

How to Help

Contributions

In addition to cash donations, contributions will be accepted in the form of shares, property, loans or bequests.

There may be other ways in which donors wish to help and they are invited to discuss these personally with the Club President or Honorary Secretary.

The Rotary Club of Melbourne can provide suggested wording for use in a will on request. However, it is suggested that intending bequesters consult their solicitor when considering making a contribution through their wills.

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The Foundation has two distinct elements: the Rotary Club of Melbourne Community Foundation and the Rotary Club of Melbourne Community Foundation Extension Fund.

Community Foundation

Distributions must be made only to charities which themselves offer tax deductibility for donations. Donations to this foundation are therefore tax deductible.

Extension Fund

Distributions from this Fund may be made for charitable projects and not necessarily to charities that offer tax deductibility. Donations to this Fund are therefore not tax deductible. This Fund is particularly suitable for bequests.



Rotary Club of Melbourne

"The search for individual joy, satisfaction and happiness is universal, and I strongly believe it is a goal that can best be fulfilled by helping others.... Some of the most rewarding moments in our lives occur when we are helping, serving and caring for others."

(From Clifford L. Dochterman,
World President of Rotary International, 1992-93)

Rotary Club of Melbourne community foundation

An opportunity for you to provide lasting community benefits now... and into the future.



about Rotary

What we do

Rotary is an organisation of business and professional men and women united worldwide that provides humanitarian services, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations and helps to build goodwill and peace in the World. Rotary is non-political and non-sectarian.

Early Beginnings

Rotary's early beginnings in Chicago in 1905 have grown to encompass a membership of 1.2 million Rotarians in 166 countries throughout the World.

Its humanitarian, educational and cultural programs have demonstrated an enormous potential for doing good and achieving a better and more peaceful World.

The Rotary Club of Melbourne was the first Rotary Club in Australia. Since its inception in 1921, the Club has an outstanding record of philanthropic and charitable work, in many diverse areas of the community.



the Rotary Projects

Some Past & Current Projects of the Rotary Club of Melbourne:

In local projects, some of these were

- In December 1921, taking 200 children from Queensberry Street State School to the beach at Carrum. This was **the Club's first project** and in most cases, the children's first car ride and sight of the beach.
- Raising thirteen thousand pounds in 1925 to establish a **secretariat for the Boy Scouts** and so enable its re-establishment after the loss of most of its leaders in World War 1.
- Significant involvement in the establishment and long term support of the **apprenticeship system in Victoria**.
- Various projects in conjunction with the **Baker Medical Research Institute**.
- Establishment of the **Crossroads Youth Program** with the Salvation Army.
- The establishment of **Lifeline** in conjunction with the Wesley Central Mission.
- Support provided to the **Very Special Kids** project.
- The establishment of the **Donydji Homelands** educational facility in Arnhem Land.
- The provision of the **Soup Kitchen Van** for disadvantaged people in the St Kilda area.

International projects have included

- The establishment of the **Posyandu Public Health** program in Indonesia.
- Various projects aimed at helping the re-establishment of life in **Timor-Leste**.
- Support given to the **Cambodian Leprosy Eradication** program.
- Support for the **Dental Health** project in Vietnam.

These are but a few of the many projects the Club has been concerned with over many decades.

Rotary seeks to identify a community need, offer assistance by way of finance and managerial input, and entrust the ongoing management to the organisation responsible for the maintenance of the service.

the Community Foundation

In order to maintain and further develop the charitable and humanitarian work of the Club, The Rotary Club of Melbourne Community Foundation has been established.

The Foundation provides a modern, flexible, cost effective and ethical mechanism to enable individuals, families, businesses and corporations, to achieve their philanthropic objectives.

Contributions to the Foundation will be appropriately managed and invested and income distributed at the discretion of the Trustee who will comprise the Board of the Rotary Club of Melbourne which acts in an honorary capacity.

The Trustee will be responsible for ensuring that, with the exception of minimal expenses necessary to meet administrative requirements, the maximum distribution possible will be available for approved charitable or community purposes.

