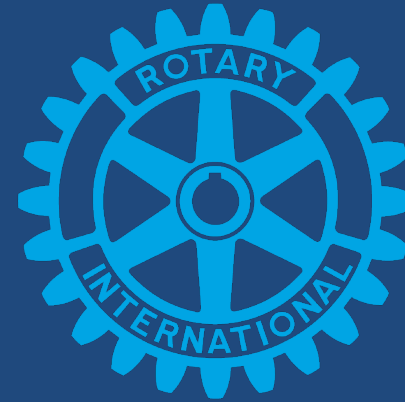


Interact



Interact Clubs bring together young people aged 12 – 18 to develop leadership skills while discovering the power of Service Above Self.

This will happen through connections to their local community and internationally.

INTERACT

- **Interact** is an international organisation of service that fosters leadership and responsible citizenship, and promotes international understanding and peace.
- The name *Interact* was created by combining the words “international” and “action.”

Interact



INTERACT

- Founded at Melbourne High School (Florida) in 1962
- 14,911 clubs in 145 countries with over 342,953 members.
- Brazil, India, the Philippines and the USA have most members.



INTERACT

- Interact clubs are sponsored by Rotary clubs and organize at least

TWO

service projects a year.

- **ONE** benefits **their community** (school, local or state) and
- **ONE** encourages **international understanding.**



INTERACT CLUBS

- Are **sponsored** by individual Rotary Clubs which provide **support** and **guidance**.
- Are **self-governing** and **self-supporting**.
- Need two **'champions'** – one from the school and one from the Rotary Club.
- Can be organised in **different** ways depending upon the school's requirements.



INTERACT

Clubs have a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer who form a **Board**.

Other sub-committees can be formed if wanted.



INTERACT CLUBS in D9800

- Meet at least twice a month.
- Hold regular Board meetings.
- Usually charge **NO** fees.
- Have their 'regalia' provided by their sponsor Rotary club.
- Run on a Victorian school calendar year from Feb-Oct.



SEVEN BENEFITS

1. Involvement in local community projects
2. Involvement in promoting international understanding
3. Development of skills such as leadership, team work, organising and running meetings
4. Support and participation from the sponsoring Rotary Club
5. Participation in a worldwide network of Interact clubs
6. Opportunity to make new friends
7. Ability to make a difference locally and globally

ESTABLISHING an INTERACT CLUB (1)

Confirm strong Rotary Club support.

- Need to find at least ONE Club “CHAMPION”
- Need to regularly attend Interact meetings
- Need to outlay initial finances for ‘regalia’
- Need to include Interactors in Rotary Club activities
- Need to be friends with the school
- Need to ‘follow up, follow up, follow up’
- Need to be prepared to be disappointed!

ESTABLISHING an INTERACT CLUB (2)

Rotary Club role

- ACTIVE INTEREST
- ADVISE
- ATTEND OFTEN
- ACKNOWLEDGE



ESTABLISHING an INTERACT CLUB (3)

School's role

- Decide model of organisation
- Allocate staff
- Pay for incidental expenses, e.g. minor photocopying
- Liaise with Rotary club



ESTABLISHING an INTERACT CLUB (4)

Joint roles

- Information meeting for prospective members
- Hold organisational and set-up meetings
- Elect office bearers
- Organise administration meetings etc.



ESTABLISHING an INTERACT CLUB (5)

Joint roles

Plan the Charter Ceremony!

- Joint meeting of the Rotary and Interact Clubs
- Meaningful ceremony and symbols
- As many VIP's, teachers and parents as possible!
- Publicity!!!!



MAINTAINING an INTERACT CLUB

- **LEAD** –

Club meetings and activities

- **CONNECT** –

With current, new and future members

- **SERVE** –

By conducting great projects

3. BOARD and COMMITTEES

4. PROJECTS

ONE Local Community
ONE International Understanding

2. OFFICE BEARERS

Plan and conduct good, regular meetings

5. MAINTAIN

Meetings, Membership,
Plans, Funds, FUN

1. SCHOOL & ROTARY CLUB SUPPORT

Active. Advise. Attend. Acknowledge

6. NEXT??

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