



ROTARY CLUB OF GAWLER LIGHT INC FRIENDS OF ROTARY POLICY

Background and Purpose

The Rotary Club of Gawler Light seeks to engage with potential members through the “Friends of Rotary” program. The adoption of this program was endorsed at the Club Assembly held on 26Jul11 and the Membership Committee meeting on 28Jul11 and accepted at the 3Nov11 Board meeting.

The program seeks to encourage invited persons to take part in Rotary club meetings, functions, projects and events without the need to be fully committed to the attendance, cost and other requirements of membership. The program also seeks to maintain an engagement with:

- A Rotarian suffering long term illness who may no longer able to meet the attendance requirements of membership
- Spouse of a Past member (deceased)
- Past members who can still contribute
- Long term past members no longer able to meet the requirements of attendance

Qualification

An individual may become a Friend of Rotary as follows:

- Nomination by at least one full member of the Rotary Club, by completion of the appropriate form; and
- Submission of the nomination for approval by the Board. From the time of nomination until the next Board meeting, subject the conditions detailed below, the nominated individual may attend Rotary meetings and be involved in club events, and shall for all intents and purposes be considered to be a Friend of Rotary until such time as their application is considered by the Board.

Any member nominating someone as Friend of Rotary should consider that such a person should have the same attributes that would allow them to be a full member of the Rotary Club, specifically with respect to being of good character.

Requirements

On completion of the relevant application form with personal details, the following conditions will apply to a Friend of Rotary:

- invited to join:
 - all community events conducted by the club
 - all social functions conducted by the club
 - all fundraising activities conducted by the club
 - the annual Changeover dinner (together with spouse/partner/friend)
- there is no annual or other fee associated with being a Friend of Rotary
- entitled to receive the Club Bulletin via email
- entitled to attend a maximum of 50% of meetings during a Rotary year (the expectation would be that if a person is attending more than 50% of meetings, they will be requested to join as a member).

- no minimum attendance requirements; however, poor attendance or lack of involvement in club events will in all likelihood result in that person no longer being invited to remain a Friend of Rotary for the ensuing Rotary year.
- Required to adhere to the standard of conduct required of a full member of the Rotary Club.
- expected to adhere to the rules of privacy with respect to member information that apply to any member of the Rotary Club.
- obliged to inform the attendance officer prior to 12.00 midday of the day of a meeting at which they expect to be in attendance for purpose of catering. A Friend of Rotary will be required to pay the same amount for meals as club members attending a meeting.
- requested to contribute to the cost of a shirt which will carry the Rotary Wheel and designation “Friend of Rotary” to clearly distinguish from shirts worn by club members. This shirt should be worn at all community events when members are requested to wear their shirts. As the shirt carries the Rotary Wheel, on ceasing to be a Friend of Rotary, the shirt will need to be returned to the club.
- a Friend of Rotary during the past Rotary year will be recognised at the Changeover Dinner as a Friend of Rotary

Exclusions

A Friend of Rotary agrees that they are not:

- entitled to attend a club assembly
- entitled to access the member area of the club website
- able to represent themselves as a member of the Rotary Club

Annual Review

An individual’s Friend of Rotary status will be reviewed on an annual basis at 30 June each year:

- The review of shall be conducted by the incoming Membership Director (or such designated officer responsible for membership) to provide for confirmation of ongoing Friend of Rotary status for those who were Friend’s of Rotary for the previous Rotary year. The Membership Director’s recommendations should be put to the first Board meeting of the new Rotary year for decision of the Board as to ongoing Friend of Rotary designation.
- in the event that the Board determines the conduct of a Friend of Rotary is not in keeping with the standard of conduct required of members, the Board may cease that individual as a Friend of Rotary with immediate effect.