



### ROTARY NOMADS (ROMADS)

#### Background

Rotary Melville has started a plan to reintroduce Rotary into the Community of Broome. Broome Rotary declined to the point of handing in its charter. Whilst membership of Rotary has declined there is still a need for Rotary support in the community. Rotary Melville has investigated a number of areas in which it can assist and has identified a partner opportunity with the Broome CIRCLE. (Rotary Melville, Report on Assisting Rotary in Broome, November 2023.) The Broome CIRCLE is a local community group supported by several Grants and can coordinate all local volunteering groups and activities. The Board of Rotary Melville resolved to initiate the following:  
Form a partnership with the Broome CIRCLE; offer the Rotary youth programmes and Leeuwin Sail Training; find local champions to act as liaison members; support a local community activity and to promote Australia wide the Rotary Nomads concept of volunteering in Broome.

#### Rotary Nomads

Many Rotarians and members of other service groups travel extensively throughout Australia. Broome is a very popular tourist destination in Western Australia and has a large transient population of such visitors. Many stay for a period of time and could be willing to assist short term in local community projects, The Broome CIRCLE in fact canvasses local holiday venues seeking such support. Research by the University of Western Australia (Prof. A Davies, Head of School of Social Sciences, “How can we bolster Australia’s depleted army of volunteers to match the soaring demand for their services”, May 2023) has shown that whilst club memberships are down there is a rise in the number of people willing to volunteer in areas of personal interest and in their own time.

Rotarians are accustomed to the concept of “make ups” and many travelling Rotarians do just that. The Broome CIRCLE has a regular catch-up coffee chat for volunteers at their premises in Broome. Travelling Rotarians are invited to attend. The Owner of the Bali Hai Resort in Cable Beach is a past Rotarian and he can also make his restaurant available for a similar morning coffee chat.

**Rotary Melville is seeking support from all Rotarians who travel to Broome to keep Rotary alive by helping the Broome CIRCLE whenever they visit. This is any easy programme to support and can make new friends along the way.**

### **Broome Circle**

The details of the Broome CIRCLE can be found at [www.broomecircle.org.au](http://www.broomecircle.org.au). The volunteer coordinator is Nina Weir who can be contacted at [volunteering@broomecircle.org.au](mailto:volunteering@broomecircle.org.au). Broome CIRCLE can support volunteers to get Police Clearances and Working with Children Card as required.

### **Rotary Melville**

The details of Rotary Melville can be found at [www.rotaryofmelville.org](http://www.rotaryofmelville.org). The project champion is PP David Porter and can be contacted at [treasurer@rotaryofmelville.org](mailto:treasurer@rotaryofmelville.org).

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