

# RESOLUTION 17R-20

To request the RI Board to consider raising the Rotaract age limit to 35

**Proposer(s):** District 9830, Australia

**Endorsed by:** District 9830 through a ballot-by-mail, 3 May 2017

1 WHEREAS, Rotaractors are required to end their membership on 30 June of the  
2 Rotaract year in which the Rotaractor becomes 30 years old, and

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4 WHEREAS, many Rotaractors leaving their clubs may delay becoming Rotarians  
5 until a future time, and

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7 WHEREAS, there is a risk of losing potential Rotarians during this period of  
8 delay, and

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10 WHEREAS, 30-year-olds generally have not yet gained the family, professional,  
11 and financial stability that would enable them to commit to Rotary

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13 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary  
14 International consider raising the Rotaract age limit to 35.

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## PURPOSE AND EFFECT

15 During their membership, Rotaractors develop leadership and professional skills,  
16 and experience friendship, ethics, service, and teamwork, which help them  
17 become outstanding Rotarians.

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19 However, when they must leave Rotaract at the age of 30, they may not yet have  
20 gained the family, professional, and financial stability they need in order to make  
21 the long-term commitment to join a Rotary club.

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23 The decision of the 2016 Council on Legislation to enable a Rotaractor to  
24 simultaneously hold separate membership in a Rotaract club and a Rotary club  
25 may help with converting more Rotaractors to Rotarians, but only if family,  
26 professional, and financial stability exists.

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28 Extending the age limit to 35 would significantly increase chances for a smooth  
29 transition to Rotary, and increase the number of young professionals in Rotaract.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

- 1 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on RI that cannot
- 2 be determined at this time, as we do not have complete data on the conversion
- 3 rate of former Rotaractors who join Rotary clubs.
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- 5 There could potentially be a decrease in revenues for RI if Rotaractors who would
- 6 have joined a Rotary club at age 30 choose to remain in their Rotaract club for an
- 7 additional five years and delay becoming Rotarians.