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It was first published in 1995 -1996. The book was revised in 2000, then again in 2005, and reprinted without change in 2007. Colour was added - along with a total upgrade of content in 2009. Almost 20,000 copies have been distributed throughout New Zealand and Australian based districts.

Content and layout of the book is designed to encourage easy use in club bulletins and district newsletters. It provides brief summaries of all major Rotary programs and projects and is the perfect source of content for club Rotary Information segments.

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Go to www.rotarydownunder.org and click on 'Resources'.

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THE ROTARY FOUNDATION (TRF)



The mission of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is to enable Rotarians to achieve world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. The Rotary Foundation is organised as a separate corporation within Rotary International for legal and tax liability reasons.



Because it attracts support from Rotarians and clubs around the world, its component programs tend to become extremely visible, with great potential to capture public attention.

The Foundation has the ability to review, organise and implement international programs of major humane benefit at minimal administrative cost.

The Rotary Foundation was begun in 1917 by Arch Klumph, sixth international president of Rotary. He convinced a Rotary convention of the need for an endowment for "doing good in the world". The proposal was successful and the fund became a reality with the receipt of its first contribution of \$26.50. In 1928, The Rotary Foundation was further strengthened by the appointment of the first Board of Trustees.

At the death of Rotary's founder, Paul Harris in 1947, Rotarians around the world made gifts to The Foundation in his memory and in the following year the first program providing graduate scholarships for overseas study was introduced.

The Rotary Foundation now funds each year:

- Scholarships for undergraduate students.
- Group Study Exchanges.
- International humanitarian projects through a range of grant programs.
- Immunisation activities which will eradicate polio.
- Rotary peace programs.

Funds are raised at the district and club levels for the Annual Programs Fund. These funds are invested for three years and then distributed under the SHARE system, which allocates 50 per cent for District Designated Fund (DDF) programs, whilst 50 per cent goes to the World Fund to support international projects.

In 1994 The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust was established to allow tax deductibility for donations to The Rotary Foundation by individuals and corporations of \$2 and over.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION FUTURE VISION PLAN

In 2008, The Rotary Foundation Trustees and the RI Board adopted the Future Vision Plan in an effort to streamline Foundation operations, give Rotarians greater access to Foundation funds, and better position the Foundation to take advantage of new opportunities and meet future challenges. When the plan goes into effect worldwide in July 2013, all current Foundation programs will be re-structured, with the exception of PolioPlus and the Rotary Centres for International Studies.



Under the plan's new grant-making model, two types of grants will be offered: Rotary Foundation District Grants and Rotary Foundation Global Grants. These grant types can be used to fund most of the activities currently supported by Foundation programs.

District grants are block grants similar to the current District Simplified Grants. Districts will be able to use up to 50 percent of their District Designated Funds (DDF) for district grants, up from 20 percent under the current model.

Rotary Foundation Global Grants support larger, international projects with sustainable, high-impact outcomes in one of six areas of focus that correspond to the Foundation's mission: Peace and conflict prevention/resolution, disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, basic education and literacy, and economic and community development.

There are two types of global grants: club- and- district-developed global grants funded by DDF or cash contributions and matching funds from the Foundation and packaged global grants that are developed and funded in total by the Foundation and/or a strategic partner organization.

In July 2010, the Foundation launched the three-year Future Vision Pilot, during which 100 districts representing all parts of the Rotary world will test the new grant-making model. Based on feedback from the pilot districts, adjustments will be made to the plan before it is launched worldwide in July 2013.

PROGRAMS OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION - POLIOPUS



Rotary's financial contributions to the global polio eradication effort will reach nearly US\$1.2 billion by the time the world is certified polio-free. In addition, millions of dollars of 'in-kind' and personal contributions have been made by and through local Rotary clubs and districts for polio eradication activities. Of even greater significance has been the huge volunteer army mobilized by Rotary International. Hundreds of thousands of volunteers at the local level are providing support at clinics or mobilizing their communities for immunization or polio eradication activities.



More than one million Rotarians worldwide have contributed toward the success of the polio eradication effort. To date, 122 nations around the world have benefited from PolioPlus grants for polio immunization and eradication efforts. Since its launch in 1985, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative has reduced the incidence of the disease by more than 99 percent, and polio remains endemic in only four countries—Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan. The efforts of governments and the partnership of the World Health Organization (WHO), Rotary International, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United States Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the overseas development agencies of donor nations have prevented five million instances of childhood paralysis and 250,000 deaths. As a result of the efforts of Rotary International and its Foundation and those of our partners, more than two billion children have received oral polio vaccine.



MATCHING GRANTS

Matching Grants help Rotary clubs and districts carry out humanitarian projects with clubs and districts in other countries. The Rotary Foundation provides a one-to-one match for each US\$1 District Designated Fund/SHARE contribution and a \$0.50 match for each new \$1 cash contribution. Grant awards range from \$5,000 to \$150,000.



Applications are accepted from 1 July to 31 March and approved from 1 August to 15 May. Requests over \$25,000 will be considered by the Trustees at their October meeting; completed applications must be received by 1 August. Because funds are limited, clubs and districts are encouraged to submit their applications as soon as possible after the start of the Rotary year. Grant sponsors may substitute the amount requested from the World Fund with DDF, if they wish to do so. Sponsors also have the option of requesting no award from the World Fund if the cash and DDF contributions pledged in the application exceed US\$10,000.

Sponsors are required to submit an itemized budget consisting of eligible items and names of suppliers and submit progress reports at least every 12 months for the life of the project and a final report within two months of the full expenditure of funds.

In Australia it may be possible to obtain government assistance with the local contribution through AusAID, or in New Zealand through VASS.

DISTRICT SIMPLIFIED GRANTS (DSG)

A District Simplified Grant (DSG) is a tool Rotary districts utilize to support short-term, humanitarian projects that benefit the community. Districts can request up to 20 percent of District Designated Funds (DDF) for a grant to support multiple projects locally or internationally. District Rotary Foundation chairpersons, in cooperation with district governors-elect, apply for the grant. The District Rotary Foundation chairperson and the district governor-elect must submit a



completed District Simplified Grant Request and Agreement Form to The Rotary Foundation in the Rotary year prior to funds being available. Requests may be submitted between 1 July and 31 March. Funds will be available in July of each Rotary year but will only be paid when the previous year's final report has been received and accepted in Evanston.

Grants require the direct involvement of Rotarians to assess community needs and develop a project plan; Establish a committee of at least three Rotarians to oversee the expenditure of funds; Oversee grant funds; Implement projects; Provide evidence of community involvement and ownership; Organise meetings with local service providers, local officials, and/or recipients; and Promote projects in the local media.

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE



The Group Study Exchange Program of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young business and professional men and women between the ages of 25 and 40 in the initial years of their professional life. The program provides travel grants for teams of participants to exchange visits between paired areas in different countries. For four to six weeks, team members study the host country's institutions and ways of life, observe their own vocations as practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

Teams are composed of 4-6 non-Rotarian team members, usually of various business and professional backgrounds, and one Rotarian leader. The GSE experience spans 4-6 weeks. During the exchange, teams will visit local businesses, government offices, and community organizations in the host district, tour historical and cultural sites, stay with Rotarian host families, and make presentations about their home countries and professions. Team members receive orientation and cultural preparation from the sponsor Rotary district before their departure. The host country is determined before a team member's application and selection.

In 2012-13 the cost of international travel is financed jointly by the World fund and district DDF. Costs for travel, accommodation and meals are covered by the host district. Team members are expected to pay their own personal costs whilst away.

If more than four team members are selected, the team members' district must pay the additional cost from DDF (US\$3000) and a district has the option of conducting two exchanges, the second exchange being funded totally from DDF (US\$13,000).



ROTARY PEACE FELLOWS

Each year, Rotary will select 100 scholars (50 two-year master's degree fellowships and 50 three-month professional development certificate fellowships) to study conflict resolution, peace studies, and international relations at one of the seven Rotary Centres worldwide.

Each Rotary district may nominate an unlimited number of candidates for a world competitive selection process. The inaugural Rotary Peace Centres program took place during the 2002-03 academic year (2003 academic year in the Southern Hemisphere). Rotary Peace Fellowship applications are available for download from the Rotary International website on www.rotary.org.

Rotary Peace Fellows must meet all requirements for admission into their chosen university for a masters-level program. They must possess excellent leadership skills and relevant work or volunteer experience, demonstrating a commitment to a career devoted to peace, conflict resolution, and international understanding. Rotary Peace Fellows also must be proficient in a second language, including that of the host university.



Candidates should have:

- Appropriate undergraduate degree to gain entrance to the proposed Rotary Centre's masters degree or certificate program
- Work or service experience in relevant fields
- A demonstrated commitment to peace and international understanding

What makes an ideal Rotary Peace Fellow candidate? Candidates may have diverse life experiences and a wide range of professional backgrounds. What unites them is a common dedication to promoting world peace and personal experience dealing with conflict situations.

AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH



Supporting healthier minds, bodies and communities through research, awareness and education.

Australian Rotary Health is a multi-district project of Rotary in Australia and is supported by most clubs and Rotarians. Australian Rotary Health has made available over \$28 million in medical/health research - in Australia. All donations are tax deductible.



Mental Illness Research

In 2000 Australian Rotary Health began its current emphasis on Mental Illness research and awareness. As part of this activity, research grants of more than \$2 million each year have been awarded.

Included in this program is funding for research grants, research PhD scholarships and research post-doctoral fellowships.

From 2012 Mental Health research will focus on young Australians

Other activities of Australian Rotary Health:

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA)

Australian Rotary Health is running MHFA courses, in conjunction with Rotary Clubs, all over Australia.

Scholarships for Indigenous Australians

This program assists Indigenous Australians who are undertaking a health related university course.

Funding Partners - Research in all health areas

The Funding Partners program helps to provide funds for medical research PhD Scholarships in areas other than mental illness - chosen by a Rotary club or Rotary district.

Rural Health Medical and Nursing Scholarships

Scholarships can be awarded to medical students who are completing a rural placement as part of their under-graduate medical training. Nursing students who spend their final year in a rural placement can also receive an Australian Rotary Health scholarship. These scholarships are awarded in conjunction with a Rotary club or sponsor.

Australian Rotary Health proudly continues to be a major community service program of the Rotary clubs of Australia.

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AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH INDIGENOUS HEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS

The program is a co-operative program between the Australian Rotary Health, Rotary clubs, State or Territory Governments, the Commonwealth Government and several corporate partners.

The object of this program is to provide a scholarship, which can be used to assist Indigenous students with their day-to-day expenses while they undertake a course in a wide range of health related professions. The scholarship is paid in addition to the Government Abstudy allowance.



The purpose of the program is to assist students to gain an education which will in turn enable them to use this education for the benefit of other Indigenous people - possibly, but not necessarily, in some of our remote areas.

This program commenced with the intention of training doctors to work amongst other Indigenous people, but the scope of the scheme was enlarged to permit the training, firstly of nurses, and now any health related professions.

The value of each scholarship is \$5,000 per year. A Rotary club contributes \$2,500 per year and the State or Commonwealth Government provides a similar amount. The Commonwealth Government also provides funding for the administration of the program within the Australian Rotary Health office.

Since its inception this program has spread and interested clubs and committees in each of the mainland states and in the Northern Territory are sponsoring students.

There are currently 80 Australian Rotary Health Indigenous Health Scholars in Australia.

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BOWELSCAN



Bowelscan is a Rotary Community Service program, developed in 1982 in District 9640 and now conducted by more than 300 Rotary clubs across Australia.

These clubs issue approximately 150,000 kits during their annual colorectal screening programs.

Since Bowelscan commenced more than 1500 people with bowel cancer and 5,400 with polyps have been detected. Bowelscan is essentially a public awareness program, seeking to increase community knowledge of bowel cancer and its symptoms with a view to its earlier diagnosis.

The project also involves the distribution to the public of a simple scanning kit on which is collected small specimens of faeces for laboratory analysis to detect evidence of minute traces of internal bleeding.

Bowelscan is a program supported by Australian Rotary Health since 2003. Details of the program's administration are available from:

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PROBUS is proud to be a community service activity of Rotary Clubs.

PROBUS is an association for active retirees who join together in clubs, the basic purpose of which is to provide regular opportunities for them to keep their minds active, expand their interests and to enjoy the fellowship of new friends.

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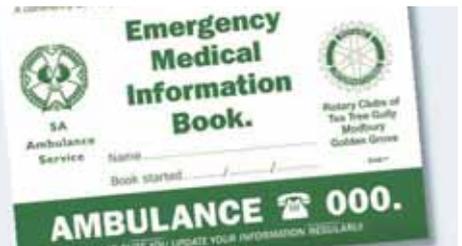
The C4K&C Rotary project, commenced in 2000 in District 9800, enables provision of good quality, refurbished good quality computers and peripheral equipment for donation to disadvantaged young and older students and needy community groups, as well as assisting with Rotary International educational and humanitarian projects abroad.

Under the supervision of the C4K&C management team experts, Rotary and Rotaract and other volunteers, - graduates, students and professional also assist on working bees. The workshop at Rotary Donations in Kind C4K&C workshop is well set up and efficient. The Rotary C4K&C project has MS Approved Refurbisher charitable status that enables installation and registration of the MicroSoft Windows XP operating system and MS Office 2007 programs, for a token fee.

On verified requests, the refurbished computers are donated to individuals with disabilities; special needs children; unemployed people trying to gain or regain employment through updated employable skills; needy secondary and tertiary students who would benefit academically but cannot afford a computer; and to Rotary Educational, Community and Vocational projects locally and overseas.

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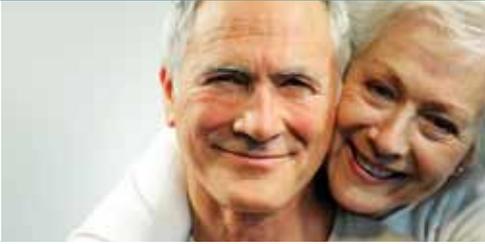
EMERGENCY MEDICAL INFORMATION BOOK



The "Emergency Medical Information Book" project has been extended to all states of Australia and New Zealand. This project allows Rotary clubs to actively support their local community by distributing books to all persons who may need to call an ambulance.

Because the book contains specific information in relation to a person's medical history or condition, list of medications or allergies and personal details, Paramedics are able to quickly identify a person's condition with access to a patient's medical history. This process allows emergency treatment to start immediately, which could save lives. Clubs wishing to participate in the scheme can purchase batches of 250 books bearing their own club details on the covers from the contact noted below. It may well be that individual clubs may decide to defray expenses by seeking a small cash donation from interested parties.

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ROTARY DISTRICT PEACE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM (RDPCP)



Peace Projects

Any organized activity that is successful in benefiting individuals or groups in the community or reducing conflict can be viewed as a "Peace project". Peace projects may be initiatives of Rotary clubs or involve partnerships between Rotary Clubs and local civic authorities or other organizations (e.g. Departments of Education, Health, Police). The purpose is to make a difference in practical ways at the grass roots in local communities and to contribute to conflict resolution. (e.g. creating a garden for dementia patients, supporting Aboriginal conciliation activities, conducting a program for disadvantaged teens). In 1992, the District Peace Communities Committee asked Rotary Clubs to identify "Peace projects" that benefit the local community, to bring them to the attention of the civic authority and to partner with the local authority to register their community as a Rotary Peace Community.



Peace Communities

Using this model, Peace Communities have been established in New Zealand, Japan, Philippines, Canada, South Africa, USA, Namibia, Zambia, France, Israel, India, Mauritius, Northern Marianas, Argentina, Serbia and of course Australia. Many of these Rotary Peace communities have proclaimed their commitment to Peace and conflict resolution by erecting Peace monuments and Peace symbols at locations where Rotarians and local citizens can meet on special days such as Rotary's World Understanding Day, and Rotary's birthday on 23rd February. On these days, Peace projects initiated and performed by local citizens and organizations are publicized and the persons and groups involved are recognized for the practical contribution they have made to community Peace.

The second Rotary Peace Communities International Conference to be held 21-23 September 2012 in Wagga Wagga brings together Rotary Peace Communities around the world to renew their commitment to the practice of Peace and conflict resolution. For further information see www.rotarypeace2012.org.au

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ROTARY ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION PLAN (REAP)

The aim of the plan is to encourage clubs to support at least one environmental project. The district committee will act as a resource to assist with specific programs, and provide suggestions for projects and methods of implementation.

"If we sow the seeds and lend a hand we can REAP the rewards".

Contact: NZ District 9940 via www.rotarysouthpacific.org

CURE KIDS



Cure Kids, previously known as the Child Health Research Foundation, was founded by Rotary in 1971 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Rotary in New Zealand. Rotarians are still proactively involved 40 years later as Cure Kids Rotary members, board and sub-committee members, researchers, donors, fundraising events competitors and participants, plus assisting on event days.



Cure Kids is a life-changing organisation that turns research into hope for so many who live with life-threatening childhood illnesses, because it's all about these kids, their families and future generations. Through Cure Kids, Rotarians and families have fun raising money for such a worthwhile cause.

Cure Kids is a registered charity in Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and USA.

Web: www.curekids.org.nz • **Rotary Contacts:** www.curekids.rotarysouthpacific.org



HANDICAMPS

Handicamp is a week of fun and challenges and a lifetime of experiences for 18 to 35 year olds with disabilities, who are teamed with an able bodied "buddy".



Handicamp's purpose is to pair "campers" with able-bodied "buddies" to enjoy activities with, to grow through new experiences and develop greater understanding of others' needs and challenges. The program develops personal growth, relationship and teamwork skills. The week is full of activities designed to foster camaraderie and also challenge. Some of the activities include archery, abseiling, water sports, a games night, karaoke, ten-pin bowling, samba drums, and visits to Perth Zoo and Adventure World.

Rotary clubs are invited to assist and the Sloan Rotary Dinner is the chance for Rotarians and partners to meet the campers and buddies.

Rotary and corporate sponsorship cover the costs for the accommodation, meals and activities – there are no additional costs for the campers or buddies to attend.

The camp is organised and run by a District committee, and a Rotarian nurse is on site all week.

Contact: District 9465 • Jodie Sparks 0412 329 859 or email jodiesparks@inet.net.au



NZ CHALLENGE CAMP

NZ Challenge Camp promotes personal development of youth who share similar physical or intellectual challenging disabilities, through the support of mentors resourced from the International Youth Exchange students.

Participants may have sensory impairments, mild to moderate physical impairments, or mild intellectual impairments. Half the young people have physical disabilities (campers) and the other half are Rotary Youth Exchange students (buddies). The campers are aged 16 to 24 years of age, and students are 17 to 19.

Over the five days, Campers' and Buddies' joint activities may include sailing, abseiling, swimming, kayaking, rock climbing, archery, power boating and other activities. In addition to the physical challenges there will be valuable social challenges. For many it is the personal growth through friendship that endures.

The camp is conducted by Districts 9910 and 9920, which alternate each year, and organised by one club within the hosting District. The organising clubs determines the program, obtains sponsorship and encourages participation of other clubs by sponsoring a buddy.

Contact: NZ Contact: Districts 9910 and 9920 via www.rotarysouthpacific.org

INTERACT



Founded in 1962 the Interact program has grown dramatically into a Rotary-sponsored international program for service minded young people between the ages of 14 and 18 or in the final four years of their secondary schooling. Clubs can be either community- based or attached to the local high school.



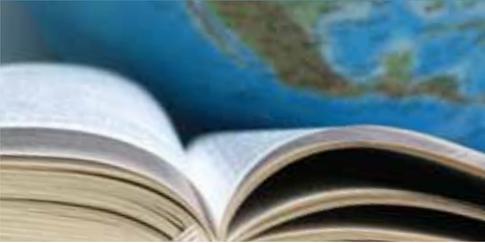
The purpose of Interact is to provide opportunities for young people to work together in a world fellowship dedicated to service and international understanding. Among its goals are the recognition and development of constructive leadership and personal integrity, the encouragement and practice of thoughtfulness and helpfulness to others, the recognition of the dignity and value of all occupations and the development of knowledge and understanding of community, national and world affairs.

An Interact club is organised, sponsored and supervised by a Rotary club and, where school based, approved and encouraged by school authorities. There is a Standard Interact Club Constitution prescribed by Rotary International which each club must adopt. Local by-laws provide a limited flexibility. For purposes of extension, liaison and co-ordination the district governor appoints a Rotary District Interact Chairman and supporting committee. It is their responsibility to plan and present any training for Interact club members. Where more than five Interact clubs exist within a district, a district Interact representative may be elected.

Typical of the projects undertaken by Interactors include: painting of school property, church halls, scout/guide halls; making toys; minor repairs for senior citizens; helping sick and aged pensioners with lawn mowing and gardening; aid to flood and bushfire victims; assisting disadvantaged students; supporting primary reading programs; sending support packages off to Third World countries. Clubs fundraise through BBQ's, dances, fashion parades, raffles, sporting activities, etc. Clubs meet not less than twice per month. It is imperative that each sponsoring club provides an Interact chairman who liaises regularly with the club and ensures the attendance of a Rotarian at every meeting.

Contact: Aust - District Governors

NZ Contact: All districts via www.rotarysouthpacific.org



J R MCKENZIE YOUTH EDUCATION FUND

Established in 1940 by the late Rotarian Sir John McKenzie, the Trust makes grants to charitable organisations assisting people who have special needs (such as disabilities) or face disadvantages (such as poverty, youth at risk etc). Applicants are usually incorporated societies or charitable trusts; they can be recommended by Rotary Clubs although the Trust cannot be used as a back stop for Club community projects. One application is granted per organisation per year.



As a tribute to Rotary, the Founder ensured that Rotary would play an important part in the administration of the Trust. The Board of Trustees includes the six Chairmen of the District Committees which assess local applications, and eight Trustees, including the Chairperson, who are nominated or appointed because of their knowledge of the community health and social sectors.

Grants are not made: for capital expenditure on land or buildings, to individuals, to schools or pre-schools, to rest homes or hospitals.

The Trust is also keen to support new and creative approaches to social problems. In this regard an "innovative" grant has been developed. To warrant support for this particular grant, a project should be new, imaginative and creative. It may be a 'pilot' which could subsequently be repeated. It may focus attention on an area of need that is poorly provided for. Grants made for an application which meets the Innovative Fund's criteria may exceed the amount that would, normally, be approved for a conventional regional grant.

Further information on grants and related information can be obtained from the Trust office, or visit the website: www.jrmckenzie.org.nz

MODEL UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY (MUNA)



MUNA was introduced to Rotary in Australia by the Lake Cargelligo Club in District 9700 in 1980. Rotarian Chris Budden (then president of LC) found the program in Canada and brought it back to Australia. The concept was passed to Forbes Rotary Club, also in D9700, in 1984. MUNA is now held in every district in Australia and too many other countries around the world.



MUNA is a great project which develops Rotary's involvement with local schools. It builds international understanding and gives students the opportunity to expand their knowledge of the workings of the United Nations and its member countries.

It is also an opportunity for International Exchange Students to participate. They can act as advisers to countries or participate in a team. If you have an exchange student in your club, please ask the student to pencil MUNA in his/her diary.

The Rotary Club of Canberra Sunrise organises the national MUNA in Canberra over the third weekend of August. It is held in the House of Representatives Chamber of Old Parliament House. The Australian National University is a major sponsor and, consequently, the Saturday night dinner is held at Bruce Hall, Australian National University (ANU), sponsored by the ANU.

The Assembly is chaired and adjudicated by Rotarians with prizes being awarded for the best teams. Rotary districts and clubs sponsor the teams and the students are encouraged to dress in the national costume of the country they represent.

The students for the national MUNA are accommodated at a local motel and transported to the various events. This allows them to further their networking skills and to make friends over the weekend. Districts around Australia make their own arrangements for local MUNA's including rules and accommodation .

Where the nation selected by a team has an Embassy or High Commission in Canberra, contact is made with them and to invite their representatives to attend the Saturday night dinner with the students. Many Embassies and High Commissions look forward to assisting the students and they should also make contact with its selected nation's Embassy, High Commission or Consulate.

In recent years some Embassies and High Commissions have extended an invitation to students to visit them and representatives have attended segments of the Assembly.

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PACIFIC AUSTRALIA CULTURAL EXCHANGE (PACE)

PACE, an international goodwill program for young people, was conceived in District 9690. It was devised to offer the advantages of an exchange program to young people who would have difficulty in nominating for the longer-term Youth Exchange Program. It has successfully conducted exchanges for students aged 15 or 16 between Australia and nations of the Pacific area since inception in 1983. The exchange as its name implies, is a cultural program aimed at developing understandings between nations and promoting goodwill for all concerned.



After a rigorous selection process, successful applicants are required to attend briefing sessions to outline the objectives of the program and to become conversant with facets of the intercultural experience. Students depart Australia late in December to return one month later in time to continue normal school studies. While they are overseas, many families welcome students from the exchange countries into their homes to share lifestyles and enjoy cultural differences.

Exchangees are expected to provide the necessary airfare, insurance cover, pocket money as well as other miscellaneous items.

The District PACE Committee provides selection procedures, briefings, overseas contacts, allocates destinations and administers the program. For Pacific Island students, the exchange consists of a city stay, a mountain billeting and a trip to the national capital plus a rural stay

The district committee conducts briefing and debriefing programs for this group as well. PACE is an exciting program utilising social living skills, teaching diplomacy and encouraging racial harmony whilst offering an opportunity to develop mature responsibilities.

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PEER SUPPORT



Peer Support in New Zealand is sponsored by Rotary and is promoted by Rotary administered foundations and trusts throughout New Zealand.



Funding is obtained from both Rotary clubs and the private sector. The program is designed to provide support between teenagers in secondary schools. Older students are trained to assist younger pupils with activities designed to encourage frank discussion on the problems young students face during their transition into the secondary school environment. By applying the student help principle, the program taps into the energy of their most valuable resource - the students.

NZ Contact: www.9920.rotarysouthpacific.org

PICTORIAL DICTIONARY PROJECT



'A Gift To You From Rotary'. That is the description on the bookplate of every dictionary that is being personally presented to Year 4 students (8 to 9 year olds) in low decile schools throughout N.Z.

The Rotary Dictionary Project is proving hugely successful. Started in 2008 as a joint venture between the Bill and Lorna Boyd Trust and the Rotary Club of Pakuranga, it has spread nationwide with the majority of clubs participating. The students treasure receiving, and writing their names, in their own copy of the dictionary. An added literacy benefit is that the whole family gains, as the dictionaries are taken home.

The dictionary selected is the hard cover Usborne Illustrated Dictionary. It has a reading age of approximately 9 years, has English spelling (not American), and contains over 1,000 full colour illustrations. The dictionary currently retails for \$29.95. Rotary has secured them from Harper Collins Publishers at an extremely generous price.

This is intended as an annual 'ongoing' project for clubs – presenting them to each year's intake of year 4 students.

**To receive an order form and further details contact:
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Web: www.pakuranga.rotarysouthpacific.org**



RECOGNITION OF YOUTH AWARDS

Recognition of Youth Award is unique to District 9690. It was set up to mark the 75th anniversary year of Rotary International in 1983 and has been conducted successfully since. It seeks to identify involved, concerned young people of all-round ability, already embarked upon community interests and conscious of opportunities to participate in a wide range of interest groups. The contest is divided into two sections: Senior under 20 years of age and Junior Years 9 and 10 with winners being recognised by trophies and certificates. Further, sponsors of the winning candidate may nominate a charity or an approved community service to receive a donation to assist its development.

The program recognises and encourages all nominated candidates to continue their efforts of providing leadership within their own communities. Judging is by personal interview conducted on a weekend and is based upon the information contained in the entry form. A formal presentation night is held for participants and their families.

Application forms are available from all schools and TAFE Colleges in District 9690 at the start of the 2nd term each year.

Contact: Governor District 9690

ROTARACT



From a simple beginning in 1968 has grown a strong international service club for young men and women (ages 18-30) who have undertaken a commitment to serve their communities, be it at local and/or international levels.

Sponsored and supported by their local Rotary club, members of Rotaract seek to develop friendships and professional contacts that will enable them to address the physical and social needs of their communities. At the same time members develop their own personal skills and knowledge. As part of an international network of Rotaract clubs, members have the opportunity of reaching well beyond the local scene through projects, contacts and conferences.



It is the responsibility of the district governor of Rotary to nominate a District Rotary Rotaract chairman and committee persons to organize new Rotaract clubs, increase the flow of communication between Rotary and Rotaract and to plan district-wide training for Rotaract club officers.

There are three types of activities within the Rotaract program that all clubs undertake in varying degrees: professional development, leadership development and service project development.

Clubs take on a similar structural administrative base to that of the Rotary model with a District Rotaract Representative being elected on an annual basis to provide co-ordination, training and liaison.

Rotaract meetings are held bi-monthly. It is strongly recommended that there should be a Rotary presence at each of these meetings, attendance being classed as a "make-up" for the visiting Rotarian.

Regular liaison between Rotary and Rotaract by way of shared meetings and agreed projects should be encouraged. Rotaract has its own Standard Club Constitution and is regulated through the Rotaract Statement of Policy.

For further information contact:

Rotary District Chairman

District Rotaract Representative

www.rotaract.org

www.rotaract.org.au

NZ Contact: Districts via www.rotarysouthpacific.org

A photograph showing a globe on a desk, several books standing upright, and a black pen. The background is a light blue gradient.

ROTARY ADVENTURE IN CITIZENSHIP

Rotary Adventure in Citizenship is a program of the Rotary Clubs of Canberra and Woden in conjunction with the Parliamentary Education Office. Its aim is to provide young delegates with a first hand introduction to the process of government in Australia and the role of Canberra as the National Capital. The program also aims to increase delegates' awareness of their responsibilities as citizens and the values and privileges of being Australian.

The program is open to year 11 students from across Australia who are sponsored by interested Rotary clubs. It is held over a five day period in Canberra, usually during the Budget sitting of Federal Parliament in May. Delegates have the opportunity to meet parliamentarians and public service personnel in a program which features parliament in action, current affairs, the legal process, science, and sports. The delegates introduce and thank speakers, act as MCs and take part in various role-playing exercises including elections, question time and Senate inquiries. Besides visits to the Australian War Memorial, Australian Institute of Sport and Questacon, a social program includes an ice-breaker barbecue, bush dancing and a formal dinner. A total package covers return travel to Canberra, as well as all meals and group travel during the program. Accommodation is provided by Rotary host families. Rotary clubs sponsoring delegates generally pay all, or part, of the fee, depending on circumstances.

The delegates appraise the program and provide feedback to their sponsoring clubs and the two organising clubs in Canberra.

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**For application forms go to: <http://www.rotanet.com.au/users/9/97109/RAIC/RAIC1.htm>
www.raic.org.au under the tab "Participate"**

ROTARY YOUTH IN AGRICULTURE (RYAG)



Begun in Coonabarabran (D. 9650) RYAG is aimed at encouraging young people in the area's major industry, cattle-raising. This program has gained momentum in other associated agricultural interests across NSW.

RYAG Beef is a 4-day camp for years 10 and 11 students aimed at providing participants with a broad knowledge of the cattle industry. Students are accommodated under supervision within the local showground complex. They are allocated a beast between two students over the four days to prepare for stringent show ring presentation.

This entails the normal breaking in, clipping, grooming, watering and feeding along with informative lectures on herd management, artificial insemination, marketing, feeding, nutrition, transport and public speaking. The camp is concluded with a grand parade and judging to professional standards.

Similar RYAG programs have been developed for students in Cotton (Moree), Sheep (Armidale), Aquaculture (Great Lakes), Dairy (Wingham), Equine (Tamworth), and RyMarine (Coffs Harbour).

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ROTARY YOUTH CROPS, AGRONOMY, GRAIN AND SEED (RYCAGS) CAMP

Initiated by the Rotary Club of Narromine in 2011 and held in October each year RYCAGS is a program for rural students in years 9 and 10. This program draws from schools throughout NSW and aims to give the students an understanding of cereal and seed crops, weed control, machinery, farm management, flood and pivot irrigation and anything relevant to cropping.

Visits are arranged to cropping farms, a research station, and machinery retailers. Attendees indicated that such camps are beneficial to their agricultural studies.

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ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD (RYLA)

Rotary Youth Leadership Award program is a no-cost to participant leadership training seminar for young adults aged between 18 and 25 years. It is conducted on a district basis annually with participants being sponsored through local clubs and sometimes work places.



This residential program is aimed at encouraging and developing leadership and social skills so that awardees can, more effectively, contribute to their communities in a practical manner. Each Rotary club is invited to sponsor potential young leaders by providing the financial support for a seminar of one week's duration and by transporting them to and from the venue.

Wherever possible, awardees should be invited to meet their sponsoring club members prior to the seminar and to report back after its conclusion. Maintaining contact with awardees is desirable as they can be a valuable resource for the development of ongoing youth programs. During the seminar it is usual to provide a formal occasion to which Rotarians are invited as visitors. Normally this will be a dinner where awardees can relate experiences to sponsoring club members.

It is the responsibility of the District RYLA Committee to present a stimulating, informative program featuring prominent successful business and professional people who have proven records of achievement. The week culminates in the awarding of a RYLA Certificate of Achievement, which can be presented back in the Rotary club environment.

The seminar offers the opportunity of disseminating the Rotary ideal of service to the community as well as creating an awareness of the range of programs available through Rotary sponsorship.

Contact: District RYLA Chairman

NZ Contact: All districts via www.rotarysouthpacific.org

ROTARY YOUTH PROGRAM OF ENRICHMENT (RYPEN)



RYPEN, under the sub-title of The Cultivation of Youth, is an Australian-designed project for young people between the ages of 14 and 17.

It took its rise from the fact that there was little recognition for decent, hard-working young people and sets out to broaden horizons and lift aspirations in a supervised residential weekend seminar.

Its stated aim is to communicate to young people a series of ideas, problems and social experiences which will assist them in forming their own values and moral standards and broaden their horizons culturally, socially and academically.

Nominations for the seminar result from an approach made by Rotary clubs to the local high schools. They are directed to the district RYPEN chairman for selection and further communication. Where numbers become excessive for one seminar, it may be possible to conduct a further course later in the year.

The cost for the weekend is usually carried by the sponsoring Rotary club with assistance in transport where necessary also being offered.

The district RYPEN committee is responsible for the presentation of the weekend seminar. A program of thought-provoking activities, informative speakers, social situations and personal challenges is offered under the supervision of counsellors and visiting Rotarians.

Parents and Rotary club members are invited to attend the final session and lunch on Sunday. Rypennians, as with other youth program nominees, should be encouraged to address their sponsoring Rotary club on their return.

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RYDA YOUTH DRIVER AWARENESS

Young people aged 17-25 represent less than 15% of the population yet account for over one quarter of deaths and injuries on our roads. In 2001, a group of concerned Rotarians decided that something must be done to stop this tragic loss of young people and established the RYDA program, a road safety education program for senior high school students.



RYDA was initiated in Rotary District 9680 on the north shore of Sydney and has now been adopted by 17 other Rotary Districts in all states of Australia; RYDA is also established in New Zealand. Last year over 45,000 students attended RYDA in Australia and to date over 225,000 students have participated in the RYDA Program.

Aware that ill-informed messages to students can cause harm, a substantial investment has been made in developing a program that consistently targets best practice road safety education standards. RYDA is a research based program that has been developed in consultation with road safety authorities, state departments of education and the police so that the Program can complement and supplement the school curriculum and government road safety messages. Program facilitators are all accredited experts in their fields, including Driving Instructors and Police Officers.

The RYDA Program is conducted at an out of school venue and is presented to students with the theme of "My Life My Choices". RYDA includes six sessions that are designed to be interactive and cover a broad range of topics including hazard perception, stopping distances, fatigue, experiences from a crash survivor plus vehicle safety - all aimed at influencing the attitude of young people as passengers or before they get behind the wheel of a car.

Each RYDA Program day is designed for 150-180 students that allows for class group sizes of 25-30 in each of the six sessions in the RYDA Program. Depending on school size, each RYDA event day generally caters for one to three schools. Students get to meet and speak with a person who has experienced a devastating road accident; to see the distance it takes to stop a vehicle travelling at different speeds and to realise that an extra 10 KPH can in some circumstances have tragic consequences.

RYDA is unique as it attempts to influence "attitudes and behaviours" of both drivers and passengers before they get their licences. Peer pressure from passengers has a major effect on the way young people behave behind the wheel - by addressing students as both drivers and passengers, the program aims to change the environment in the car rather than focusing solely on the driver.

RYDA is funded nationally by Founding Sponsor BOC, a leading provider of gases and safety products. Additional funding is provided by local and state governments, businesses, local Rotary clubs and a nominal student contribution.

Further information on RYDA including advice on establishing the program in new areas is available from Road Safety Education Limited – Ph: 1300 127 642 • email info@rse.org.au or from the website www.rse.org.au

New Zealand Contact: Ru Tauri, RYDA General Manager - Ph: 021 545 030 • ru@ryda.org.nz

U-TURN THE WHEEL



The Rotary Club of Moss Vale began a program called U-Turn the Wheel (UTW) in 1999 for Year 11 students in the Southern Highlands of New South Wales, a program which is community-based with Rotary support and which has run successfully since, and has also been conducted in other parts of Australia for more than a decade. UTW is very effective in promoting positive attitudes towards road safety and driving behaviour by young people, and the club was more than happy to share this with other Rotary Clubs. It has been adopted by many other Rotary Clubs, and although it has been rebadged in some locations, the successful format developed by the Moss Vale club has been used almost universally.



U-Turn the Wheel is a series of road safety and awareness workshops aimed at the young beginning drivers in all locations and run by the local Rotary Clubs within each district. This one-day program is designed to reinforce the road safety curricula already being implemented in schools and provides an opportunity for Year 11 students to access additional road safety resources not easily available within a school. The UTW program is designed to specifically address the attitudes and awareness of driver-related issues such as speed, fatigue, alcohol, drugs and the wearing of seat belts, each of which has been identified as a major contributor to road casualties among our young drivers. This program also addresses the issues of risk taking behaviour, peer pressure and responsible decision-making in the areas of insurance and purchasing of a vehicle.

In conjunction with the local RSO (Road Safety Officer), schools, police, and emergency services, as well as Road Safety Professionals and volunteers, the workshops accommodate every Year 11 student who wishes to participate through the local school systems, state and private. The workshops are provided at no cost to the participant, unlike some similar programs run by private companies.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES INCLUDE:

- To provide participants with sound, practical road safety information
- To increase knowledge of consequences of motor vehicle accidents among youth
- To raise awareness of the knowledge and attitudes required for safe and responsible driving
- To improve awareness among young drivers of realistic perceptions of the risks associated with being a driver/passenger of a motor vehicle
- To increase awareness and knowledge of the effects of alcohol and drugs, fatigue, and speeding on driving and the impact in terms of health, financial, and social costs

This invaluable program is available at no cost from the Rotary Club of Moss Vale.

<http://uturnthewheel.com/>



AUSTRALIAN VOCATIONAL ADVISORY PROGRAM

Vocational Service is the foundation on which Rotary membership is built. As the second Avenue of Service, it is the basis of our service to the community, and yet it has not always received the same attention attributed to the other four. However, as Paul Harris said, "each Rotarian is a connecting link between the idealism of Rotary and their trade or profession" The relevance of vocation is just as important today as then and as such, the importance of vocational service can never be underestimated.

In order to assist clubs make the most of their vocational service activities, the Australian Vocational Advisory Committee was formed to produce materials to assist in the planning and execution of new programs. Their manual - the Vocational Service Director's Guide - is now available through the RDU Merchandise.

Focused on the responsibilities, role and promotion of the service area along with a list of ideas ready for programming, the Guide is a useful and practical resource for every Club seeking to reinvigorate their commitment to Vocational Service.

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FOUR WAY TEST YOUTH SPEAKING COMPETITION



The Four Way Test Speech contest originated in Rotary WA in 1989 thanks to PDG Fred Marsh for students in Year 10 at the beginning of the Rotary year and in Year 11 by the time of the Final.

The subject may include any topic which the contestant feels is current, interesting and important. The speech MUST be based on an application of the Rotary Four Way Test, with the principles of the Four Way Test running clearly through the entire speech and adjudicators at all levels shall take this rule into account.

The speech shall be no less than five minutes and no longer than six minutes in length. A warning bell will sound at the end of five minutes two bells ring at the six minutes. Time is kept by one timekeeper and ideally there should be three adjudicators. If possible, for consistency in adjudication, members of Rostrum or Toastmasters can be asked to adjudicate.

After the club has held its heat the AG for the Group needs to coordinate the Group (or Quarter Final); the winner of this stage goes through to the Zone final (or Semi Final) again, coordinated by one of the AGs. As there are four Zones there are four District Finalists. The District Final can be held at the District Conference or separately at another time according to the wishes of the DG.

Clubs who are planning to participate in this great project need to approach the schools about March /April and once a school is involved regular contact should be maintained with the coordinator at the school. The clubs should ideally run their club contest in September/October to enable the Group/Quarter Final to be run in November. Zone/Semi Finals should be run February at the latest, to enable adequate preparation for the District Final. These are only a guide as some Districts hold their Conferences earlier in the Rotary Year

Adjudication

Adjudication sheets are available and the breakdown of points is as follows

Impact On The Intellect -	40 pts	Consider: Material arrangement, cohesion language and appealing use of material.
Impact on The Emotions -	40 pts	Consider Visual impact, vocal impact, empathy, mood and appeal
Use of Four Way Test Throughout Speech -	20 pts	

Certificates of appreciation are awarded to each participant and if a club wishes to allocate money in its budget for prizes, that is their prerogative

At Quarter, Semi and District Finals stages, the sponsoring club is responsible for any costs i.e. meals or transport for the student and one minder.

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OUTBACK ROTARY EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS (OUTREDS)

Originating in 1992 as a reciprocal work experience program between two Rotary Clubs, Silverwater – Homebush Bay (D.9690 and Bourke (D. 9670), this program has grown to encompass wider applications and considerable Rotary support.



OUTREDS is aimed at training young people of secondary school age from remote communities to obtain skills applicable to their own areas but not available in local training programs. With the involvement and support of the Rotary family, a management plan has been approved and adopted directed to attacking the deep rooted problems of unemployment that have lead to the lack of social cohesion and socio economic division in some rural communities.

An OUTREDS Trust, offering taxation deductibility for donations, has been established by the Rotary Club of Silverwater–Homebush Bay and administered by the Rotary Club of Concord. Under its management plan, it seeks to identify,

1. identification of applicants matched with actual job opportunities in the home district
2. identification of appropriate learning institutions in communities offering appropriate courses
3. identification of host clubs near to the chosen training institutions to offer surrogate family support services.

The constant demands placed upon remote communities through drought, flood, fire and the subsequent economic crises across all aspects of rural society, make this project a vital vocational program accessible to all clubs.

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POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR



Initiated in Darwin as a project to acknowledge the outstanding contribution made by police officers in their daily commitment to community safety, this program has been adopted by a growing number of Rotary clubs across Australia.

Its aim is to acknowledge outstanding acts of courage, compassion, understanding and or devotion to duty provided by police officers at the local level. Awards are made annually following an extensive promotional campaign to encourage citizens to nominate officers known to have served in some outstanding capacity.

Organised and directed by Rotary clubs, the program is officially launched at a civic function attended by local dignitaries, senior police officials, the press and other community organisations. Sponsorship is sought from business houses to cover awards, presentation evening and printing.

Press announcements seek nominations from the public. Judging is usually a shared responsibility between the Rotary Awards committee, police commanders, sponsors and local media representatives.

A gala presentation evening with invited guests from the police department, senior management personnel of sponsoring bodies, award recipients and their partners, past Award recipients, local community dignitaries and press representation, serves as the showcase for the project.

Awards presented usually acknowledge all nominees with a framed certificate as well as the recognising the Police Officer of the Year with a plaque and replica of the perpetual trophy that is held at the local Police station.

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Last year with the encouragement and support of the Police Commissioner the Rotary Clubs of NSW Police Officer of the Year Awards was established.

All awardees from awards run by local Rotary clubs automatically go into judging for the state awards. Where no local Rotary awards are currently running, the Commissioner will ask his Local Area Commanders to nominate suitable candidates.

Five categories have been set up for the State awards with the NSW Police Officer of the Year being chosen from the winners in two categories. Rotary Clubs can nominate for all categories.

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PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP

Fitting very appropriately within the vocational service portfolio, this program seeks to identify individuals whose exemplary contributions to their vocations are worthy of public acknowledgement.



Initiated in District 9680, the program has gained wide recognition both in Australia and overseas for its encouragement of excellence in the workplace.

Following the distribution of application forms to business organisations in the local community, the Rotary club identifies award recipients and programs a special presentation ceremony.

Awardees, accompanied by family and business associates, are invited to be present as club guests to witness the presentation of a plaque and the reading of a citation.

The Rotary Club of Pennant Hills in N.S.W., has prepared a comprehensive manual, including a check list of procedural items, directed towards the presentation of a successful Pride of Workmanship program. They also have available plaques recognised as the official award for the program.

To highlight this special club occasion, it is suggested that an excellent appropriately qualified guest speaker be invited to address the meeting.

Pride of Workmanship presentations provide an excellent opportunity for Rotary to promote its image, gain access to organisations for vocational visits and develop potential membership, whilst at the same time providing an avenue for business and other organisations to recognise individual effort.

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ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS



Rotary Fellowships are groups of Rotarians, Rotarian partners, and Rotaractors who join together to:

- Share a common interest in worthwhile recreational activities (sports, hobbies, etc.)
- Further their vocational development through acquaintance with others of the same profession
- Make new friends around the world
- Explore new opportunities for service
- Have fun and enhance their experience in Rotary



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Bird Watching	Home Exchange	Rotary Global History
Bridge	Internet	(Internet Project)
Canoeing	Italian Culture	Rotary Heritage and History
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Interested in joining a particular Rotary Fellowship?
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NZ contact: www.fellowships.rotarysouthpacific.org



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Disaster Aid Australia (DAA), a project of an Australian Rotary club and has Rotary club partners around the world.

DAA is committed to rebuilding shattered lives by delivering emergency shelter, sustainable water solutions and solar lighting to those who have lost everything in a natural or other disaster. Our water and solar lighting solutions are made here in Australia.

This humanitarian program is administered, donated and delivered by Rotarians.

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Since inception, Disaster Aid Australia has worked with Rotarians in Pakistan, Haiti, Horn of Africa, the Philippines and the Sudan to ensure that those who have lost everything have the chance to rebuild their lives, as a family unit with dignity and hope.

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www.disasteraidaustralia.org.au

EMERGENCY RESPONSE KITS (ERK)



For over 30 years, Rotary New Zealand's Emergency Response Kit has been providing immediate relief to our Pacific Island neighbours in times of flood, earthquake, cyclone or tsunami, through the efforts of Rotary volunteers.

The Emergency Response Kit has emergency materials which could enable a family to survive the immediate results of a disaster until their home could be re-occupied. The Kits are light enough to be transported by air quickly to the emergency scene, and from their distributed by Rotarians with local assistance.

Kits are stored centrally, ready for immediate dispatch to the next Pacific Island country in need of assistance.

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DISASTER AID AUSTRALIA

Disaster Aid Australia (DAA) is a project of the Rotary Club of Endeavour Hills in District 9820. Since its inception in June 2010, it now has the support of Rotarian partners in Canada, USA and UK & Ireland.

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Inside this 'Box of Hope' is a range of useful items, most importantly the Disaster Aid tent which is the largest humanitarian tent available. And best of all it is inter-connectable! Simply, we can erect a four room school for up to eighty school children.

Filled with blankets, water containers, cooking utensils, a stove, pots, pans, children rucksacks, mosquito nets, pure soap and building tools – all vital components to assist when you have lost everything following a disaster.

The deliverables are many and varied dependent on the need of those we serve.

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DONATIONS IN KIND (DIK)



Donations in Kind in Australia grew out of the desire of returning project team members from a Solomon Islands Schools project to provide continuing material support to the schools and their communities.

The need to co-ordinate the gathering, storage and dispatch of goods was obvious and the division known as DIK was set up under the supervision and support of Rotary Volunteers. DIK now operates nationwide and has shipped surplus school and library materials, medical equipment, tools, typewriters, sewing machines, computers etc., throughout the Pacific, to Asia and even to Africa and Russia.



DIK has flourished with the support of the Australian Armed Forces and the help of trucking and shipping companies and airlines.

Donations are always required to assist with the shipping of goods, which are generally sent by the container load. Visiting Rotarians from overseas, returned Project Volunteers and other volunteers as well as overseas business contacts are all sources of information as to the need for items in developing countries.

The nearest Rotary club in the recipient area must be involved and all customs and quarantine regulations must be adhered to prior to the dispatch of the containers. Goods should not be collected until a need for them has been established, as storage on a large scale is difficult.

The district coordinator for DIK or RAWCS will be able to give helpful advice and perhaps assist with the transport arrangements.

Contact:
District RAWCS Chairman
www.rawcs.com.au



Imagine... as a parent, if your only choice was to give your partner or children contaminated water or watch them slowly die in the next few days from dehydration.....

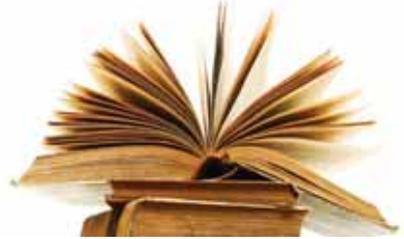
We take clean water for granted every day. In the midst of devastation and disasters, there are few gifts more valuable than the gift of clean safe water.

refer to program page 47

AQUABOX
AUSTRALIA

A Project of the
Rotary Club of Eltham
District 9790
www.aquabox.com.au

THE RANFURLY LIBRARY SERVICE



Ranfurlly is a book-aid charity dedicated to the world campaign against illiteracy in the English language. First promoted in Australia in 1986 by the Rotary Club of Sydney, it is now supported by Rotary throughout the eastern states of Australia.

Since it began its operations, Ranfurlly has shipped just over 3 million books to such diverse places as Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Kiribati, Solomon Islands, Thursday Island, Tuvalu, Vanuatu and Western Samoa as well as some Australian Aboriginal communities.

All the books collected are donated by private and state primary and secondary schools, public and community libraries and private individuals. Collections of the books and their delivery to the Ranfurlly headquarters in the grounds of the Rozelle Hospital in Leichhardt is coordinated in many instances by members of Rotary Clubs in metropolitan Sydney, country NSW as well as interstate. Receiving the books, sorting them, packing them and loading them for delivery to our shippers at the Botany Bay container terminal is done by a dedicated team of Rotarians, ex-Rotarians, Probians and other volunteers who are on duty every Thursday, from 8am to about 2:30pm at Building 501, The Old Rozelle Hospital, Off Glover Street, Lilyfield.

There is a never-ending need for books in PNG and the SW Pacific area and to meet that demand we require a constant supply of good quality used books, particularly Infants/Primary, as well as cash donations to cover freight costs. We currently have very little demand for senior secondary or adult books. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

We also need reliable contacts overseas who would be prepared to receive a shipment of books, cover any costs after delivery of the books to the nearest port and arrange distribution of the books to needy schools and communities. Finally we need willing volunteers to help our ageing workforce - you choose - collecting and delivering, sorting, packing - a few hours a week, or a fortnight, or whenever you can. We, and those who receive the books, would be immensely grateful for your involvement.

If you can assist in any way whatsoever please contact:

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PROJECT FUNDING

An activity of RAWCS is Project Funding which nominates and allocates funding for projects in overseas countries. RAWCS committee members are elected by the Governors on a regional basis and are able to aggregate donations and at times assist with the applications for The Rotary Foundation Matching Grants and government funding, when appropriate.

Donations should be forwarded to the committee member responsible for the chosen project made payable to the "Rotary Australia Overseas Aid Fund".

The committee member arranges the forwarding of the funds, at regular intervals, to the overseas contact for the project who will send an acknowledgement to the donor.

Project Funding has raised the profile of RAWCS and assisted Rotary, Rotaract, Interact and Inner Wheel clubs to take part in an overseas project matched to the funds they have available, happy in the knowledge that the project has been investigated and approved.

Contact: District RAWCS Chairman



RNZWCS LIMITED (ROTARY NEW ZEALAND)

Rotary New Zealand works with overseas partners to facilitate capacity building, skills transference and sustainability among resource-poor communities through economic development. The agency is active in recruitment and placement of volunteers who provide leadership in skill transference where its partners lack expertise. Rotary New Zealand is evolving in a proactive way gaining recognition and support from the New Zealand community in its aim to improve the quality of life for the poorest of the poor within the world community.



Mission statement: The mission of Rotary New Zealand is to encourage, assist and foster World Community Service projects by Rotarians, Rotary Clubs and Districts in New Zealand.

Website www.rnzwcs.org

ROTARIANS AGAINST MALARIA (RAM)



RAM objective is: "The prevention of mortality, and a reduction in morbidity and social and economic loss caused by malaria through a progressive improvement and strengthening of local and national capabilities in malaria control." Malaria is one of the world's foremost killer diseases. Approximately one third of the world's population is at risk of the disease and the annual death toll has been assessed to be in the region of 1 to 2 ½ million. Malaria imposes a heavy economic burden on these endemic countries. Workers are often too ill to function normally at their jobs; mothers are repeatedly sick so that child care suffers and children experience frequent disruption to their schooling.



The African Continent, particularly sub-Saharan Africa, remains the most affected area, along with countries such as Indonesia, Timor Leste, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Until a satisfactory vaccine is achieved the most effective precaution to prevent the spread of infection is to encourage residents (and travellers) to sleep under mosquito nets.

The provision of long lasting insecticide treated bed nets (LLIN) is the best way a club can assist in this significant humanitarian campaign. RAM continues to promote the Adopt A Village (AAV) program with great success - a co-operative endeavour enabling clubs, districts, individuals, and businesses to donate funds which will be allocated to the provision of LLINs to all inhabitants within a specific village.

Bed netting has proven to be highly effective with an earlier major pilot project in the Solomon Islands. At commencement of the project infection rates exceeded 300 per thousand population per year. Bed netting reduced this figure, in some areas to 20 per thousand population per year. In addition to bed netting, other programs involving education, research, the provision of microscopes, clearing swamps and breeding grounds, spraying and providing rapid diagnostic kits were undertaken. All can be considered for Rotary Foundation Matching Grant support.

RAM has now extended AAV to include Timor Leste. In the Solomons, the Global Fund is now handling the distribution of bed nets. So, rather than nets, AAV there now involves providing villages with tools and training to removed mosquito breeding grounds. AAV is still operating in Papua New Guinea.

In Australia, tax deductibility is available for donations from individuals and businesses –cheque should be made out to Rotary Overseas Aid Fund (RAM).

Remember, "IF YOU DON'T GET BITTEN, YOU WON'T GET MALARIA".

Additional information can be obtained at these websites:
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AQUABOX AUSTRALIA

We take clean water for granted every day. In the midst of devastation and disasters, there are few gifts more valuable than the gift of clean safe water.

Estimates suggest 25,000 children die every day from the effects of drinking polluted water. With your help Aquabox can play a vital part in minimising the after effects of disaster.

Aquabox is essentially a lifesaving 80 litre water tank with water filters and water treatment tablets that can convert up to 2,000 litres of polluted water, making it safe and pleasant to drink. The boxes are also filled with emergency aid to reduce the suffering during the aftermath of a disaster.

Disasters in our region occur on a regular basis and all too often, in 2010-11 alone Aquabox (Australia) distributed 460 Aquaboxes (Aquabox Gold and Aquabox 30) to major disasters in Pakistan, Haiti, Philippines and Cambodia. These boxes have provided a potential for over 2.1 million litres of clean water to families devastated by the disasters.

Aquabox is a Rotary project and we aim for all of our consignments and distributions to be undertaken or overseen in partnership with Rotary Clubs and Districts in the disaster areas.

The need is great and the requests for Aquaboxes far outstrips our funds. Please visit our website (www.aquabox.com.au) and consider a donation.

Aquabox (Australia) is a project of the Rotary Club of Eltham District 9790.

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FIJI ROTAHOMES PROJECT



The Rotary Club of Lautoka has been building low cost homes for destitute families for the past 27 years. To date 816 homes have been built to house more than 3600 people.

Koroipita - Fijian for Village of Peter

A fully serviced model town has been developed 3.0 km from Lautoka city. Stage one has been built with 81 homes and the second stage will add 146 homes raising the total to 227 homes and the population from the present 420, to about 1100 residents.

More land is being acquired to add a third stage for another 60 homes.

Each home has electricity, mains water and the Community Council organises garbage and other services. The community is self-funding and even pays the land rent to native landowners.

The town has a large community hall, shop, kindergarten, computer school and 17 plant nurseries.

More than 1000 Rotary and other volunteers have served at Koroipita.

Funding for Stage 2 will come from:

- New Zealand Aid Programmes.
- Rotary Foundation - 3H Grant
- Fiji Government (land acquisition)
- Rotary and other volunteers
- Collette Foundation and other benefactors

Contact: Project Manager.

Peter Drysdale

Rotary Club Lautoka

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FIJI ISLANDS

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From this..... to this

ROTARY AUSTRALIA WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE LTD



Our Volunteer Project Teams carry out humanitarian work around the globe. Teams conduct short term exercises, have predetermined and agreed goals, and ensure that the projects be sustainable.

We combat poverty, neglect, hunger, water shortages and contamination, poor housing, inadequate medical attention and supplies, disease, discrimination, ignorance and poor reading and comprehension skills.

www.rawcs.org.au



ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE



Rotary Friendship Exchange is a visitation program for Rotarians and their families. The program allows Rotarians the opportunity to experience another culture at first-hand in the homes of Rotarians in other countries. Exchanges are reciprocal and last any time from a few days to several weeks.

Its purpose is the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through people-to-people contact across national boundaries.

There are two types of Friendship Exchange. The first is club to club in which individual Rotarians, accompanied by family members, spend a few days in the home of a Rotarian in another country. The second is a district-to-district program in which four to six Rotary couples visit several communities in the host District for up to one month. Rotary International encourages Districts to consider arranging uni-vocational exchanges where feasible. These takes place when host and guest Rotarians are of the same vocation and offers many opportunities for interchanges of ideas and interests across the professional domain.

Friendship exchanges are co-ordinated by a District Friendship Exchange committee and both types of programs are financed by the Rotarians themselves.

A District chairman is responsible for initiating and co-ordinating both the out-going and incoming teams. A listing of all district chairmen across the Rotary world is available to facilitate the setting up of programs. There is no mandatory method of planning an exchange itinerary. It is suggested that a balance of tourist activities, social gatherings, Rotary events, time with hosts and free time, all be considered at pre-trip planning meetings.

Prior to leaving home visiting teams should be sent an orientation package of information covering such things as maps, tour planning, hosting information, special events, weather conditions and suggestions for appropriate clothing. Travel mode and costs while in the host country should be agreed upon before departure. Exchanges of this type lend themselves well to publicity both within the Rotary world and beyond.

On return, participants should make themselves available to address club meetings and be available to advise others on the advantages of this valuable program.

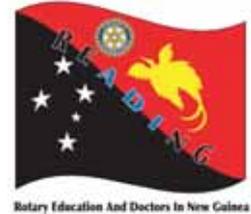
Australia Contact: District Governor

NZ Contact: All districts via www.rotarysouthpacific.org



ROTARY EDUCATION AND DOCTORS IN NEW GUINEA

In Australia, we share a doctor with only 400 other people. But the average doctor in PNG must serve over 7,900 people. The ratio is as bad as that in Rwanda, Ethiopia, Malawi, Niger and Mozambique. In the North Fly District of Western Province, PNG, the ratio is 8,500 people per doctor. In the South Fly District, 40,000 people have no doctor at all; in the Middle Fly District it's 66,000. Total expenditure on health in PNG was just \$53 per capita in 2006, compared to \$3,232 in Australia. To make matters worse, around 10,000 refugees live in Western Province. They are not recognised by the PNG government, so they are refused even the limited official aid. PNG's rural health services are deteriorating. Many facilities have been closed down, and those that remain are difficult to access. Patients, health workers and supplies must negotiate raging rivers, muddy roads and rugged mountains.



Communicable diseases such as malaria, tuberculosis, pneumonia, diarrhoeal diseases, meningitis and HIV / AIDS account for about half of all deaths in PNG. In 2006, 15,000 children under 5 died in the Pacific region. 14,000 of them were in PNG. Of every 1,000 children born, 73 will die before age five. Another 54 won't even survive their infancy. For every 100,000 live births, 470 young mothers die. In Australia the number is 4.

Help us fight the killers and cripples

How can your Rotary club help?

Support is needed to implement a 3-pronged strategy:

1. Deploy volunteer (ADI) doctors to remote communities.
2. Run treatment and control programs on malaria, elephantiasis and leprosy.
3. Educate and train health workers.

This Project will run in conjunction with Australian Doctors International's and Rotary projects. Club support in the form of donations and volunteers is required.

The projects will be registered with RAWCS for tax deductibility.

Sections of the project will be eligible for Matching Grants.

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OPERATION CLEFT



The children are the future of Bangladesh

Operation Cleft is committed to helping underprivileged children in Bangladesh born with a cleft lip or palate get the surgery they need to enable them to prepare for the future and make a meaningful contribution to building their nation.



Providing free cleft repair surgery for underprivileged children in Bangladesh does much more than change the way they look:

Improves educational opportunities - most children with an untreated cleft do not attend school. They are teased by other students and are discouraged by a school system that is not equipped to handle children with special needs.

Improves social opportunities - Most children with an untreated cleft have no social network outside their own family and are frequently even rejected by them.

Improves general health - Many children with an untreated cleft suffer from severe depression, malnutrition and ear, nose and throat infections.

Improves job prospects - most children with an untreated cleft remain illiterate because they never attend school so employment opportunities as they mature are very limited.

The Operation Cleft model is simple and cost effective. We contract ten highly trained Bangladeshi Plastic Surgeons to perform eight - ten cleft repair surgeries a month each at local hospitals. The average cost per patient is around \$250.00.

The project has been running since 2005 and with your support will continue to change children's lives in Bangladesh for many more years to come.

For more information visit our website – www.operationcleft.org.au

Email – info@operationcleft.org.au Tel: 0414 246851

Above:

Habiba had her bilateral cleft lip repaired in December 2010 at age four. Her mother said that before surgery the child was so ugly other children in the neighbourhood were afraid of her and not allowed to play with her. The mother was also a target of insults from neighbours for having delivered such an ugly child. In addition she had great difficulty in feeding the child as she was not able to breast feed.

You can see from the pictures taken before surgery a stressed and terrified child who knew nothing but rejection and mocking all her life, clinging to her mother.

Look at the transformation in these pictures taken in November 2011. A beautiful little girl, smiling, surrounded by her friends. She is now allowed to play with the children, can eat properly and is starting school in January.

Your support for Operation Cleft results in much more than just cosmetic improvement. It has made it possible for Habiba to be transformed from an ugly to a beautiful child, from a rejected to an accepted child, from fear and stress to a peaceful child. Your help has given her an opportunity for a normal life.



ROTARY AUSTRALIA WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE (RAWCS)

Before 1987 the various world community service activities in Australia operated independently of one another, each with its own coordinating body and limited overall cohesion. At that time it became obvious a national structure would avoid duplication and bring together the resources of a great many Rotarians to maximize the benefits of those in need overseas.

The main RAWCS activities are Project Volunteers (PV), Safe Water Save Lives (SWSL), Rotarians' Against Malaria (RAM), Donations in Kind (DIK) and Project Funding.

RAWCS operates through five regional committees. Northern, Eastern, Southern, Central and Western regions.

The regions accept responsibility for projects registered by Rotary Clubs in their areas and provide advice to Rotarians travelling overseas to work on humanitarian projects.

Clubs and individual Rotarians may also gain the benefits of lower airfares, national insurance and tax deductibility for their donations to the Rotary Australia Overseas Aid Fund.

World Community Service in Australia (RAWCS) has been supported very strongly by Rotarians in recent years and is currently working to seek the support of the corporate world and private ancillary funds.

All projects are Club based and managed by the Rotarian registered as the project coordinator.



Contact:
Local District Directory
www.rawcs.com.au

PROJECT VOLUNTEERS



Project Volunteers is the name now given to the well-established FAIM Program. FAIM, as it was previously known, relates to the Fourth Object of Rotary and was coined by District 265 Past Governor Keith Hopper.

The first team of 47 Rotarians and families, well endowed in vocational skills, went to Indonesia in 1964 on a goodwill mission with work as the meeting point.



The concept of volunteers going to a developing country to provide facilities and skills training became so successful that in 1971 FAIM became a national organisation.

Major projects undertaken by Project Volunteers have been the supervising and building of some 90 schools after Cyclone Namu in the Solomon Islands, the recent health facilities and library along the Kokoda Track, and the Aitape tsunami reconstructions in Papua New Guinea.

Rotary clubs can support Project Volunteers by encouraging volunteers and members to become supporters by making tax-deductible donations.

Volunteers are needed on a continuous basis. Some 750 Rotarians and friends a year travel to undertake projects with the indigenous people of the Pacific region and beyond.

The concept of spending time in a developing country and experiencing people with differing traditions, cultures, food and the like are exciting challenges for Rotarians.

Many projects encourage volunteers to be accompanied by their partners to share in the rewarding experience of overseas service.

Contact:

www.rawcs.com.au

District RAWCS Chairman

NZ: D9910, 9920, 9930, 9940



SAFE WATER SAVE LIVES (SWSL)

Safe Water Save Lives originated in District 981. John Van Der Haar of the Rotary Club of Ringwood, Vic., returning from a trip to the island of Flores, was concerned by the plight of the local people who spent six months of the year faced with desperate water shortages while for the other half of the year there was abundant rainfall.

John was able to make use of his knowledge of swimming pool construction to design a transportable and reusable framework which with a little training, allowed villagers to construct a concrete water-tank in one day, using mainly material available locally.

As one half of the people of the world do not have ready access to safe drinking water, water-related diseases may claim as many as 25 million lives a year, there is a huge need to be met.

SWSL, as an activity of RAWCS, has expanded its approach to the provision of water and now encompasses the provision of water catchment, reticulation and the construction of a variety of tanks.

Clubs are encouraged to provide members for SWSL training teams and financial support for the water projects.

Of recent years these projects have been considered under the Project Volunteers program.

Contact:

District RAWCS Chairman

NZ Contact: Districts 9910 and 9940 via www.rotarysouthpacific.org



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL HOME EXCHANGE FELLOWSHIP



Though this program is a listed Recreational & Vocational Fellowship program it is open to every Rotarian wishing to avail him/herself of its benefits.



The fellowship program is online at the website www.RotaryHomeExchange.com. Applications for membership must be completed on the internet where as much descriptive information may be detailed as a person may think will help arrange an exchange. This may also include as many coloured photographs of the home, the family or the geographical area as are desired. The application fee is detailed thereon.

Once contact is made, it is up to the individual Rotarians to organise the details. Houses, cars, boats and in some places, servants are considered as relevant aspects of the exchange. As only Rotarians are eligible for the program, there is an appreciated level of trust between both parties as to the respect for each other's property.

The site is operated by a commercial home exchange organisation with 'Firewalls' in place to protect the Rotary operation. These 'walls' may be breached should the member take advantage of a free offer to access the commercial pages and consider an exchange therein. Potential members should be aware of this fact.

To register for the program and so be included in the current exchange booklet, prospective members should complete the application form prior to 31 October of each year. This ensures all current entries being available in the express delivered booklet the following February.

Countries currently available and in demand are USA, Canada, UK, South Africa and India, with potential to visit any country within the Rotary family should members establish the contacts.

This program has been operating successfully since 1977 and has a large archive of reports from truly satisfied exchangees with the benefits of free quality home accommodation, transport provisions, the opportunity to become involved in the local community and the like.

Contact:
www.rotaryhomeexchange.com



ROTARY OCEANIA MEDICAL AID FOR CHILDREN (ROMAC)

From humble beginnings with one child, ROMAC today changes and save the lives of up to 30 underprivileged children from the Oceania region each year.



Children like Rocelyn, from the Philippines, who had what started as a small lump in her mouth that quickly turned into a 2 two kilo tumour. She couldn't eat, could only see out of one eye, and had trouble breathing. Surgeons commented that had she not been treated she would have died within a month.

Theary was abandoned due to the unsightly face birthmark, but fortunately her new 'mum' took her in, contacted ROMAC and now she lives a normal, healthy life with her new, caring family in a remote Cambodian village.

Varayame became paralyzed following surgery on his back. Whilst he had never walked he's proud to be a Fijian national wheelchair basketball champion. The New Zealand orthopaedic surgeon recently repaired a deep wound on his back, but regrettably had to amputate his twisted feet. The lad has been fitted with prosthetic feet that enable him to walk. His amazing story has received extensive media coverage on N.Z.'s '60 Minutes', a TV documentary, and in the local press.

On a lazy Sunday Dr Ken Jureidini, ROMAC's Medical Director, received an urgent call for help for Nelia, a 6 day old Timor Leste baby, as she was unable to feed or digest her food due to a rare condition. Unfortunately local doctors were unable to perform surgery, Five days later ROMAC's team had her on the operating table at Melbourne's Monash Children's Hospital for an operation that saved her life.

It's not always easy generating publicity for Rotary, yet the general public have read, listened to and watched probably more ROMAC success stories than any other Rotary project. From alarmingly disfigured faces, conjoined twins to emergency life-saving operations it's no surprise that the sometimes desperate stories have frequently made 'good news' stories in all the media in Australia and NZ.

Often patient visas need to be urgently issued and extended, but as ROMAC has a great relationship with the Department of Immigration they always facilitate patients for ROMAC. This has done much to promote ROMAC's good work and enables our surgeons to gain valuable experience with extremely rare conditions, seldom seen in our region, that provide 'hands on' benefit for our children.

ROMAC is supported by compassionate surgeons and their teams who donate their time and expertise, plus a number of hospitals offer ROMAC free operations. This, coupled with minimal overheads - no office, no paid staff - ensures that every donated dollar is worth many times more. Importantly, donations are spent supporting our local businesses in the vicinity of our local hospitals.

ROMAC is a multi-district programme financially supported by generous Rotary Clubs and run by a small group of caring volunteer Rotarians, just like you.

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ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM (YEP)



The Youth Exchange Program is an international program which provides young people with the opportunity to experience life in a different country, culture and environment for up to one year.

The program is an extremely rewarding experience for all who participate whether they are a student, club members, host families, district personnel or the wider host community. Most youth exchange students participate in the year-long program, spending their year abroad studying at a host school and living with 3-4 host families. A smaller number participate in short term exchanges of up to three months. These two programs are for students aged 15 to 18 whilst the new generations exchange provides a similar opportunity for 18 to 25 year olds. The major objective is to further international goodwill and understanding by enabling students to study first hand some of the problems and accomplishments of people in lands other than their own. There is an ambassadorial role implied in the exchange with students being expected to impart as much knowledge as they can about their own country as well as sharing that knowledge upon their return.



Applicants can be children of Rotarians as well as non-Rotarians and are accepted by a sponsoring Rotary club after interview and club selection. Final selection and nomination resides with the district youth exchange committee. All students and their parents take part in a thorough orientation and briefing program.

Outbound students are responsible for the provision of round trip airfares, clothing, comprehensive health and travel insurance and incidental expenses. The host Rotary club accepts the responsibility for food and lodging with arrangements made for a regular monthly living allowance and school requirements.

As an exchange program, Rotary clubs wishing to nominate & sponsor a student should be prepared to arrange reciprocal hosting for an inbound student. It is usual for hosting over the twelve-month period to be shared by several families with the Rotary club offering support and guidance throughout. Host families can come from within the Rotary club or from non-Rotarian families. A Rotarian counsellor is appointed to coordinate activities as well as providing advisory support to the student.

The district YEP committee provides an overall support structure to assist club exchanges. It initiates international contacts, selects and briefs outbound students, welcomes and orientates inbound students, provides district counsellors to monitor progress.

In today's society all persons who have contact with students or young people under the age of 18 are required to have background checks carried out. Rotary districts world wide participating in youth exchange are required to be certified with Rotary International whilst participating clubs are required to be certified with their District Youth Exchange Committee.

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STAMPS FOR OVERSEAS AID

The collection of used stamps has been an ongoing project in many districts since the early 1970's.

The program has involved people such as senior citizens, occupational therapy groups, school communities and other interested parties.

A by product of the program has been the collection of waste paper.

Fund raising from the collection of stamps has been distributed to many charities such as World Community Service, medical support programs and other relief organisations.

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22 earthquakes, 35 conflict zones, 57 floods, 12 hurricanes, 10 typhoons, 4 tropical storms, drought, tornado, bushfire, 5 cyclones and 7 tsunamis.

In 2011 over 15,000 ShelterBoxes have been distributed to more than 25 different disasters in more than 20 different countries helping more than 15,000 families in need.

A 6.3 magnitude earthquake struck the city of Christchurch in New Zealand in February resulting in massive loss of life, casualties and damage to the city's infrastructure.

ShelterBox New Zealand Director, Lindsay Thorburn, was having lunch on the outskirts of Christchurch when the earthquake struck on 22 February 2011:

'We worked to make sure fellow kiwis had shelter, warmth and dignity. The ShelterBox Response Team worked alongside emergency management staff, the Police and Fire departments to establish a shelter solution for use as a triage for the evacuation of injured people. We received great support from local Rotarians offering accommodation and local business owners who supplied additional relief and fuel for our vehicle. It was inspiring to see the city come together in it's time of need.'

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To find out more about how you can give to ShelterBox, go to our websites noted below.

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THE GREAT KIWI ANZAC DAY BREAKFAST



The Great Kiwi ANZAC Day Breakfast is an opportunity for New Zealanders and Australians to fill the natural space between the Dawn service and later commemorations on ANZAC day with a special breakfast.

Organising committees (School PTA's, Rotary Clubs, RSA clubs, and the YMCA) will register their committees with The Great Kiwi ANZAC Day Breakfast Charitable Trust CC 43936 to arrange breakfasts within their communities



Hosts provide breakfast and guests are asked for a donation towards the project.

1. To restore, maintain and upgrade all memorials and war graves of New Zealand service persons wherever in the world they would be located but with particular attention to those within New Zealand;
2. To assist with the establishment of new war memorials where appropriate throughout New Zealand;
3. To foster a feeling of "nationhood" in New Zealand through educating the youth of New Zealand on it's proud war history and encouraging attendance and participation at ANZAC day memorial services and other related functions;
4. To promote the welfare of returned service men and women;
5. To provide education services and facilities to the public of New Zealand concerning the ANZAC tradition of that day and the services provided by the trust.

Web: www.thegreatkiwianzacdaybreakfast.co.nz



VILLAGE AIDE PROGRAM

For those looking for a broadly based, multifaceted project, the Village Aide Program may be just the thing. This Philippines located program looks to the welfare, educational, health and resources of needy communities aiming to provide support through practical, hands on commitments by visiting volunteer teams.

Volunteers, professional, trades people, and those with enthusiasm but perhaps less skills are also welcome. There is work for medical professionals, construction teams, administrators and just “gophers”, often all coming together to provide much needed local services. Teams usually spend two weeks on a project and can be of male and/or female members.

To date projects undertaken include the provision of meals to drought and flood victims along with a well established lunch program for school children; medical and dental missions including minor surgery; renovation of schools and safe water and sanitation systems; dispensing spectacles to sight impaired and medicines to the sick ; provision of low cost housing and rebuilding of dilapidated public amenities.

The VAP is looking for teachers, doctors, nurses, builders, administrators, accountants and anyone who has time to spare. Financial support is also most welcome. This is a project conducted under RAWCS guidelines with the associated support mechanisms.

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LEARN GROW



The problem

We frequently see haunting images on our television screens of the devastating effects of massive famines around the world. With the predicted increase in the world's population over the next 40 years, particularly in developing countries, the seriousness of food shortages in the world will only escalate.



The solution – Food Plants International database

Australian agricultural scientist, Bruce French, developed a solution to address this problem, involving local food plants. Local plants thrive naturally, without the need for costly inputs that those in need are unable to afford. Bruce French set out on a personal quest nearly 40 years ago to create the largest database of edible plants ever developed. The number of plants in this database is now approaching 25,000 and includes information on plants from all over the world. Most importantly, information on the food value is included.

The Learn Grow project was developed by the Rotary Club of Devonport North and Rotary District 9830 to help create awareness of this solution and encourage its application. Rotary clubs and districts continue to engage in aid programs in developing countries. A prime objective is to ensure that a Learn Grow approach is included in these projects.

Food Plant Solutions Rotarian Action Group (RAG)

In 2011, the Rotary International Board officially recognised the Food Plant Solutions Rotarian Action Group (RAG) to support the development of Learn Grow. This recognition provides Learn Grow with significant exposure on a worldwide platform.

Engage NOW!

There are many ways for you to become involved with this inspiring project:

- Join the Food Plant Solutions RAG
- Share your ideas and comments on the RAG website
- Register to receive our newsletter
- Run a "Food for Thought" event at your Rotary Club to create awareness of, and support for, Learn Grow. (Full details are on our website at "support us" and scrolling down to "food for thought event")
- Raise funds for Learn Grow
- Sponsor a program in a developing country or a specific activity
- Establish a Learn Grow group in your district
- Identify ways to link Learn Grow's vast technical support with projects in literacy, sanitation and water
- Develop partnerships with existing local aid providers, institutions and people involved in health, education and agriculture

There is a way....Food Plant Solutions!

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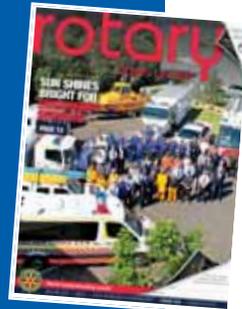
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MEDIC ALERT FOUNDATION



MedicAlert® Foundation is Australia's only not-for-profit organisation that provides a 24/7 personal medical emergency information and identification service. A MedicAlert emblem is vital for anyone with a medical condition, allergy, taking regular medication or special needs that should be known in an emergency.



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Emergency services and healthcare professionals are trained to look the MedicAlert emblem and the information it holds. They can call the 24/7 emergency hotline for further details held on a secure national database.

Our professional Membership Services team and volunteers, support our member community from the Foundation's national office in Adelaide, South Australia.

The Foundation belongs to a worldwide network of affiliate organisations. Introduced into Australia by Rotary District 250 and St John Council, the Australia Medic Alert Foundation has protected over 300,000 Australians since 1971.

MedicAlert Foundation seeks the support of District Governors and District Committee Service Chairman to encourage Clubs to participate in the Annual Rotary Club Supporter Program by paying \$5.00 per member each year. Dinner plaque stickers are allocated in recognition of Clubs who support this vital community services project.

Peace of mind, always.

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CAMP QUALITY

Camp Quality is the children's family cancer charity that believes in bringing optimism and happiness to the lives of children living with cancer and their families through fun therapy and education. They believe laughter is the best medicine.

Camp Quality builds resilience in the lives of children and their families on the cancer journey by creating an optimistic community through fun therapy. They run education, hospital, family assistance, and recreation programs to help create fun and supportive communities throughout Australia.

Their education program, has helped over 3 million school children and teachers learn about the challenges of living with cancer through uplifting performances jam-packed full of laughter and optimism.

Camp Quality staff and volunteers regularly visit children's oncology wards with their robotic puppet, Giggle, who makes children receiving cancer treatment laugh and helps takes their minds off being sick. Camp Quality's investment in hospitals is based on specific needs identified by health professionals. Camp Quality is committed to being there every step of the way from diagnosis, through treatment and remission.

Living with cancer places enormous physical, emotional and financial stress on the whole family. Camp Quality's family support program ensures that families living with cancer get the support they need. The family support program is not just recreational or financial, it's also friendship.

Camp Quality's famous recreation program, made up of camps for the whole family, camps just for the kids and family fun days, is designed to provide fun therapy opportunities for cancer to take a back seat so kids can ride waves, ride horses, abseil down cliffs, paddle down rivers and slip down giant waterslides. A day, a weekend, or a week in a fun, optimistic environment can make all the difference to a child's outlook and ability to deal with cancer.

Their recreation program is a safe environment for kids to celebrate living. In addition to their camps, Camp Quality creates fun days for children living with cancer. They are a fun, 'day off' from cancer!

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THE DARE FOUNDATION OF NEW ZEALAND



The DARE Foundation was introduced by Rotary to NZ some 20 years ago. Many Rotary Clubs throughout New Zealand have supported the Foundation, DARE

activities and the local DARE Societies. A substantial success story DARE is the partnership with the NZ Police, Schools and the DARE Societies where Police Education Officers offer "skills for life" programmes to Intermediate Schools in the classroom setting. The programme "DARE to make a Choice" is very successful where schools see the benefit of inviting the Programme to be delivered to many of their pupils.

While the emphasis in the past has been on drug awareness, the programmes offered through the DARE brand now cover substantial life skills programmes for a wide range of young people as well as a programme called "DARE to support your kids" aimed at families and care givers.

Two new programmes are currently being offered through community based facilitators. These are "DARE to be You" and "DARE to Move on"

Both these programmes use bibliotherapy as the basis of the programme – award winning author, Mandy Hager has written two novels – fictional stories about young people dealing with life's choices and problems as they grow up – trained facilitators can work through the books chapter by chapter discussing the issues which arise and allowing the students themselves to reflect on the behaviour presented and how they may react in a similar manner. The stories are topical, exciting and identify and deal effectively with issues being faced regularly by young people.

There is a huge need in the regions for DARE Societies to be supported by the community in terms of skilled people on the local committees and funds to enable DARE coordinators to be employed. Our young people need the skills to respond appropriately to the environment into which they are heading. DARE can provide those skills with the help of Rotary and the business community.

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ENGINEERING SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Engineers Australia, Sydney Division, organises and manages two Schools Programs throughout the year. The aim of the programs is to provide students with the opportunity to be exposed to engineering as an industry and as a profession.



Abigroup Autumn School of Engineering (AASE): The Autumn School takes place in April. Throughout the week-long program, the students will visit the following universities:

- University of Sydney
- University of New South Wales
- University of Technology Sydney
- Australian National University, Canberra.

The students will also be taken behind the scenes of some of the major engineering companies and projects within Sydney and surrounding regions which will provide the students with the opportunity to see engineers in action and the workings of different organisations. Abigroup Autumn School is an initiative supported by Engineers Australia - Sydney Division, Abigroup, NSW 'Engineering' Universities and participating Rotary Districts.

Honeywell Engineering Summer School (HESS): Takes in December. Throughout the week-long program, students are introduced to five universities, including University of New South Wales (host university), University of Sydney, University of Western Sydney, University of Technology Sydney, and University of Wollongong. The students are also taken behind the scenes of some major engineering companies and projects to see engineers at work.

HESS is a great experience full of practical engineering activities, a careers evening, and other evening social programs. The HESS students are mentored by students from the host university and accommodated at Dunmore Lang College (DLC), Macquarie Park.

HESS is an initiative supported by Engineers Australia - Sydney Division, Honeywell, NSW Engineering Universities and participating Rotary Districts.

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INNER WHEEL



Inner Wheel is one of the world's largest women's organisations with over 99,815 members in over 101 countries and geographic regions.

The aim of Inner Wheel is to promote personal growth and enthusiasm to better serve the community, while more formally, the Objects of Inner Wheel are to promote true friendship, to encourage the ideals of personal service and to foster international understanding.



Membership is primarily made up of female relatives of Rotarians and Inner Wheel members but provision is made for some women to join without any Rotary association.

The Manchester Club in England, formed in 1924, provided the name and model rules upon which the Inner Wheel movement is based. The emblem is a small wheel contained within the Rotary Wheel, hence the name Inner Wheel.

During 1931 the first Inner Wheel Club was chartered in Australia at Ballarat, Victoria. This was closely followed by the charter of an Inner Wheel Club at North Sydney in 1932. There are now total of 14 districts in Australia, two in Queensland, six in New South Wales, three in Victoria, one each in South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania and non districted clubs in Darwin, Canberra-Belconnen. The membership in Australia is 3,800.

In 1936, the Inner Wheel Club of Napier was formed and Inner Wheel began in New Zealand. Napier was New Zealand's solitary club for many years until Taumarunui formed in 1947. The 1970's and 1980's saw a burgeoning of Inner Wheel, particularly in the South Island with New Zealand's first District, 298, formed in 1971.

Inner Wheel New Zealand now has 5 Districts.

The first International President from the Southern Hemisphere, in fact outside Europe, was Gwen Davies from Parramatta, NSW in 1975-76. Since that year, Gwen Bowman from Belmont, NSW in 1992-93, Lovise Richardson from Sutherland, NSW in 1998-99 and Carole Buchanan from Berwick, Victoria in 2001-02 have been International Presidents.

New Zealand has produced three International Presidents – Alison Dowson 1988-89 and Beth McNeill 1996-97 and Carole Young for 2012-13.

Two international conventions have been organised in Australia. The first in May 1976 was held at Willoughby Town Hall, NSW and, the second, held at the Convention Centre, Darling Harbour, NSW in October 1993. Both these conventions were a great success with support from all members. An outstanding convention was held in Christchurch, NZ in May 2006.

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INTERPLAST AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND REPAIRING BODIES. REBUILDING LIVES.

Interplast Australia (later to include New Zealand) was founded in 1983 by Rotarians in D980 and the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons. Interplast Australia & New Zealand is a project actively supported by Rotarians in Clubs and Districts throughout Australia and New Zealand.

Its mission is to improve the lives of people in developing countries in the Asia Pacific region who are disabled as a result of congenital or acquired medical conditions

Rotarian David Inglis is the President of Interplast and Rotarians are equal members of the Company and the Board and comprise the Rotarian Committee.

An Interplast team traditionally consists of two surgeons, one or two anaesthetists and two nurses, each giving their time entirely as volunteers. Treatment is provided free of charge and is targeted to those members of the population who cannot afford access to such services. Each program is typically for two weeks, with an average of 70 operations performed across a range of procedures including repair of cleft lips and cleft palates and the release of burn scar contractures – all at no cost to the patient.

Interplast volunteer surgical teams are committed to developing local capacity by providing training and mentoring for medical and allied health professionals to administer safe and appropriate treatment.

Since 1983 Interplast has sponsored over 80 medical personnel to receive part of their training in Australia, trained hundreds of overseas medical personnel and over 600 Interplast teams have carried out over 20,000 operations.

The average cost of a program is approximately \$42,000 which covers the volunteers' costs plus insurances and cost of the complex and specialised surgical and anaesthetic equipment and medical supplies which travel with each team.

A vital humanitarian program, Interplast fosters incalculable international good will and Rotarian cooperation and friendships.

Interplast is accredited by AusAID and is a signatory to the Australian Council for International Development Code of Conduct (ACFID) for all international aid donations. All donations to Interplast of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible.

For further information, promotional material and guest speakers for Rotary Clubs and other functions, please contact:

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NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM (NYSF)



The NYSF is a national program that seeks to inspire and encourage future generations of scientists and engineers, offering them the opportunity to learn what a life in the sciences really means and equipping them with interpersonal and other non-academic skills that will give them an edge in university entrance and beyond to become tomorrow's leaders.

From its inception in 1984, NYSF has been held over two sessions, each of twelve days, in Canberra each January. Since 2010 there have been three sessions of NYSF, two in Canberra and the third in Perth.

Students for all three NYSF sessions are chosen on the same basis and the proportion of students from each Rotary District, attending all three sessions will be the same. Students will attend in Canberra and Perth, from all over Australia and experience life as a university student, whilst being exposed to the breadth and depth of career options in science and engineering beyond bench research through a series of site visits to laboratories and other facilities in Canberra or Perth and their surrounding regions.

The NYSF looks beyond academic achievement to the personal skills that help students fulfill their potential. There is a strong emphasis on the development of communication and interpersonal skills, as well as discussing and debating topical issues in science and engineering.

There are two formal dinners per session that are attended by over 100 scientists from various disciplines and addressed by high-calibre speakers such as Dr Fiona Wood, burns specialist and 2005 Australian of the Year, and the Commonwealth's Chief Scientist. More recently, NYSF alumni who have gone on to excel professionally at home and internationally in science and engineering have returned as keynote speakers at NYSF dinners.

Rotary clubs throughout Australia are responsible for all participant selections. Initially, interested students register their details on the NYSF web site then lodge their applications with the Rotary club of their choice. University, industry and government partners cover about half the cost of student attendance at the NYSF. Some Rotary clubs choose to subsidize part of the student fee to attend NYSF.

All NYSF sessions are staffed from a base of selected returning students and Rotarians as well as NYSF office staff and volunteer Rotarians.

Full details, including session dates, application forms and general information for all NYSF sessions can be found at the web site, <http://www.nysf.edu.au>

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OZTRY YOUTH ASSIST

“ Transforming Our Youth” The Why Try? social & emotional life skills program



The federal government has called on community based service organisations to help address and alleviate our 'Youth Mental Health Crisis' in Australia. Your Rotary Club can make a huge difference.

Oztry Youth Assist Ltd is a Tax Office approved non-profit charity, established in 2004, to provide the cost-effective and early prevention Why Try? program to improve youth social and emotional wellbeing and to support positive behaviour change.

A common cry of today's youth is " I want to change but I do not know how." Oztry is showing youth how to change and to realise their potential to be 3C Citizens, Creative, Compassionate and Contributing citizens, that is, to be more like Rotarians.

"Why Try's multi-sensory, strength based approach, using cognitive behavioral and solution focused strategies, represents what is currently considered to be best practice in the community services sector" says a Canberra-based mental health centre manager.

Why Try? is unique in Australia. Youth learn these vital social and emotional life skills.

1. Understand the consequences of decisions.
2. Manage anger, learn positive reactions.
3. Live and respect society's laws and rules.
4. Set S.M.A.R.T. goals, prepare for the future.
5. Remove negative labels, build self-esteem.
6. Overcome negative peer pressure and bullies.
7. Build a personal support system.
8. Appreciate the value of exerting time and effort.

Rotary clubs across Australia have equipped over 7,000 youth with critical social and emotional life skills to be more optimistic about the future, to be resilient with set-backs and to take personal responsibility. They get answers to the question, "Why Try in life?" Outcomes include a reduction in school truancy, decrease in school drop-out rates and improved academic results. An initial donation by the Rotary Club of Balwyn, Melbourne, resulted in Balwyn High School's decision to apply Why Try? with their entire Year 9 level for 3 consecutive years.

Oztry Youth Assist conducts Why Try? Facilitator Certification workshops, attended by student welfare teachers and counsellors. They learn to apply the school-based Why Try? program, now in use in over 14,000 schools and correctional facilities in the US, Canada and the UK.

We invite your Rotary club to donate teaching and learning resources to enable your local high school to pilot the Why Try? program.

Please view interviews with students & teachers on YouTube, via:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GQoYrttFCqo>

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ROTARY STELLAR TRUST – ERADICATING “P” PROJECT



The Stellar Trust Inc. was established as a registered charity by the Rotary Club of Auckland East Inc. in November 2008 to raise funds to substantially reduce the demand for methamphetamine (the drug “P”).



New Zealand has the highest recorded per capita usage of P in the world. This dangerous drug is causing major damage to the health of individuals, impacting productivity and increasing violent crime to adults and children. The value of P sales exceeds \$1.5 billion annually.

The trust has established an Advisory Board of influential individuals who advise and assist the trustees. The trust's Patron is Principal Family Court Judge Peter Boshier.

In addition to fundraising, The Stellar Trust has developed the following plan:

1. Liaise with Government

Work with Government to harmonise drug strategies and to promote a shift from 'harm minimisation' to 'harm elimination'.

2. Fund Drug Education Programmes

Fund suitable organisations to provide drug education programmes in (mainly secondary) schools focused on reducing the demand for P. The programmes may be extended to parents and workplaces.

3. Conduct a Social Awareness Campaign

Raise the public awareness of the P issue by conducting a simultaneous multi-media campaign.

4. Establish Community Coalitions

Establish, in parallel with the media campaign, support structures throughout the country, so that people responding to the media have somewhere in their area to contact to seek advice and assistance with P related issues.

Rotary with its nationwide network of clubs is ideally placed to provide this support. Rotary would work with various local services to direct callers to the appropriate assistance.

Further information is available at www.thestellartrust.org.nz



ANNUAL ROTARY SHINE ON AWARDS

The Shine On Awards ceremony is held annually in recognition of outstanding service by persons with disabilities who disregard their disabilities in reaching their goals to serve others.

There are two age group categories -

- 1) Adults 25 years of age and over, as at February 25th.
- 2) Youth 15 to <25 y.o. as at February 25th.

An annual event, the Shine On Awards Ceremony is held in May, each year, hosted in turn by the 5 Rotary Victorian Districts involved, and the designated host Club. The program honours the abilities of those with a disability.

Nomination Guidelines and Forms are available in September each year in advance, since the research, interview of the candidates and preparation of the nomination forms with supporting references takes time. All nominations must be finalised and lodged by mail by the closing date, February 25th.

All nominees and guests are invited to the Shine On Awards ceremony, and all nominees receive a personal Citation read to the audience when called individually to the stage to be presented with a Certificate of Commendation at the ceremony. In addition a small number of Shine On Trophies are also awarded to the most outstanding nominees, as selected by an independent panel of health professionals, and presented at the ceremony by the Guest of Honour.

Special thanks are due to:

The Committee of our Shine On Awards Southern Districts 9780, 9790, 9800, 9810 and 9820 Representatives, the Host District and Club, and clubs; the generous sponsors; the selection panel members for their generous support, expertise and untiring energy, in ensuring the ongoing success of the Shine On Awards.

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THE SCIENCE & ENGINEERING CHALLENGE



The Science and Engineering Challenge is an outreach program founded by the University of Newcastle in conjunction with Rotary. It commenced in 2000 and has grown to involve over 100 Rotary clubs and 28 Universities reaching around 700 schools and 22000 students nationwide.



The Challenge aims to address our skills shortage in science and engineering by inspiring young people to study senior Maths, Physics and Chemistry. It provides students with an exhilarating day where they compete with other school groups in engaging and demanding activities. The Challenge gives students an appreciation of the complexities of a career in the science and engineering. And it works!

Student Feedback

"It gave me an insight to the world of engineering."

"It was a fun practical day with my classmates. The competitive aspect was awesome!"

Teacher Feedback

"The challenge is one of the best activities that we have involved our students in!"

"Students get a sense of their scientific skills being valued."

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THE SCIENCE EXPERIENCE

The Science Experience is a national program that encourages students in Years 9 and 10 to consider science, engineering and technology as interesting and worthwhile subject and career choices.



Almost 3,000 places are available at the 3 or 4 day program conducted in approximately 36 university campuses and tertiary institutions throughout Australia each year. The programs are organised and conducted by committees based in each institution and follow a similar format.

The programs are essentially 3 or 4 days of hands-on science fun and activities in laboratories, short interactive lectures in lecture theatres from prominent scientists such as Dr Fiona Wood (2005 Australian of the Year) and the Sleekest Geek himself, Dr Karl Kruszelnicki and most programs include a visit to a local research/industry site. Each program provides information on possible careers and future study opportunities.

In 2011, we introduced a 4 day program at Curtin University in Western Australia. This program contained the usual science and technology activities with an extra day of engineering and has proven to be very popular. In 2012 we will be expanding into some regional areas of Victoria and Queensland hoping to provide local students the opportunity to attend The Science Experience in their area.

The Science Experience continues to have the support and encouragement from Rotary, the national and state science teachers associations, the Young Scientists of Australia and the participating universities and tertiary institutions.

Doncaster Rotary club in Melbourne and Monash University first initiated the program in 1990. Since then, Rotary clubs throughout Australia have played a major role in the development of the program through encouragement of students to attend and the full sponsorship of more than a third of all students who attend the programs. Rotarians serve on local organising committees and in some instances carry major responsibility for the organisation and conduct of the 3 or 4 day program. Rotarians have provided billets for many country students attending programs and often provide social functions, especially barbeques, for students during programs.

Brochures and application forms are sent to all secondary schools and Rotary clubs in April of each year and hopefully the information arrives early enough to be distributed at PETS or District Assemblies. Information and application forms may be accessed and downloaded via the website www.sciencceexperience.com.au and students are able to make direct online applications. The programs are non-selective and any Year 9 or 10 student is welcome to attend. Although not essential to participation, Rotary clubs endorse many of the applications.

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This is a separate program to The National Youth Science Forum

TREES FOR SURVIVAL



Trees for Survival is a charitable trust which promotes the growing and planting of native trees to help control soil erosion. By encouraging organisations to sponsor and support school students in tending tree seedlings and planting them out on eroding land, the programme brings communities together to protect New Zealand's soil and water resources.



The usual pattern is that a supporting organisation arranges sponsorship of a plant growing unit - a special shade house at a school. The students grow native plants from seedlings to a plantable age of about 12 months. Each unit can grow up to 1,500 plants per year. Regional Council staff locates eroding sites suitable for stabilisation by planting and the various parties, including the students, plant out the trees.

NZ Contact: www.tfsnz.org.nz



ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

The Rotarian Development Forum.

To be an effective Rotary leader, you need to know something about Rotary and the Rotary Leadership Institute provides an excellent interactive means for Rotarians with leadership potential to gain that knowledge and leadership development in a discussion-based environment. It provides an entirely new way to satisfy a need that exists in clubs and districts for Rotarians to gain skills in leading project teams, committees and management groups thus enhancing Rotary's ability to provide service to the community.



- **What is RLI?** A fun, interactive, hands-on series of courses designed to provide Rotary knowledge and develop leadership skills. There are three day-long parts that may be taken at the participant's pace, ideally over a year.
- **Who can come to RLI courses?** Each Rotary club should nominate prospective club leaders annually for the RLI program. Districts can also nominate participants. A nominated Rotarian may attend any RLI event scheduled in any district with the prior agreement of the host district RLI Chair.
- **Why?** Rotary club and district leadership changes every year. Success in clubs and districts depends on the quality of the leadership pool available. These key future leaders are exposed to new ideas, meet like-minded enthusiastic Rotarians, learn and bring back the excitement of Rotary service!

Hopefully you can join the next RLI intake.

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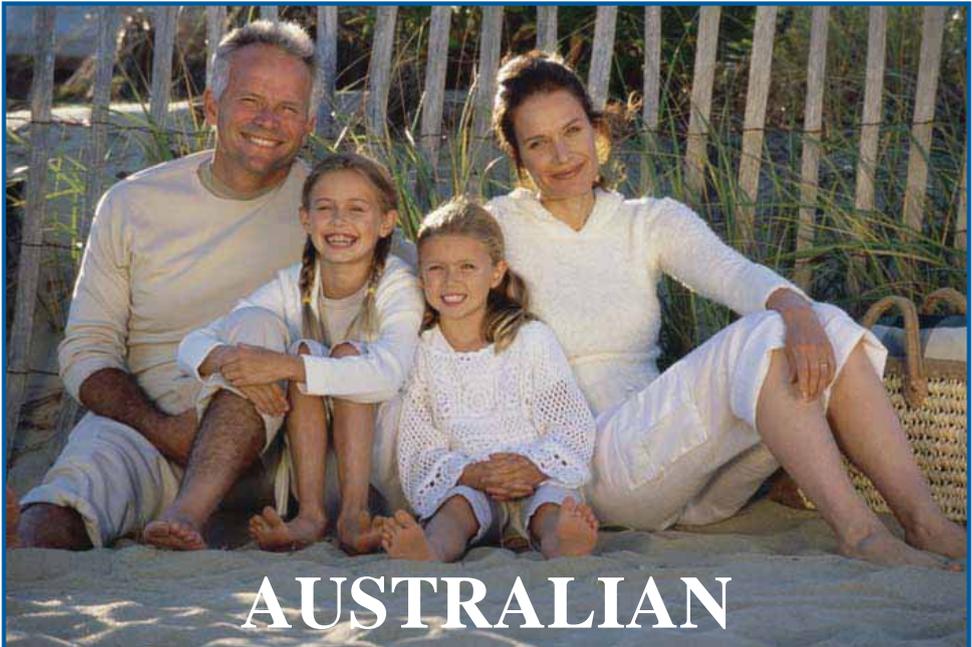


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