



“G’Day, Mate”

SPECIAL EVENTS—Both the concert at the Sydney Opera House and Host Hospitality are **SOLD OUT**.

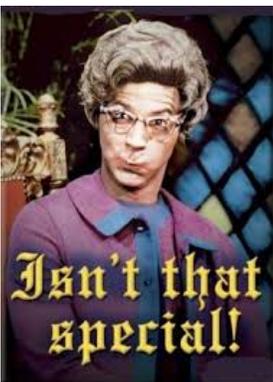


However, there are several other unique opportunities:

- **Thursday, May, 29, 7:10 p.m.—Australian Rules Football**
See the Jan. newsletter for more details.
- **Sunday, June 1, 12–3 p.m.—Great Aussie BBQ**—No charge
Between the two Opening Plenaries, enjoy Aussie hospitality and a “snag” (sausage). There is no charge, but go to <http://rotary2014.com.au/event/great-aussie-bbq/> to register so our hosts will know how much food to prepare.
- **Friday, May 30, 8 p.m. —Tall Ship Cruise**—\$95 AUD per person including food, drink and entertainment. Go to <https://sydts.bookingboss.com/booknow.cfm?e=SYDTS1971> for more information and to purchase tickets.
- **Monday, June 2, 6:30 p.m.—Corroboree on Sydney Harbor**—\$99 AUD per person including dinner (cash bar). Go to <http://www.sydneycoverotary.com/fundraisers/corroboree/> for information on this chance to learn about the Aboriginal people and their traditions.
- **Tuesday, June 3, 7 p.m.—Feast on Sydney**—\$120 AUD person including dinner, wine or beer, and musical entertainment. Go to <http://www.sydneycoverotary.com/fundraisers/feast-on-sydney/> to buy tickets and specify your choice of music from jazz, popular opera or an Aussie Bush Dance.

All harbor events include the Sydney Vivid Light show!

Zones 28-29 Northland Event “Saturday Night Live in Sydney”



**The Church Lady just heard about
“Saturday Night Live in Sydney.”
Hurry - before all the tickets are gone. \$75 US per
person including wine, beer, appetizers and FUN!**

Go to <http://www.directory-online.com/Rotary/SecLogin.cfm>

**Or, if you are not already in the database, go to
www.zones28-29.org/sydney-ri-convention-information/, print
the form, fill it out and mail it in.**



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Important Dates

June 1-4, 2014 —Rotary Sydney Convention

March 31, 2104—Last day to register for \$360. Last day to submit registration by fax or mail. Available tickets for preconvention events and RI luncheons may be purchased onsite.

Useful Links

Host Committee -

www.rotary2014.com.au

Tourism—www.australia.com

Facebook —

www.facebook.com/ricon14

Registration Info— [http://](http://www.riconvention.org/en/2014/Pages/ridefault.aspx)

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Zone Website Info -

www.zones28-29.org/sydney-ri-convention-information/

Travel Tips

Everyone needs a VISA—but getting one is easy. Fill out an application at <https://www.eta.immi.gov.au/ETA/etas.jsp>. Have your passport handy. Pay a fee of \$20 AU (about \$18 US) by credit card. Your Visa will be linked to your passport electronically.

More Travel Information—Videos of “Down Under”

If you are not excited about going to Sydney yet, watch these videos!!!

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VH8P_Qam2OE (Sydney Travel Show)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6mvJ-4zWJLo> (Sydney Travel Guide)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TGaznE3TAaE> (Slide show)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LpgoeCpxU1M> (Must see attractions)



Australian Animal Facts



Wombats are short-legged, muscular marsupials approximately 40 inches in length, with short, stubby tails. They are found in forested, mountainous, and heathland areas of south-eastern

Australia. Wombats dig extensive burrow systems with rodent-like front teeth and powerful claws. One distinctive adaptation of wombats is their backwards pouch. The advantage of a backwards-facing pouch is that when digging, the wombat does not gather soil in its pouch covering its young.



“Snag” - sausage

“Tinny” - a can of beer

SPEAK AUSSIE—FOOD & DRINK

“Sanger” - a sandwich

“Tucker” - food

“Tallie” - a 750ml bottle of beer



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FIRST SPEAKER ANNOUNCED



Dr. Bruce Aylward, WHO's Assistant Director-General for Polio, has been confirmed as a speaker at the 2014 Sydney Convention.

A Canadian physician and epidemiologist, Dr/ Aylward is responsible for the oversight and coordination of all **polio eradication** activities across WHO's Regional Offices, as well as the Global Polio Eradication Initiative partnership.

If you have not heard Dr. Aylward speak before, you are in for a treat. He will bring us an update of where we are in the fight to eradicate this terrible disease. As an absolute believer in our ability to eradicate polio, his talks are both factual and inspirational.