

2018 Australia New Zealand Rotary Conference

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CONVENOR: Noel Trevaskis, RI Director 2016/18

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Registrations are Open!

The Conference website <http://www.rotaryinstitute.org.au/> is now available for your registration to the 2018 Australia New Zealand Rotary Conference.

We all know it's way too easy to leave booking anything until the last minute. After all, we are busy Rotarians! HOWEVER... we want to encourage you to register early for this conference. And, to give you a little incentive, we have something special to tempt you.

This is not just a bottle or two of unbelievably good Tasmanian wine...BUT an entire case!

So, make sure you **register by 31st March** to be in the draw to *taste the possibilities!*



The momentum is building!

The 2018 Australia New Zealand Rotary Conference is really taking shape.

Change is a big part of what makes us grow and learn, and Rotary is no different. That is why it's so important you come along to the Conference and hear about the many changes that are impacting on Rotary and how we are embracing them for a stronger future.

From tackling the declining membership issue to communicating our message effectively to the world and ensuring Rotary remains the foremost global humanitarian volunteer organisation requires sound strategy and innovation, as well as the tactical ability to make it all happen. The Conference is where you will hear about these strategies and how you can harness them within your own District and Club.

I would like to remind everyone that this conference is open to all Rotarians and Rotaractors. It's a great opportunity for all of us to learn more about Rotary and what we are doing as Rotarians to make a difference in the world.

Make sure you register now so that you can *Explore the Possibilities!*

Noel Trevaskis
Convenor



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Meet RI Director Elect, Raffy Garcia

Raffy joined the Rotary Club of Pasig, District 3800, as the first non-charter member in January 1971 at the age of 26. From a slow start an

impressive Rotary career followed after he became club president in 2006/7 with highlights listed below:

- Acknowledged as the Most Outstanding President of D3800 after increasing RC Pasig's membership from 35 to 78 making it the largest club in D3800. RC Pasig was also acclaimed to be the Most Outstanding Club winning 37 district awards and a Four Avenues of Service award from Rotary International for its RC Pasig GK Village project, the largest Rotary assisted GK village in the country.
- Served as 2011-12 District Governor of D3800.
- Appointed Endowment and Major Gifts Adviser, Zone 7a in 2013-2017.
- Elected Chairman of the Philippine College of Rotary Governors for RY 2015-2016 and Chairman of the Philippine Rotary Magazine Foundation for 2016-2017.
- A Benefactor, a member of the Paul Harris Society and a member of the Arch C. Klumph Society Trustee's Circle in 2012 with more than \$250,000 in contributions and the Chair's Circle in 2013 with more than \$500,000 in contributions.
- Established The ONE Philippines, as Chairman to recognize unsung heroes who have dedicated their lives to doing good for others, RY2017 - for life
- Appointed Philippine Country Coordinator, Rotary Global Rewards Program, RY2015-2019
- Elected as RI Director for RY 2018-2020
- Appointed Member of Basic Education & Literacy, Major Gift Initiative Committee, RY 2017-2018,
- Appointed Coordinator, Cadre of Technical Advisors Economic and Community Development RY 2016-2019 of the Rotary Foundation.
- Chosen in 2005 by People Asia Magazine as one of it's People of the Year awardees for improving the efficiency of the government IT systems that his companies worked on
- Featured in People Asia Magazine October 2005 Issue
- Chosen as Man of the Year in 1975 by the Data Processing Management Association of the Philippines
- Chosen International Manager of the Year in 1979 by the Computer Lessors Association.

After founding Summa Computer Services Corporation in 1974, and building it into a 44-company international conglomerate, the Mega Group of Computer Companies, Raffy retired from active management in 2009 to

concentrate on his Rotary activities, as well as those of the Young Presidents Organisation, of which he is a life member.

Raffy is also an accomplished athlete, holding gold and silver Philippine NCAA medals in 100m and 200m as well as two US Big Six (the predecessor of PAC12) silver medals in Olympic wrestling. He was also captain of the soccer teams of Ateneo de Manila University and Washington State University in the 60's. A past single handicap golfer with three hole-in-one's and over 250 amateur trophies to his name, Raffy won the 1977 Pro-Am tournament of the World Cup of Golf which was held at Wackwack Golf & Country Club along with Italian Pro Delio Lovato.

Raffy is married to Minda Acacio Garcia, former club president of the Founding Manila Chapter of Soroptimists International, past Regional Governor for the Philippine Region of Soroptimists International and an incumbent member of the Fund Development Board. She was recently elected as a member of the board of directors of Soroptimists International for 2017-2019. Raffy and Minda have four children and eight grandchildren.

Described by a close friend and fellow RC Pasig Club Member, as a selfless Filipino and hero (an ordinary Filipino doing what he usually does day-by-day and achieving a measure of attention because of his deeds), meeting and hearing Raffy at the Conference promises to be memorable.

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We will be assisting the Conference with a donation for every car hired so please ensure you quote the code:

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to ensure this gets passed on.

Safe travels and see you soon!

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Director

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Another spectacular reason to visit Hobart for the Conference...

The Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens is Celebrating 200 years

The Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens (known as “the Gardens”) was established in 1818 and is one of the oldest in Australia and one of the earliest continuously running heritage sites in Tasmania. Located on the foreshore of the Derwent River, the Gardens house highly sensitive Aboriginal heritage with archaeological excavations uncovering extensive shell middens and stone artefacts dating back more than 5,000 years.

A living collection of more than 4,000 species, the Gardens is one of Australia’s premier cool climate collections. It is defined by convict-built structures with a heritage that reveals a story of layers: the traditional land of the Muwinina people, a colonial government farm and, more recently a centre for conservation and community. The Gardens featured heavily in the ABC’s *Gardening Australia* program with gardening guru, Peter Cundall turning the vegie patch into a true highlight.

A visit to the Gardens is a must. It’s close to the conference venue and transport is easy via Red Decker’s ‘hop-on, hop-off’ city loop tour...and lunch at *Succulent*, the onsite restaurant will not disappoint!



**HAVE SOMETHING TO
SHOWCASE?**

BOOK A BOOTH!



With the 2018 Australia New Zealand Rotary Conference fast becoming the biggest event on the Rotary calendar in our Zone, why not take advantage of showcasing your special Rotary project and register for a booth.

Cost: \$900 plus GST = \$990

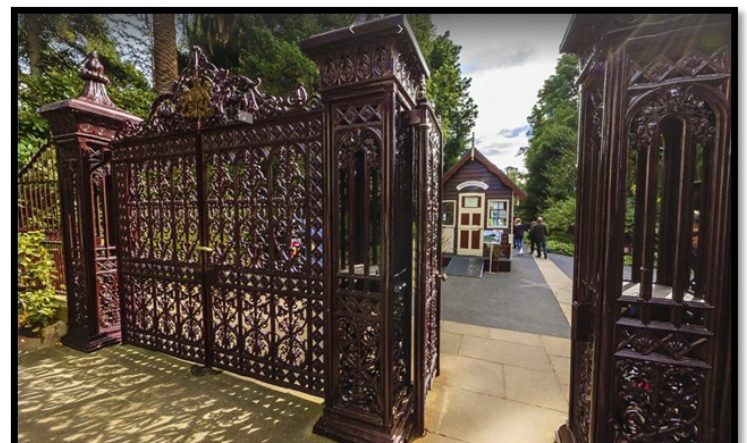
Dimensions: 3 x 2 meters with fascia signage

Power & Lights: 4 amp power supply, 4 way power board, 2 x 150 w spot lights.

Contact: PDG Una Hobday, unahob@gmail.com

Need an invoice? PDG Bruce Buxton will happily oblige.

15 booths are already booked, so register your interest now so you don't miss out!



CLASS REUNION DINNERS

PDG Ian Shuey shares why you should attend the 2018 Conference and rekindle those friendships, especially in Hobart!

Now is the time to rally your Zone class mates of your DG year by attending the 2018 Australia New Zealand Rotary Conference [Zone 7B & 8 Institute] in Hobart.

The gathering of your clan is always a highlight, as is renewing friendships and fond memories. An estimated 400 delegates and partners are expected to attend, and for good reason. Tasmania made the "Lonely Planets" Travel Guide's TOP FOUR MUST VISIT DESTINATIONS in the world. It has developed a fresh hip and inclusive attribute, sparked by the brilliant revival of its now super-cool waterfront capital, Hobart, and the development of a year-long events capital.

Record numbers of visitors are descending south (or west if you are from NZ) to Tasmania. The stories often start the same way—visitors have heard of but haven't really understood Tasmania, and don't know what to expect. The story often ends the same way—visitors falling in love with Tasmania and feeling grateful that they chose a unique conference destination.

Class reunion dinners are scheduled for the evening of Friday 14th September 2018. Over the next several months you are in a prime position to inspire your class year colleagues to attend this celebration, as you no doubt communicate frequently with them.

Our Tassie tourism boom is fostering a vibrant hospitality and restaurant industry in and around Salamanca Cove, Battery Point, Sandy Bay and North Hobart; all offering private dining areas.

Why not organise a reunion...already I've had amazing response from my own 2009/10 class mates, and have even started organising a 3-day post Conference tour of south eastern Tasmania.

Yours in Rotary

PDG Ian Shuey

DG 2009/10

Member -2018 Conference Organising Committee



Restaurants & websites for ideas on suitable reunion venues:

Ball and Chain: 10 minutes walk from HGC (Hotel Grand Chancellor) 87 Salamanca Place. Ph 6223 2655
www.ballandchain.com.au

The Glass House: 10 minutes walk from HGC, Brooke St. Pier, Hobart. Ph 0437 245 540 www.theglass.house

Landscapes Restaurant: 5 minutes walk from HGC (part of Henry Jones @ 25 Hunter Street, Hobart) Ph 6210 7700
www.thehenryjones.com

Mures Upper Deck: 5 minutes walk from HGC, Victoria Dock, opposite HGC. Ph 62311999 www.mures.com.au

Drunken Admiral: 5 minutes walk from HGC, 17 Hunter Street. Ph 6234 1903 www.drunkenadmiral.com.au

Me Wah Restaurant: 10 minutes by taxi from HGC, Suite 16, Magnet Court, Sandy Bay [Up market !] Ph 6223 3688 www.mewah.com.au

Astor Grill: 10 minutes walk from HGC, 157 Macquarie Street Hobart. Ph 6234 3122 www.astorgrill.com.au

The Old Woolstore's Stockmans Restaurant: 2 minute walk from HGC. Ph: 6235 5355 www.oldwoolstore.com.au/dinner-at-stockmans-restaurant

The Black Footed Pig: 7 minutes walk from HGC, 8 Brooke St. Hobart. Ph 6224 2222 Google "The Black Footed Pig"

The Hope and Anchor Tavern: 5 minutes walk from HGC, 65 Macquarie St. Hobart Ph 6236 9982

Customs House Hotel: 10 minutes walk from HGC, 1 Murray Street, Hobart. Ph 6231 1156 www.customshousehotel.com

Hog's Breath Café: 2 minutes walk from HGC, "Gasworks", 2 Macquarie St. Hobart. Ph 6236 9955 www.hogsbreath.com.au

The Brick Factory: 10 minutes walk from HGC, Salamanca Square, Battery Point. Ph 6224 0882 www.thebrickfactory.com.au

Hadleys Orient Hotel: 10 minutes walk from HGC, 34 Murray Street, Hobart. Ph 6237 2999 www.hadleysshotel.com.au

For those wishing to arrive early and stay longer, check out the following websites and share with your reunion colleagues:

www.discovertasmania

www.tourismtasmania.com.au

www.gobehindthescenery.com.au

www.lonelyplanet.com/australia/tasmania

Stop the Press!

An exciting announcement for all Rotary Youth Exchange Students & Rotaractors...

RI Director 2016/18 and Conference Convenor, Noel Trevaskis, has advised that all Rotary Youth Exchange Students will be entitled to free Conference registration! Rotaractors will receive a discounted registration rate of \$200. More on this in the next issue.