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For over one hundred years, motivated people around the world have come together as Rotarians to unite the power of one with the power of many to bring about exceptional change in the world. Made up of men and women across all vocations and cultures, Rotary is a non-political, non-religious global organisation focused on improving the wellbeing of local and international communities and bringing about world peace and understanding.

To be a Rotarian is simply to have a desire to do something to help others. To be a Rotarian is to develop your skills, broaden your networks, grow your understanding and knowledge, enjoy the camaraderie of like-minded people and build life-long friendships. With 34,000 Rotarians in 1164 clubs in Australia and 1,210,047 Rotarians in 32,774 clubs overall around the world, that's a powerful lot of people making a difference.

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Rotary's commitment to Service Above Self is channelled through five Avenues of Service, which form the foundation of club activity.

Community Service focuses on change starting with our local community. Activities that our clubs undertake to improve life in their community include Bowelscan, SecondBite, Air Rescue, Emergency Medical Information Booklets, and rebuilding flood and/or fire affected communities. Community Service also includes Australian Rotary Health, a registered charitable organisation that supports health research projects and research scholarships in Australia.

Youth Service recognises the positive change implemented by youth and young adults involved in leadership development activities, community and international service projects, and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding. Programs include Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN), Rotary Youth Exchange; the National Youth Science Forum, the Science and Engineering Challenge, Model United Nations Assembly, and youth driver awareness.

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Diversity and Women in Rotary

Rotary International recognises the value of diversity and encourages club membership to reflect individual communities with regard to professional and business classification, gender, age, religion, and ethnicity as the key to the future. Rotary is also dedicated to achieving equality for women around the world by helping local and global communities, to improve health and education standards, achieve economic independence, and provide better education for all.

The Rotary Foundation

The Rotary Foundation's mission is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education and the alleviation of poverty. It is a not-for-profit corporation supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world by funding its humanitarian programs in 215 countries. Programs include Polio Plus, vocational and cultural exchanges through Vocational Training Teams, Peace Fellowships and Global Post Graduate Scholarships.

Club Service focuses on strengthening fellowship and ensuring the effective functioning of the club.

Vocational Service encourages Rotarians to serve others through their vocations and to practice high ethical standards. Visiting local businesses to learn about industry in our community increases our knowledge and helps to build our networks. Projects around learning a trade and awards for pride in workmanship are just some of the programs in which Rotarians promote high ethical conduct in business and professions.

International Service expands Rotary's humanitarian reach around the globe and promotes world understanding and peace. Rotary clubs can sponsor projects in another country, seek international partners to support projects in their own communities, or Rotarians can personally volunteer at an international project site. Projects include polio eradication, water and sanitation programs, reconstructive surgery programs (Interplast and ROMAC), friendship exchanges and disaster relief.



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Sue Gammon, Rotarian, Bundaberg.

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