

Rotary Projects

All Rotary clubs banded together to eliminate Polio in the world, a task almost complete.

We participate in the Rotary Youth Exchange Programme where students go to a foreign country for 1 year to live with a local family and study, this year we have a young Brazilian with us and your local Belmont club has sent a local young student to study overseas for a year.

Group Study Exchange is a six week exchange of young professionals to assist in widening their career experience (our current group is from Canada).

We raised funds to send a group of Doctors and Nurses (who donated their time) overseas to assist with operations in underdeveloped countries. Last year we carried out sixty operations in Laos from hare-lips to serious burn disfigurements and helped train local Doctors.

We help raise funds so children can be flown to Australian hospitals to have life saving major surgery. Many other projects such as wells for clean drinking water, famine relief, disaster relief, etc. As we often work with local clubs in foreign countries our aid is not diluted by handling costs.

Through Rotary we supply water wells, low cost shelters, to the under privileged in the developing countries. Lifting the quality of life, giving them hope and restoring their dignity.

Why not find out how satisfying it would be to give back to your community, both locally and on an International stage, by enquiring about joining your local Belmont Rotary Club, email Mike Davies at mdavies77@westnet.com.au or call Geoff Lovell on 0413 431 592

Can I Make a Difference?

Individually it is difficult, a dollar or ten minutes helping a cause isn't life changing but worldwide a million times that means a blind person sees; a cripple has an artificial limb; a school has play equipment; premature babies have a better chance of living. Rotary even has a seat at the United Nations.

Now what's the catch Time and Money.

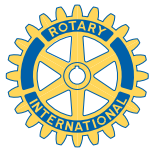
Money fees cost about \$5.00 per week collected annually. We have a low cost meal at our club meetings. If we have social evening they are optional and cost vary.

Time We meet every week Thursday lunch time 12 until 1.30 maximum. We all have one committee meeting or social event per month. Minimum attendance from the above choices is 2 but most of us have such a great fellowship we often attend more. There are also alternatives if Thursday becomes a problem, temporarily.



Ngoun Vanna lost his vision when a fragment mine exploded pelting his face and upper body with shrapnel. Now the former soldier supports his family with work at the Veterans International/Cambodia wheelchair factory.

Belmont Rotary Club We Need You



Rotary was started by Paul Harris in 1905 He wanted to create the friendly spirit he knew from his township, in the larger city of Chicago, so he called some friends to a meeting.

The idea was to kindle fellowship among members of the business community. As the club grew, they rotated meetings among member's places of business.

The start of Rotary, it has now grown to over 529 Districts in 180 countries with over 32,000 clubs making it truly **Rotary International**.

One of the better elements of Rotary, is if you cannot make your club meeting you can go to a different club meeting, anywhere in the world of Rotary. This is truly networking at its best.

We don't want your money just a little bit of your time. Lets make every day a **Good Day** for someone, somewhere no matter who, what or where they are.

The Family of Rotary, exists everywhere and everyone is part of our "Family".

The Family of Rotary amongst other things is about involving Rotary family members in Rotary activities.



A young boy receives medical attention at a clinic supported by Rotarians.

What is Rotary?

This is best explained by the 'Objects of Rotary'.

- ❑ The development of Friendship as an opportunity for service.
- ❑ The support of high ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations as an opportunity to serve society.
- ❑ The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarians business and community life.
- ❑ The advancement of International understanding, goodwill and peace through a world of friendship, amongst business and professional persons, in the pursuit of service.

We mentioned High Ethical standards, we try to maintain these in our professional and private life, and you will be surprised just how they can change you life.

It is our 'Four Way Test'

- ❑ Is it the truth?
- ❑ Is it fair to all concerned?
- ❑ Will it build Goodwill and better Friendships?
- ❑ Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



A child gets a Polio Immunization drop

About the Rotary Club of Belmont

Our club is made up from a very diverse mixture of Business and Professions men and women who work in and around the Belmont area, most do not live in the area but have a strong sense of community spirit for Belmont.

We meet at the Silks Tavern on Thursday for a lunch time meeting.

How do we raise our funds?, this is an important question people ask, and rightly so, because of time constraints. We are all very busy with our business and private lives and time is important for all.

We hold, on most Sunday mornings the Rotamart in the car park of the Belmont Forum, this is a second hand mart or car boot sale, two of our members are rostered to help each week. Given that we have around 35 active members, then your roster comes around every three months, and takes 4 hours out of the day. Not very strenuous, but you meet some very interesting people there.

To give you a idea on how we distribute these funds. A lady was at the Rotamart trying to sell chocolates, which is not allowed by our licence. She was raising funds to purchase a portable dialysis machine for her infant son, They had a large machine in their home and he was attached to it every second day. We raised the required funds and purchased the machine through PMH. With the new machine the family could go on holidays, and the little one could stay over at the grand parents.

It changed the lives of the whole family. It has now been passed on to other children.

The Rotary Club of Belmont Current Projects

1. Driver Awareness in Young Drivers, a series of practical demonstrations on the dangers of over confidence and carelessness in driving habits. Talks by young paraplegic drivers on how an accident has changed their life.
2. The Club has helped establish the first human milk bank in Australia. This enables premature babies to survive and reduces their time in hospital.
3. A range of scholarships for local youth from the Leeuwin Sail Training to Trade and Scholastic scholarships.
4. Assisting local schools with scholastic prizes and assistance in job preparation with resume folders and mock job interviews.
5. The Club is a strong supporter of the Rotary Health foundation which spends \$4 million a year funding 23 PhD research scholarships and 12 research grants on programmes such as cancer, youth suicide, cardiac disease and many, many more.
6. Local projects such as providing medical aids and assistance to hardship cases in our area and improving the quality of life to a great many people in our District.

Other schemes we have participated in: The Cord Blood Bank; Foodbank; Drug Awareness bus for WA Schools, and School play equipment.



Rotary has many projects around the world, bringing water to remote places