

Vale Ian Salmon
Rotary Club of Turramurra



21.09.31 – 25.03.22

Ian joined the Rotary Club of Turramurra in 2002 and served as President in 2005/6. In that year he started the club's process to modernise meetings by changing the 'Rotary Grace' to thanks.

During my years as DGE and DG, Ian played a vital role in organising the 2007 District Conference in Mudgee. It included many trips to Mudgee with our committee seeking an appropriate venue, finding speakers and sourcing entertainment.

Always extremely generous, Ian gave financial support to club projects. In 2017 he joined with Turramurra Club in sponsoring the Hamamas Meri project trial in the Manus Province. He later sponsored a website for Wantain PNG, the project's supporting charity. He was always ready to sponsor fundraisers like the Polio Train Ride and the Bangladesh Food Bank.

Ian is revered at the Rotary International level. He belonged to the Arch Klumph Society for Rotarians who donate over US\$250,000 to the Rotary Foundation and his photo hangs in Rotary International office in Evanston. He was a committee member of Rotary Foundation Australia.

He was also very proactive, always looking for new projects. In 2017 his ophthalmologist, Dr Jeffrey Painter, told him about going regularly to the Philippines with other Australian Doctors to perform eye operations and in many cases saving the sight of the patients. When Ian asked if Rotary support would help, he received an enthusiastic 'yes'. That was the initiative, taken up by International Director, Mark Hedges that led to the successful Eye Surgery project in the Philippines.

Always ready for fun, Ian enthusiastically joined in our fun nights and Conference theme dressing up, even starring as a member of 'Parry's Bobbin Heads', the punk rock band that really rocked at the 2019 District Conference.

Ian will be sadly missed by all.

PDG Pam Pritchard