

Southern Mitchell Rotary



Friends of Southern Mitchell Rotary

The primary role of the **Friends of Southern Mitchell Rotary** is to provide an opportunity that connects community minded people to our group. It is intended to provide an avenue of participation to people who cannot or may not wish to formally join as a Rotarian (eg. due to time and travel constraints and other commitments), but who nevertheless would like to help promote the Rotary ideals in our community and have a link to us.

A **Friend of the Southern Mitchell Rotary** would be invited to participate in activities as follows:

- Attend **meetings** when they wished, particularly on special occasions.
 - Attend all of our **social** and **official functions**.
 - Assist in **fund raising** and our **volunteer activities**.
1. A **Friend of Southern Mitchell Rotary** is not a member of the Southern Mitchell Rotary 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 Friend of the Southern Mitchell Rotary has a formal association with the Club, which provides an avenue to participate in Club activities
 2. A **Friend of Southern Mitchell Rotary** may be accepted by the Board following invitation by a member of the Club and nomination to the Board
 3. An accepted **Friend of Southern Mitchell Rotary** will be formally welcomed at a meeting of the Club and presented with a badge entitled "Friend of the Southern Mitchell Rotary"
 4. The initial period of the friend's association with the Club will be for the current Rotary Year, renewable as appropriate by the Board of the Southern Mitchell Rotary
 5. A member of Southern Mitchell Rotary will mentor the Friend of Southern Mitchell Rotary and will be the link between that friend and the Club on an ongoing basis. The member would ensure that the **Friend of Southern Mitchell Rotary** receives details of all Club activities and is encouraged to have involvement in those activities
 6. The **Friend of Southern Mitchell Rotary** fee will be \$20 per annum (or pro-rata) to cover administration plus badge cost and provide Public Risk Insurance cover whilst on Rotary projects
 7. Meals and costs of other social activities to be paid for at the same rate as members
 8. A **Friend of Southern Mitchell Rotary** must hold a valid "**Victorian Working with Children Check**"
 9. A **Friend of Southern Mitchell Rotary** will be entitled to receive a weekly bulletin via email
 10. A **Friend of Southern Mitchell Rotary** shall have no vote on any decisions made by the Club, nor serve on the Board
 11. A **Friend of Southern Mitchell Rotary** will not be entitled to wear the Rotary lapel pin
 12. If at any time a **Friend of Southern Mitchell Rotary** expresses a wish to become a full member, the usual procedures shall apply as for new members
 13. All the above guidelines may be varied from time to time for any specific person with the agreement of the Board.