* **A LITTLE ABOUT ROTARY INTERNATIONAL**

**In 1905 Paul Harris Founded Rotary along with three other businessmen. His thoughts were “why not in Chicago have a fellowship composed of just one man from each of many different occupations, without restrictions as to their politics or religion, with a broad tolerance to each other’s opinion? In such fellowship, could there not be mutual helpfulness?” Today Rotarians sit in counsel with the UN and discuss many issues of world health and peace.**

* **Rotary is now in 210 countries and geographical regions, with over 34,000 clubs having a combined membership of over 1,200,000 Rotarians worldwide.**
* **Rotary came to Australia in 1921 and since then has had three Presidents of International Rotary. One, Sir Clem Renouf AM, actually came from the Rotary Club of Nambour and he has been credited with the Polio Plus initiative.**
* **ABOUT IR PROJECTS**
* **Rotary International is involved in numerous programs throughout the world and this is achieved by contributions from all of the rotary clubs around the world. Probably the biggest and most recognisable is POLIOPLUS.**
* **POLIOPLUS**
* **When the international community set out in 1985 to wipe polio 0ff the face of the earth, it was an audacious move. Only once before — with the eradication of smallpox in 1974 — had humankind managed to pull off such a feat.**
* **And yet, country by country, region by region, there has been tremendous progress in the fight against polio. Cases are down by 99.9 percent. Only two countries still have circulating wild polio virus — Afghanistan and Pakistan — and we’re seeing fewer and fewer cases there too.**
* **The Global Polio Eradication Initiative, formed in 1988, is a public-private partnership that includes Rotary, the World Health Organization, the U.S. Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, UNICEF, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and governments of the world. Rotary’s focus is advocacy, fundraising, volunteer recruitment and awareness-building.**
* **Since 1985 Rotary and its partners have helped reduce the number of cases from 350,000 annually to 28 being recorded so far in 2016, and they remain committed until the disease is eradicated. Rotary has contributed more than $1.5 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect more than 2 billion children worldwide. In addition, Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by donor governments to contribute over $10 billion to the effort.**
* **For info Google rotary9600**.org
* **Some Other Projects – Mostly for Aust/NZ and Pacific Regions.**
* **Basic education and literacy**
* **Australian Rotary Health which, since its establishment in 1981, has provided almost $29m in funding for health research in Australia.**

**Incl. Bowelscan and organ and tissue donation**

* **Water and Sanitation – Clean water for developing countries**
* **Food Plant Solutions – helping the Hungry help themselves**
* **Operation Cleft – Est 2006 and now more than 10,000 children have been given the ‘smile for life’ by the OC team of plastic surgeons in Bangladesh**
* **Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children – providing medical treatment to children from developing countries in the form of life saving and/or dignity restoring surgery**
* **Interplast - In conjunction with the Royal Aust College of Surgeons proving expertise in plastic and reconstructive surgery in developing countries**
* **Donations in Kind – distributing donated surplus education and medical equipment and consumables to PNG, the Solomons and other Pacific Islands**
* **Rotarians against Malaria**
* **YOUTH SERVICE**
* **National Youth Science Forum (NYSF)**
* **Youth Exchange Program (REP)**
* **Rotary Aust/NZ Student Exchange (RANZSE)**
* **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)**
* **Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN)**
* **Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA)**
* **Interact**
* **Rotaract**
* **OTHER PROJECTS**
* **Low-Cost Rotary Shelters**
* **Shelterbox Australia**
* **Disaster Aid Australia**
* **ABOUT ROTARY CLUB OF NAMBOUR 76.**
* **The Rotary Club of Nambour 76 was chartered on 15/06/1976.**
* **We inducted our first female member in 2000. Women in rotary has been a major advancement for the organisation.**
* **Some of the fund raising activities.**
* **Management of the Gates for the Sunshine Coast Show Society and the Qld Home Garden Expo.**
* **Parking for the Swap Meet.**
* **Our long running publication “The Nonicle” raised many thousands of dollars, but, unfortunately, with the rise of “political correctness”, it ceased in 1997.**
* **Annual manning the bar for the Scottish New Year, Annual Uniting Church/Crossroads barbeque for the disadvantaged. Annual Sugar Festival with a strawberries and cream stall these events have all been discontinued.**
* **Rotary Golf Day – Monday, October long weekend.**
* **Recently, we have joined with Nambour Rotary to man the food stall at the show ground.**

**Some of the LOCAL PROJECTS we have been involved in**

* **In 1979 we commenced, in conjunction with Nambour Rotary Club, a second retirement village for the Nambour area eventually donating $13,000.00 to the project.**
* **In 1984, the club constructed a helipad for emergency rescue services at the Nambour General Hospital. We have donated several thousand dollars to the rescue service over the years.**
* **Nambour 76 commenced and ran the Annual Special Schools Swimming Carnival - We ran this event until 2011.**
* **Recently ran a raffle for the benefit of Hummingbird House in Brisbane. Successfully raising around $5,500.**
* **We have had countless Youth Exchange students, both inbound and outbound over the years.**
* **Participated in many Rotary projects such as Pride of Workmanship, Shine on Awards, Group Study Exchange, NYSF, RYLA, RYPEN, FAIM, Kits for Kids, and regular contributions to DIK.**
* **Since 2009 we have been active in running the RYDA programme at the Nambour Show grounds in conjunction with Nambour R C and other clubs in the central S C area achieving in excess of 5000 students through the program.**

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**Our club Nambour 76, (as with most service clubs)**

**was diminished in numbers over the past decade**

**and it is a constant battle to try and encourage new members however, we will get there as we can demonstrate how we provide service to much**

**needed sections of our community, whilst we also**

**have a fun social life in doing so. A Number of new members have recently joined and thoroughly enjoying the experience. At Nambour 76 we don’t have to do it like it has always been done, we**

**just have to do it and at the end of each year we**

**hope we can say we had a great year.**