



Rotary Club of Edwardstown (SA) Inc.

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Friends of Rotary Policy

The primary role of the Friends of Rotary ("FOR") program is to provide an opportunity that connects community minded people to our Club. The program is intended to provide an avenue of participation to people who cannot or may not wish to join the Club as a Rotarian (e.g. due to time and travel constraints or other commitments), but who nevertheless would like to help promote the Rotary ideals in our community and have a link to our Club. These will include past Rotarians and/or partners, business people, tradesmen/women, parents, singles, professionals, young adults etc. who will contribute when and how they can.

There is no obligation or expectations placed on a FOR, only the opportunity to be involved in Rotary to a desired extent. Naturally we hope that, in time or when the circumstances permit, some FOR will choose to join but there is no requirement to do so.

FOR will be invited to participate in the activities of the Rotary Club of Edwardstown including:

- Attend our regular weekly meetings when they wished, particularly on special occasions.*
- Attend all social and official functions run by the Club.*
- Assist in fund raising and volunteer activities of the Club.*

A FOR will be expected to complete a simple application form (refer attached) which will then be presented to the Board of the Rotary Club of Edwardstown for endorsement. FOR who wish to volunteer to work in the Club Bookshop on Sturt Rd, Seacombe Gardens will also be asked to undertake a police check at no cost. FOR membership will be confirmed in writing and FOR will be invited to be officially welcomed as a Friend of the Rotary Club of Edwardstown at the next convenient Club meeting.

Information from endorsed application forms will be used to document a register of FOR citing their special interests and expertise. It will also be used by our Club to access advice and assistance from our Friends.

General Guidelines:

- A FOR is not a member of the Rotary Club of Edwardstown and is therefore not entitled to the rights nor subject to the responsibilities of membership as provided for in the Constitution and Bylaws. Rather a FOR has an association with the Club, which provides an avenue to participate in Club activities.*
- A FOR may be accepted by the Board following invitation by a member of the Club and nomination to the Board.*

- *Members of FOR will remain members until they indicate a desire to cease membership or the Board sees fit to terminate an individual's membership.*
- *There will not be a joining fee or annual dues for FOR however a Friend may make an annual donation to help cover administration costs of the group.*
- *Meals and costs of other social activities will be paid for at the same rate as members.*
- *A FOR will be entitled to receive a weekly bulletin and have access to the Club Website.*
- *A FOR shall have no vote on any decisions made by the Club, nor serve on the Board.*
- *A FOR will be given a dinner plaque to identify him/her as a FOR. A FOR will also be given the opportunity to purchase an Edwardstown Rotary shirt at a discount of 50% with the Club to pay the remainder.*
- *A FOR will not be entitled to wear the Rotary lapel badge.*
- *If at any time a FOR expresses a wish to become a full member of the Club, the usual procedures shall apply as for new members.*
- *Whilst FOR have some but not all of the entitlements and obligations of Club membership, they are expected to abide by the Objects of Rotary and to live by the Four Way Test which is included at the foot of this policy.*
- *All the above guidelines may be varied from time to time for any specific person with the agreement of the Board.*

For further information contact Kevin Donaldson, Membership Director, on 8296 3828.

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The Rotary Four-Way Test

- 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?**

Rotary District 9520
Rotary Club of Edwardstown

APPLICATION TO BECOME A "FRIEND OF ROTARY"

Thank you for the invitation to be a Friend of Rotary and I agree to the guidelines provided to me.

Name	
Street Address	
Suburb	
Post Code	
Email Address	
Date of Birth	
Telephone (H)	
Telephone (W)	
Telephone (M)	
Any special interests you have or knowledge or skills you possess	

Signed by Applicant		Date:	
Nominating Rotarian's Name			
Date Approved by Club Board			
Signature of Club Secretary		Date:	