



“G’Day, Mate”

BREAKING NEWS!!! - Due to the difficulties with the online registration process, **RIP Ron Burton has extended the deadline for the “Early bird” Convention registration fee of \$310 per person to Jan. 15.** Go to <http://www.riconvention.org/en/2014/Pages/ridefault.aspx> and click on “Register Now.” The fee goes up to \$360 on Jan. 16th.

If you are still having trouble registering, you have two options:



1. Go to <http://rotary2014.com.au/the-convention/trouble-registering/> for more detailed instructions; or,
2. Go to <http://www.riconvention.org/en/2014/Downloads/Pages/ridefault.aspx> and click on “Registration and ticketed RI event form” to download a print version of the form. Fill it out and FAX it to the phone number in the upper right hand corner of the first page.

You can also download and print an “Individual housing form” for your **hotel reservations.** However, this form must be FAXed to a different phone number. ***Be sure to read the first page of each form for the correct FAX number.***

Once you have registered, check the December Newsletter for information on discounted airfares through Qantas Airlines.

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



Don’t be a Conehead! Register for “Saturday Night Live in Sydney” before it’s too late.



Just go to <http://www.directory-online.com/Rotary/SecLogin.cfm> and sign in.

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

Jan. 16, 2014-Increase in registration price

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)

www.riconvention.org/en/2014/Pages/ridefault.aspx

Zone Website Info -

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

Travel Tips

Weather—Remember that June is the beginning of the winter in Sydney.

But Sydney enjoys a temperate climate with a mild winter and more than 340 days of sunshine.

The average temperatures in June are 65°F during the day and 48°F in the evening.

It should be dry, but plan to dress in layers for an all-day outing.

And, remember that it will be cooler if you take a trip to the Blue Mountains.

Projects, Fundraising & Fellowship Ideas from “Down Under”

When you pick up your registration bag in Sydney, you can feel good knowing that these cloth bags have helped women in the typhoon-ravaged Philippines earn a living. The bags are being made by a company owned by the women and sponsored by an Australian Rotary Club!



Australian Animal Facts



If you visit the island of Tasmania, you might see a **Tasmanian Devil**.

The largest carnivorous marsupial in the world, the “devil” is the size of a small dog. It is characterized by its stocky and muscular build, black fur, pungent odor, extremely loud and disturbing screech, keen sense of smell, and ferocity when feeding. Found only in the island state of Tasmania, the devil is capable of surprising speed, and can climb trees and swim across rivers.

SPEAK AUSSIE

“Walkabout” - a walk in the Outback by Aborigines that can last for an indefinite amount of time

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UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY

Go to an **Australian Rules Football (AFL) Match** - This unique football game pits two teams of 18 players each on an oval nearly three times the size of a soccer field. Their sole aim is to get possession of the football and kick it through one of *three sets of goal posts* at each end.



This fast and furious match will take place on **THURSDAY, MAY 29th at 7:10 p.m.** at the famous Sydney Cricket Ground and will pit the Sydney Swans against the Geelong Cats from Victoria. Express your interest in purchasing tickets at <http://rotary2014.com.au/event/australian-rules-football-afl-match/>