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**The Rotary Club of Canberra Burley Griffin
invite you to take part in**

**Rotary 100 Down Under
Celebrating 100 years of Rotary
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100 Rotary Clubs

100 Schools

100 School tours to the Canberra Rotary Peace Bell

100 Peace Poles installed

100 World Peace Day ceremonies

For an information pack about participation, email

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THE IDEA

100 Rotary Clubs from around Australia are invited by the Rotary Club of Canberra Burley Griffin to become involved in this joint Centenary project. Will your Club be one of the 100 Rotary Clubs to decide to support this idea?

100 SCHOOLS INVITED TO TOUR THE CANBERRA ROTARY PEACE BELL

Your local Primary School is invited by your Rotary Club to visit the Canberra Rotary Peace Bell during their organised School Excursion to Canberra. On their return from Canberra each School is presented with their own Peace Pole. Ideally the children involved would be Primary School students from years 5 or 6. This is the age of most groups already visiting Canberra. There are over 3,000 such School visits to Canberra each year by such School Groups from all over Australia.

The purpose of combining the Peace Pole concept with a visit to the Canberra Rotary Peace Bell is to give the children a greater sense of involvement with the idea of Peace. During the visit to the Canberra Rotary Peace Bell each child is given the opportunity to ring the Peace Bell. They also take part in a short ceremony where the words of Laozi are spoken as they strike the Peace Bell. The words of the Chinese Philosopher Laozi were used by the Rotary International President Herb Brown in 1995/96 as part of his theme.

Words of Laozi

*If there is to be Peace in the World,
there must be Peace Between Nations.*

*If there is to be Peace between nations
there must be Peace Between Cities.*

*If there must be Peace Between Cities,
there must be Peace Between Neighbours.*

*If there must be Peace Between Neighbours,
there must be Peace in the home.*

*If there must be in the home,
there must be Peace in the heart.*



100 PEACE POLES INSTALLED IN VISITING SCHOOLS

Peace Poles are planted with the Universal Peace Message "May Peace Prevail on Earth". They symbolise our common wish for a World at Peace. They stand as a silent vigil for peace reminding us to think and act in the spirit of Peace. The Peace message is written in four languages one panel on each side of the Peace Pole.



100 WORLD PEACE DAY CEREMONIES IN VISITING SCHOOLS

Once the Peace Pole is installed in each School then the School is invited to participate in the United Nations World Peace Day Ceremonies on 21st September each year. We suggest a short ceremony at their Peace Pole. Your Rotary Club could send members to deliver a keynote Peace message to the school. The words of Laozi could be recited. In addition, the Universal message "May Peace Prevail on Earth" be recited in each of the four languages shown on the Peace Pole.

COST

The Peace Poles can be ordered completed but to save on transport costs it is suggested that each club could complete their own Peace Pole. The poles are 90*90mm *2400 in length of Cypress Pine. Such poles are available from Bunnings, The Rotary Club of Canberra Burley Griffin can arrange delivery to your Club of the four panels complete with a fifth panel showing the Rotary Logo. Each pole would be numbered 1 to 100.

To complete the Peace Pole the top is to be cut on a 45 degree angle on each side. The Pole is stained with Marine Varnish and then the five panels are attached to the pole. This work could be done by Rotarians, by a local Men's Shed or by a School Woodwork class.

The Completed Peace poles cost \$140 plus GST plus delivery
(Delivery would be from Geelong so may be prohibitive cost wise)

The Cypress Pine Poles cost approx. \$60 and are available at Bunnings.

The four Panels with 4 languages plus a Rotary panel cost \$75 plus GST
plus postage of approximately \$25



CONCLUSION

If 100 schools visit the Canberra Rotary Peace Bell as part of this program it would mean that over 3,000 children would receive the Peace message. It would also mean that the name of Rotary would be promoted to those 3,000 plus children. It would also mean that each child would have the opportunity to make a small gold coin donation toward Rotary Peace Projects. Any funds donated at the Canberra Rotary Peace Bell are used to support the Rotary Foundation, Rotary Peace Fellows, Shelter Box Australia and issues dealing with Domestic Violence.

In summary this Project extends the fourth object of Rotary and provides a unique opportunity for 100 Rotary Clubs to connect with 100 schools in their local areas. It also offers to opportunity for ongoing contact with each school through the proposed School ceremonies for World Peace Day 21 September each year where Rotarians could attend the school and speak on Peace issues to the Children. Taking into account the full School numbers we might be impacting on over 30,000 children!

If, between now and the 100th anniversary of the establishment of Rotary in 2021 that more than 100 clubs and schools wish to be involved then simply more tours of the Canberra Rotary Peace bell are arranged, more Peace Poles are distributed, and more messages of Peace are delivered

GET INVOLVED

Book your interest through our web site: canberrapeacebell.org by hitting the 'Booking' button.

Best Wishes,
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