Committee thanks President Phoebe Alexander and the Board for their continued support. Together, these partnerships have enabled Sydney Rotary to deliver meaningful and sustainable outcomes for communities both in Australia and overseas.

ROTARY "WORLD END POLIO DAY" TRAIN RIDE

On 24 October 2025 World End Polio Day, a train Ride had been organized by the district 6975, and a huge thank you to everyone who went on and supported this year's End Polio Train Ride Fundraising event. Rotarian Fleur Hourihan, Shankar Sankaran and a prospective member Sally Hong Wang also represented Sydney Rotary Club and joined the ride, thank you.



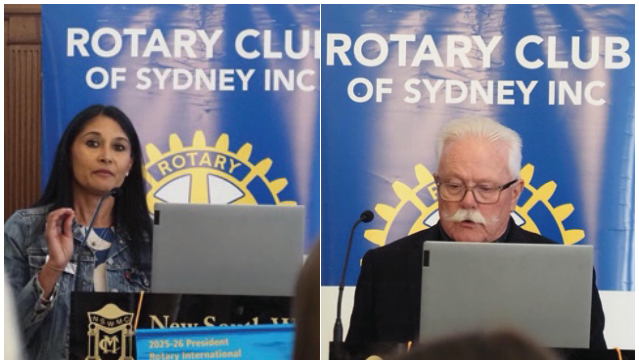
NEPAL WATER – REECE FOUNDATION

Water for Life: Transforming Communities at Home and Abroad

On 2 December 2025, our member Russell Brown — actively involved and championed this project in supporting clean water projects that are transforming rural villages in Nepal.

We partnered with the Reece Group Foundation under the leadership of its Executive Director Ipsita Wright.





ZIMBABWE

Open Heart Disability Care Trust – Zimbabwe
For the past decade, the RAWCS program, led by Rotarian Bernard Macleod, has supported approximately 500 disabled, orphaned and vulnerable children in northern Zimbabwe. Services include home visits, nutritional support, life skills training, agricultural programs and early learning. Around 700,000 dollars has been raised through Bernard Macleod's fundraising, Rotarian and RCSF donations, and a one-off DFAT Direct Aid Program grant for the Open Heart Hall. Recently, RCS contributed 37,000 dollars to complete the hall, install plumbing and toilets, and support income-generating projects.









DIABETIC

We partnered with the Rotary Club of Admiralty (Hong Kong) to successfully secure a Rotary Global Grant, enabling the implementation of the Diabetic Foot Care Project.





ROTARY GIVE EVERY CHILD A FUTURE

Launched in 2017 for Rotary's centenary, the project is led by the Rotary Clubs of Sydney, Melbourne, Auckland and Wellington.





A US$3.2 million (A$5.6 million) RGECAF project introduced rotavirus, pneumococcal and HPV vaccines to nine Pacific Island countries. In partnership with UNICEF, more than 140,000 disadvantaged children were immunised while local health systems were strengthened to ensure long-term sustainability. During 2025–2026, the focus has been HPV vaccinations in Kiribati, with project completion expected in 2026–2027.







LIFE-SAVING PARTNERSHIP LAUNCH

Sydney Rotary × Ambulance NSW

On December 2025, Sydney Rotary officially launched its new partnership with Ambulance NSW at a breakfast event hosted at Macquarie Group, led by Rotarian and President-Nominee Michael Silman.

The event marked the beginning of a landmark collaboration focused on improving cardiac arrest survival outcomes across New South Wales.

The morning featured a powerful keynote by Dr Brian Burns, who shared insights into pioneering prehospital research and a globally significant pilot program bringing advanced life-saving care directly to patients in the community.

Dr Mark Dennis further highlighted the clinical impact and health economics of the ECMO program, underscoring its potential to transform survival outcomes.



Reflections from Rotary leaders reinforced the importance of community-led action in advancing critical health innovation.





ROTARY HEARTREADY INITIATIVE

On 16 June 2026, the Rotary Club of Sydney heard from Dr Mark Dennis on the NSW Ambulance ECMO pilot and from Julie Hughes of the Heart Foundation. Rotary's support has contributed to the planned purchase of a specialist ultrasound machine for NSW Ambulance, while the ECMO pilot has been extended for a further year.

We also launched Rotary HeartReady, a new long-term cardiac health initiative built around three pillars: Research Excellence, New Initiatives and Pilots, and Advocacy and Network. Future opportunities include supporting the Heart Foundation's Heart of the Nation initiative, promoting cardiac arrest awareness and training, exploring support for a NSW Ambulance drone pilot, and strengthening initiatives such as GoodSAM. The project aims to bring together Rotary, health organisations and community partners to improve cardiac arrest response, education, research and community preparedness.



SYDNEY FOOD SHARE

Sydney Food Share is a community led initiative based in Sydney, founded and run by Frény Ardeshir since 2017.

What began as a simple local effort, picking up an extra tin here or an extra packet there, has grown into a trusted volunteer run network that connects community donations with people who need support across Sydney.

Freny leads Sydney Food Share to collect, pack and distribute, with a focus on kindness, dignity, and practical help, bringing people together to collect, pack, and share food hampers and essential items.

ROTARY TREE OF FRIENDSHIPS

In partnership with Haymarket Chamber of Commerce and Market City

Thanks to Rotarian Kaila Cruz, we completed the 3rd year of the Rotary Christmas Tree of Friendships Projects - donating Educational Toys for Children in need.









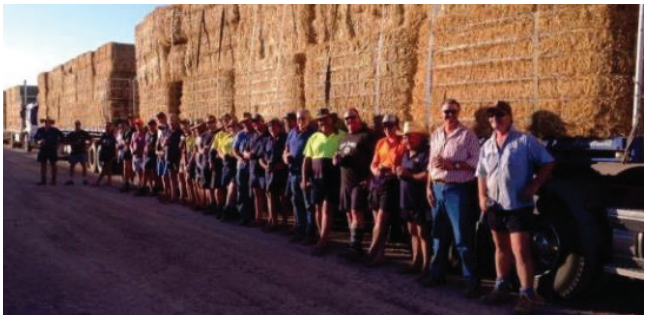
RURAL COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The Burrumbuttock Hay Runners (BHR) and the Rotary Club of Sydney (RCS) have supported rural communities for over a decade. In 2025 the BHR's and the RCS provided support for both flood affected rural communities in eastern Australia and farmers in drought in southern Australia. In January 2026 fires in Victoria were especially destructive. The BHR's and the RCS's Rural Community Support Programme provided portable shower blocks for BlazeAid volunteers in Skipton and Euroa as they helped rural families in Victoria rebuild damaged or destroyed fences and other structures.









SUMMARY OF DISTRIBUTIONS OR ACCRUED PAYMENTS TO SUPPORT PROJECTS IN 2025-26



Rahul Guha

Honorary Treasurer & Chair Finance, Audit,Investment & Risk

Police Legacy	$15,000
Rotary Foundation	$20,500
Rural Community Support Programme	$325,000
Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment RYPEN	$4,491
Sydney Food Share	$7,000
Opportunity Cambodia	$50,838
Vison Beyond AUS - VBA	$10,000
Joan Salter Fund	$ 50,000
Ambulance NSW partnership	$ 85,000
Jyamire Drinking Water Supply Via RAWCS	$ 37,000
Windeward - Bound Sailing Adventure	$1,500
Zimbabwe - Open Heart Disability Care Trust	$37,000
Bondi Terror Attack Appeal	$10,000
Diabetic Foot Community Care	$3,000
Hannah Middleton Scholarship for peace and conflict studies in Timor L'Este	$15,000
Soukup Scholarships	$78,000
Total	**$749,329**

Note: Amounts in the table have been rounded and are approximate. The audited financial statements for the Rotary Club of Sydney General Fund, Benevolent Fund and the Soukup Fund will show the exact amounts.

Sustainibility

CLIMATE ACTION GROUP



Christine Yen

Director & Chair
Climate Action Group

This year focused on foundation-building: consolidating prior project history, mapping community needs, and identifying gaps between research, community work, and policy-level initiatives, informed by my Masters in Sustainability. I rebranded the group from Climate Action Group to the Sustainability & Climate Action Group (SCAG) to better attract corporate partnerships. Key network-building included Climate Action Crew (Cesar Moreno), a carbon footprint talk at Sancta Sophia College, and reconnecting with Taipei and Osaka clubs during travel to Taiwan. Attended the RI Convention, gaining insight into Action Groups and Foundation programs. Established a dedicated SCAG email for continuity. Appointed Secretary, Rotary Peace Action Group Oceania. Next year: begin scoping 1 to 2 small-scale community pilot projects, prioritizing partnerships that leverage existing community resources over club funding.



ROTARY MUNA

Model United Nations Assembly

The Rotary MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly) program saw an exceptional performance from our sponsored Sydney Secondary College delegation, who ably represented the Republic of Korea.

We are delighted to announce that Pavlos P Martin was awarded Best Speaker during the proceedings at Parliament House.

This is a wonderful outcome for our club's Youth Committee and a shining example of youth in action.









PCYC – YES PROGRAM



During the 2025–26 year, the Youth Committee expanded its community impact by managing the delivery pipelines for our core initiatives: the YES! Scholarships, RYPEN residential camps, RYLA seminars, Interact Clubs, and the Youth Exchange program. To ensure long-term growth, we established new partnerships with diverse non-profit organisations to expand our candidate pool and actively sourced new funding streams. We also enhanced our public profile by producing promotional videos to showcase these youth achievements on our website and at the 105th Anniversary Dinner, turning strategic reflection into direct local action.





PEACE BUILDING CLUB









As a Peace Building Club, the Rotary Club of Sydney supports the Sydney Peace Award and joined a sold-out Gala Award Week to celebrate Judge Navi Pillay, recipient of the 2025 Sydney Peace Prize for "a lifetime of advocating for fundamental human rights, peace with justice and the rights of women" and for challenging the global culture of impunity for war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide.







JUDGE NAVI PILLAY

Rotary Club of Sydney partnered with the Sydney Peace Foundation to host a special Boardroom Dialogue celebrating Judge Navi Pillay, recipient of the 2025 Sydney Peace Prize.

BUILDING PEACE – ONE SCHOLAR AT A TIME

Club Meeting – 17 March 2026

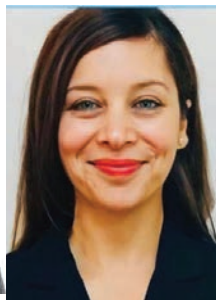




Constantin Gouvy



Grace Stanhope



Tamkin Hakim



In 2026, an outstanding result for the Rotary Club of Sydney was to support three exceptional Rotary Peace Fellows, whose work reflects Rotary's commitment to promoting peace, justice and international understanding. Grace Stanhope focuses on Indo-Pacific development and regional security through her research at the Lowy Institute. Constantin Gouvy researching in conflicts, governance and migration across the Sahel region, contributing to evidence-based peacebuilding. Tamkin Hakim is dedicated to advancing education and human rights for Afghan women while supporting refugee and education pathways to Australia. Together, these exceptional fellows demonstrate the global impact of Rotary's investment in developing the next generation of peace leaders.

In a club meeting that was devoted to Peacebuilding.

Our guest speakers, Grace Stanhope and Tamkin Hakim told us of their experiences as peacebuilders and their plans after they finish their studies.

Other Peace Fellow alumni – PP Charlie Allen, D9675 Peace Fellowship Subcommittee Chair Olivia Wellesley-Cole, and Jawoon Kim shared their own stories of how the Fellowship influenced their lives and careers.

David Hirsch, chair of the Peacebuilding Group, also announced the club's 3-year sponsorship of the Hannah Middleton Scholarship supporting a student in a Master's Degree program in Peace and Conflict Studies at the National University of Timor L'Este.

Melanie Morrison and Jane Fulton of the Sydney Peace Foundation were present along with Denis Doherty, the husband of the late Dr Hannah Middleton, who devoted her life to building peace and served as the Executive Officer of the Sydney Peace Foundation.



JOAN SALTER AWARD

At the Club meeting on 2 June 2026, the Rotary Club of Sydney proudly announced the 2026 Joan Salter Award recipient. The National Aboriginal Birth Certificate Program, delivered by Pathfinders Ltd. This is a $50,000 grant over three years to support its innovative work empowering Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people, through improving access to birth registration and identity documentation.

The award was accepted on behalf of Pathfinders by its CEO, Alex Shaw OAM.

The Joan Salter Award is the Rotary Club of Sydney's flagship youth initiative, supporting innovative, evidence-based programs that create lasting opportunities for young people. Previous recipients include the Top Blokes Foundation and The Be Centre, both of which have delivered significant and measurable outcomes in youth mental health and wellbeing.

At the same meeting, The Be Centre presented the results of its Joan Salter Award project, delivered in partnership with Deakin University. The research is evaluating the effectiveness of "Play Therapy" for children recovering from trauma, with early findings demonstrating significant improvements in emotional wellbeing, resilience, and recovery.

The Award stands as a lasting tribute to the late Joan Salter, a devoted member of the Rotary Club of Sydney. Through her extraordinary generosity, her legacy continues to transform lives by enabling innovative programs that provide hope, opportunity, and lasting positive outcomes for future generations.













NSW POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARDS











John Given OAM

Chair Rotary NSW Police Officer of the Year Award





Rotary Community Award
Senior Constable Jake Dimond



Honoured for his outstanding work with Youth Command and Queanbeyan PCYC, transforming outcomes for at-risk young people and making a lasting impact in the community.

Detective Sergeant Natasha Williams



Recognised for more than 15 years of dedicated service protecting vulnerable children. She has led over 1,200 investigations, including a major role in Strike Force Hermoyne, resulting in a 34-year sentence in a significant multi-generational child abuse case.

2026 Addison Road Community Organisation



2026 Community Peace Award recipient:

Addison Road Community 0rganisation is a Marrickville basedmulticultural community centre responded to local needed since 1976. The award was accepted by CEO Rosanna Barbero.

Addi Road's 800 volunteers provide food to Sydney's most vulnerable members. Last year, they rescued 640 tonnes of food and distributed 30,000 meals. Addi Road provides advocacy services and medical help for those in need.

Its First Nations & youth programs promote public education & artistic creativity. Addi Road strengthens community through justice, equality, compassion, sustainability and creativity.





Sydney Rotary recognises an organisation or an individual whose work at grassroots level has demonstrated: Commitment to the advancement of peace; Contribution to attainment of human rights; Philosophy, language and practice of nonviolence; Evidence of building bridges to build peace; Actions as a 'peacemaker' in the local community.

2026 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

Justin Davey
One Meal City Service Coordinator



Justin has spent many decades working in both Australia and the United States. With a grounding as a Chartered Accountant, he has worked in Audit, Investment Management and Banking.
Beyond his day job, Justin is passionate about giving back to the community, volunteering with organisations that support people experiencing difficulties and homelessness, and serving as Treasurer at his local charity.

2026 VOCATIONAL SERVICE AWARDS

Richard Glover
Australian Journalist, Author, and Radio Presenter



As a pre-eminent Australian journalist, author, and broadcaster, Mr. Glover's four-decade career stands as a powerful testament to Rotary's principles of integrity and service.

Richard's professional life is marked by significant milestones and an enduring public impact, particularly through his long-held roles at the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) and The Sydney Morning Herald.

ROTARY SOUKUP MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS



Established through the generous donation of George and Jenny Soukup in memory of George's parents, Vaclav and Bed'a Soukup, the Rotary Soukup Memorial Scholarship Fund supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students pursuing post-secondary education. Over the years, the Fund has assisted students through partnerships with the University of Sydney, the University of Technology Sydney, Australian Rotary Health and the Country Education Foundation. Between 2015 and 2026, the Fund awarded scholarships to 26 Indigenous students, helping them achieve their educational aspirations and create brighter futures.



Rotary Sydney member Gillean Wilbow (right) & Professor Moggridge (left) congratulate Soukup Scholarship winner Molly Wallace after her graduation. Molly Wallace completed her Bachelor of Science degree in 2020. She has now completed her Master of Science degree in Fire Management at UTS and is studying for a PhD.

Soukup Scholarship winner Dalton Lynch graduated with a Doctor of Medicine at the University of Sydney at before doing an internship at Nepean Hospital, then going into general practice. He will join the RAAF as a Medical Officer in 2027.





Soukup Scholarship winner Kawana Crowe during her gold medal-winning stint at the iGEM competition in Paris, France.

SYDNEY ROTARY TRIDENT SATELLITE CLUB – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



Celebrating its first anniversary in June 2026, the Sydney Rotary Trident Satellite Club has demonstrated that even a small club of eight members can make a significant impact through dedication, compassion and service. During its inaugural year, members actively supported fundraising, community events and volunteer initiatives while building a strong Rotary foundation.

Key achievements included delivering a District Grant to provide a Smart Board for the Ukrainian Community School in Lidcombe, completing the Wheels of Aid project by funding a humanitarian vehicle for Rotary in Ukraine, supplying generators and charging stations to critical healthcare facilities in Kyiv, and supporting Sydney's Ukrainian community through cultural initiatives. These projects have strengthened education, humanitarian relief and community wellbeing, reflecting the club's commitment to creating meaningful and lasting change in both Australia and Ukraine.









CITIZENSHIPS CEREMONY

























After many years of inactivity, Sydney Rotary proudly revived this longstanding community service by officially welcoming 19 new Australian citizens into our community. The ceremony celebrated the diverse journeys and cultures that together shape the rich fabric of modern Australia. Conducted with the support of Senator Jessica Collins and Alex Greenwich MP, the event was a resounding success, attracting more than 80 attendees. It was a truly joyful and memorable occasion, followed by a wonderful luncheon and warm fellowship that reflected Rotary's spirit of community and inclusion

2026 ANZAC DAY BBQ























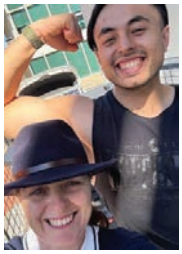
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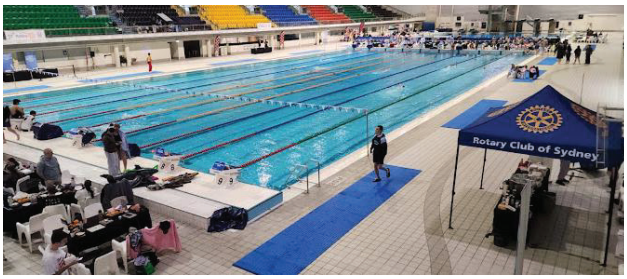




















A huge thank you to everyone who made this year's Rotary Tumble Turns 24 hour relay at the MS MegaSwim such a success!

From 30 to 31 August at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre, our team of Rotarians, friends, and Fiducian colleagues swam more than 30km, kept the poolside spirit alive through the night, and raised an impressive $3,765, placing us in the top ten fundraisers.

Beyond the lanes, we shared fellowship with BBQ dinners and breakfasts that kept the wider MegaSwim community fuelled and smiling. In total, 200 sausages and 200 egg and bacon rolls found a happy home.

ROTARY CLUB OF SYDNEY 105 ANNIVERSARY GALA DINNER
















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2026 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Taipei, Taiwan

The 2026 Rotary International Convention, held in Taipei from 13–17 June, brought together more than 38,000 Rotarians from 140 countries. Four members of the Rotary Club of Sydney joined approximately 20 Rotarians from District 9675 to participate in this inspiring global gathering.

The Convention provided valuable opportunities to strengthen international friendships and develop new partnerships with Rotary Clubs from Hong Kong, the Philippines, Vietnam, Japan and Taiwan. Our delegation also enjoyed the generous hospitality of the Rotary Clubs of Dragon and Phoenix and Universal Love, reflecting Rotary's enduring spirit of fellowship and goodwill.

The programme highlighted Rotary's worldwide impact through initiatives in polio eradication, clean water, peacebuilding and community development.

A memorable highlight was the address by Nobel Peace Prize laureate Malala Yousafzai, whose inspiring message on girls' education reinforced the transformative power of education in creating stronger communities and a better future.

The Taipei Convention was a powerful reminder that, through international collaboration and service, Rotary continues to create lasting change around the world.
















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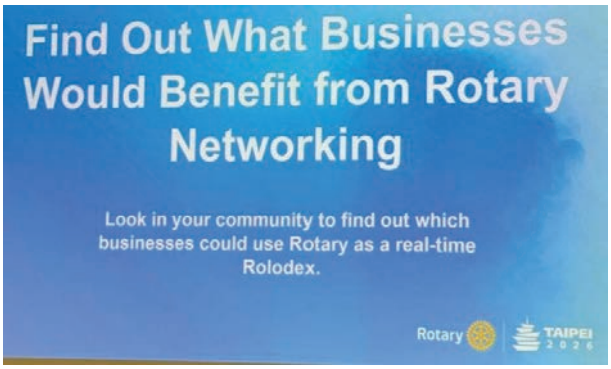





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Supporting the Rotary Club of Sydney Cove's 31st Annual Regatta on the iconic Sydney Harbour, in partnership with the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia (CYCA) and raising urgently needed funds for Sydney Children's Hospital.









Lunar New Year of the Horse celebration with Hay Market Chamber of Commerce 2026

BEHIND THE BELL: A PRIVATE TOUR OF ST ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL











THEATRE NIGHT "CATS" THE MUSICAL





ROTARY PRIVATE TOUR OF ARCHIBALD 2025





PAUL HARRIS FELLOW RECOGNITION

One of the greatest privileges of serving as President of the Rotary Club of Sydney is recognising the outstanding service and commitment of Rotarians and members of the community.

The Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) is Rotary's highest honour, awarded to individuals who exemplify the ideals of "Service Above Self" and the high ethical standards championed by Rotary founder, Paul Harris. In recognition of each award, the Club makes a US$1,000 contribution to The Rotary Foundation, supporting its humanitarian work around the world, including the PolioPlus programme to eradicate polio.

During the 2025–2026 Rotary year, the Rotary Club of Sydney was proud to recognise the following individuals as Paul Harris Fellows in appreciation of their exceptional dedication, leadership and service to our Club, our community and Rotary.

Name	PHF	Citation
Kaila Cruz	PHF	Services to Rotary and the community, especially youth through the "Tree of Friendship" and Citizenship Ceremony.
Rahul Guha	PHF	Services to Sydney Rotary as Treasurer and financial manager.
Fleur Hourihan	PHF	Service to Sydney Rotary, especially as Honorary Archivist and an events facilitator.
Mark Dyer	PHF+3	Services to Rotary and the community especially as Sydney Rotary Membership Director.
Ahmed Al Ahmed	PHF	Rotary recognises his extraordinary bravery during the deadly Bondi Beach shootings. He is a powerful voice for unity and humanity.
Dennis Wilson	PHF	Rotary recognises his contribution to the legal profession and the community.
Don Eyb	PHF	Rotary recognises 64 years of service to the Mounted Police, including 13 years as Officer in Charge.
Rosanna Cepero	PHF	Services to Rotary, PCYC and the community especially by supporting youth through the "YES Scholarships".
John Snelgrove	PHF+1	Services to Rotary, PCYC and the community especially by supporting youth through the "YES Scholarships".
Karen Loblay, AM	PHF+3	Services to Rotary, PCYC and the community especially by supporting youth through the "YES Scholarships".
Glenn Stafford	PHF+3	Services to Rotary and the community as Club President in 2024-25.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR MARK DYER'S REPORT







During the 2025–2026 year, the Rotary Club of Sydney inducted 14 new active members, earning the District Award for Membership Growth. This success was driven by our monthly networking events and January social lunches, which proved effective in attracting prospective members. However, member retention remains a significant challenge, with many new inductees becoming inactive soon after joining. To ensure the club's long-term sustainability and community impact, we must focus on attracting high-calibre business professionals by strengthening our networking opportunities and promoting a "business for purpose" culture. Providing both professional value and meaningful service will help recruit and retain committed, self-motivated members.







HONORARY MEMBERS

Margaret	Beazley, AC AO QC
Joe	Botta
Mayer	Dabbagh
Michele	Dal Pra
Ivica	Glasnovic
Clover	Moore
Louise	Raedler-Waterhouse
Jenny	Soukup
Jose	Vasquez Rivas
Aron	Wakil

MEMBERS

Phoebe	Alexander
James	Allen
Charles	Allen, APM
Nataliia	Bagshaw
Margaret	Beazley, AC AO QC
Rene	Benitez
Joe	Botta
Edward	Boyce
Iurie	Brinister
Russell	Brown
Garry	Browne AM
Terry	Carson AM
Michael	Chilcott
Ian	Conley
Roni	Corne
Wayne	Costin
Kaila	Cruz
Mayer	Dabbagh
Michele	Dal Pra
Thomas	Davey
Thomas	Delisi
Michael	Dermody
Hashim	Durrani
Mark	Dyer
Bruce	Edwards
Dane	Eldridge
Carolyn	Fletcher AM
Nicole	Forrest Green
Samuel	Frimpong
Antonio	Gelonesi
Heinz	Gerstl
John	Given
Ivica	Glasnovic
Clive	Goodwin
Roselle	Gowan
Rahul	Guha
Jet	Hauge
Ester	Hermosura
David	Hirsch
Fleur	Hourihan
David	Kellaway
Olga	Kurushyna
Anthony	Le Marchant
Jon-Claire	Lee
Anthony	Lewis
Lisa	Lin
Igor	Lipkan
Geoffrey	Little
Karen	Loblay, AM
Maureen	Luba
Robin	Luck
Gordon	Mackenzie
Roderick	Macleod
Larysa	Maievska
Simon	Martin
Pete	Marzec
Chris	McDiven AM
Paul	McKenzie
Peter	Mohay
Jose	Montemayor
Clover	Moore
Sam	Mostyn AC
Alfred	Mupenzi
Hanna	Mykytenko
Liudmyla	Olkhovska
Ali	Ozer
Janette	Parkinson
Olha	Pavliuk
Louise	Raedler-Waterhouse
Venkateswar	Raja
John	Randall
Shirley	Randell AO
Sivarama	Sankaran
Alex	Shaw OAM
Michael	Silman
Inderjit	Singh OAM
John	Snelgrove
Jenny	Soukup
Shiva	Sri Ramanathan
Paul	St. Clair
Glenn	Stafford
John	Stark
Ulrike	Straka
Dominic	Teakle
Kuldeep	Thombre
Chris	Timmins
Jose	Vasquez Rivas
Aron	Wakil
Natalie	Ward
Colin	Westman
Geoffrey	Wilbow
Gillean	Wilbow
Felicity	Wu
Roger	Xie
Christine	Yen
Lily	Yuan
Olena	Yurchyshyn
Leon	Zane

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW PRESENTATION













At the Club Changeover on 30th June 2026, a Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) was awarded to Mark Dyer, Rahul Guha and Fleur Hourihan, and also to Kaila Cruz at another club meeting.

Well-deserved for their Service Above Self spirits

Newly Inducted Members in 2025-2026:

1. Nicole Forrest Green - 15th July 2025
2. Ali Ozer - 15th July 2025
3. Robin Luck - 4th Nov 2025
4. Jon-Claire Lee - 4th Nov 2025
5. Maureen Luba - 4th Nov 2025
6. Lily Yuan - 4th Nov 2025
7. Thomas Davey (Geoff) - 2nd Jan 2026
8. Thomas J Delisi - 2nd Jan 2026
9. Dr Peter Marzec - 2nd Jan 2026
10. Leon Zane - 17th Feb 2026
11. Ester Hermousra - 17th Feb 2026
12. Jet Hauge - 21 st Apr 2026
13. Olena Yurchyshyn - 21st Apr 2026
14. Felicity Wu - 2nd June 2026

Presidents over the years

Sydney Rotary

Year	President	Secretary
1921-1922	Sir Henry Braddon KBE	B R Gelling
1922-1923	Sir Henry Braddon KBE	B R Gelling
1923-1924	B R Gelling	C U B Gurnett
1924-1925	A J Gibson	C U B Gurnett
1925-1926	G F Birks	S Stott
1926-1927	W G Conley	J Reid-Hill
1927-1928	W H Ifould	K Kitching
1928-1929	C U B Gurnett	A Burch
1929-1930	Rev A P Campbell	B A Warke
1930-1931	J McIntyre	A P Mackie
1931-1932	E W Buzacott	A P Mackie
1932-1933	Sir George Julius, Kt	A P Mackie
1933-1934	J S Duncan	A P Mackie
1934-1935	Dr R B Wade	K J Blair
1935-1936	Sir Henry Braddon, KBE	H G Hardie
1936-1937	W S Corner	H G Hardie
1937-1938	Dr G R Halloran	O F Carter
1938-1939	R S Maynard	L Fallaw
1939-1940	A S Deane	O F Carter
1940-1941	C Moore	C Hudson
1941-1942	O D A Oberg, CMG	C Hudson
1942-1943	J Reid-Hill	X A Seppelt
1943-1944	C Hudson	X A Seppelt
1944-1945	Sir Kenneth Coles, Kt	A E Coulthurst
1945-1946	C A Degenhardt	W S Corner
1946-1947	Sir Frank McDowell, Kt	A E Coulthurst
1947-1948	A L Rigby	A E Coulthurst
1948-1949	G C Remington, CMG	Sir George Proud, Kt
1949-1950	A D G Stewart	Sir George Proud, Kt
1950-1951	A J Swirles	G P Sinclair
1951-1952	A P Mackie	H W Robinson, CBE
1952-1953	Sir George Proud, Kt	P J Baldwin
1953-1954	H W Robinson, CBE	P J Baldwin
1954-1955	F W Brown	H B Edwards
1955-1956	J H McDowell	H B Edwards
1956-1957	M C Alder	W T Heine
1957-1958	C H W Arthy	W T Heine
1958-1959	E A J Hyde	A D Richmond
1959-1960	W R Hauslaib	A D Richmond
1960-1961	Sir Bernard Freeman, Kt, CBE	F L S Bell
1961-1962	W G Sherington	F L S Bell
1962-1963	P H Budden, OBE	S H Bain
1963-1964	E L Callaway	S H Bain
1964-1965	S K Cole	S E Barratt
1965-1966	S H Bain	S E Barratt
1966-1967	S Downie	H W Stephens
1967-1968	E J Morgan	H W Stephens
1968-1969	N M Cartwright	J C Barkell
1969-1970	E S Solomon	J C Barkell
1970-1971	A E M Geddes	J W Sanders
1971-1972	A L Knight	J W Sanders
1972-1973	H White, CBE	W R Gregg
1973-1974	A G Mitchell, CBE	W R Gregg
1974-1975	H A Llewellyn, AM	M O Goldrick
1975-1976	Dr J D Harley	G R Morgan
1976-1977	K S Sutherland, VRD	M G Stewart
1977-1978	C H Monk, AM	M G Stewart
1978-1979	Harry Gray	J O Lewis
1979-1980	G E Allen	W S Pascoe
1980-1981	R B Carter, MBE	W S Pascoe
1981-1982	D J Kellaway	W S Pascoe
1982-1983	R J Somerville	W S Pascoe
1983-1984	N E M Winckle	A G Stannard
1984-1985	D W Grosvenor	A G Stannard
1985-1986	T N Cappie-Wood	A G Stannard
1986-1987	A G Stannard	E R Crouch
1987-1988	P S Golding, OAM	A W Graham
1988-1989	J H Randall	D B Knudsen
1989-1990	W J Locke	D B Knudsen
1990-1991	J S Craig, OAM	J D Angus
1991-1992	J M Wallace	J D Angus
1992-1993	R Hodgkinson, AM	P M Harrison
1993-1994	G K Moyes, AM	P M Harrison
1994-1995	D J Cortese	P M Harrison
1995-1996	P J J Blythe	J R Dingle
1996-1997	C L Joscelyne	J R Dingle
1997-1998	R T Patteson	J R Henderson
1998-1999	G E McIntyre, AM	J R Henderson
1999-2000	M F Hodgetts	C D Suzuki
2000-2001	R C D Harcourt	C D Suzuki
2001-2002	W L Chillingworth	C D Suzuki
2002-2003	J H Murphy	J Elborn
2002-2004	C J Ferris	P M Harrison
2004-2005	Bruce Edwards	P M Harrison
2005-2006	Adrian Pilton	P M Harrison
2006-2007	Gerry Rihs	E Jeffrey
2007-2008	Garry Browne AM	J Deering
2008-2009	Patricia Harrison	J Elborn
2009-2010	John Given	Alex Shaw
2010-2011	Roslyn McLeod, OAM	Alex Shaw
2011-2012	E S (Ned) Boyce	Alex Shaw
2012-2013	James Allen	Alex Shaw
2013-2014	Geoffrey Wilbow	Michael Gable / Michael Squire
2014-2015	Diana Richards	Karen Loblay / Peter LeMessurier
2015-2016	Andrew Laurie	Alex Ebert
2016-2017	Alex Shaw	Alex Ebert
2017-2018	Shane Herbert	Kelly Eldridge
2018-2019	Rev. Keith Garner AM	Glenn Stafford
2019-2020	Barbara Ward	Glenn Stafford / Roger Xie
2020-2021	Fatima Ali	Roger Xie
2021-2022	Mark Dyer	Geoffrey Wilbow
2022-2023	David Hirsch	Geoffrey Wilbow
2023-2024	Charles Allen	Geoffrey Wilbow / Fleur Hourihan
2024-2025	Glenn Stafford	Paul McKenzie / Geoffrey Wilbow
2025-2026	Phoebe Alexander	Paul McKenzie / Geoffrey Wilbow

* Indicates Active member as of September 2025


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..but the friendships remain.”
PRESIDENT