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Rotary? "I can't sing their praises highly enough."

— Dr Jonathon Welch AM

Jonathon Welch AM is the founder of The Choir of Hard Knocks, the Choir of Hope and Inspiration and Social Inclusion Week. As a Rotary ambassador and club member Jonathon says, "Rotary is a great way to apply the skills you've developed in your personal and working life to community-based causes. It's also a lot like a choir - half the fun is joining in and having fun."

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“Hands up who wants to be hands-on.”

— Bev Brock

Rotary members love the fact that they can be 'hands-on' in the work they do for the community. Bev Brock's experience with Rotary is a great example. As a Rotary Club member, Bev with her fellow Rotarians, collects surplus quality fresh foods from Melbourne's busy Prahran Market for redistribution. It's a hands-on task getting the food to various community groups. Bev says, "The smiles of the stall owners, the friendships formed, the knowledge that we are all helping to feed those in need and reduce wastage is a bonus."

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"Rotary is humanity in motion. Literally."

— Peter Jones

Vintage motorcycle enthusiast joined his local Rotary Club because he wanted to meet a group of young, community-minded people. "I knew this is where I'd find them. It was through Rotary I learnt and became inspired about Interplast and the story of a little boy in Indonesia who suffered from a bilateral cleft palate. He'd been ostracised by his community, believed to be 'kissed by the devil.' Interplast intervened with a very simple operation, and here was a different kid, smiling and bursting with confidence."

So Peter created Miles for Smiles, a motorcycle charity ride that will take him through Nepal, India and Southeast Asia to raise funds for Interplast.

"The great thing is, I'll be helped along the way by Rotary Clubs in all of those countries."

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“What does an eight year old, a gorilla and Rotary have in common?”

— *Nathan Ashdown*

Eight year old Nathan Ashdown loves gorillas. So after learning of the destruction of the gorillas' habitat in the Democratic Republic of Congo and despite his young age, he set out to do something about it. The gorillas' habitat is being mined for Coltan, a metallic ore found in all mobile phones. Coltan can be recycled from old mobile phones thus reducing the need for mining and helping save this beautiful endangered species and their habitat.

It was with the help of his parents' family Rotary Club, that Nathan was able to begin a major mobile phone recycling drive. Now his love for gorillas has become a nation-wide cause. This is just one of the many stories which highlights how Rotary is there to support a positive cause.

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