

“A Stronger Australian Rotary”

Australian Rotary Conference, 21-22 August 2010

Hellenic Club, Woden A.C.T.

Following the success of the Australian Presidential Membership Conference in 2008, and the many requests for a follow up conference, I am happy to announce this initiative for the Rotary year 2010-11.

Special guests will include the incoming President of R.I., Ray Klingensmith (from Missouri U.S.A.), and R.I. Director Zone 8 (2010-12) Stuart Heal from New Zealand.

First conceived by your current Regional Membership Coordinators as a means to continue discussion on membership issues, the conference theme of “A Stronger Australian Rotary” indicates we have progressed and will progress further. A small number of highly qualified speakers will introduce topics. Maximum time will be available for facilitated group discussion on ways to strengthen and support Rotary at all levels, especially the club, to improve awareness of Rotary in Australia and our near neighbouring countries, and to focus our service efforts and initiatives for optimum effect and benefit to those we serve.

This conference is open to all Rotarians within Zone 8 (Australia, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, and Timor Leste). We want the leaders & members of every Rotary District in our zone, and we want representatives from most of our Rotary clubs. The opinions and contributions of Rotarians at club level will be vital to our deliberations. Please encourage new Rotarians to attend; they are members who will bring new ideas to Rotary and we want to hear them!

The conference will have a very reasonable and affordable cost structure; registration details and costs will be available in the very near future. Please write the date 21-22 August in your diaries, in your club and district calendars now. Plan to have people attend this conference, and schedule to follow up in later months with District seminars and club events at which some of the great ideas you will take home can be passed on and implemented.

As Rotary Coordinator (Zone 8) 2010-11 I will convene the conference, I will be assisted by my fellow membership coordinators of the current Rotary year, and a competent local arrangements committee chaired by PDG Bob Greeney.

Please contact me (robwy43@bigpond.net.au) or Bob Greeney (greeneyb@iimetro.com.au) for more information.

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