



Rotarian Karen Stade of the Whakatu Club in Nelson, who went to India in 2017 with two other New Zealanders to meet other volunteers from around the world, and attend a National Polio Immunisation Day.

health and environment, strengthen local economies and train future peacemakers.

Rotary works with UNESCO, the World Health Organisation and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to vaccinate children against polio. After nearly thirty years of effort, polio is almost eliminated worldwide. Rotary also funds peace scholarships, clean water and sanitation projects, and we provide leadership training in just about every country in the world.

Rotary started in Chicago in 1904 when a group of businessmen decided to work together to help the community, promote international peace and understanding, and encourage greater co-operation among the various trades and professions in a community.

For over 100 years Rotary has been active in almost every country in the world. The ideals and goals are the same everywhere; peace, health, sanitation, clean water, care for the environment, growing youth into good citizens. The members of each club decide on their own priorities, often working with other clubs on projects.

Our colourful Rotary International Youth Exchange student programme.



## SO, WHO IS IN ROTARY?

People like you. People who want to make a difference.

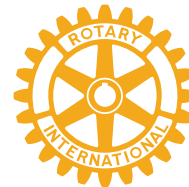
Rotary is a way of working with other like-minded people who want to make their communities, their country and the world a better place.

- Join a club today
- Join people like you
- Take action
- Make a difference



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## Rotary Today

### WHAT IS ROTARY AND WHAT DOES IT DO?

### WHY SHOULD I GET INVOLVED?

## PEOPLE WHO WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD **JOIN ROTARY**

**Why? Because it is one way an individual's efforts can be combined with the work of many others, and therefore make a bigger difference.**

Rotary is a world-wide organisation which operates through clubs in 220 countries. Rotary's 1.2 million members tackle some of the world's biggest challenges, locally and globally.

**We are a service organisation where people volunteer to help others in various different ways – locally, nationally and internationally.**

## COMMUNITY

Each club works actively in its own community raising money for community facilities, helping young people develop their potential and improving the lives of others.

In New Zealand and the South Pacific there are 8,500 Rotarians in 267 Rotary Clubs. They support young people through international student exchanges, scholarships and leadership development programmes. Interact and Rotaract Clubs provide social and volunteering networks for school children and young adults.

Clubs fundraise for local causes like the ambulance service, the hospice, a children's hospital, and they fund peer support in schools, and send aspiring students to science and technology fairs.

Clubs fundraise through activities like book fairs, charity auctions, running events, and organising the public to get behind local causes that need help. It's fun, useful, and you get to work with like-minded people on projects. We say in Rotary it is service before self. People join because they want to give back, and to improve themselves and their corner of the world.

Rotary joins forces with Black Power to bridge cultures and communities by donating a selection of used and new gardening tools to be used in a community garden to encourage Black Power members and their neighbourhood to develop new skills and practices.



Rotary Emergency Response Kits are used in civil disasters etc such as cyclones and floods in the Pacific Islands, and in particular, to assist families survive the first days after the disaster. These boxes are produced in New Zealand and stored in New Zealand and throughout the South Pacific Islands. They are available for immediate distribution.

## INTERNATIONAL

Rotary focuses on making the world a better place by creating stronger, healthier, safer communities and by promoting international cooperation and understanding.

A lot of Rotary's international work is carried out through the Rotary Foundation, which co-ordinates projects to improve people's