

History of North Ryde Rotary Club

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Club received its charter June 1978. The Clubs area covers the North Ryde area some 10 Km to the North West of the centre of Sydney. The area is now part of the High Tech area of Sydney with the Headquarters of many of the major computer and pharmaceutical companies in Australia. The original members were mainly local to the North Ryde area, and this continues, but there are also members from the local business community.

Today, the Club meets at 0715 every Friday morning at Dunmore Lang College.

Currently, there are 24 members in the club representing 24 different vocational classifications.

The President of the Club for the year is backed by a board of Directors covering the fields of Club Services, Vocational, Youth and International. The Club raises funds by many different methods, but the major project is the staging of the Ryde City Christmas Carols which attract over 10,000 people to Ryde Common each December.

The major projects of the Club vary each year, but during this year the Club will support, amongst others, the following:-

International

Polio Plus – the elimination of Polio from the World

ROMAC – Rotary Overseas Medical Aid for Children

The collection of used reading glasses for recycling to underprivileged countries.

East African Fund – the assistance to a school in Africa to improve literacy.

Youth

Youth exchange inbound – hosting a student from Sweden for a twelve month period.

Youth Exchange outbound – sending a local student to Denmark for a twelve month period.

National Science Forum – sending a student to a one week Science Program in Canberra.

U Turn the Wheel – a program for year 11 students to make them aware of Road Safety.

Vocational.

IT exchange – bringing country students to see IT in action in companies in Sydney.

Pride of Workmanship Awards for the Community.

Vocational Service Awards – awarding members of their profession for excelling in their chosen career.

International Group Study exchange – both into and out of Australia

Community.

Australian Rotary Health Foundation – a project to fund Medical and social research in Australia.

Paint Your Heart out – painting local persons house.

Scholarships in schools and the arts.

Local radio support 2RRR

North Ryde Community aid – a support group for the aged in the area.

THE ROTARY CLUB of NORTH RYDE

Formed in 1978. First met as a lunch club at Macquarie University, then North Ryde Golf Club, then breakfast at North Ryde RSL more recently as a breakfast club at the Stamford and now Curzon Hall. We changed our name from Ryde North to North Ryde in 2001.