



Rotary Club of Williamstown Friends of Rotary

In addition to Rotary membership, the Rotary Club of Williamstown also offers a “Friends of Rotary” programme.

The primary role of the Friends of Rotary programme is to provide an opportunity for community minded people to become connected to our Club. In addition, such a Friends of Rotary would have a vehicle through which to volunteer their time and become connected to their community.

Reasons for someone choosing to become a Friend of Rotary, as opposed to becoming a regular Rotary member might include time, work or financial constraints. Nevertheless they would still seek to be actively involved in their community.

Friends of Rotary are more than welcome to apply to full Rotary membership at any time.

As a Friend of Rotary the minimum level of commitment required is attendance of one Club meeting a quarter and participation in one Club activity a semester. A Friend of Rotary *must comply* with all District Protection Policies with respect to programmes and activities of the Club that involve youth and vulnerable adults.

Cost: \$50.00 per annum.

Benefits:

- Meet new friends
- Opportunity to network
- Get involved in local projects
- Connect to the community
- Have some fun!
- Attend social and official functions run by the Club
- Assist in fund raising and volunteer activities
- Be part of overseas Rotary projects.

The primary role of Friends of Rotary is to provide an opportunity that connects community minded people to our Club. It is intended to provide an avenue of participation to people who cannot, or may not, wish to join the Club as Rotarian (eg. Due to time, work or financial constraints), but who nevertheless would like to help promote the Rotary ideals in our community and have a link to our Club.

A Friend Of Rotary would be invited to participate in activities of the Rotary Club of Williamstown as follows:

- Attend Club meetings when they wish, particularly on special occasions
- Attend all social and official functions run by the Club
- Assist in fund raising and volunteer activities of the Club.

Guidelines

1. A Friend of Rotary is not a member of the Rotary Club of Williamstown and is therefore not entitled to the rights, or subject to the responsibilities of membership provided for in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Club. Rather a Friend of Rotary has a formal association with the Club which provides an avenue to participate in Club activities.
2. A Friend of Rotary may be accepted by the Board following invitation by a member of the Club and nomination to the Board.
3. An accepted Friend of Rotary will be formally welcomed at a meeting of the Club and presented with a badge entitled "Friend of the Rotary Club of Williamstown".
4. The initial period of a Friend of Rotary association with the Club will be for the current Rotary Year, renewable as appropriate by the Board on an annual basis.
5. The Friend of Rotary sponsor will be the link between that Friend and the Club on an ongoing basis. The member would ensure that the Friend of Rotary receives details of all Club activities and is encouraged to have involvement in those activities.
6. The Friend of Rotary fee will be \$50.00 to cover all administration costs.
7. Friend of Rotary meals and costs of other social activities are to be paid at the same rate as members.
8. A Friend of Rotary will be entitled to receive the Club weekly Bulletin.
9. A Friend of Rotary shall not vote on any decisions made by the Club, nor serve on the Board.
10. A Friend of Rotary will not be entitled to wear the Rotary lapel badge.
11. A Friend of Rotary is *obliged to comply* with all applicable District Protection Policies with respect to programmes and activities of the Club that involve youth and vulnerable adults.
12. If at any time a Friend of Rotary expresses a wish to become a full member of the Club, the usual procedures shall apply as for any new member.
13. A Friend of Rotary association with the Club is open to existing Club members with the agreement of the Board, however the member must resign from Rotary.
14. All the above guidelines may be varied from time to time with the agreement of the Board.