

An Introduction to The Rotary Club of Toowong

Meets Wednesdays 6pm for 6:30 pm at
Toowong Bowls Club
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What has Toowong Rotary supported?

The Rotary Club of Toowong has a long and proud tradition of active involvement in the local and international communities, including:

- Over \$500,000 donated to Drug Arm - Street Outreach
- Rotary's Youth Leadership Awards
- Achievement Awards at Indooroopilly and Kenmore State High Schools
- Interact Clubs at BBC and Indooroopilly State High School
- Rotary Youth Exchange Programme (YEP)
- Australian Rotary Health Research Fund
- Funded PhD scholarship for cancer research
- International House, University of Queensland
- St Mary's Women's Refuge, Toowong
- McIntyre Centre Riding for the Disabled
- The Huntington's Disease Association
- Kids Help Line
- PNG schools and hospitals
- Literacy training in Queensland, Thailand and the Solomon Islands
- Research into SIDS and Alzheimer's
- Environmental tree planting
- Blue Nursing Service at Ashgrove
- Cerebral Palsy Association
- Purchase of a bus for a local nursing home
- Built a Senior Citizens Centre
- Smith Family children's bursaries
- Safe Drinking Water projects in Bangladesh

- Papua New Guinea - water storage tanks
- Rotary Educational Assistance Scholarships
- Brisbane West Rotaract Club
- Brisbane West, Ithaca & Toowong Probus Clubs

The Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

1. *The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;*
2. *High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;*
3. *The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life;*
4. *The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.*

The 4 Way Test

The members of this club, like all Rotarians, strive to practice Rotary's 4 Way Test as a general code of ethics in their personal and professional lives:

1. *Is it the TRUTH?*
2. *Is it FAIR to all concerned?*
3. *Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?*
4. *Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?*

What exactly is Rotary?

Rotary is a worldwide organisation of business and professional persons who seek to:

- provide humanitarian service
- encourage high ethical standards in all vocations;
- build goodwill and peace throughout the world.

At the local level, Rotarians belong to Rotary clubs that meet weekly to enjoy networking and fun with like minded people and, more importantly, to pursue the Rotary's community-service and humanitarian objectives. Reflecting Rotary ideals, the clubs are non-political, non-religious and open to all cultures, races and creeds.

What are our Objectives?

The main objective of Rotary is service – to the community, in the workplace and throughout the world. Rotarians develop and implement community service projects that address many of today's critical issues – such as children at risk, poverty and hunger, the environment, illiteracy and violence. We also support programs for youth development, provide educational and international exchange opportunities and promote vocational and career development.



The Toowong Rotary Club members invite you to attend one of our weekly meetings where you will see and experience first-hand the good work of Rotary in action, and the fun we all have in doing it!

Wednesday Evenings (6pm for 6:30pm) at the Toowong Bowls Club - Visitors welcome!



A Brief History:

The world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago, Illinois, USA, was formed on 23 February 1905 by Paul P. Harris, an attorney who wished to recapture in a professional club the same friendly spirit he had felt in the small towns of his youth. The name "Rotary" derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among club-members' offices.

The original club was based largely on fellowship, but in time the focus also moved to undertaking civic activities of value to the local community.

Rotary's popularity spread throughout the United States; with clubs being chartered from San Francisco to New York. By 1921, Rotary clubs had been formed on six continents, and the organisation adopted the name Rotary International a year later.

As Rotary grew, its mission expanded beyond serving the professional and social interests of club members. Rotarians began pooling their resources and contributing their talents to help serve communities in need. The organisation's dedication to this ideal is best expressed in its motto **Service Above Self**. Rotary later embraced a code of ethics called "The 4-Way Test".

During and after World War II, Rotarians became increasingly involved in promoting international goodwill and understanding. A Rotary conference held in London in 1942 planted the seeds for the development of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), and numerous Rotarians have since served as consultants to the United Nations.

Today worldwide there are over 1.2 million Rotarians comprising 33,170 clubs in 210 countries; including 43,749 Rotarians in 1,412 clubs in Australia, PNG, NZ and the Pacific nations.

The Rotary Foundation:

[The Rotary Foundation](#) of Rotary International is a not-for-profit corporation that promotes world understanding through international humanitarian programs and educational/cultural exchanges. It is supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and others who share its vision for a better world. Since 1947, the Foundation has awarded more than US\$1.2 billion in humanitarian and educational grants. These grants are initiated and administered by local Rotary clubs and districts in donor and recipient countries. More recently, the Foundation has worked closely in joint projects with the Bill Gates Foundation.

PolioPlus



Rotary International

Since 1988, Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (also known as PolioPlus) have helped immunize more than two billion children in 122 countries against polio. When Rotary first began the fight to end this crippling disease, there were over 350,000 cases annually. This number has been reduced by 99% and we are now closer than ever to creating a polio free world, with only Nigeria, Pakistan and Afghanistan remaining endemic. To date Rotary clubs worldwide have contributed US\$1.2 billion to the polio eradication effort, and have provided an army of volunteers to assist at national immunization days in polio-endemic countries. No other non-governmental organisation has ever made a commitment on this scale.