

# **WELCOME TO ROTARY DUNEDIN.**



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# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL.

Rotary is the world's first service club organisation, with over 32,000 clubs spanning 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 make a positive impact around the world.

## THE ROTARY MOTTO.

Service Above Self exemplifies the humanitarian spirit of the organisation's more than 1.2 million members.

The 1989 Rotary Council on Legislation established Service Above Self as the principal motto of Rotary because it best conveys the philosophy of unselfish volunteer service.

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



*Rotary International Projects*

# WHAT IS ROTARY?

## PROGRESS

Paul Harris formed the world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago, on 23 February 1905. More than 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 people an enjoyable and organised 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, inter-cultural, 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 immunisation 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 less than 100 to date in 2020. Only two countries are polio-endemic: Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Rotary has contributed more than \$1.5 billion and countless volunteer hours to fight polio. 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.



# THE OBJECT OF ROTARY.

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

- The development of friendship as an opportunity for service
- 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
- The application of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and professional life
- 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 organisation, 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.

"Just say Yes whenever asked to do something in Rotary was advice given to me when I started Rotary in 2010. Saying "Yes" has opened many doors for me since then; providing learning and leadership opportunities, personal engagement with a diverse group of people both within and outside the Rotary Club, a wide range of projects, and satisfaction in helping broad spectrum of the community. Being a Rotarian has been a highly rewarding part of my life.."

***Gordon Tucker, Past President of Rotary Dunedin and Head of the Rotary Park Redevelopment Project.***

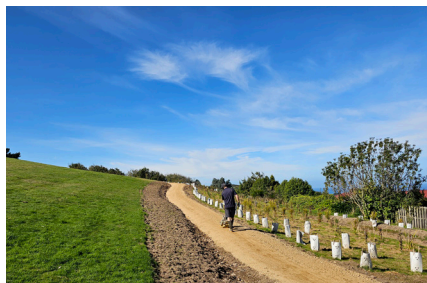
# ROTARY PARK.

Rotary Dunedin has been responsible for some big projects in the past, from the West Harbour Recreation Trail to the Youth Adventure Facilities at Berwick.

Our current major club project is the redevelopment of Rotary Park located on Highcliff Road in Shiel Hill Dunedin.

Rotary Dunedin celebrated its centenary year in 2023. With this milestone came the desire to develop a showcase project which celebrates and reflects our long relationship with Dunedin and the wider Otago community.

Rotary Park was originally developed by the Rotary Club of Dunedin (now called Rotary Dunedin) in the early 1950s, opening in June 1956 to celebrate 50 years of Rotary International. Rotary Dunedin has a long association with the Rotary Park and is proud to continue this development, with further enhancements and beautification to improve the site for the benefit of the entire community.



*Rotary Park Redevelopment*

# 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.

**rotary**  
**youth**  
**exchange**

## ENTERTAINMENT

Every Rotary club and district hosts parties and activities that offer diversions from today's demanding professional and personal schedules.



*Rotary Dunedin Centenary Dinner 2023*



## 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 organisation of successful professional, business and community people. Team building, fundraising, public speaking, planning, organisation, and communication are just a few of the leadership skills that club members can share and grow. Being a Rotary leader provides further experience in learning how to motivate, inspire, and guide others.

## DIVERSITY IN MEMBERSHIP

Rotary's membership comes from a wide range of people and all ages and backgrounds are welcomed into Rotary.



*"Being a member of Rotary Dunedin allows individuals to give their time and abilities to projects, both large and small, local or overseas. Through the projects we are able to assist others and action Rotary's motto of Service above Self"*

*Jackie St John, Past President of Rotary Dunedin & Director of the Youth Committee*

# WHAT DO ROTARIANS DO?

Rotarians recognise 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 Families
- 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



*Planting Project*

# WHAT DOES OUR CLUB DO?

Rotary Dunedin has played an important part in the community for the past 100 years. 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 and ongoing)
- Budget Advisory Service (1972)
- Tautuku and Berwick youth adventure camps (1975, 1982)
- Cancer Society (1994)
- Daffodil planting (1995-2010)
- Thomas Bracken memorial and signage (1998)
- Orokonui Eco Sanctuary valley track (2010)
- West Harbour Recreation Trail (2018)



*Cooking Breakfast at the  
Relay for Life*



*Mad Hatters Tea Party  
District 9980 Conference*

## SOME CURRENT PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES ARE

- Redevelopment of Rotary Park
- 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
- 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 Rotary Youth Leadership Award programme, 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.

We are a friendly and welcoming group, come and join us!



# JOINING US.

Membership application forms are available on our website [dunedinrotary.org.nz](http://dunedinrotary.org.nz) or from any club member. You are welcome to come and join us at one of our weekly lunchtime meetings to get an idea of who we are and what we do.

The commitment Members make to Rotary is ideally weekly, as regular attendance helps to build friendships. We meet at Otago House each Thursday lunchtime from 12 noon to 1pm.

Given that family and business are priorities, we understand that attendance at every meeting is not always possible. Members are encouraged to attend as frequently as their commitments allow.

## WHAT IS THE FINANCIAL COMMITMENT?

Our 6-monthly subscription is currently \$145 plus a voluntary donation of \$30 (tax deductible) which goes towards Rotary Foundation Programs. There is a prompt payment discount of \$15.

We also ask a small contribution to cover the room hire of the venue which is approximately \$50 per annum per member.

Please bring your own lunch to the meeting.

"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."

***Peter Gouverneur, Past President of Rotary Dunedin & Past ADG for District 9980.***



## ROTARY COMMITTEES

When you join Rotary, you will be appointed to one of the Club's project groups.

These are regarded as the engine room of Rotary as they are where much of the business, project work, and fellowship happens.

Our Club has five project groups:

- Management group
- City & Community group
- Membership group
- Town & Country group
- Youth group



*Care Packages for Te Whare Pounamu Womens Refuge Dunedin*

## NOTES.

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