



Sally Mayman, Destination NSW

G'Day Mates! It's not too late to Register for the International Convention in Sydney - You won't want to miss it!

Human Nature to perform at Opening Plenary!



Brothers Andrew and Mike Tierney and high school friends Phil Burton and Toby Allen celebrate 25 years together this year as Australia's most successful male vocal group, Human Nature. They are one of the great Australian music success stories—releasing 10 albums, 5 of which reached the #1 spot, over 24 platinum awards, 18 top 40 hits, and album sales in excess of 2 million in Australia alone. For the past 5 years, the group has performed 5 nights a week at the Venetian Hotel in Las Vegas, becoming the first Australian musical group to secure a residency in the entertainment mecca. This

year will see them surpass the equally impressive milestone of 1000 shows performed in Las Vegas. Go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=evskwHR12UU> for a sample of this exciting group!

Raise your Flag and CLIMB FOR A CAUSE—END POLIO NOW!

In 2012, Oprah Winfrey climbed the Sydney Harbor Bridge with 315 of her Ultimate Viewers and set a new record. RIP Ron Burton plans to break that record with 391 Rotarians from all over the world. The image will be beamed around the world to showcase Rotarians' ability to achieve whatever they set out to do.

BridgeClimb announces, "In addition, we plan to break the current Guinness World Record for 'most flags flown on a bridge' set in 2008. Rotarians who Climb the Bridge as part of this event will wave a flag from one of the 208 countries and territories attending the Convention in a grand display across the arch of one of Sydney's famous icons." *Continued page 3*



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USEFUL LINKS

Register by March 31, 2014 to receive the 2nd Early Bird Discounted Rate of \$360. Easiest to register online but you may also register by fax or mail. Tickets for pre-convention events and RI luncheons may be purchased on site, if available - but why wait?

RI Convention and Hotel Registration [Registration](#)

Zone 25/26 Reception [Registration](#) or login to [DacDB](#)

Host Committee www.rotary2014.com.au

[Facebook](#) Sydney Convention

Sydney [Explore Sydney](#)
See *Three great days in Sydney*

[Tourism Australia](#)
[Global Connections](#) (HOC official Tour partner) and also

[Howard Tours](#)

Rockin' It At the Rocks!

G'Day Mates, it's time to party Down Under!

Please join RI Director Steve Snyder, Sharron and our Zone 25/26 Friends and Family as we Celebrate in Sydney!



Sunday, June 1, 2014

6:00 pm—8:30 pm

Shangri-La Hotel in the Historic Rocks District



\$52 pp includes welcome drink, hors d'oeuvres, no host bar,
and most important,
Friendship, Fun, and a Fantastic Time for All!

REGISTER NOW [Here](#)

or log into [DacDB](#) via www.Zone2526.org

The Shangri-La is located at 176 Cumberland St., about a 10 minute walk from Circular Quay or Wynyard Train Stations. For more information, please contact Wyn Spiller.

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In addition, for every Rotarian who climbs as part of Climb for a Cause – End Polio Now, BridgeClimb will donate 50% of the sales back to End Polio Now!

www.bridgeclimb.com/rotary

Places are limited so book early. Climbs are also available throughout the week.

DONATE BOOKS TO THE LABYRINTH FOR LITERACY PROJECT

President Ron and Jetta have requested Convention registrants to take literacy to a new level in Australia by the donation of books at a special “Labyrinth for Literacy” inside the Billabong House of Friendship. Please bring a new book or books, or you can purchase books from the Scholastic Booth area.

Your book or books will help many outstanding literacy programs involving aboriginal children, underprivileged schools and hospitals throughout Queensland and New South Wales.



Questions?

Please contact one of our Zones 25/26 Sydney Convention Promotion Committee and your District's Convention Promotion Chair. *Click on name for email.*

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See you in Sydney!

So Much To Look Forward To!

PLENARY SESSIONS

Five inspiring, informative and dynamic Plenary sessions featuring exceptional speakers including our Rotary Senior Leaders and special guests such as Dr. Bruce Aylward, Assistant Director General for Polio, Emergencies and Country Collaboration at the World Health Organization.



BREAKOUTS

If you are looking for a project ideas, strategies for strengthening your membership, or advice about fundraising, writing grant proposals, or talking to the media, breakout sessions offer an excellent opportunity to learn from fellow Rotary members while sharing your own experiences. Sessions are held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Download a preliminary schedule [here](#).



Checklist for Sydney & Your Trip of a Lifetime!

- Register by March 31 for the second Early Bird rate!
- Sign up for Fun Host Committee Events. [Click Here](#)
- Reserve Hotel (prices are inclusive of tax) [Click Here](#)
- Book Air Travel -contact Qantas for discounted rates [Email](#)
- Apply for a Visa online (nominal fee and easy to do - Google Tourist Visa Australia, pick a site, have your passport information handy)
- Register for *Rockin It At the Rocks!*
- Plan your Visit - Fly to Sydney and have a Blast!

TRAVEL TIPS

Electricity is 240 volts, as opposed to 110v in the U.S. Outlets use a flat 3-pin plug. Most hotels provide a 110v outlet for electric shavers, but you will need an adapter plug for other electric items. Some items also require a voltage converter; however, many recent electronics (i.e. cell phones, computers, e-readers) will convert automatically with just a plug. Check your operating manual for your specific items.

Currency Exchange will be available at Olympic Park, the Airport, and major banks. ATMs are widely available. Banks are open 9:30-4:30 M-Th and 9:30-5:30 on Fridays. A few are open on Saturdays.

Tipping is not customary. Prices are all inclusive. However, tipping 5-10% is encouraged only if you receive excellent service.