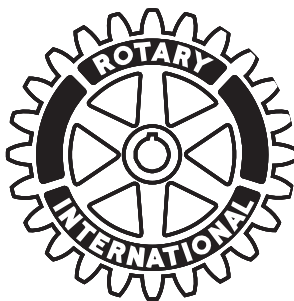


AN INTRODUCTION TO
PROGRAMS
OF
ROTARY



An overview of major programs available to Rotary clubs in
districts administered by Australia and New Zealand

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Rotary Down Under is proud to produce another revision of "An Introduction to Programs of Rotary".

The idea of then District Governor Noel Eastment, it was first published in 1995/96. The book was revised in April 2000 and more than 10,000 copies have since been distributed, throughout New Zealand and Australian based Rotary 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 is the perfect source of content for club Rotary Information segments.

This publication would not have been possible without the invaluable service of Past Governors Dick White and Barry McConville - another fine example of Rotarians "making a difference". Thank you fellows.

PDG Bob Aitken

Managing Editor

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PREFACE

The great diversity of programs available to Australian and New Zealand Rotarians offers challenge and realistic optimism for making a difference in an ever-changing world. Rotary Clubs are autonomous in their choices of service projects. They make decisions based on local, national and international demands and have need to balance resources to provide assistance in times of unforeseen crises.

This edition has been prepared to assist in the promotion and understanding of some of the better-known Rotary programs. Our thanks go to the many willing program administrators and resource personnel who have offered advice and assistance in the preparation of text.

This publication is but the tip of the iceberg. Rotarians are great innovators and new programs to assist many deserving causes are being introduced regularly. Their successes, we trust, will be recorded in future editions of this handy resource document.

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Past Governors, District 9690
Rotary International

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The Australian Rotary Health Research Fund is a multi-district project of Rotary in Australia and is supported by most clubs and Rotarians. The Fund has made available more than \$10 million in medical/health research - in Australia. All donations are tax deductible.

In 2000 the ARHRF began its current emphasis on **Mental Illness research and awareness**. As part of this activity, research grants of more than \$1 million each year have been awarded and a community awareness program, supported by the Commonwealth Government, has seen more than 400 community forums on mental health held by Rotary clubs.

Other activities of the ARHRF

Scholarships for Indigenous Australians

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

Funding Partners Program

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

Bowelscan

The highly successful bowelscan program is promoted by the ARHRF.

Rural Health Scholarships

Scholarships can be awarded to medical students who are completing a rural placement as part of their under-graduate medical training.

Rural Health Grants

Funds are made available to research projects that have the potential to restore or promote the health of Australians living in rural and/or remote areas.

Mental Health Services - Research Grants

To assist local service providers to have their service evaluated.

Mental Health Awareness in Primary Schools

KidsMatter will increase support and assistance for students at risk of experiencing mental health problems.

Transport Industry - Mental Health Survey

Evaluating the costs and benefits of pro-active physical and emotional health screening and treatment for employees in the transport industry.

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

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ARHRF BOWELSCAN



Bowelscan is a Rotary Community Service program, developed in 1982 in District 9640 and now conducted by more than 500 Rotary clubs across Australia.

These clubs issue approximately 100,000 kits during their annual colorectal screening programs.

Since Bowelscan commenced more than 500 people with bowel cancer and 2,400 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 became a program of the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund in 2003. It has become an integral part of the ARHRF, having developed a major presence across many Rotary districts. Details of the program's administration are available from:

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ARHRF INDIGENOUS HEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS

The program is a co-operative program between the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund, Rotary clubs, some State or Territory Governments and the Commonwealth Government.

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 eventually any health related profession.

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 ARHRF 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.

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ARHRF MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS FORUMS

Rotary clubs throughout Australia are being invited to conduct community forums in as many communities as possible. The community forums are organised by Rotary Clubs as part of their contribution to community service, and especially deal with the public's awareness of mental illness issues. The aims of the community forum project are:

- to help de-stigmatise mental illness
- to bring the community in contact with mental health services and support groups
- to clear myths and misunderstandings surrounding mental illness
- to raise awareness of the need for early recognition and treatment of mental illness
- to offer hope and understanding to consumers and carers
- to form ongoing partnerships between Rotary Clubs, mental health services, support groups, local government and the community.

Rotary Clubs throughout Australia are being encouraged to organise community forums, with support from their local government and mental health services. The ARHRF can assist Rotary Clubs with planning, resources and some financial support up to the value of \$1,000.

A Mental Health & Depression Community Forum Guideline Manual has been designed to assist Rotary clubs and districts to successfully plan and conduct Community Forums.

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COMPUTERS 4 KIDS AND COMMUNITY

Aimed at the provision of computers to disadvantaged students and needy community groups, this program links commercial providers with Rotarians skilled in updating and repairing redundant computer hardware. Where possible encouragement is offered to responsive students to undertake appropriate training in more advanced technical skills themselves through recognised PC repair courses. The gaining of approved qualifications is seen as a strong motivational incentive to vocational stability as well as improved self esteem.

Rotary club members and volunteers including young Rotaractors, university undergraduate students and professionals also give generously with time and skills on working bees.

Once refurbished the computers are donated on receipt of verified requests - to specific individuals with disabilities or special needs referred for help; unemployed people trying to regain employable skills, children in secondary school in Yr 10/11 or 12 (and occasionally at upper primary level) who would benefit academically but are unable to afford a computer.

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A similar program is run through D9690, where computers are dispatched through DIK to other countries.

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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 persons 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 could allow 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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OPERATION UNTAG

NEW ZEALAND

Pioneered by the Rotary Club of North Harbour, New Zealand, in District 9910, this program seeks to facilitate the removal of all graffiti by offenders, supervised on a one-to-one basis by Rotarians. The program further seeks to change the behaviour of offenders, utilising the expertise of the Rotarians to assist with their personal, educational and vocational development.

The program is closely supervised by the local community constables and supported by paint and hardware stores with donations of paint and brushes. Whilst it used to be solely supervised by Rotarians, other community groups have come forward to offer their services and are now taking part as supervisors in the program.

Because of the program's success, the police are now referring non-graffiti offenders to the program to carry out their community service.

The program has a 90 per cent plus success rate for re-integrating the offenders into school, vocational training or in some instances full-time jobs.

Contact: NZ D9910

PEACE COMMUNITIES

This project was set up in 1992 in District 9700 to encourage Rotary districts through their clubs, in partnership with their local civil and civic authorities, to facilitate the declaration of their cities or towns as Peace Communities committed to peace in action at the local level.

Initially this involved the dedication of suitable sites in central park areas or locations and affixing bronze Peace Symbol plaques on monuments, edifices or buildings where Rotarians and local citizens could meet on special days, such as Rotary's World Understanding and Peace Day. On these "celebration days" awards are made to local citizens, students and schools for their contribution to peace in action within their community.

Subsequently the focus has been on re-activating partnerships with local civic authorities and other local organisations (Departments of Education, Police etc), to establish ways in which the concept of peace can be applied in practical ways in local communities. For example, the concept of peace in action could involve Rotary clubs that are committed to the Peace Communities project in preparing a compendium of individual Rotarians involvement in community groups, committees and projects and promulgating this to their civic partnerships; encouraging Rotarians engaged in community activities to declare themselves as Rotarians publicly acknowledging their commitment to "Service above Self"; and Rotary clubs formulating ways in which future cooperative involvement in peace in action activities can be undertaken in the context of current and future partnerships.

At this stage there are 7 local Peace Communities in Australia, (Wagga Wagga, Coolamon, Forbes, Lockhart, Bathurst, Cowra & Goulburn) and 44 overseas, (in New Zealand, Japan, Philippines, Canada, USA, South Africa, Namibia, Zambia, France, Israel, India, Mauritius, Northern Marianas, Argentina and Yugoslavia).

A challenge is out for current and future district governors to give serious consideration to launch this simple extension to their Community Service activities into clubs in their districts, to help breathe new life into hands-on Community Service activities by forming partnerships with Local Government and other community service bodies, to help curb violence, conflict and vandalism in local communities.

The Credo of the Peace Communities Project is:

Respect for the life and dignity of every person, without discrimination or prejudice

Rejection of violence, in all of its forms and towards all people

Resolution of conflict among people within local and global communities

Reconciliation of differences and the pursuit of harmony

Freedom of expression and cultural diversity

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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 clubs across Australia.

Its aim is to recognise outstanding acts of courage, compassion, understanding and 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 organizations. 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 and police commanders.

A gala presentation evening with invited guests from the police department, senior management personnel of sponsoring bodies, award recipients and their partners, 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.

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PROBUS



Probussouthpacific is an association of retired and semi-retired people who join together in clubs, the basic purpose of which is to provide regular opportunities to keep their minds active, expand their interests and enjoy the fellowship of new friends.

The word PROBUS is an amalgam of the words PROfessional and BUSiness.

There are mens clubs, ladies clubs and combined clubs.

Membership is open to anyone of good character and who has had some measure of responsibility or achievement in any field of worthy endeavour.

PROBUS is a 'Community Service Program' of Rotary within the ANZO Region established since 1974.

Rotary's role is to assess the need and viability within the local community, form and charter new Probussouthpacific clubs. Once clubs are formed by Rotary they are then formally accredited by Probussouthpacific Centre - South Pacific Inc. Rotary maintains a friendly liaison and interest with the sponsored club but stands aside to allow the Probussouthpacific club to self-govern, develop its own identity and programs.

Activities of Probussouthpacific clubs fall into two parts:

- A formal meeting on a set day each month, comprising a business session, a coffee break followed by a guest speaker and/or discussion on a topic of mutual interest.
- Outings (between meetings) to places or organisations of interest to members, theatre, social or sporting occasions. These may include overnight trips, tours and walks.

Clubs are simple in structure and free from the constraints and obligations of service clubs. Although, on occasions, Probussouthpacific members have assisted their Rotary club with local projects. Membership involves minimal cost and is primarily directed at providing the opportunity for extension of acquaintance and interests with liked minded individuals.

Probussouthpacific provides members with self-generated goodwill, a sense of belonging, a diverse background of ideas, continuing self-esteem and a cordial environment to share in their retirement years.

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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:
All District Chairmen*

NZ: All districts

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, 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

ROTARY COMMUNITY CORPS

THE RCC is one of the fastest growing programmes of Rotary - about 20% per annum. The only RCC in New Zealand is in D9940 and has been operating for nearly 8 years. Its principal sponsor is the Rotary Club of Hutt Valley with Hutt, Eastern Hutt, Pencarrow, Petone, Stokes Valley, Wainuiomata and Western Hutt clubs supporting.



The aim of the Hutt City Rotary Community Corps is to provide job and life skills to unemployed people; 25% of these members come straight from jail, 25% are long term unemployed, 25% youth at risk and the remainder are special needs.

The corps provides programmes to improve members' quality of life and to encourage the development of members potential. Helping corps members to be independent of the State is a key component of the programme.

Contact: NZ D9940

HONEYWELL ENGINEERING SUMMER SCHOOL

(HESS)

The Engineering Summer School is an initiative supported by Honeywell, Engineers Australia, Sydney Division and Rotary clubs around NSW and ACT.

It brings together students entering their final year of secondary school who have expressed a sincere interest and application for studies and/or a career in one of the many branches of engineering.

Applications forms are forwarded to year 11 students via schools and Rotary clubs. Students may apply either direct to Engineers Australia or through their local Rotary club. Students are offered places on a first come first served basis.

Successful students gain the opportunity of experiencing day-to-day life as an engineer through access to universities and contact with Australia's leading engineering organisations.

Opportunities exist to talk with and observe engineers employed in government, private and research facilities covering a broad range of discipline categories. Such opportunities might encompass biomedical, chemical, civil, environmental, electrical, computer or mechanical engineering. It is hoped that through such experiences, student decisions about future career paths will be made using informed judgments.

Attendance at and transport to HESS involves a personal cost to the student. However, sponsoring Rotary clubs may wish to assist with the payment according to circumstances. Sponsoring clubs are also encouraged to invite students to their weekly meeting both before and after the Summer School as well as endeavouring to keep in contact during subsequent university attendance and after graduation.

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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.

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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

MATCHED STUDENT EXCHANGE

This program fosters international understanding between Australians and New Zealanders. The program is arranged by the Rotary District, but run largely on a family-to-family basis with assistance from the District committee and the local Rotary club. It is funded by the families directly involved.

Young New Zealanders aged between 13 and a half and 16 years on the first day of February of the exchange year program spend the first term of the academic year living and studying in an Australian community as guest of an Australian family. In return, the family of the New Zealand student hosts the Australian student in their own home and community, through the second term.

Contact: NZ: All districts

Aust: District Governors

MODEL UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY (MUNA)

MUNA was introduced to Rotary by the Lake Cargelligo Club in District 9700 in 1980. The concept was passed to Forbes Club in 9700 in 1984. Since then MUNA has spread to all districts of Australia and to New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and to other countries around the world.

MUNA simulates the workings of the United Nations Assembly by having teams of two or three senior students represent a particular U.N. country in debates on matters of world political and social concern.

The Assembly is about building bridges of goodwill for world peace and understanding through a personal involvement in the acceptance of situations that reflect the opinion of "adopted" countries. Students are challenged by the opportunities to extend research, debating and public speaking skills by addressing a wide range of contemporary, world-focussed issues.

Usually, the assembly is held over a weekend with delegates being billeted by the host Rotary club. A school auditorium is used to recreate the U.N. Assembly chamber with nameplates, flags and national costumes being encouraged. A social program is arranged for the Saturday evening. Proceedings begin with each team delivering a statement on the political structure and policy of the country represented. The Assembly then debates resolutions supplied to each team in advance. On Sunday, teams present their own resolutions for debate.

The Assembly is chaired and judged by Rotarians with prizes being awarded for the best overall representation, the best contribution to a world peace solution and the best national costume. Rotary clubs, in conjunction with the local high school, sponsor teams to attend MUNA. There is a nomination fee, usually paid by the club. Transport to/from the venue may also become a club responsibility. MUNA is a low-cost activity that is easily organised and has highly beneficial results for participants, both students and Rotarians.

Canberra Sunrise Rotary Club now runs an annual MUNA in Old Parliament House, Canberra, which attracts students nation-wide. In addition, there is an inter-district national MUNA committee which encourages and assists all Australian Rotary clubs and their students in their MUNA endeavours.

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NATIONAL CHILD HEALTH RESEARCH FOUNDATION

NEW ZEALAND

The National Child Health Research Foundation was established by Rotary in 1971 to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Rotary in New Zealand. Through research, the Foundation aims to relieve the suffering of children and their families by the early detection of disorders and diseases.

Contact: All NZ Districts

NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM

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.

NYSF is held over two sessions, each of twelve days, each January. Students come to Canberra 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 and the surrounding region. The NYSF also 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 also 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.

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. Most Rotary clubs choose either to subsidise or pay in full the student fee component.

The January sessions are staffed from a base of returning students and Rotarians as well as NYSF office staff.

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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.

Contact NZ: All districts

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 14 to 17 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. Exchanges 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 an inland tour program. 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.

Contact: D. 9690

NZ: D9920

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 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 17-19 years and Junior 13-16 years 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.

Contact: Governor District 9690

ROTARY ADVENTURE IN CITIZENSHIP

The aim of the Rotary Adventure in Citizenship 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 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 during August at a time while federal parliament is sitting. Delegates have the opportunity to meet parliamentarians and public servant 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 MC's 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, bowling 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 they provide feedback to their sponsoring clubs and the two organising clubs in Canberra.

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ROTARY YOUNG CARERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (RYCAP)

Rotary Young Carers Assistance Program evolved in 1997 after seeing a T.V. documentary on young children looking after sick and/or disabled parents or siblings, with little or no assistance. After a meeting with Carers N.S.W. the Rotary Club of Hawkesbury decided to raise money to provide holiday camps to give these children relief from their everyday lives, which includes feeding, bathing and medicating family members, subsequently having an impact on their emotional, social and noticeably, educational development.

These camps are a fantastic opportunity for Young Carers to 'connect' with other young people who know what it's like being a Young Carer (as well as knowing what it's like being a young person in general). It is a place where Young Carers make friends with each other, hang out together, support each other and have heaps of fun! All this is done in an environment that is 'safe' and caring. Lots of Young Carers also say that they get tips on how to deal with 'stuff' that comes up in life. Young Carers realise that when they come to camp, they are not alone. A help line has been developed as a follow up to these camps, where children can have discussions with qualified counsellors.

At present there are two camps held each year, one for 7 to 12 year olds and one for 13 to 18 year olds.

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ROTARY YOUTH IN AGRICULTURE (RYAG)

Begun in Coonabarabran (D. 9650) in 1993 and 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 the Moree area (Cotton), Armidale (Sheep), Wingham (Dairy), Forster (Agriculture) and Tamworth (Equine).

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ROTARY YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION FOUNDATION

A nationwide Rotary project aimed at reducing the extremely high incidence of youth suicide in New Zealand, the Trust was formed in 1999.

Recognising the need for the best advice as to the allocation of funding, an Advisory Board is appointed, made up of mental health professionals along with a strong network of professionals throughout the country for further expert guidance.

Under the direction of Rotary appointed Trustees and the six district representatives, the Trust seeks funds from Rotary clubs, the community, corporate sector and Government. The Advisory Panel advises the Board as to how best allocated those funds.

Contact NZ: All Districts

ROTARY YOUTH DRIVER AWARENESS PROGRAM

The RYDA Program is aimed at Year 11 students who are on the verge of driving or who, at least, are actively thinking about driving. The program targets “driver awareness” and “attitudinal change” and is not a driving instruction program as such. The one day course is held at a non-school site and comprises six 30 minute modules. The modules are Stopping Distances, Hazard Perception, Safe Celebrating & Fatigue, You Choose, Accident Survivor and The Real Cost of Wheels. The modules are presented by professionals eg. local police, drug and alcohol counselors, certified driving instructors, officers from the Office of Fair Trading and accident survivors from the NSW Brain Injury Association. The RYDA Program has been developed in consultation with the RTA and the NSW government departments of Education & Training, Health and Police.



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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.



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: All districts

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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National RYPEN Committee

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THE SIEMENS SCIENCE EXPERIENCE

The Siemens Science Experience encourages students about to enter year 10 to consider science, engineering and technology as interesting and worthwhile career choices.

Almost 3,000 places are available at the three-day programs conducted on approximately thirty-four university campuses throughout Australia each year. The programs are organised and conducted by committees based in each university and follow a similar format.

The programs are essentially hands-on science experiences in university laboratories, and short lectures in university lecture theatres. Visits to local research and industry sites are a feature of several programs. Each program provides information on careers and future study opportunities.

The programs have received generous financial sponsorship from Siemens since 1992, and have the support and encouragement of National and State science teacher associations, and the Young Scientists of Australia.

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

Brochures and application forms are sent to all secondary schools and Rotary clubs in May of each year. Information and application forms may be accessed and downloaded from the program's website www.scienceexperience.com.au and students are able to make direct online applications. The programs are non-selective and any Year 9 student about to enter Year 10 is welcome to attend. Although not essential to participation, Rotary clubs endorse many of the applications.

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AUSTRALIAN VOCATIONAL ADVISORY BOOKLET

Vocational service is the foundation on which Rotary membership is built. As one of the original Four Avenues of Service it has not always received the same attention attributed to the other three. To advance this status, the Australian Regional Rotary Institute initiated a special committee in 1970 to produce material that offered support and guidance to all clubs.

Called the Australian Vocational Advisory Committee, this evolving group has produced materials to assist planning and direction for clubs seeking ideas to develop new programs in Vocational Service.

Available through the sales department of Rotary Down Under is the Vocational Service Director's Guide, a slim volume dealing with the responsibilities, role and promotion of the service area along with a list of ideas ready for programming.

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FOUR WAY TEST

YOUTH SPEAKING COMPETITION

The aim of the FOUR WAY TEST YOUTH SPEAKING COMPETITION is to provide grade 10 students the opportunity to improve their speaking presentation skills through competition and mentoring. Competitors present a 6-minute speech, which seeks to apply the FOUR WAY TEST to their chosen material. A panel of 3 adjudicators will assess and critique all presentations as well as provide personal follow-up with helpful ideas (for future presentations). The implemented processes begin with each participating Rotary club recruiting year 10 students interested in entering this competition.

Each club then runs its own competition, with a finalist chosen from each participating school. These students then compete in the district preliminary finals from which 3 students and 1 reserve are chosen. The successful competitors are then invited to the district finals, which may be held at either the district conference or a special event prior to this. If the latter occurs, the winning finalist may be invited to perform their speech at the district conference.

Certificates of participation are awarded to all entrants. Trophies can be awarded to finalists from each stage. The overall winner receives a personal trophy in conjunction with a perpetual trophy, which is to be presented and displayed at the winning student's school. Experience has shown that the improvement of each student by participating in all levels of this competition has an invaluable impact on their future endeavours.

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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 people 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 under the administration of the Rotary Club of Silverwater-Homebush Bay.

Under its management plan, a tri-partite approach seeks:

- (a) identification of applicants matched with actual job opportunities in the home district
- (b) identification of learning institutions in communities offering appropriate courses
- (c) 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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Creating opportunities in Australia's "Outback"

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 trophy and the reading of a citation.

The Rotary Club of Pennant Hills NSW, 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 trophies 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 small business to recognise individual effort.

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NZ: All districts*

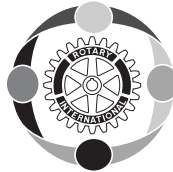
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Amateur Radio
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Birdwatching
Canoeing
Caravanning
Chess
Cricket
Curling
Cycling
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Esperanto
Fishing
Flying
Genealogy/Heraldry
Golf
Gourmets
Home Exchange
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License Plate Collecting
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Magna Graecia
Motorcycling
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Rotary History
Rotary-on-Stamps
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Scouting
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VOCATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS

Accountants/CPA Chartered
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Dental Volunteers
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Education - University
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Psychiatry/Psychology
Tire Industry
Total Quality Management
Travel Agents
Veterinary Science



EMERGENCY BOXES

NEW ZEALAND PROJECT

The objective of this scheme, which operates New Zealand wide, is to provide a ready stock of boxes containing specific items classified as useful parts of a survival kit. These are packed in standard containers, ready for use in an emergency anywhere in the South Pacific.

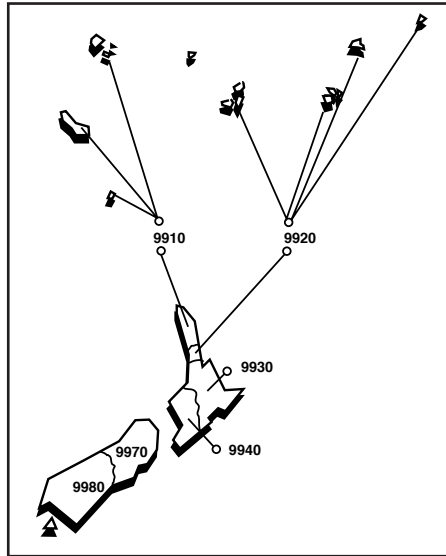
If clubs choose to fill a box, they may involve members or local schools in the collection or purchase of all items, mainly inexpensive, many second hand or pre-used but all still serviceable.

This scheme gives every Rotary club, regardless of size, the opportunity to take part in a low cost, hands-on World Community Service project.

Boxes are stored in a Rotarian's warehouse and are commonly on their way within hours of a disaster after the Air Force Commander contacts Rotary. District 9910 clubs store their own boxes and District 9920 stores for all New Zealand.

Additionally D9910 conducts the Aqua Box Schemes.

NZ: All districts



FIJI ROTAHOMES PROJECT

THE Rotary Club of Lautoka has been building basic cyclone resistant shelters for destitute families for the past 19 years. More than 3850 people have been housed in 779 homes and provided with toilets, clean water, clothes, school support and other essentials.

Rotahomes are strongly built with a timber frame and steel cladding. There are homes built in the country areas that do not need a toilet and shower or kitchen unit, and homes in the new subdivision where the homes are concentrated, and sanitation is essential.

Single room homes are for families up to 5 people, double or 2 room homes are occupied by up to 11 people.

The country model single homes cost AUD\$1460

The double homes cost US\$1980

The subdivision single (extended) room homes cost US\$2100

The combined toilet/shower/kitchen units cost AUD\$1100

And the kitchen unit (only) costs US\$560

The Rotahomes team builds one home unit, often with detached ablution block, every 2 weeks.

The donor receives photos and a family profile documenting the conditions of the family before and after they receive their Rotahome.

Matching Rotary Foundation grants are available only for the homes in the legal titled subdivision in minimum blocks of 5 homes.

Over the years 63 project volunteer teams have worked on the project backed by 36 matching grants. A model town at Koroipita has been established. Plans for the next project of Tavau are already on the way.

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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 that an umbrella organisation would prove to provide more benefits.

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



RAWCS operates out of five regions. Northern, Eastern Southern Central and Western. The regions accept responsibility for projects of their choice from the projects available and then recruit teams from the districts and clubs of the area. Clubs and individual Rotarians may gain the benefits of lower airfares, national insurance and tax deductibility for their own projects by contacting their district Rotary Australia World Community Service chairman, who will seek approval for their projects.

Contact:

Local District

See District Directories

DONATIONS IN KIND

(DIK)



Donations in Kind in Australia grew out of the desire of returning FAIM team members from the Solomon Islands Schools project to continue to offer material support to the schools and communities in which they had been operating.

The need to co-ordinate the gathering, storage and dispatch of goods was obvious and the organisation known as DIK was set up under the supervision and support of FAIM. DIK now operates nationwide and has sent 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.

Funding is required to assist with the shipping of goods, which are generally sent by the container load.

Visiting Rotarians from overseas, returned FAIM 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. Goods should not be collected until a need has been established, as storage on a large scale is difficult.

The district co-ordinator for DIK or RAWCS will be able to give much helpful advice and perhaps assist with transport arrangements.

Contact: District RAWCS Chairman

NZ: All districts

PROJECT VOLUNTEERS

(FAIM)

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 300 Rotarians and friends a year go to live and work with the indigenous of the Pacific region and beyond.

The concept of spending time in a developing country and coming in contact with people from differing traditions, cultures, food and the like are exciting challenges for Rotarians. Many projects encourage volunteers to welcome their partners in sharing in this rewarding experience.

Contact: *District RAWCS Chairman*
NZ: D9910, 9920, 9930, 9940



ROTARIANS AGAINST MALARIA

(RAM)

RAM's major objective is to minimise the death and suffering caused by malaria. Malaria is one of the world's foremost killer diseases and it strikes the inhabitants of the world's poorest countries. Approximately one third of the world's population is at risk of the disease and the annual death toll approaches 3 million.

In addition to the death and suffering malaria also imposes a heavy economic burden on the 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.

Africa and the Solomon Islands remain the most affected areas, with large areas of South America, Indonesia, Timor Leste, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, many parts of S.E. Asia and parts of the Middle East also dangerous places.

Significant research is being devoted to developing a vaccine. Despite much expenditure this is proving very difficult. Until success 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 insecticide treated nets (ITNs) is the best way a club can assist in this significant humanitarian campaign. ITNs prevent people being infected, they kill the mosquito and they minimise the pool of infected people on which mosquitos feed.

RAM is promoting "Adopt A Village" - a co-operative endeavour enabling clubs to contribute funds which will be allocated to the provision of ITNs to all inhabitants within a specific village. The first country to be 'netted' will be PNG with other Pacific nations to follow. Donations can be forwarded to District Chairmen.

Bed netting has proved highly effective within a major pilot program in the Solomon Islands. Infection rates exceed 300 per thousand of population. Bed netting has reduced this figure to 20 per thousand. The Adopt-a-Village program is now providing bednets for Guadalcanal Province, and plans are in place to continue into all other Provinces in Solomon Islands.

ITNs work and all Rotary clubs can be part of this effective, humanitarian campaign. In addition to bed netting, other programs involving education, the provision of microscopes, clearing swamps and breeding grounds, spraying and providing 'dip sticks' can be undertaken. All are eligible for Foundation Matching Grant support. Funds are also required for research.

The Purpose of the New Zealand-based RAM is:

To support the reduction in vector-borne (mosquito) diseases in the Pacific by providing support to WHO and the Malaria Control Section of Department of Health in Vanuatu through its "Impregnated Bed Net Control" programme.

The RAM involvement consists mainly of providing, upon request, bed nets to the Department of Health, and supporting other mosquito eradication programmes. Added to this is the major three year malaria reduction project in Vanuatu, now 2 years on, whereby the key responsibilities and motivation for its continuation is transferred from Government to the villagers themselves.

Funding for this particular project, Rotary Operation Mosquito (ROM) is by a Rotary Foundation 3H Grant (60%) and The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (40%).

RAM is part of a grass roots world wide Rotarian initiative - NZ in the Pacific; USA, UK and European clubs concentrating on Africa.

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

Additional information can be obtained at these websites: www.ram.com.pg or www.ramguadalcanal.com.sb

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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.

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THE RANFURLY LIBRARY SERVICE

Ranfurly 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, Ranfurly has shipped just over 2.5 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 Ranfurly headquarters in the grounds of the the Rozelle Hospital in Leichhardt is coordinated in many instances by members of Rotary Clubs in metropolitan Sydney, country NSW as well as interstate. A lot of the important work of sorting and classifying the books is done by an enthusiastic group of ladies, many of them members of Inner Wheel, who meet on alternate Monday mornings. The heavier work of receiving the books, 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 296, The Rozelle Hospital, Balmain Road, Leichhardt.

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. 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.

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ROTARY NZ WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE

(RNZWCS Limited) www.rnzwcs.rotary.org.nz

RNZWCS Limited is to encourage, assist and foster World Community Service projects by Rotarians, Rotary Clubs and Districts in New Zealand and the South Pacific.

Principal Objectives

To encourage Rotarians, Rotary Clubs, Rotary Districts and others to participate in meaningful World Community Service projects. To assist the World Community Service activities of Rotary Clubs and Districts when called upon. To seek and select suitable World Community Service projects and to seek the co-operation of Rotary Clubs and Districts in their completion. To liaise with governments and other bodies and/or departments concerning requests for overseas assistance and all matters consistent with the objects of RNZWCS Limited.

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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.

Contact: *District Governor*
NZ: All districts

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 there in. 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.

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ROTARY OCEANIC MEDICAL AID FOR CHILDREN

(ROMAC)



ROMAC had its beginning in Bendigo, Victoria, Australia - District 9800 in 1985. Since then the growth of the program has been very progressive; culminating in all 23 Districts of Australia and 6 NZ Districts formally adopting it. In 2004 the Board of Rotary International formally recognised the program as a Multi-District Activity encompassing the 23 Districts in Australia as well as the 6 Districts in New Zealand.

The purpose of ROMAC is to assist children of 15 years or under to receive corrective medical surgery that is not otherwise available in their own country. The aid is available predominantly but not exclusively to overseas countries in which a Rotary presence exists.

Skilled Rotarians provide many hours of their time working closely with some of Australasia's most eminent surgeons and hospitals to solve the medical problems, and provide the treatment required. Government departments are also enlisted to assist patients and their carers where necessary.

Where possible cultural support is sought from nationals living in Australasia along with home care from Australasian families willing to host patients during treatment.

During the year 2005/06 a record number of 38 children were assisted. Since 1988 over 300 children have received life saving or dignity restoring surgery and were able to resume fully productive life in their home countries.

Contact: www.romac.org.au

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM (YEP) (IYE)



The Youth Exchange Program is an international project which enables young people between the ages of 15 and 19 years to travel to distant parts of the world to study for one year in an entirely different environment. The program is an extremely rewarding experience for all who participate whether they be student, club members, host families or district personnel.

The major objective of the program is to further international goodwill and understanding by enabling students to study at 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 of their own country. Applicants, who can be children of Rotarians as well as non-Rotarians, are accepted by the sponsoring Rotary club after interview and club introductions.

Nominations are then relayed to the district youth exchange committee for final selection. A thorough orientation and briefing program for students and their parents follows.

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

As an exchange program, Rotary clubs wishing to nominate students should be prepared to arrange reciprocal hosting. 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. A Rotarian counsellor is appointed to co-ordinate activities as well as providing advisory and counselling support.

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 in-bound students, provides district counsellors to monitor the progress of both in- and out-bound, organises district functions for exchangees and is available for consultation by families and clubs alike.

In today's society all persons who have contact with students or young people under the age of 18 are required to have police checks carried out. This will be organised through clubs by the District Child Protection Officer. Those people who will need to have their particulars checked to ensure a proper Rotary duty of care are Rotarians, host parents and host siblings over the age of 18, district and club counsellors.

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SHELTER BOX AUSTRALIA

Providing immediate global humanitarian relief when disasters occur, the Shelter Box program has provided shelter, warmth and comfort to almost 500,000 people in some 30 countries. An idea of Rotarian Tom Henderson, this remarkable program was developed by Tom with enthusiastic support from his fellow members of the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard in Cornwall, England.

It functions as a Trust in the UK and is administered in Australia by the Rotary Club of Endeavour Hills in District 9820, Victoria. Rotary clubs in the USA and Canada also administer Shelter Box, and other countries have offered to participate in the future.

A shelter box will typically contain a large tent, sleeping bags, cooker and ancillary equipment sufficient to house up to ten people.

The cost of a shelter box is A\$1,200 and donations since 2004 when the program began in Australia have come from Rotarians, clubs, other organisations and members of the public. They have now exceeded a staggering A\$1.5M in this country and show no signs of slowing. Each shelter box is individually numbered and the donor's name appears within the box, and on the Shelter Box website that also shows where it was deployed.

Further information about this remarkable humanitarian program, initiated, organised and supported by Rotarians worldwide is available at:

www.shelterboxaustralia.com.au

www.shelterbox.org

Shelter Box Australia

Rotary Club of Endeavour Hills Inc (District 9820)

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STAMP PROJECT

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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THE ROTARY FOUNDATION (TRF)

The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to support the efforts of Rotary International to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational and cultural exchanges programs. The Rotary Foundation is a program within the International Service area and 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. Regarded as the world's largest privately sponsored endowment fund, 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 graduate and undergraduate students.
- Group Study Exchanges.
- International humanitarian projects through a range of grant programs.
- Grants for university teachers to serve in developing countries other than their own.
- Immunisation activities which will eradicate polio.
- International volunteers providing needed services around the world.
- Rotary peace programs.

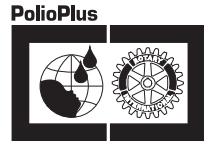
Funds raised at the district and club levels are known as general giving contributions, which are distributed under the SHARE principle of TRF. This allocates 50 per cent for District Designated Fund (DDF) programs, whilst 50 per cent goes to the World Fund to support international projects.

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.

PROGRAMS OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

POLIOPLUS

Rotary's contributions to the global polio eradication effort have exceeded US\$500 million. 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. From the launch of the global initiative in 1988, to the eradication target date of 2005, 5 million people, mainly in the developing world, who would otherwise have been paralyzed, will be walking because they have been immunized against polio. 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 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the overseas development agencies of donor nations now prevent more than 500,000 cases of polio each year. Since 1985, when Rotary implemented the PolioPlus program, through the end of calendar year 2002: 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."



VOLUNTEER SERVICE GRANTS

Volunteer Service Grants (VSGs) are now replacing Individual Grants. This name change more closely reflects the intention of this program and better defines what The Rotary Foundation is funding. Whether you are traveling to Africa to help plan a project or travelling to India to provide dental service, you are volunteering and serving the community. With the new name change, the following list is a summary of some of the other changes:



- Only active Rotarians are eligible to travel. Spouses who are not Rotary club members but who are qualified to serve may accompany a team but may not serve as the team leader or travel without a team
- Minimum stay for direct service grants is 10 days at the project site
- The award is now a flat grant with US\$3,000 available to an individual or \$6,000 available for a team of up to five members
- Remaining funds may be used for project related costs per the terms and conditions
- Receipts are required for single expenditures over \$75
- The agreement form and the payee information are included in the application to expedite payment
- Applications must be received three months prior to departure and be complete for approval

two months prior to departure

- Eligibility for travellers is based on 1) a defined community need; 2) a need that can be met by the experience and skills of the Rotarians/team and 3) an understanding that the skills and experience are not available in the community. Start planning now with the host club and/or district to ensure adequate documentation of pre-application plans.

MATCHING GRANTS

Matching Grants support Rotary clubs and districts as they address humanitarian conditions that benefit a community in need. The grant project must adhere to the grant policies which govern all grant programs.

These assist Rotary clubs and districts in carrying out world community service projects in association with Rotarians in another country. The grants are to provide relatively small, once only funding involving personal participation by Rotarians.

i.e. projects must be seen as providing for humanitarian needs of economically disadvantaged groups, Works which cannot be achieved through local sources. They can be initiated by the home club or responded to as a request from overseas.

TRF will provide a 1:1 match for DDF and a 0.5:1 match for cash contributions that clubs and districts have provided. A significant portion of contributions must come from outside the project country. Applications are accepted from 1 July to 31 March and approved from 1 August to 15 May. Requests over US\$25,000 will be considered by the Trustees at the biannual meetings; therefore, applications must be received and complete by 1 August for consideration at the October meeting and by 1 January for consideration at the April meeting. Sponsors are required to submit an itemised budget consisting of eligible items and names of suppliers.

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.

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; Organize meetings with local service providers, local officials, and/or recipients; and Promote projects in the local media.

AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship/Grant availability depends on your district's contributions to The Rotary Foundation and which programs your district leadership chooses to support with available funds. Under the SHARE system, all district general contributions to the Annual Programs Fund are totaled at the end of the year and then divided into two funds, with 50 percent being credited to the District Designated Fund and 50 percent to the World Fund. The World Fund is used by The Rotary Foundation to underwrite many of its programs, such as 3-H Grants, Matching Grants, and Group Study Exchange, among others, while the District Designated Fund may be used at the district's discretion to participate in other Foundation programs such as Ambassadorial Scholarships or Grants for University Teachers.

In order to sponsor a scholar or university teacher for a given year, the district must allocate the appropriate amount to Educational Programs for the program year during which the scholar or teacher will go abroad. The amounts required to sponsor each type of scholarship/grant for program year 2005-06 are as follows: Academic-Year Ambassadorial Scholarship: US\$25,000; Two-year Multi-Year Ambassadorial Scholarship: US\$25,000; Three-month Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarship: US\$12,000; Six-month Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarship: US\$19,000; Three to five month Rotary Grant for University Teacher: US\$12,500; Six to ten month Rotary Grant for University Teacher: US\$22,500

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ROTARY GRANTS FOR UNIVERSITY TEACHERS

Rotary Grants for University Teachers provide funds to higher education faculty to travel abroad to teach at colleges and universities in developing countries. The program is intended to build international understanding and foster development while strengthening higher education in low-income countries. The program also aims to establish ties between higher education institutions, leading to the exchange of ideas and information across the globe. The subjects taught by grant recipients must be relevant to the needs of the local population and contribute to the area's socio-economic development.

Application must be made through a local Rotary club within the district. Club candidates then compete at the district level. Grant availability depends on local Rotarian contributions to The Rotary Foundation and which programs the Rotary district chooses to support with available funds. Some districts may not offer Grants for University Teachers every year.

Two types of grants are available:

US\$12,500 grant for three to five months of teaching service

US\$22,500 grant for six to 10 months of teaching service

Grant funds may be used for round-trip transportation, living expenses, teaching and research costs, and miscellaneous ambassadorial expenses. Availability of the grants is determined by each Rotary district based on their available funding and may vary from year to year.

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 young 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 practised abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

All Rotary districts in good standing are entitled to participate in this program at no cost every other year (expenses are paid through the World Fund). A World Fund award is for a period of two consecutive years, with one team travelling in the first year and the second team traveling the following year. Partnering district governors must work together to determine the years of travel. However, districts may allocate DDF funds to conduct an exchange in the same year, as explained below.

To conduct a same year Group Study Exchange, districts are encouraged to allocate US\$11,000 of their DDF funds. Districts may split the allocation of DDF funds, with each district contributing US\$5,500. Districts may apply for a second Group Study Exchange each year, paid through their DDF accounts. A second GSE costs US\$11,000, and a Neighboring Country GSE (between districts that share a border or exist within close proximity of one another) costs US\$6,000. Districts also may elect to donate the appropriate DDF funds to a district for an exchange with that district. All costs remain the same.

ROTARY WORLD PEACE SCHOLARS

Each year, Rotary will select 70 scholars to study at one of the seven Rotary Centers worldwide. These Rotary World Peace Scholars will begin two-year master's-level degree programs in conflict resolution, peace studies, and international relations at one of the seven Rotary Centers. Each Rotary district may nominate one candidate for a world-competitive selection process. The inaugural Rotary Center program will take place during the 2002-03 academic year (2003 academic year in the Southern Hemisphere). Rotary World Peace Scholarship applications are available for download.

Rotary World Peace Scholars must meet all requirements for admission into their chosen university for a master's-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 World Peace Scholars also must be proficient in a second language, including that of the host university.

What makes an ideal Rotary World Peace Scholar 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.

ROTARY PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES PROGRAM

The Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program was established to provide professionals from around the world the opportunity to be trained in conflict resolution and mediation strategies and to become better equipped to help prevent and resolve conflict, as well as foster policies and create settings that ensure peace, worldwide. Offered in English, the program is aimed at mid- to upper-level professionals in governments, nongovernmental organisations, and private corporations. Beginning July 2006, the intensive three-month course housed at the newly established Rotary Center for Peace and Conflict Studies at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand will accept up to 30 program participants per session for two sessions per year.

HEALTH, HUNGER AND HUMANITY GRANTS (3-H)



Health, Hunger, and Humanity (3-H) Grants are awarded to fund large international long-term, self-help, and grassroots development projects that use an integrative approach to address humanitarian needs. An integrative approach incorporates multiple program components to address humanitarian needs, including a combination of sustainable activities such as: training, community participation, Rotary Community Corps, capital assets, and technical expertise from Rotarian and other sources.

Projects must be self-sustaining after the 3-H Grant funds have been spent. All projects must involve Rotary clubs and districts in at least two different countries with a significant number of

Rotarians actively participating in the project. The primary host and international sponsor clubs/districts of a 3-H application must have successfully worked together as primary sponsors of a Matching Grant project within five years of submitting their 3-H application to be eligible for consideration. 3-H Grant sponsors must provide a minimum contribution of 10 percent of the total 3-H grant award amount.

How to apply

Grant decisions will be made on an annual basis according to the timeline below:

Date	Action
1 July - 31 March	Proposals for 3-H funding and community needs assessments must be received by 31 March annually. Proposals and community needs assessments will be reviewed by staff; those that demonstrate 3-H principles and meet program requirements will receive an application to be completed by sponsors.
1 August	Applications for consideration at the April trustee meeting must be received by 1 August annually.
1 November	Final deadline for sponsors to respond to all Foundation staff inquiries.
Dec - Feb	On-site project evaluations selected and conducted.
April	Funding decisions made by the trustees and announced to project sponsors.

Sponsors must submit a proposal and community needs assessment according to the timeline above before they will receive a 3-H application. Sponsors submitting proposals and needs assessments that demonstrate 3-H principles and meet the new program requirements will receive an application from The Rotary Foundation. Applications must be received by 1 August 2006 for consideration at the April 2007 meeting. Proposals submitted between 1 July 2006 and 31 March 2007 will be reviewed for possible consideration at the April 2008 meeting of the Trustees.

AUSTRALIA MEDICALERT FOUNDATION

MedicAlert is one of the largest non-profit organisations in the world with over 4 million members worldwide. Protecting and saving lives for many years, it is Australia's leading 24hr personal emergency medical information and identification service with over 260,000 Australians registered.

The MedicAlert (personal emergency identification system) provides an essential healthcare resource allowing Emergency First Responders access to instant patient information via the body-worn custom engraved emblem, either as a bracelet or necklet. The MedicAlert (name and logo) is a Registered Trademark and Service Mark.

The emblem is engraved with pertinent emergency medical information together with a toll-free 24hour Emergency Hotline Telephone Number attended by trained healthcare professionals who monitor and control the confidential National Membership database.

The database provides a comprehensive membership file containing additional detailed personal and medical information released only to authorised personnel. As many as 2.5 million Australians who have a medical condition, allergy, are taking medication, have special needs, or have abnormalities or communication difficulties, need the protection and peace of mind which the MedicAlert services provide.

Leading medical organisations such as Australian Medical Association (SA Branch), Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, The Pharmaceutical Society of Australia, and the Royal Australian College of Physicians, officially endorse the vital role MedicAlert plays within the emergency healthcare sector.

The Foundation was launched in Australia by District 250 in 1971 and regularly at Rotary Institutes has been recommended as a Community Service Project.

As a non-profit organisation the Foundation is classified as a Public Benevolent Institution with income tax deductibility for donations \$2.00 and over. The National Board of Management is volunteer based. MedicAlert seeks the support of District Governors, and District Committee Service Chairman to encourage clubs to support MedicAlert, by participating in the Annual Rotary Club Supporter Program by paying \$5.00 per member per year. Dinner plaque stickers are allocated in recognition of clubs who support this vital Community Service Project.

We measure our success one life at a time.

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CAMP QUALITY

Camp Quality Limited is an International Charity with the first office being established in 1983 in Sydney, Australia. There are now 14 offices covering all states and territories.

Over 4,000 families each year are supported by Camp Quality and they participate in our camps and other activities. More than 70 camps will be held in this year alone.

An additional 250,000 children are touched by Camp Quality through the McDonald's Puppet Program where life size puppets teach children to be more aware of the need to be caring and supportive of other children who have major illnesses such as cancer.

Camp Quality gives a child with cancer the opportunity to be a child again by providing enjoyment and a positive atmosphere aimed at giving them the courage to continue on through treatment.

The families of children with cancer gain a much-needed break through the Camp's program. The impact of the diagnosis and treatment places tremendous stress on parents and siblings.

Camp Quality's programs are focussed to care for the emotional needs of children and their families as they face 'the bad days' and celebrate the good ones; a support network of peers provides tremendous strength and hope.

The support of Rotary clubs around Australia through donations, hands on assistance and committee membership over the years has been truly valued

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DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION

(DARE)

NEW ZEALAND

DARE stems from a program in the United States on community-based education and drug abuse prevention. Many New Zealand clubs have accepted the challenge of combating drugs and violence in their localities by introducing a restructured Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program into schools and cultural groupings.

From the outset, aided by the organisational and financial help of Rotarians, progressive research and evaluation have been the distinctive features of the New Zealand development. This ongoing approach supported by schools, the police authorities and parents generally, has provided four major components to date. These focus upon a pre-user kit for 8-12 year olds; a pre-user kit for Maori language children; a kit for parents and Drive to Survive kit for senior high school students.

Courses are conducted, generally by specially trained police education officers, within the normal curriculum area of the local school. They direct children's attention to the problems of abuse in both legal and illegal drug ingestion with subsequent patterns of violence and family breakdown.

Local support committees have been established to assist with the publicity, fundraising and parent workshops. Generally, Rotarians, teachers, parents, health and business personnel form the committee, along with the local police education officer.

Contact: NZ All districts

INNER WHEEL



Inner Wheel is one of the world's largest women's organisations with over 100,000 members in over 90 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.

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 15 districts in Australia, two in Queensland, seven in New South Wales, three in Victoria, one each in South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania and a non districted club in Darwin. The membership in Australia is 4,500.

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 1960's and 1970'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 two International Presidents – Alison Dowson 1988-89 and Beth McNeill 1996-97.

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 convention 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

Interplast Australia is an equal partnership between Rotary in Australia and the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons. Founded in 1983, Interplast provides volunteer programs of plastic and reconstructive surgery to developing countries. Interplast Australia is a not for profit company incorporated in Victoria. Professor Donald R Marshall Am is the President of Interplast Australia and Rotarians are members of the company and the Board. The Rotary Committee, which advises the Board, presently comprises DGN John Barnes (D9810-Chairman); PDG Brian Guest (D9470); PDG Ross Forgione (D9630); PDG Ray Stewart (D9820); PP Neville Hodgson (D9680); Rotarian David Inglis (D9800) and Mrs Sue Atwood (Rotary Coordinator and Honorary Rotarian).

An Interplast team consists of two plastic surgeons, an anaesthetist and two nurses who each give their time entirely as volunteers. They travel to countries in SE Asia, the Pacific Islands and Africa throughout each year to carry out plastic and reconstructive surgery that includes burn scar contractures, trauma injuries, cleft lip and palate and other congenital deformities. Importantly, Interplast teams work closely with medical professionals in those countries with transfers of skills and techniques. Each program is for two weeks with typically some sixty procedures carried out - all at no cost to the patient.

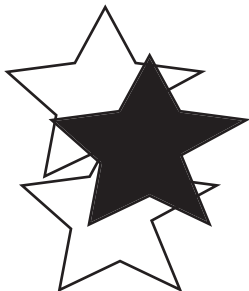
Since 1983, more than 380 Interplast teams have carried out over 16,000 operations. The cost of a program is \$40,000 which covers air fares, accommodation and meals, insurances, as well as the complex and specialised surgical and anaesthetic equipment. An Interplast visit delivers not only a highly cost effective treatment at around \$600 per operation, but also valuable training to local surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses and others, as well as fostering incalculable international goodwill and Rotary cooperation and friendships.

A vital humanitarian program, it is recognised by Rotary with all Australian districts actively providing ongoing and highly valued support that is now extended into New Zealand. Interplast Australia carries base accreditation from AusAID and all donations are tax deductible. Speakers are available for presentations to most clubs.

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SHINE ON AWARDS



Originating in Queensland, Shine On Awards recognise the personal achievements and dedicated commitment to community service by those who suffer from some form of disability.

It is through their shining example to the community at large that the award takes its name.

Nominations are called at the club level and forwarded to either the district or regional organisation (according to the structure of the local awards administration).

Nomination forms and awards are made available through the Shine On Awards Committee.

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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.

Contact: NZ All districts

YOUTH INSEARCH

Youth Insearch was conceived in 1985 and is directed at young people from differing backgrounds and lifestyles. The majority have experienced some form of disadvantage relating to family breakdown, physical, sexual, drug and alcohol abuse as well as grief related issues. Reactions can be to become disruptive at school, introverted, aggressive, adopt self-destructive behaviour such as drug and alcohol abuse, theft, violence and suicide. This program aims to give these young people the opportunity to get together to discuss personal problems and the way to handle them.

Youth Insearch is very simple and very potent in reversing negative cycles of behaviour in young people. Since 1985, more than 24,000 young people have participated in the program. More than 20 per cent who have left school went back to further their education. Of the 85 per cent who regularly used alcohol before coming to the camp, 35 per cent stopped drinking completely. Almost 40 per cent used illegal drugs regularly prior to being introduced to Youth Insearch, and half this group stopped using drugs completely by the third camp. There are numerous examples of family reconciliation, the end to violence and significant changes in lifestyle.

The program is now recognised nation-wide and now consists of two components.

CAMPS: Youth Insearch camps are fundamentally a trusting and loving environment, generated by previous participants who have trained as leaders. New participants feel comfortable about revealing their pain and concerns seeking positive alternatives and how to cope mechanisms. Camps are highly structured and administered by young people.

SUPPORT GROUPS: Support Groups continue the process of positive change. They ensure a structured means by which participants can integrate their new awareness with the reality of their situation. Support Groups provide the necessary follow-up and continue support for those who have attended a camp.

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CHALLENGE/HANDICAMPS

The purpose of this activity is to promote personal development of youth who share similar physical or intellectual challenging disabilities, with the support of mentors resourced from the International Youth Exchange students. The skills gained are experience and confidence from opportunities for interaction between young people with disabilities and overseas students.

Participants may have sensory impairments, mild to moderate physical impairments, or mild intellectual impairments.

Half of the young people have physical disabilities (campers) and the other half are Rotary Youth Exchange students (buddies) from all around the world. The campers are 16 to 24 years of age, and students are 17 to 19 years of age.

The objective is to provide campers and buddies with an environment which will physically, mentally and emotionally challenge these young people.

Over the five days, Campers and Buddies joint activities may include sailing, abseiling, swimming, kayaking, rock climbing, archery, power boating and other interesting activities.

In addition to the physical challenges there will be valuable social challenges that campers and buddies participate in during this exciting learning period. For many it is the personal growth through friendship that endures.

The camp is hosted by Districts 9910 and 9920 which alternate each year and organised by one club within the hosting district for that year. It is the organising club's responsibility to determine the program, obtain sponsorship and encourage participation of other clubs by sponsoring a buddy who would be their IYE student or a disabled camper.

A similar project is conducted in Western Australia.

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NZ D9910, 9920*

SUPPLEMENTING FUNDING NEW ZEALAND DISTRICTS - KOHA - PICD

KOHA-PICD is a peer-assessment based co-funding scheme for New Zealand Non Government Organisations (NGOs) focused on supporting community development activities through in-country partners . The scheme is co-managed with New Zealand NGOs via a Programme Management Committee (PMC) consisting of four elected NGO representatives, an NZAID officer, and an independent chair. RNZWCS Limited is an approved user of KOHA-PICD.

Rotary Clubs wishing to access the scheme should first contact their Director of RNZWCS Limited. Details can be obtained from the website www.rnzwcs.rotary.org.nz

Assistance Sought

Clubs and Districts are invited to submit programs for consideration in future revisions of this booklet. They should reflect the following criteria:

- 1) Be of interest to all Rotarians
- 2) Be available for others to replicate
- 3) Provide contacts for further information

A brief overview of the program noting its background, purpose, success and schedules (if applicable) would be appreciated.

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