



# The Rotary Club of Bowral–Mittagong Inc.

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## The Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong at Work



Refurbishing a local Youth Refuge

Many in the community raise their eyebrows in astonishment when they discover what Rotary clubs do for our local, national and international communities.

Some people only remember us for the various barbecues around town and the occasional report in the media. However, we thought it was an appropriate time to give our local community an overview of what just one local Rotary club is achieving for others.

We looked at some of the projects that the members of the Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong have undertaken over the last four years (2006 to 2010). It is astonishing that the club has raised and distributed over \$300,000. Its members have also contributed over 11,000 hours of free labour towards local causes. These statistics are categorised as shown in this table.



Helping Challenge SH at Welby Nursery

LOCAL CAUSES	Rotary	Labour Hours
BOWRAL PUBLIC HOSPITAL & RELATED SERVICES	\$75,000	
LOCAL SCHOOLS & CHILDCARE CENTRES	\$25,000	
LOCAL AGED & SPECIAL CARE ORGANISATIONS	\$2,000	
DISABLED AGED , CHILDREN & CARERS - YOUTH	\$27,000	
LOCAL COMMUNITY SERVICES	\$29,000	
	<b>\$158,000</b>	<b>11,200</b>
NON-LOCAL CAUSES		
DISASTER APPEALS/AID SCHEMES (AUST & INTERNATIONAL)	\$89,000	
DRUG & MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATIONS	\$97,000	
AUSTRALIAN ROTARY FOUNDATION (E.g. Polio Eradication)	\$14,000	
OVERSEAS (FAIM) WORKING PARTIES	\$100,000	
	<b>\$300,000</b>	
OVERALL TOTAL	<b>\$368,000</b>	



Lake Cargelligo Flood Repairs

Few people are aware of the sacrifice members personally make with both their time and costs when they set out to assist the less fortunate. Recent examples include helping NSW farmers affected by floods and expeditions to Pacific nations. Rotary members gave well over 1000 hours to the NSW Lake Cargelligo farming community to recover and restore many kilometres of fencing lost during the floods they suffered in recent years. Rotarians covered their own costs and the Club raised funds and sought donations to purchase materials needed.

Overseas there have been aid trips to Vanuatu, Fiji, Timor Leste and Solomon Islands. Before 2006, the club has organised aid trips to Papua New Guinea and Nepal. Work usually involves building clinics, schools, hospitals etc in often very remote villages. Rotary International coordinates the overall project and individual Rotary clubs send members (at their own cost) for a couple weeks to achieve each stage of the project. Well over 4000 volunteer labour hours have been spent by the Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong members on recent expeditions.



Extending a Village Medical Clinic in Vanuatu

Last year a group of Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong members met with Egyptian Rotary clubs in Cairo and Alexandria. They inspected some Egyptian projects

where through our networks it will be possible to help with access to required equipment and project knowledge.

The Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong has an active youth program. Local young people are selected for the "Rotary Youth Leadership Award" (RYLA) which is a week long program developed to offer young people aged 18 to 24, an opportunity to enhance their personal development and leadership potential. Also some school students are selected each year to attend the Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN) which is a 2 day camp and program for 14-17 year olds. Its aim is to communicate to these young people a series of ideas, problems and social experiences which will assist them in forming their own



Building the Koroipita Village in Fiji

values and moral standards, and to broaden their horizons culturally, socially and academically.



Catering at the Cancer Council's Relay for Life

There are three Rotary Clubs in the Southern Highlands. They are part of a worldwide organisation of 1.2 million business and professional leaders. Rotary's 31,000 Clubs in more than 165 countries and regions encourage high ethical standards and give Club members many opportunities for humanitarian service, both locally and internationally. Service programmes address such concerns as health care, hunger, poverty, illiteracy, and the environment. Rotarians experience the fulfilment that comes from giving back to the community.

Rotary was founded on fellowship, an ideal that remains a major attraction of membership today. Club members enjoy the camaraderie with like-minded professionals, and club projects offer additional opportunities to develop enduring friendships. Rotary club members who travel have friendly contacts in almost every city in the world

A founding principle of Rotary was to meet regularly to enjoy fellowship and enlarge one's circle of acquaintances. As members of the oldest service club in the world, Rotarians represent a cross-section of the community's leaders.



Fund Raising at Tulip Time

As you can see, there is a bit more to the Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong than just barbecuing and selling raffle tickets. Why don't you consider joining one of our Tuesday evening dinner meetings at the Highlands Golf Club and find out a bit more – you could end up joining us and enjoying the satisfaction of serving your community. Just give the Secretary a call or drop us an email (see letterhead overleaf for details).