



# *An Introduction to the Rotary Club of Engadine Inc*



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# Welcome to the Rotary Club of Engadine

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## **Introduction**

This booklet has been produced as an information document for people interested in joining Rotary and in particular the Rotary Club of Engadine. It provides a background about Rotary, the history of Rotary and the Rotary Club of Engadine and general information for intending new members.

## **What is Rotary**

Taken from the recently released document by Ian Riseley<sup>1</sup>, President, Rotary International 2017/2018 titled “Rotary : Making a Difference- Presidential Theme & Citation.” – To quote “ Rotary is too large and complex to easily define. We are a member based organization, a club based organization, and a service based organization; we are local, regional and international, we are community members, business people and professionals, working and retired, active in nearly every country in the world. Every one of our 1.2 million members has a unique set of goals, experiences and priorities: every one of us has a unique understanding of Rotary.

To me, Rotary is defined not by who we are, but by what we do – by the potential that Rotary gives us, and the ways we realize that potential in meaningful and lasting service. Rotary has been around for a long time: 112 years. In some ways we’ve changed tremendously, as we’ve grown, matured, and adapted to the changing needs of our members and communities. In our fundamentals, however we remain the same; an organization of people with the desire – and through Rotary, the ability- to make a difference in our communities, and the world”.

See Ian Riseley’s address to the 2016/2017 Rotary International Assembly on uTube

Video [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EU0cxARIFfw&feature=em-subsub\\_digest](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EU0cxARIFfw&feature=em-subsub_digest).

## **Why Join Rotary**

Rotary offers many benefits to intending members that a person would not ordinarily see and experience, some include the following

### **Professional Networking**

A founding principle of Rotary was to meet periodically to enjoy camaraderie and enlarge one’s circle of business and professional acquaintances. As the oldest

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<sup>1</sup> To see more about Ian Riseley visit <https://www.rotary.org/en/ian-riseley-selected-2017-18-rotary-president>

service club in the world, Rotary club members represent a cross-section of the community's owners, executives, managers, political leaders, and professionals – people who make decisions and influence policy.

### **Service Opportunities**

Club members have many opportunities for humanitarian service, both locally and internationally. Service programs address such concerns as health care, hunger, poverty, illiteracy, and the environment. Rotarians experience the fulfillment that comes from giving back to the community.

### **International Awareness**

With more than 32,000 clubs in over 200 countries & geographical areas, Rotarians gain an understanding of humanitarian issues through international service projects and exchange programs. One of Rotary's highest objectives is to build goodwill and peace throughout the world.

### **Friendship**

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.

### **Good Citizenship**

Weekly Rotary club programs keep members informed about what is taking place in the community, nation, and world and motivated to make a difference.

### **Family Foundations**

Rotary sponsors some of the world's largest youth exchange, educational exchange, and scholarship programs. Rotary clubs provide innovative training opportunities and mentoring for young leaders and involve family members in a wide range of social and service activities.

### **Entertainment**

Social activities give Rotarians a chance to let loose and have fun. Every Rotary club and district hosts parties and activities that offer diversions from today's demanding professional and personal schedules. Conferences, conventions, assemblies, and social events provide entertainment as well as rotary information, education, and service.

## **Ethical Environment**

Encouraging high ethical standards in one's profession and respect for all worthy vocations has been a hallmark of Rotary from its earliest days. In their business and professional lives, Rotarians abide by The Four-Way Test:

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it BUILD GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

## **Leadership Development**

Rotary is an organization of successful professionals. Team building, fundraising, public speaking, planning, organization, and communication are just a sampling of the leadership skills that club members can exercise and enhance. Being a Rotary leader provides further experience in learning how to motivate, inspire, and guide others.

## **Diversity in Membership**

Rotary's classification system ensures that a club's membership represents a variety of the community's professional men and women, including leaders in business, industry, the arts, government, sports, the military, and religion. Rotary clubs are non-political, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds.

## **Who is Eligible to become a Rotarian**

A person seeking to become a Rotarian must be an adult<sup>2</sup> (male and female) who demonstrates good character, integrity, and leadership; possess good reputation within their business, profession, and/or community; and are willing to serve in their community and/or around the world. More on Membership on page 24

## **About Rotary**

The Rotary organization started with the vision of one man—Paul P. Harris. Paul Harris called together a meeting of three business acquaintances in

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<sup>2</sup>Reference " Legal Definition of a Juvenile " Australian Institute of Criminology states that a person ceases to be a child at age 18 –  
visit [http://www.aic.gov.au/crime\\_community/demographicgroup/youngpeople/definition.htm](http://www.aic.gov.au/crime_community/demographicgroup/youngpeople/definition.htm)

downtown Chicago, United States, at Harris's friend Gustave Loehr's office in the Unity Building on Dearborn Street on February 23, 1905. In addition to Harris and Loehr (a mining engineer and freemason), Silvester Schiele (a coal merchant), and Hiram E. Shorey (a tailor) were the other two who attended this first meeting. In forming the first Rotary Club, the members chose the name Rotary because initially they rotated subsequent weekly club meetings to each other's offices, although within a year, the Chicago club became so large it became necessary to adopt the now-common practice of a regular meeting place.



From the left Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, Hiram Shorey, Paul P. Harris taken between 1905 and 1912

## **Rotary International**

After the formation of the Chicago Club, the movement spread across the USA and the National Association of Rotary was formed in 1910. Rotary was then established in Canada and Ireland by 1911, leading to the formation of International Association of Rotary Clubs in 1912. By 1921/22 Rotary clubs had been formed in six continents with the name changing to Rotary International in 1922.

Rotary was established in Australia with the formation of the Rotary Club of Melbourne and then Sydney in April 1921.

Rotary International, the world's first service club organization, is now made up of over 1.2 million Rotarians in 35,000 clubs in 540 Districts in more than 220 countries and geographical areas. Its members form a global network of business and professional leaders who volunteer their time and talents to serve their communities and the world.

It is this association of Rotary Clubs that makes up the membership of Rotary International. Rotary is made up of three parts: our clubs, Rotary International, and



The Rotary Foundation. Together, they work to make lasting change in our communities and around the world.

As an Association it focuses on the following humanitarian objectives

1. Promoting peace
2. Fighting Disease
3. Providing Clean Water
4. Saving Mothers and Children
5. Supporting Education
6. Growing Local Economies

To understand what Rotary is all about, play the video presentation through the following U Tube link- You will be pleasantly surprised at what Rotary actually does for local, national and world communities.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zebbGisX3AE>

## **Rotary's Guiding Principles and Statements**

**Rotary's Motto** is **Service Above Self**;

Rotary's official mottoes, Service Above Self and One Profits Most Who Serves Best, trace back to the early days of the organization.

In 1911, He Profits Most Who Serves Best was approved as the Rotary motto at the second convention of the National Association of Rotary Clubs of America, in Portland, Oregon. It was adapted from a speech made by Rotarian Arthur Frederick Sheldon to the first convention, held in Chicago the previous year. Sheldon declared that "only the science of right conduct toward others pays. Business is the science of human services. He profits most who serves his fellows best."

The Portland convention also inspired the motto Service Above Self. During a convention outing on the Columbia River, Ben Collins, president of the Rotary Club of Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA, talked with Seattle Rotarian J.E. Pinkham about the proper way to organize a Rotary club, offering the principle his club had adopted: Service, Not Self. Pinkham invited Paul P. Harris, who also was on the boat trip, to join their conversation. Harris asked Collins to address the convention, and the phrase Service, Not Self was met with great enthusiasm.

At the 1950 RI Convention in Detroit, slightly modified versions of the two slogans were formally approved as the official mottoes of Rotary: He Profits Most Who Serves Best and Service Above Self. The 1989 Council on Legislation established Service Above Self as the principal motto of Rotary, because it best conveys the philosophy of unselfish volunteer service. He Profits Most Who Serves Best was modified by the 2004 Council to They Profit Most Who Serve Best and by the 2010 Council to its current wording, One Profits Most Who Serves Best.<sup>3</sup>

### **Rotary's Mission Statement:**

Is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

### **Guiding principles**

Rotary has four guiding principles embodied in its Object which is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

**First:** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

**Second:** High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

**Third:** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life; and

**Fourth:** the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

**Four-Way Test** – This is an ethical guide for Rotarians. It is a nonpartisan and non-sectarian guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships. The **test** has been translated into more than 100 languages. Some clubs often recited it at club meetings: Of the things we think, say or do:-

**(1) Is it the truth. (2) Is it Fair to all concerned**

**(3) Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**

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<sup>3</sup> <https://www.rotary.org/en/history-rotarys-mottoes>

#### **(4) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned.**

The Four Way test was developed by Herbert J Taylor, President, Rotary Club of Chicago, 1939-40 and Rotary International 1954-55. He lived from 1893 to 1978. During the Great Depression and in the midst of a business crisis in 1932, he wrote the above "Four Way Test," as an ethical yardstick for his employees. It was adapted as part of Rotary International in January of 1942



Finally the foregoing can be summarised into the Rotary Code of Conduct, a code which states that as a Rotarian, a member will :-

1. EXEMPLIFY the core value of integrity in all behaviours and activities.
2. USE my vocational experience and talents to serve in Rotary.
3. CONDUCT all of my personal, business, and professional affairs ethically, encouraging and fostering high ethical standards as an example to others.
4. BE FAIR in all dealings with others and treat them with the respect due to them as fellow human beings.
5. PROMOTE recognition and respect for all occupations which are useful to society.
6. OFFER my vocational talents: to provide opportunities for young people, to work for the relief of the special needs of others, and to improve the quality of life in my community.
7. HONOUR the trust that Rotary and fellow Rotarians provide and not do anything that will bring disfavour or reflect adversely on Rotary or fellow Rotarians.
8. NOT SEEK from a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded to others in a business or professional relationship.

### **Rotary International Organisation**

The Headquarters of Rotary International is located in Evanston, Illinois, USA. Worldwide there are eight Rotary International (RI) Offices servicing Rotary Clubs in various parts of the World. The office serving Australia is currently called RI South Pacific and Philippines and is located in Parramatta NSW. Visit

<http://www.rotary.org.au/en/Pages/ridefault.html>

Rotary International is led by the Rotary International President who is elected for a one year term by Director Representatives from the Rotary Zones. It is governed by a board of 19 directors also elected from the RI zones. The board of directors establishes policy for Rotary International and provides guidance that helps our clubs thrive. Clubs elect the members of the board every year at the RI Convention with each director serving for two years. The RI Board of Directors and the Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees are served by a general secretary and executive team who oversee a staff of more than 800 who in turn serve Rotarians from RI World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA, and the eight international offices. The General Secretary is a member of the RI Board of Directors and the Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees.

Internationally there are 34 Zones covering designated countries and Districts. Australia's is in Zone 8, which includes the Oceanic nations of Australia, New Zealand, East Timor and Papua New Guinea.

Strong fellowship among Rotarians and meaningful community and international service projects characterize Rotary worldwide.

Rotary Clubs on being admitted to Rotary International, agree to adhere to the standard International Club Constitution but Clubs have leeway to run their affairs to meet local conditions through their own Bylaws. However, such Bylaws must be kept in harmony with the Constitution. Note the distinction; Members belong to Rotary Clubs whereas Clubs belong to Rotary International

## **The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International**



In 1917, RI President Arch C. Klumph proposed that an endowment be set up “for the purpose of doing good in the world.” In 1928, when the endowment fund had grown to more than US\$5,000, it was renamed The Rotary Foundation, and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International. Five Trustees, including Klumph, were appointed to “hold, invest, manage, and administer all of its property . . . as a single trust, for the furtherance of the purposes of RI.” Two years later, the Foundation made its first grant of \$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children.

*"We should not live for ourselves alone, but for the joy in doing good for others." – Arch Klumph, founder of The Rotary Foundation*

*"The Rotary Foundation is the most visible expression of Rotarian generosity – a generosity that not only brings benefits but also brings help and cooperation to solve the problems that affect mankind."*

*– Paulo V. Costa, 1995-96 Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair in a speech to the 1996 convention*

- See more at: <http://engadinerotary.org.au/SitePage/the-rotary-foundation-of-rotary-international>

### **The Mission of the Rotary Foundation**

The sole mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.( MOP p8) This is accomplished through local and international humanitarian and educational programs.

### **World Charity Ranking**

CNBC has ranked The Rotary Foundation No. 3 in its annual list of [Top 10 Charities Changing the World in 2016](#). The list includes some of the largest and highest-rated charities that help women, children, the poor, and the environment throughout the world, according to Charity Navigator, and that maintain high standards of financial health, accountability, and transparency of reporting.

The Rotary Foundation is the economic engine for Rotary International. It is a non-profit corporation that is supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of Rotary who share its vision of a better world.

It receives donations from clubs, districts endowments and sponsorships; these are invested over a three year cycle after which fifty percent of the donations are returned to the districts to fund locally developed grants to be used for humanitarian purposes. The remaining fifty is used for global grants, education, health and economic programs. The Foundation is also a leader in the fight to eradicate polio worldwide. - See more at:

<http://engadinerotary.org.au/SitePage/the-rotary-foundation-of-rotary-international>

The Rotary Foundation is organized as a public charity operated exclusively for charitable purposes and governed by a [Board of Trustees](#). The operations of Rotary International, a member organization, are overseen by its [Board of Directors](#). The headquarters of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation are in Evanston,

Illinois, USA. There are also associate foundations in Australia, Brazil, Canada, Germany, India, Japan, and the United Kingdom. The Role of the Regional Foundation Offices is to provide support, development and administration of Foundation matters to Districts and Clubs. For more on the Rotary Foundation refer to “The Rotary Foundation Reference Guide 219 –EN-(1012)

## **ROTARY CLUBS**

Rotary Clubs operate and are generally organised under what are called the Five Avenues of Service<sup>4</sup>. These are the philosophical and practical framework for the work of a Rotary club. They are:-

1. **Club Service**, the first Avenue of Service, involves action a member should take within this club to help it function successfully.

2. **Vocational Service**, the second Avenue of Service, has the purpose of promoting high ethical standards in businesses and professions, recognizing the worthiness of all dignified occupations, and fostering the ideal of service in the pursuit of all vocations. The role of members includes conducting themselves and their businesses in accordance with Rotary’s principles and lending their vocational skills to club-developed projects in order to address the issues and needs of society.

3. **Community Service**, the third Avenue of Service, comprises varied efforts that members make, sometimes in conjunction with others, to improve the quality of life of those who live within this club’s locality or municipality.

4. **International Service**, the fourth Avenue of Service, comprises those activities that members do to advance international understanding, goodwill, and peace by fostering acquaintance with people of other countries, their cultures, customs, accomplishments, aspirations, and problems, through reading and correspondence and through cooperation in all club activities and projects designed to help people in other lands.

5. **Youth Service**, the fifth Avenue of Service, recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities,

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<sup>4</sup> Rotary Manual of Procedure guiding principles page

involvement in community and international service projects, and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding.

## **Rotary in Australia**

In Australia, there are some 30,000 Rotarians belonging to one of the 1100 Clubs nationally. Each Club is led by a Club President and supported internally by a number of Club office holders. The position of President is rotated every July, providing ample opportunities for Rotarians to step up and gain leadership experience. Clubs operate independently, but often come together to work on joint projects and celebrate big events.

Each Club belongs to one of 21 Rotary Districts in Australia with the Districts being geographically defined and sometimes cross state and even international borders. The head of the Rotary District is the District Governor, who also holds office for one year.

## **Rotary Districts**

Rotary Districts provide the administrative link between the clubs in each District and Rotary International. District Governors and past District Governors are inducted members of RI.

It is through a variety of District Committees that the major projects are undertaken and facilitated for Clubs. Such projects include Youth Programs, District Conferences, facilitating Grants for local and overseas humanitarian projects to name a few. Such committees are filled by Rotarians from the District Clubs. Rotary Districts provide the link between clubs and Rotary Australia's Nationwide Insurance policy undertaken with a major Insurance provider.

District Governors oversight the operation of Clubs in respect to their conformance with Rotary's constitution and principles.

## **Rotary Australia “ Gateway to Australia “**

Not to be confused with Rotary in Australia from the last section or Rotary International. This very small group provides personalized service, training and regional guidance on Rotary resources and Administrative procedures and RI Board policy and Constitutional documents. See more at <http://rotaryaustralia.org.au/>

## **Rotary Down Under**

This is a small organisation, also located in Parramatta, servicing Australia, New Zealand and South Pacific Islands. It has two primary roles as:-

1. Publishers of the official regional magazine “ Rotary Down Under” for the above mentioned areas.
2. A licensed supplier of Rotary merchandise in the region

## **Other Rotary Organisations**

Rotary also has a number of quasi independent organisations that operate to support Districts and Clubs and which also undertake role in meeting Rotary’s humanitarian obligations Some are organised on both a Regional and National basis notable among this group are :-

### **Rotary Australia World Community Service – RAWCS**

Rotary Australia World Community Service Ltd. (RAWCS) is a limited company formed to support Australian Rotarians and Rotary Clubs in assisting disadvantaged communities and individuals with humanitarian aid projects.

The company’s objective is to manage the

- Rotary Australia Overseas Aid Fund, RAOAF, the Rotary Australia Benevolent Society ,RABS and the Developed Country Disaster Fund, DCDF .
- Also to enable Rotarians, the public and the corporate sector to deliver humanitarian aid and charitable support through a range of projects including Rotarians Against Malaria, Donations In Kind and Australian Charitable Support.
- To facilitate Rotarians undertaking voluntary work, the Board has engaged professional support in the fields of information technology, communications and marketing and has established a staffed office to process the administrative, accounting and banking functions. RAWCS is not an emergency response organization, but rather looks to engage in sustainable developmental or relief projects.<sup>5</sup> For an overview of RAWCS, access a regional newsletter at

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<sup>5</sup> [Rotary Australia World Community Service - http://rawcs.org.au/](http://rawcs.org.au/)



<http://rawcs.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/13-May-RAWCS-Rover-WB.pdf>



Locals from the Oro Province, PNG around a recently installed water tank provided through funds raised by Rotary clubs and matching grants from The Rotary Foundation. This formed part of the Safe Water Saves Lives initiatives following the destruction by Cyclone Guba in the province in 2007.

### **Australian Rotary Health**

“Australian Rotary Health is one of the largest independent funders of mental health research within Australia. We also provide funding into a broad range of general health areas, provide scholarships for rural medical and nursing students, as well as Indigenous health students.

Australian Rotary Health provides funding into areas of health that do not readily attract funding, and promotes findings to the community. Australian Rotary Health is a project of the Rotary Districts of Australia and is supported by Rotary Clubs. We have a broad vision to improve the health and wellbeing of all Australians”.<sup>6</sup> ARH relies on donations from many sources one of which is its HAT DAY, now held in October each year.



<sup>6</sup> Australian Rotary Health - <https://australianrotaryhealth.org.au/>

## Shelterbox Australia

ShelterBox was founded in 2000 in the small town of Helston in Cornwall, UK. That same year the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard adopted it as its millennium project. Little did they know that it would become a Rotary project partner, with an ever-growing number of international affiliates. Starting as the brainchild of one Rotarian with the support of his Rotary club in year 2000 in UK – ShelterBox has grown to become the largest Rotary Club project in the 100 year history of the organisation. - See more at: <http://engadinerotary.org.au/SitePage/shelter-boxes>



ShelterBox helps displaced families all over the world. It is operated by volunteers both in Australia and worldwide and have rapid response teams ready to fly to where relief is needed, be it in freezing cold environments, intensely hot regions, on coastlines and in high, mountainous areas.

They help to rebuild communities in need wherever they can. Home based volunteers fulfill the logistics of warehousing and transportation roles.

Contained within the Large Green Box are items considered essential for immediate aid in the case of Flooding, Tsunami, Earthquakes or any disaster areas requiring shelter and facilities to sustain displaced people.



When empty the green container can be used to collect and store short term drinking water. Each shelter box contains a tent as shown - See more at: <http://engadinerotary.org.au/SitePage/shelter-boxes#sthash.KnGt2ZHI.dpuf>

## ROMAC – Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children



This organization provides specialist treatment for Children from developing countries in the Oceania region in the form of lifesaving and /or dignity restoring surgery not accessible in their home country. Its objectives are

- Provide hope and restore dignity to transform a child's life
- Provide the best possible surgical and medical expertise
- Engage Rotary and the community at all levels to fund and support the ROMAC cause
- To maintain and improve the quality of the management process and ensure high quality governance of the ROMAC program

Today ROMAC is giving life to around 50 Children every year, making a huge difference in the lives of these small Island Countries. All work provided by medical staff is voluntary while accommodation is generally provided by Rotary. For more information visit <https://www.romac.org.au/#>

### Interplast<sup>7</sup>

Since 1983 Rotary has sent fully qualified Australian and New Zealand volunteer plastic and reconstructive surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses and allied health professionals to the Asia Pacific region to provide free surgical treatment for patients who would otherwise not be able to afford access to such services.



Through the support of Rotary, Interplast through its volunteers has performed life changing operations such as shown below.

*Photo ; Rockson, a young boy from a remote part of the Solomon Islands, is looking forward to a future as bright as his personality, thanks to reconstructive facial surgery by Interplast volunteers.*

For more on how interplast is changing lives [visit Interplast's website](#)

<sup>7</sup> [http://rotaryaustralia.org.au/projects-programs-item/4933/putting-smiles-on-faces-interplast/?type\\_fr=476](http://rotaryaustralia.org.au/projects-programs-item/4933/putting-smiles-on-faces-interplast/?type_fr=476)

These previous articles provide a short overview of just some of the many projects and programs undertaken, supported and/or funded by Rotary Districts and clubs throughout Australia.

At the District level, projects and programs are organized on a committee basis led by a Committee chairman under whom there may be several subcommittees or operatives undertaking a specific function

Broadly at District 9675, with which Engadine Rotary is associated, there the following Chairs occupied by both male and female Rotarians and all on a volunteer basis.

1. The Rotary Foundation
2. New Generations
3. Membership
4. District Conference
5. Community Service
6. International Service
7. Vocational Service,

In many ways the District organization is mirror of the club level organization.

## **Engadine Rotary**

The Rotary Club of ENGADINE had its genesis at a meeting of the Rotary Club of Sutherland (as Engadine's Sponsoring Club) on the 31st January 1973.

Sutherland agreed then to cede the area of the Engadine District from Sutherland's territorial limits to allow for the formation of a club at Engadine. The task of forming the new club was given to Ed Brownscombe. Ed Brownscombe, as some readers will recall, owned the Brownscombe Menswear shop on the Old Princes Highway Engadine. A menswear shop still trades under that name at the same location.

Ed Brownscombe was a long time member and a Past President of the Rotary Club of Sutherland. He was also the then RI District 275 District Special Representative responsible for the creation of the Engadine club.

The Rotary Club of Engadine was admitted to Rotary International on the 19th April 1973 and received its charter on the 25th May 1973. The club's charter was

presented by then District Governor Steve Turtle to Foundation President John Rowlands at the Charter Dinner, held at the Australian Atomic Energy Commission.



Foundation President John Rowlands receiving the Club Charter from then District Governor Steve Turtle

The Rotary Club of Engadine belongs to Rotary District 9675 which includes Rotary Clubs from the Lower Blue Mountains to Sydney's Eastern Suburbs then South to Kiama and west to Camden and the Macarthur district, involving currently some 45 Rotary Clubs and 17 Rotaract Clubs.

Engadine Rotary's official area covers the following townships and suburbs, Bundeena, South Loftus , Yarrawarra , Woronora Heights, Engadine , Heathcote, Lucas Heights, Barden Ridge, Waterfall, Helensburgh and Stanwell Park.

### **Our Mission**

It is our mission to embrace the ideals of Rotary International, contributing to a better Engadine District and a better world through significant service while providing extraordinary opportunities for networking, fellowship, friendship and personal growth.

### **Club Organisation.**

The Rotary Club of Engadine, like Rotary Clubs worldwide , is governed by its President and Board of Directors with assistance from the Club Secretary and Treasurer and most importantly, all the members themselves. Club executive positions are elected annually and serve for a period of two years, with the exception of the President, President elect and Past president who serve for one year only. Each club elects its own officers and enjoys considerable autonomy within the framework of Rotary's constitution and bylaws

The Rotary Club of Engadine is organised on a functional basis covering Club Service, Community Service, International Service, Vocational Service Youth Services, Membership and Publicity as mentioned previously. This arrangement reflects Rotary's FIVE AVENUES OF SERVICE which are the philosophical and practical framework for the work of this Rotary club.

Within each portfolio, club members take on allocated roles that support the operation of the club or undertake a specific project.

For an understanding of the Club organisation see our new website at

<http://engadinerotary.org.au/ClubExecutives>

### **Incorporation**

Engadine Rotary is an incorporated organisation under Associations Incorporation Act being originally incorporated in 1992/3

Incorporation under the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW) gives a Rotary club certain legal advantages. For example, in the event of a claim against the club the financial liability of members is limited only to the payment of outstanding membership fees. An incorporated Rotary club has its own legal identity separate from its members, providing protection to members in legal transactions. Board members are also protected provided they act in good faith, with due diligence and in the best interest of the club. In the event of a problem, dispute or legal challenge, board members cannot claim that they 'did not know' about the rules and activities of the club. An incorporated Rotary club can:

- enter into and enforce contracts, including the ability to hold, acquire and deal with property
- sue or be sued
- continue regardless of changes to membership.

While there are benefits to be gained from incorporation, there are also obligations. For example, incorporation requires the payment of application and annual fees and requires the club to maintain proper financial and membership records and registers.<sup>8</sup>

### **Charitable Collections**

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<sup>8</sup> Refer – A Rotary club as an Incorporated Association Rotary District 9650



Engadine Rotary conducts a number of fundraising appeals, in order to finance their charitable activities. This club like others throughout the State is required to register those activities? As such Engadine Rotary is registered under the Charitable Collections Act and holds an authority to fundraise.

## **Club Meetings**

Prior to 2016, Rotary clubs met on a weekly basis with allowable breaks for public holidays and other local festivals. From 2016, Rotary International at its Council on Legislation relaxed the meeting and attendance rules. This allows clubs to alter the meeting arrangements to include more social aspects and committee meetings. The Rotary Club of Engadine has elected to formally meet every alternate Monday evening with the other Monday nights being allocated to Committees and Social evenings. Because a number of public holidays fall on Mondays, actual meeting types and dates may vary or actually occur on Tuesdays. A calendar showing these arrangements is displayed on the Club website To view the program and dates refer to:-

<http://engadinerotary.org.au/Events/Calendar>

## **Attendance**

Attending club dinners provide a great opportunity for intending members to learn more about the work of Rotary and the members thereby extending ones social network. It is current practice for an intending member to attend at least two – three months of meetings to see how the club functions whether he or she can commit to obligations and financial commitments. See more on fees. It allows the club time to assess whether the intending member would meet these obligations.

Members are requested to support the club by maintaining at least 50% attendance - which includes dinner meetings, committee work, charitable projects and attendance at other Rotary clubs. All these activities are considered an 'attendance'.

## **Club Membership**

The Rotary Club of Engadine Inc is an organization of business, professional, Community minded people and leaders and retirees both male and female who come together through commitment and fellowship to create opportunities and a

better future for generations who follow. It should be noted that Rotarians are members of Rotary clubs, which belong to the global association Rotary International (RI).

Membership of Rotary Clubs is by invitation only with the interested or intending member being sponsored by a Rotarian of this club.

An individual who is interested in membership but does not know any Rotarians can contact the Club Membership Chairman to express their interest in joining the club. In fact many of our current members have done just that. For contact details see our website <http://engadinerotary.org.au/SingleEmail/ContactUs>

After the guest has attended several meetings and the guest meets qualifications for membership, the sponsor may then submit the name of the guest to the club's membership committee for induction into Rotary.

Besides attending regular club meetings, members must pay annual dues to their clubs (see Section Membership Fees). Members are expected to participate in Rotary club activities or projects. Clubs encourage members to aspire to club leadership or committee roles.

### **Participation in Engadine Rotary**

Participation as an active member of the Rotary Club of Engadine presents a number of advantages that include:

- (1) Assessing and responding to a diverse range of needs within the community;
- (2) Increased awareness within the community through association with Rotary and the many programs that are supported by Rotary clubs around the world;
- (3) Enhanced opportunities to meet with like-minded people;
- (4) Immediate access to the Rotary charitable network;
- (5) Participation in Rotary hands-on projects; and
- (6) Membership of an organization dedicated to assisting and supporting community needs and activities.

### **Classification System.**

To ensure a balanced membership, Rotary employs a Classification system which describes the distinct and recognized business or professional service or type of



community service which the Rotarian renders to society. It was originally created to promote diversity of club membership and perhaps to prevent one group of people monopolising the club.

A review of any Rotary classification list today will reveal hundreds of categories and many holes. Clubs are encouraged to be creative and customize their list to fit local circumstances. Further with the expansion of specialities within professions and trades, a member's Classification is probably a way of recognising a member's vocation on a dinner badge as a means of introduction.

### **Responsibilities of Club Membership**

The club is the cornerstone of Rotary, where the most meaningful work is carried out. All effective Rotary clubs are responsible for four key elements:

1. sustaining or increasing their membership base;
2. participating in service projects that benefit their community and those in other countries;
3. supporting The Rotary Foundation financially and through program participation, and
4. developing leaders capable of serving in Rotary beyond the club level.

What Rotarians get out of Rotary depends largely on what they put into it.

Many membership requirements are designed to help members more fully participate in and enjoy their Rotary experience.

### **Rotary Membership Fees**

Annual club dues are \$275 and are paid half yearly. These fees include annual Rotary international per capita dues, a subscription to The Rotary Down Under Magazine, district per capita dues, club fees, Rotary Australia Insurance and any other Rotary or district per capita assessment. The Rotary Club of Engadine currently has no Joining Fees.

### **Rotary Insurance**

All Rotary Clubs within Australia are covered under the one single insurance policy which is renewed annually. Coverage includes

- nominated Rotary Districts and Clubs;
- Rotaract and Interact Clubs including clubs in the course of formation, incorporated or unincorporated;

- Members of Rotary including spouses (and de factos), volunteer workers, honorary members and host families and prospective members (from the time their membership has been approved);
- The Boards thereof; and Club and District Committees and other Rotary Bodies; and participants in all Rotary activities for their respective rights and interests.

Further details covering Rotary insurance is available in Document titled “Insurance Renewal Summary& handbook 2016/2017- Rotary Districts of Australia” located on Club website <https://content.clubrunner.ca/12387/Document/List> available to members only on login

### **Working with Children Check**

A Working With Children Check is a legal requirement for anyone who wants to work or volunteer in child-related work. It involves a national criminal history check and a review of findings of workplace misconduct.

The result of a Working With Children Check is either a clearance to work with children for five years, or a bar against working with children. Cleared applicants are subject to ongoing monitoring and relevant new records may lead to the clearance being revoked.

The Working With Children Check is fully portable so it can be used for any paid or unpaid child-related work in NSW for as long as the worker remains cleared.

As Engadine Rotary conducts a number of Youth programs involving under-aged children, every member must register with Office of Children’s Guardian and existing members must re-register every five years. To apply for Working with Children Check access Application for at

<https://wwccheck.ccyp.nsw.gov.au/Applicants/Application> .

When completing the application form the Child related sector is ‘Club or other bodies providing services to Children’.

Once a member has applied and received clearance he or she will receive a form shown below with a Working with Children Check number. This must be forwarded to the Club Secretary for Club Records. Further information covering this subject can be accessed at

<http://www.kids.nsw.gov.au/Working-with-children/New-Working-withChildren-Check>

Surname	
First Name	
Working with Children Check number	
Type of Clearance	Valid for unpaid work only
Expiry date of working with Children Check	Date 5 years after application date

## **Club Programs and Projects**

Our projects and programs are many and varied all covering some aspect of the Rotary World. There is sure to be something that a new member will be attracted to and develop leadership. They fall under 4 main headings of

1. Community Service,
2. International Service,
3. Vocational Service and
4. Youth Services which has the large number programs being offered.

For more details about these projects and programs visit our Website at <Http://engadinerotary.org.au>

## **Fund Raising**

This forms an integral part of a Rotary Club's operation and without which, a club would have difficulty pursuing and achieving its humanitarian objectives. Not only do we raise funds to support our grants to organizations, causes and individuals undergoing some financial stress through sickness etc, we also raise funds for a number of major charities and Rotary organizations previously mentioned. Our largest fundraiser is our Sydney to Surfers bike ride. Currently in its 19<sup>th</sup> year, it has supported Fr Chris Riley's Youth off the Streets(YOTS) program throughout these years and has following the 19<sup>th</sup> Ride, donated in excess of \$3million to YOTS .



Presentation of the 2017 Bike Ride Fund Raising Cheque to Fr Chris Riley by Rotary President Sam Issa ( Left ) and Rotary Treasurer Kevin Stuart (right)

As an intending new member or club member can see, Engadine Rotary and Rotary in general offer a different perspective and humanitarian approach to life and the world. If you have received this booklet from a Club Member ask that member to invite you to a club meeting and sponsor you by completing Part A of the Membership Proposal Form and have it processed by the Membership Committee. The Membership proposal form can be found at

<https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000012387/en-us/files/homepage/rotary-membership/RotaryMembershipForm.pdf>

If you would like to join and do not have a contact to sponsor you please contact the Membership Chairman on

<http://engadinerotary.com.au/http://engadinerotary.org.au/SingleEmail/ContactUs>

Come Join us, You will never regret it.

Chairman

Membership Committee

# General information

## Contacts

Secretary:

President:

Membership:

Reporting Absences:

Website: <http://engadinerotary.org.au>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/EngadineRotary>

Meetings: As this is a Dinner Club members and guests are expected to join us for an evening meal when meeting.

We generally meet on alternate Mondays but because of public holidays falling on Mondays throughout the year and the recent inclusion of special events nights, intending visitors should check the Club's meeting calendar by visiting <http://engadinerotary.org.au/Events/Calendar>

Location & Time : Currently held at the Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club , Cnr Anzac and Cambrai Avenues.

6.15 for 6.45pm

## Notes