**ROTARY CLUB OF HEALESVILLE**

**FRIENDS OF ROTARY**

The primary role of the Friends of Rotary (FoR) 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 a 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 FoR would be invited to participate in activities of the Rotary Club of Healesville as follows:

* Invited to the club’s meetings every 3 months
* Invited to selected social and official functions run by the Club.
* Invited to join in fund raising and volunteer activities of the Club.

**Guidelines**

1. A FoR is not a member of the Rotary Club of Healesville and is therefore not entitled to the rights, or subject to the responsibilities, of membership provided for in the Constitution and Bylaws. Rather, a FoR has a formal association with the Club, which provides an avenue to participate in Club activities.
2. A FoR may be accepted by the Board following invitation by the club’s membership team and nomination to the Board.
3. An accepted FoR will be formally welcomed at a meeting of the Club and presented with a badge entitled ‘Friend of the Rotary Club of Healesville’.
4. The initial period of a FoR association with the Club will be for the current Rotary Year, renewable as appropriate by the Board, on an annual basis.
5. The FoR membership team will be the link between that friend and the Club on an ongoing basis. The membership team will ensure that the FoR receives details of all Club activities and is encouraged to have involvement in those activities.
6. FoR pay no membership fees but costs for meals and other social activities are paid at the same rate as members.
7. A FoR will be entitled to receive a weekly digital Bulletin.
8. A FoR shall have no vote on any decisions made by the Club, nor serve on the Board.
9. A FoR will not be entitled to wear the Rotary lapel badge.
10. If at any time a FoR expresses a wish to become a full member of the Club, the usual procedures shall apply as for any new member.
11. All the above guidelines may be varied from time to time with the agreement of the Board.