



Real Rotarians Make Dreams Real

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Australia's 34,000 Rotarians have been urged to find ways to establish a new generation of Rotarians by mentoring their own children into the worldwide service organization.

One of the key recommendations to emerge from the Rotary 2020: The Next Generation conference attended by more than 600 Rotarians from all over Australia, as well as the newly inducted President of Rotary International, Dong Kurn Lee, from South Korea.

“One of the key points raised at the conference was the need to attract younger people into Rotary,” Australia's Rotary International Director and convener of the conference, John Lawrence, said.

“And yet, most of the people at the conference had children of their own, many of whom had been Rotary Youth Exchange students or taken advantage of other Rotary programs such as the Rotary Youth Leadership Award.

“These are people who have grown up in Rotary families knowing what is involved and who as adults are now looking for opportunities to serve their communities — they should be natural demographic for Rotary membership over the next few years.”

RI President DK Lee has set an increased membership target of 10 per cent over the next 12 months.

“I challenge every Rotarian in every club to do what they can to bring more people into Rotary,” Mr Lee said.

“We have so much work to do in the world — there are still four countries left where polio exists, we have children living without clean water — to do more work, we need more hands.”

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