



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.

\$4 billion on life - changing sustainable projects. For the last 11 years Rotary has received a 4-star rating from the Charity Navigator.

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

Rotary started in Chicago in 1905 when a group of businessmen decided to work together to help their local community. This encouraged understanding and cooperation between various trades and professions for the community's benefit.

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.

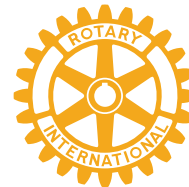
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WHAT IS ROTARY AND WHAT DOES IT DO?

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.

Rotarians initiate service projects to address today's challenges including illiteracy, disease, hunger, poverty, lack of clean water and environmental concerns.

COMMUNITY

Clubs fundraise for local causes. Each club works actively in its community raising money for Youth Health, Suicide Prevention programs, Children's hospitals, Hospices, Rotary Community Breast Banks, Environmental projects, Rotary Youth Leadership Award programs (RYLA), sponsor secondary school students to Science and Technology fairs.

Rotary is involved in activities such as book fairs, charity auctions, running events, and organizing the public to get behind local causes that need help. It's fun, useful and you get to volunteer and network with like minded people. We know people join Rotary to give back and to improve their corner of the world. **Does this sound like you?**

In New Zealand and the South Pacific there are 7,930 Rotarians in 261 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.

Plimmerton Rotary, in partnership with Porirua City Council, has been active in the development of the Te Ara Piko Pathway since 2005. Voluntary contribution of skills from Rotary member have been used to design, construct, and install small bridges, handrails and seats, undertake predator control by monitoring stoat trap along the pathway and provide funding.



Rotary Emergency Response Kits are used in civil disasters, cyclones and floods in the Pacific Islands. In particular, they are used to assist families with surviving the first few days after the disaster

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 health and environment, strengthen local economies and train future peacemakers. The Foundation has spent more than