

SATELLITE ROTARY CLUB GUIDELINES

BACKGROUND

At the 2013 Council on Legislation provision was made for the formation of satellite clubs and these Guidelines are prepared for the purpose of assisting clubs in the District to understand the provisions and implement action to form satellite clubs if so desired.

What is a satellite club?

A satellite club is defined as “a potential club whose members shall also be members of the sponsor club”.

It is likely that the satellite club would not initially have the required number of members to charter a club and the purpose of conducting the satellite club is to give the potential club time to obtain the required number of members for chartering.

Thus there needs to be a sponsor club which forms the satellite club in the same locality as the sponsor club, or in the surrounding area.

The name of the satellite club shall be the “Rotary Satellite Club of (insert name which does not have to mirror exactly the name of the sponsoring club but needs to be an adjoining location, eg. Eynesbury for Melton Valley RC)”.

The members of the satellite club shall also be members of the sponsor club until such time as the satellite club shall be admitted into membership of RI as a Rotary Club.

Satellite clubs shall hold regular weekly meetings just like any Rotary club at a time and day decided by its members.

Governance of a Satellite Club

The sponsor club shall provide such general oversight and support to a satellite club as is deemed appropriate by the sponsor club’s board.

There shall be a satellite club board comprising a chairman, immediate past chairman, chairman-elect, secretary and treasurer as well four to six other members of the club.

The board shall be elected annually by the satellite club members.

The satellite board shall be responsible for the day to day organization and management of the satellite club and its activities in accordance with rotary rules, requirements, policies, aims and objectives under the guidance of the sponsor club. It shall have no authority within, or over, the sponsor club.

A satellite club shall annually submit to the president and board of the sponsor club a report on its membership, its activities and programs, accompanied by a financial

statement and audited accounts for inclusion in the sponsor club's reports for its annual general meeting and such other reports as may, from time to time, be required by the sponsor club.

The satellite club shall be subject to the sponsor club's rules and bylaws.

Authorised by the District Board at its meeting on 15 August 2013.