

Ryde Rotary built a 1000-student Co-ed High School in Borjagai in the Hazara region of war-ravaged Afghanistan



## What is Rotary?

Rotary is a worldwide organisation of more than 1.2 million business, professional, and community leaders. Members of Rotary clubs provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

Rotary reaches out to community, business and professional leaders and their organisations to support Rotary projects. There are many ways that people and organisations may contribute. Some join Rotary, others offer their skills and experience, or give donations and sponsorships. Partnering your business with us for a Rotary project is yet another way to benefit both you and your community.

Clubs are non-political and nonreligious. As signified by the motto *Service Above Self*, Rotary's main objective is service — in the community, in the workplace and throughout the world.

## Fun and Fellowship

Rotary isn't just about service and community activity. Friendship and fellowship are important too. We have a wide range of social activities to ensure that club membership is an enjoyable experience.

## Who are Rotarians?

Membership of a Rotary Club is open to all cultures, races, and creeds, and is available to anyone who is committed to serving the community by applying their skills and experience in accordance with the aims and objects of Rotary. Women are welcomed as members.

## What is Ryde Rotary?

We are one of 33,000 Rotary clubs in the world, 1,200 of them in Australia. Our club was chartered in 1946, and covers the City Of Ryde, and surrounding areas.



Our members are men and women from all walks of life.

## When and where do you meet?

We usually meet at Level 2, Next Generation Club, next to Ryde Aquatic Centre, 504 Victoria Road, Ryde. Meeting Time: Every Tuesday — 6:00pm for 6:30pm. Formal meetings including a meal with a guest speaker and a structured program normally start at 6:30pm and finish by 8pm. Most members arrive at 6pm to socialize before the meeting.

## What does your club do?

Ryde Rotary conducts its own projects with local and international scope. We also participate in a number of Rotary International programs in Australia and overseas. Though we raise funds in connection with some of our events, others aim simply to raise awareness of a particular cause.

## As a member, what is my role?

Rotary is a voluntary organisation whose members are busy people. We all participate within our own levels of availability, skills and expertise. Whilst attendance at our weekly meetings greatly helps members to be informed and to contribute, there is no requirement to attend all meetings. We focus on members being engaged in projects and activities. And we offer the opportunity to match members and supporters preferences, skills and availability to the tasks at hand.

Membership fees are \$125 for each six months' period. Members are not expected to make personal donations. We encourage members to involve their families in club meetings and all other activities.

## How do I join?

It's easy: Talk to a member or call us.

## What happens after I join?

We will make sure that you, as a new member, are offered a role in one or more projects or activities, roles that will interest you and which you will find rewarding. You will join one of our teams that focus on a particular project or event.

Our aim is to help you to add another dimension to your life. You, your family, Rotary and the community will benefit from your participation.

## How can I learn more?

To get a broader view of Rotary in Australia and the world, visit:

[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)  
[www.rotary.org.au](http://www.rotary.org.au)  
<http://www.rotarynews.info/district9680/r.i>

To learn more about the Rotary Club of Ryde, call us and chat with one of our members, or visit:

<http://ryderotary.org.au>

Or follow us on Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/RydeRotary>

Come along to one of our club meetings. You'll be more than welcome and we'll be happy to answer your questions.



Ryde Rotarians work on local community projects as well as on International efforts to make the world a better place.

## OUR CONTRIBUTION TO OUR COMMUNITY

Since its inception in 1946, the Rotary Club of Ryde has contributed both financially and in kind to our local community, including support for the following organisations and events:

- Charity Golf Day at Oatlands Golf Club.
- Meals on Wheels.
- Mental Health Forums.
- Nursing Home Visits and present-giving (Mothers' Day & Fathers' Day).
- Annual Family Eco Fun Day at Lane Cove National Park, we provide free food for the public.
- We have raised funds and purchased equipment to keep Ryde Hospital open and operating.
- Australian Medical Health Research - Ryde Rotary has contributed in excess of \$68,000 to the Rotary Wing of the Children's Hospital Westmead (Sydney) by providing funds on an annual basis.
- Projects and sponsorship of students at local Primary and High Schools, including our Interact Club at James Ruse Agricultural High School.
- We manage the Trees of Joy at Top Ryde City, West Ryde and Eastwood shopping centres. Christmas gifts given by the community are directed to local families in need. Tree of Joy was introduced to Australia by Ryde Rotary 25 years ago.
- As part of our Vocational Service activities gives the annual Pride of Workmanship and Apprentice of the Year awards to worthy employees of local businesses.
- Annually our club sponsors a candidate for the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), a personal development training program for young adults.
- Our members assist the Salvation Army locally in its annual Red Shield appeal.
- Graffiti Removal Program - Initially started by Turramurra Rotary Club, our Club adopted the graffiti removal project in 2010, launching it on graffiti action day, cleaning up paint vandalism in Ryde.
- Bowelscan - Rotary Bowelscan commenced in our Rotary D9680 in 1990, with more than 12,000 new cases of bowel cancers diagnosed each year.
- Circus Quirkus – We seek sponsorship from local businesses to fund disadvantaged children to attend the annual Circus Quirkus show.

## • RYDE ROTARY IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY



A child in Nepal receives a drop of oral polio vaccine

Polio Plus, the most ambitious program in Rotary's history, is the volunteer arm of the global partnership dedicated to eradicating polio. For more than 20 years, Rotary has led the private sector in the effort to rid the world of this crippling disease. Today, Polio Plus is recognized worldwide as a model of public-private cooperation in pursuit of a humanitarian goal. In addition to providing financial and volunteer

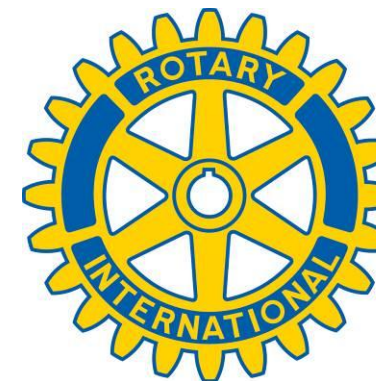
support, Rotary builds other public and private partnerships, such as the **End Polio Now** campaign, inspired by the extraordinary challenge grants from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Ryde Rotary provides practical and financial support for Rotary *Polio Plus* and other international programs, including:

- Sponsoring a child and a Teacher at the *School of St Jude* in Tanzania.
- Rotary-sponsored international *student exchange* programs for local high school students who spend a year studying in schools overseas. In turn, overseas students visit Australia for a year, attending local schools.
- *Shelterbox*, supplying temporary shelter and survival equipment for areas struck by natural disaster.
- Donations to Australian and international disaster relief, through Rotary channels or Rotary clubs in the affected areas.

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# The Rotary Club of Ryde

- Community Service
- International Goodwill
- Fun and Fellowship