

Rotary Acronyms

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Acronyms	Description
3-H GRANTS	Health, hunger and humanity - Grants of US\$100k to \$500K for multi- year international projects and social development
ACRE	Australian Campaign for Rabbit Eradication
ADG	Assistant District Governor
AG	Assistant Governor - One of a number of senior Rotarians appointed by District Governor (DG) to assist with administration of a group of clubs in that year
AIDAB	Australian International Development Assistance Bureau
ALUMNI	District and Club Groups - Association of former members of Group Study Exchange teams (GSE), Scholars and other Foundation programmes
Ambassadorial Scholars	An international programme of Rotary Foundation - Enables men and women to spend an academic year abroad in university level or vocational studies
ANZO	The abbreviation of our Rotary Region - Australia, New Zealand, Oceania.
ANZSE	Australia New Zealand Study Exchange Back to top
ARH	Australian Rotary Health - A multi-District project approved by RI to seek public donations in support of health research within Australia. Previously ARHRF.
ARHRF	Australian Rotary Health Research Fund - A multi-District project approved by RI to seek public donations in support of health research within Australia. Now abbreviated to ARH.
AVAC	Australian Vocational Advisory Committee
Board of a Rotary Club	The governing body of a Rotary club expected to meet monthly - Consists of President, Vice President(s), President Elect, Immediate Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, Directors and others as the By-Laws shall provide
CAP	Community Assistance Program
Carl P Miller Discovery Grant	RI Foundation grant up to US\$3000 for travel, research of an international service project - To be used by a Rotarian or group thereof who have a written invitation from club in host country who will offer home-hosting
Catalogue	List of all major publications, supplies etc available from RI - Supplementary updates issued annually in July Contains order forms to send to NSW Branch Office of RI (Gratis)
Charter Member	The original members of a newly chartered club - Identified with a special lapel badge
Classification	A principal concept to assure each Rotary club represents cross section of business/professions - Describes the distinct and recognised business or professional service which the Rotarian renders to society (Not position held)
Club and District Changeovers	A mainly formal event held annually just prior to a new Rotary year and includes partners - Formal changeover to new President and team of incoming Officers/Directors and provides a review of past year achievements and activities
Club Banner	A small flag expressive of the community, country or region of a club - Commonly used to present to visitors or exchange with clubs visited throughout the world

Club Charter	A document issued when a new club is admitted to Membership in RI - Signed by RI Pres, General Secretary and DG Date thereon represents date of official membership Framed and preserved
Club Committees	The "action" groups within a club - Comprise standing committees under the 4 Avenues of Service plus others approved by the Board Each headed by a Director, with Deputy and committee members
Club Forum	Formal meeting of an entire club - Called to inform members about service activities and progress of projects Also an opportunity for members to air views
Club Secretary's Manual	Issued by RI to each incoming Club Secretary - Contains procedures and guides to dates and secretarial functions etc
Club Task Allocation	List of essential tasks allocated to members - Enables spread of administrative and essential tasks to ensure effective outcomes List available from Secretary
CMS	Citation for Meritorious Service
COG	Council of Governors
COM	Council of Management
Council of Governors	A District committee - Past DG's who convene to give advice to the current DG on programmes, policies and procedures
Council On Legislation	The legislative body of Rotary International - Composed of one delegate from each Rotary District that meet each 3 years to consider proposed changes to the Rotary Constitution and Bylaws
DAA	Disaster Aid Australia
DART	Disaster Aid Rotary Team
DDF	District Designated Funds Back to top
DG	District Governor - Directly responsible to the Board of Rotary International (RI) for the supervision of clubs within a designated district
DGD	District Governor-Designate (DG next+2 Rotary Year)
DGE	District Governor-Elect (DG next Rotary Year)
DGN	District Governor-Nominee (DG next+1 Rotary Year)
DGND	District Governor Nominee Designate
DIK	Donations-in-kind - Supplies of donated educational and medical equipment available to serve a need in the developing world
DIN	Donations-in-Kind Information Network
District Conference	Annual event for members and partners - Held annually in each District to further the programmes of Rotary through fellowship, inspiring speakers and recognition of club activities etc
DLP	District Leadership Plan
DLT	District Leadership Team - Approved by RI to begin 1/1/1997 An enhanced organisational structure in a District to enable cost-effective growth and faster, more responsive support to clubs by appointment of Assistant Governors
DRFC	District Rotary Foundation Committee

DRR	District Rotaract Representative
DSA	Distinguished Service Award
DSG	District Simplified Grants
DT	District Trainer
EN	English (language)
FAIM	Fourth Avenue In Motion - Teams of Rotary Volunteers assist build hospitals, schools etc for under- privileged people and carry out specialist work. Now known as Project Volunteers.
FARG	Foundation Alumni Resource Group.
Fellowship	A major club function - Promotes acquaintance among members through participation in clubs? recreational and social activities
Five Avenues of Service	Club Service; Vocational Service; Community Service; International Service and New Generations.
Founder of Rotary	Refers to Paul P Harris - Organised the first Rotary Club in Chicago in 1905 Born 19 April 1868 died 27 January 1947
Four Avenues of Service (Now FIVE)	Now Five Avenues of Service with the addition of New Generations. The major elements of the "Object of Rotary" - Term used to refer to Club Service; Vocational Service; Community Service and International Service. New Generations was unofficially known as "Service to Youth".
Friendship Club	A less formal agreement that may lead to Sister Club status after a trial period - As above but less demanding of mutual co-operation until proper communication lines and philosophy is established
Functional Literacy Programme	An RI programme since 1992 - To meet the needs of adults deemed to be functionally illiterate and to promote support for reading, writing skills through community Literacy centres
GB and I	Association of clubs in Great Britain and Ireland - Clubs located in England, Scotland, Wales Ireland, Channel Is and Isle of Man
GETS	Governor-Elect Training Seminar
GNG	Global Networking Groups
GSE	Group Study Exchange Back to top
GSE Team	Group Study Exchange Team Programme of Rotary Foundation of RI - A cultural and Educational exchange of young non-Rotarian professionals which promotes international understanding through travel and personal contact Usually once annually for duration of 4 to 5 weeks under Rotary leadership
Helping Grants	Up to US\$15K based on 2:1 match of club or district contributions - For projects in a country other than that of the sponsor where Rotary participation is not possible
Honorary Member	Recognition of a past member or non-Rotarian - Persons who have distinguished themselves by meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals
Horizons	A District or club Committee - To research and propose a forward planning approach within District or club to improve organisational structures and consider suggestions which will attract younger prospective members
ICUFR	International Computer Users Fellowship of Rotarians, a Rotary International Fellowship. http://www.icufr.org/

IFYR	International Fellowship of Yachting Rotarians
Inner Wheel	An international organisation of women - A Rotary sponsored service group open to wives, widows of present and past Rotarians
Interact	Interaction between youth and service - World-wide Rotary sponsored group of young people dedicated to service and International understanding and is open to students in their last 4 years of secondary education
International Assembly	An annual assembly of District Governor Nominees held in Anaheim, US in Feb/Mar - To educate, instruct and inspire DGNs and adoption of RI theme and new programmes of RI
International Convention	World-wide gathering of all Rotarians and partners - Held usually in May in a different country chaired by RI President
INTERPLAST	International Plastic Surgery Programme - Established by District 9800 in 1980 and sends teams of volunteer surgeons and nurses to developing countries to operate on deformities, burns et
IPAC	International Projects Advisory Committee - A national committee to update registry of international projects identified as suitable for support by clubs
IPDG	Immediate Past District Governor
IPEC	International Polio Eradication Committee
IPP	Immediate Past President
IPPC	International PolioPlus Committee
LOA	Leave of Absence. Upon written request to the Club Board - May be granted to excuse member from meetings for a specified length of time but does not operate to give credit for attendance (See Make-Ups)
LYTE	Long Term Youth Exchange
Make-Ups	Making up of attendance at meetings or another Rotary Club or District meeting - A card is obtained from the visited club in order that credit for attendance is gained Make-ups can be within 14 days prior to or following the normal meeting
Matching Grants	Up to US\$50K that match club contributions - For projects involving Clubs in 2 or more countries for humanitarian service
Membership Identification Card	Used by member to verify current membership (CD3-420-EN) - Issued by Club Secretary upon payment of annual dues Shows expiry date of year end
MOP	Manual of Procedure - A reference manual for Rotary Leaders updated each 3 years Contains policies & procedures for club and RI administration
MUNA	Model United Nations Assembly - An international youth project that simulates the workings of the United Nations Usually held annually for 2 days in March
MUNA	Model United Nations Assembly Back to top
NCC	National Coordinating Committees (of RAWCS)
NESS	National Engineering Summer School
NID	National Immunization Days
NPF	National Project Funding

NYSF	National Youth Science Forum - A programme sponsored by Rio Tinto to enable select secondary science students to attend a science forum annually
Object of Rotary	A statement from the Rotary Constitution - The object is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise
OD Official Directory	A RI publication - Issued by RI annually containing list of all clubs, names and addresses of all Presidents, Secretaries, time and place of meetings etc Available from Club Sec
OL Operation Livewire	A vocational programme in Australia - Sponsored by Shell Australia to encourage young people aged 18-25 to establish their own business Rotarians act as mentors
ORK	Orphan Rescue Kit
PACE	Pacific-Australia Cultural Exchange
PAG	Past Assistant Governor
PAL	Promote Adult Literacy
PDG	Past District Governor
PE	President-Elect
PEDS	Presidents Elect Designates Seminar
Peer Support Foundation	Non-profit group founded 1971 with Rotary support - Operates in most state primary and secondary schools to offer leadership training for senior students who in turn assist integration of new students
PEPS	Presidents Elect Preparatory Seminar
Per Capita Dues	Dues each club pays to RI for each active, senior active and past service member - Payable semi-annually on 1 July and 1 January at current rate of exchange notified by RI
PETS	Presidents Elect Training Seminar - Held annually for incoming Presidents and partners to be trained in the administration of their club and to develop challenging projects and programmes
PHF	Paul Harris Fellow - A form of recognition for financial or meritorious service to the Foundation or to the community generally
PHF Sustaining Member	Recognises financial contributions to the Foundation in increments - Recognises individuals who have made contributions in instalments up to US\$1000
PHF with Sapphire	Supplementary recognition to above PHF - A special recognition gold pin with blue stone to represent additional financial contribution or meritorious service
PHS	Paul Harris Society
PHSM	Paul Harris Sustaining Member
PISAPO	Rotary International South Pacific and Philippines Office
Polio Plus	An international programme of Rotary Foundation - To protect all of the world's children from poliomyelitis through national immunisation days, laboratory networks and reporting of suspected cases
Project Volunteers	Teams of from 2 to 6 volunteers visit for 2 to 4 weeks to developing countries to provide skills training and assistance. This is one of the programs that comes under the RAWCS umbrella.
PP	Past President Back to top

PPE	Preserve Planet Earth
PPRI	Past President Rotary International
PRI	President Rotary International
PRID	Past Rotary International Director
PRIE	President Rotary International Elect
PRIP	Past Rotary International President
PROBUS	Professional and Business - A Rotary sponsored group for retirees and semi-retired professional and business people Meet monthly
Provisional Club	A group organising the formation of a new club - Meets weekly until admitted to membership of Rotary International with a minimum of 25 charter members
RAGS	Rotary Action Groups
RAM	Rotarians Against Malaria - Project to support anti-malaria projects in selected countries in Asia Pacific region
RAOAF	Rotary Australia Overseas Aid Fund
RAWCS	Rotary Australia World Community Services Ltd - A public company formed 1987 to co-ordinate and authorise the various international activities within Districts. Programs that come under RAWCS include Project Volunteers, RAM, SWSL and DIK.
RC	Rotary Club
RCC	Rotary Community Corps
RCD	Rotary Club Director
RCP	Rotary Code of Policies
RDU	Rotary Down Under
RFE	Rotary Friendship Exchange
RFFA	Rotarians For Fighting AIDS
RI	Rotary International - The association of Rotary Clubs of Rotary Clubs throughout the world
RIBI	Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland
RID	Rotary International Director
RIDE	Rotary International Director Elect
RIF	Relief Institution Fund - A District disaster relief fund to which clubs can contribute to alleviate distress from natural disasters occurring within Australia
RIF	Rotary International Foundation
RIMC	Rotary International Membership Coordinator
RINO	Rotarian in name only
RIP	Rotary International President
RIPA	Rotary International President's Ambassador

RIPE	Rotary International President Elect
RIPR	Rotary International President Representative - sometimes colloquially known as "RIPA"
RITS	Rotary International Travel Service
RLI	Rotary Leadership Institute - The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a series of fast-paced, interactive, one-day courses offered to refine a Rotarian's leadership skills and increase their base of knowledge in Rotary.
RNN	Rotary News Network
ROAR	Rotary Organization of Armatur Radio
ROBIN	Rotary Native Bird Nestbox Project
ROMAC	Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children - Established by District 9800 in 1984 and is expanding statewide and interstate Finances medical aid and operations in Australian hospitals for children up to age 15 brought from South East Asia and Pacific Region
ROMEO	Rotary Old Men, Eating Only Back to top
ROTA	Rotary Overseas Travel Award
ROTI	Rotarians On The Internet - A Rotary International Fellowship - http://www.roti.org/
ROTARACT	A Rotary sponsored service group - For young people aged 18 to 30 who meet each two weeks to foster service to the local and international community
ROTARTANK	Rotary Water Tanks - Established by District 9800 to supply and install portable fresh water tanks by Rotary Project Volunteers in neighbouring countries
Rotary	Founded 1905 by Paul Harris in Chicago US - An organisation of business and professional persons united world-wide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world
Rotary Club Flag	The official flag of Rotary with emblem and club name - For display at club and district assemblies
Rotary Down Under (RDU)	The official Rotary magazine for the South West Pacific region - Distributed monthly to clubs or by post to Rotarians address Subscription is compulsory
Rotary Emblem	An emblem representing "civilisation and movement" - A gear wheel with 6 spokes, 24 cogs, in colours of royal blue and gold A key was added in 1923 to signify the wheel was a "worker" not an "idler"
Rotary Foundation	A philanthropic Trust - A not-for-profit corporation whose activities extend world-wide to achieve world understanding and peace. Also known as TRF.
Rotary Themes or Mottos	Official slogans adopted annually by RI President - A theme that changes yearly to reflect the philosophy and programmes for the year Principal motto that remains constant is "Service Above Self" since 1989
Rotary Village Corps	Not common in Australia but wide spread in US - Self-help groups of non-rotarians sponsored by Rotary Clubs to improve community living conditions
Rotary Volunteers	A local and overseas volunteer programme - Teams of from 2 to 6 volunteers visit for 2 to 4 weeks to developing countries to provide skills training and assistance. Also known as Project Volunteers.
Rotary Volunteers	Voluntary overseas service - Facilitates placement of volunteers and may cover some expenses of those serving abroad for 28 days or more

Programme	
ROTEX	Organisation of Ex-Rotary Exchange Students
ROTOPLAST	Rotaplast International is a non-profit, humanitarian organization founded in 1992 as a world community service project of the Rotary Club of San Francisco
ROVE	Rotary Overseas Vocational Exchange - A programme to encourage vocational exchanges of up to 12 weeks
RRFC	Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator
RRVF	Rotary Recreational and Vocational Fellowships
RTN	Rotarian
RYDA	Roadsafe Youth Driver Awareness
RYLA	Rotary Youth Leadership Award - An interactive, experientially-based leadership conference offered in the last week of November each year.
RYE	Rotary Youth Exchange
RYPEN	Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment - A programme of weekend seminars for young people aged 14 to 17 years Two seminars are held in October and March.
RYWELL	Rotary Youth Wellbeing
SHARE	Share (RF distribution of funds)
SRT	ShelterBox Response Team
Sister Club	Relationship agreement between clubs in other Countries/districts - To foster better understanding and fellowship exchange and mutual support and co-operation on humanitarian projects
SSE	Summer Science Experience
SSWSL	Safe Sanitation and Water Saves Lives. (Was formerly Safe Water Saves Lives - SSWL)
Southwest Pacific Service Centre	Office of RI based in Parramatta, NSW - Serves Rotary clubs and Districts in Australia, NZ and Pacific Islands
SRCC	Standard Rotary Club Constitution Back to top
Standard Club Constitution	Originally adopted in 1922 - Provides the framework for all clubs in the world and is a condition to receiving a charter
STYE	Short Term Youth Exchange
SWSL	Safe Water Save Lives - Project teams of up to 3 weeks to funding and assisting install fresh clean water tanks and dams in overseas communities
TARFT	The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust - A trust funds that offers Rotarians and corporations etc a tax free deduction on donations to the Rotary Foundation
The 4-Way Test	A measure for Rotarians of conduct and thinking - 1 Is it the truth? 2 Is it fair to all concerned? 3 Will it build goodwill and better friendships? 4 Will it be beneficial to all concerned?
The Rotarian	"The Rotarian". A monthly magazine put out by Rotary International with articles, news and views in a number of languages.

The Rotary World	An RI publication - Three copies sent bi-monthly to all club presidents direct from RI
Theme Months	Focus in various months on major activities - Gives specific attention to Membership (August) Youth (Sept) Vocational (Oct) Foundation (Nov) Awareness (Jan) World Understanding (Feb) Magazine (April) Rotaract Week (Mar)
TR	The Rotarian (magazine)
TRF	The Rotary Foundation
WCS	World Community Service
WFA	World Fellowship Activities
World Fellowship Committee	An international programme - For the many groups of Rotarians sharing common sporting & vocational interest and encourages reciprocal visits to other countries where home-hosted
YEP	Youth Exchange Programme Back to top
YEX	Youth Exchange. An international youth programme of exchange - Reciprocal 12 month secondary school exchanges between students sponsored by local and overseas Districts and clubs