

Rotary Club of Dunedin



INFORMATION BOOKLET

Rotary International

- The world's first service club organization.
- Over 32,000 clubs in more than 200 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.

Rotary's motto

- Service Above Self exemplifies the humanitarian spirit of the organization's more than 1.2 million members.
- Strong fellowship among Rotarians and meaningful community and international service projects characterise Rotary worldwide.

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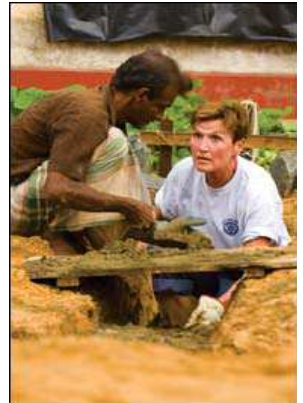
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WHAT IS ROTARY?

PROGRESS

Paul Harris formed the world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago, on 23 February 1905. The Rotary motto is Service Above Self and, a century later, Rotary continues to concern itself with truth, fairness, improved relations between peoples, and world peace. Rotary members promote international understanding and were involved in the development of UNESCO, and, later, some 50 Rotary members served as delegates and consultants at the founding of the United Nations. Today, Rotary holds the highest consultative status with the United Nations that a NGO can obtain. In this capacity, Rotary has a voice within the UN system allowing access to its people and resources worldwide.



PEOPLE

Belonging to a Rotary club gives men and women an enjoyable and organized way to make a contribution to their community. Rotary members meet weekly for fellowship and to plan club, community, and international service activities. By using their expertise globally, members also enhance their professional network, career development, and cross-cultural understanding. Rotary clubs are nonreligious, nongovernmental, and open to every race, culture, and creed. Members represent a cross section of local business and professional leaders.

PROJECTS

Rotary clubs participate in a broad range of humanitarian, intercultural, and educational activities designed to improve the lives of people. Projects can provide health care and medical supplies, clean water, food, job training, youth development, and education to millions of people in need. More than 200 grants are made each year to fund the work of Rotary volunteers who travel to parts of the world where their technical expertise and knowledge are most needed to alleviate hardship and solve problems.

PEACE

Rotary builds understanding through international scholarships, exchange programs, and humanitarian grants.



- 70 World Peace Scholarships each year for graduate studies in international relations, conflict studies, and negotiation - providing promising leaders the tools to further the cause of peace.

- Some 35,000 students from 110 countries have also studied abroad since 1947 as Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars.

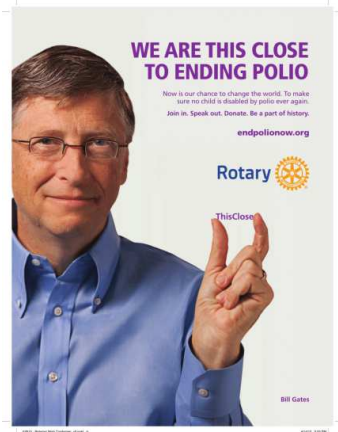


- Each year some 8,000 secondary-school students experience life in another country through Rotary's Youth Exchange program.

POLIO ERADICATION

Rotary launched its polio immunization program Polio-Plus in 1985 and in 1988 became a spearheading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative with the WHO, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which was later joined by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Since the initiative launched, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99.9 percent, from about 350,000 cases a year to 70 confirmed to date in 2015. Only two countries are polio-endemic: Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Rotary has contributed more than \$1.5 billion and countless volunteer hours to fight polio. Through to 2018, every dollar Rotary commits to polio eradication will be matched two-to-one by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation up to \$35 million a year.



From Sarah Warhurst, Business Development Manager, Harcourts Highland Real Estate Group Ltd .

“Being involved with local and international projects which benefit others is truly rewarding - especially when you're participating with like-minded people, sharing laughter, positivity and a common goal. That's why I enjoy Rotary.”

OBJECT OF ROTARY

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

1. The development of friendship as an opportunity for service.
2. 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.
3. The application of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and professional life.
4. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Rotarians are people who share their time and energy to help their community.

A worldwide organization, Rotary is made up of men and women across all vocations.

In New Zealand, there are more than 10,000 members of 240 Rotary clubs in towns, cities and small communities, all committed to 'Service above Self'.



From Jonathan Usher, Magician, and Past District Governor of Rotary International.

"Muhammad Ali said 'Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth'. Rotary gives me the opportunity to serve others through the outstanding work we do in our own communities, and others around the world."

WEST HARBOUR RECREATION TRAIL

The Rotary Club of Dunedin has been responsible for some pretty big projects in the past, from Rotary Park at Highcliff to the Youth Adventure Facilities at Berwick.

Our most recent major Club project was the beautification and provision of recreation opportunities along the shared pathway (Cycleway) between the Boat Harbour area and Maia. The work involved landscaping and planting with native shrubs. There are also picnic tables and seats, a barbeque area and informative signage telling the story of points of interest along the way. The club worked on the project over 5 years and the total cost was \$150,000.



Exercise equipment is also provided in two areas and this equipment, while able to be used by all, targets seniors. One area has been designated for t'ai chi.

The completed project was opened on April 22 2018 by Dunedin Mayor Dave Cull and will be maintained by the city council as a public recreation area.



From Jackie St John, Past President of the Rotary Club of Dunedin and Environment Lawyer.

"Being a member of the Rotary Club of Dunedin allows individuals to give their time and abilities to projects, both large and small, local or overseas. Through these projects we are able to satisfy our desire to assist those whose circumstances are not as well off as ourselves."

WHY JOIN?

PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING

A founding principle of Rotary was to meet regularly to enjoy camaraderie and enlarge one's circle of business and professional acquaintances.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Club members have many opportunities for humanitarian service, both locally and internationally. Rotarians experience the fulfillment that comes from giving back to the community.



INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS

With more than 32,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries, Rotarians gain an understanding of humanitarian issues through international service projects and exchange programs.

FRIENDSHIP

Rotary was founded on fellowship, an ideal that remains a major attraction of membership today. Club members enjoy camaraderie with like-minded professionals, and club projects offer additional opportunities to develop enduring friendships.

GOOD CITIZENSHIP

Weekly Rotary club programs keep members informed about what is taking place in the community, nation, and world and keeps them 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.



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 look to "The Four-Way Test" for inspiration and guidance.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Rotary is an organization of successful professional and business people. 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.



The Four Way Test

of the things we think, say and 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?



From Peter Gouverneur, Past President of the Rotary Club of Dunedin.

"As a member of Rotary you will make a lot of wonderful friends, you will have plenty of opportunities to help others in your local community and across the world, you will develop your leadership skills, listen to some great guest speakers and above all have fantastic fun."

WHAT DO ROTARIANS DO?

Rotarians recognize problems in society, local, national, and international which need investigation and attention. Rotarians also raise funds which support projects involving health and education, and the development of young people - in their neighbourhood, nationally and internationally.

Rotary has played a leading part in the setting up, or has supported the development of:

- The Plunket Society
- Outward Bound
- Meals on Wheels
- Milk in Schools
- Mobile Blood Transfusion Service
- National Women's Hospital
- CCS
- Child Health Research Foundation
- Trees for Survival
- National Kidney Foundation
- Starship Ronald McDonald House
- Defensive Driving Courses
- Probus Groups
- Karitane Hospital
- The Tuberculosis Association
- The Kidney Hospital
- The Cancer Society
- Birthright Incorporated
- The National Society of Alcoholism
- DARE and PEER Support

WHAT DOES OUR CLUB DO?

The club has always played an important part in the community. As well as supporting national initiatives, some major local projects **still providing benefits** are: formation of the local branch of CCS (1935), purchase of Waiora Scout Camp (1948), Rotary Park (1958), Budget Advisory Service (1972), Tautuku and Berwick youth adventure camps (1975, 1982), Cancer Society funding (1994), Daffodil Planting (1995), Thomas Bracken memorial and signage (1998), Orokonui Ecosanctuary valley track (2010), West Harbour Recreation Trail (2018) .

Some current projects and activities are:

- Staging a Wine Auction to benefit Dunedin charities.

- Running an annual speech contest for secondary students.

- Providing crowd control for events such as the Otago Rally.

- Awarding scholarships for rural students at Telford Agricultural Training Centre and the Cromwell Campus of Otago Polytechnic.

- Initiating a Cattle Project to raise funds for the Otago Rural Education Trust.

- Circus Quirkus to raise funds for charities and to benefit children.

- Manage ongoing distributions from our Club Charitable Trusts (\$200k in value).

- Sponsoring young people to RYLA, National Science Forum, Outward Bound and other self development programmes.

- Assist in raising money to ensure the worldwide eradication of Polio

- Assistance with local resettlement of former refugees (through support of Red Cross programme)

In all things, we are motivated to have fun and individually grow from the benefits that accrue from fellowship with a group of very different people joined together for the common purpose of community service.

JOINING US

Membership is by invitation and is based on 'classifications'. A classification describes the distinct and recognized business or professional service which the Rotarian renders to society.

The commitment Members make to Rotary

Ideally, regular attendance builds friendship. We meet at the Cobb & Co Restaurant each Thursday lunchtime at noon for 12.30 pm to 1.30 pm.

Given that family and business are priorities, attendance at every meeting is not always possible. Members are able to "make up" for absences by attending the meetings of other clubs, attending monthly committee meetings and Club project activities. Members are encouraged to attend at least 50% of club meetings.

What is the financial commitment?

Our 6-monthly subscription is currently \$135 plus a voluntary donation of \$40 (tax deductible) which goes towards Rotary Foundation Programs. There is a prompt payment discount of \$15. The weekly meals are optional and a la carte.

Rotary Committees

When you join Rotary, you will be appointed to one of the Club's committees. These are regarded as the engine room of Rotary as they are where much of the business, projects, and fellowship are fostered.

Our Club has six committees:

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| • City & Community | Meets third Tuesday |
| • Membership | Meets first Thursday |
| • Town & Country | Meets first Wednesday |
| • Club Administration | Meets first Tuesday |
| • Youth | Meets second Tuesday |
| • Public Relations | Meets second Monday |



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