

Why Choose Rotary

Rotary, established in 1905, is an organisation of business and professional persons united worldwide who provide humanitarian services, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

The Rotary Club of Melbourne, established in 1921, was the first Rotary club in Australia, and is proud of its achievements. All Rotarians offer their services entirely voluntarily. With many years of experience and service, the Rotary Club of Melbourne has special expertise in assessing, selecting and monitoring community projects.

In his address to the Rotary Club of Melbourne Centenary Dinner in 2005, Sir Gus Nossal said, “I have been impressed with the range of imaginative good causes receiving support of busy Rotarians”.

Through Rotary, you can be confident your bequest will be put to good use in helping to make a difference for people in need.

Rotary exists to help others

The following are examples of some of the diverse projects the Rotary Club of Melbourne has been involved in:

- Instrumental in building of “International House” at the University of Melbourne.
- Established “Lifeline” Melbourne in conjunction with Wesley Central Mission.
- Established the “Crossroads Youth Program” with the Salvation Army.
- Assisted in the formation of the “Victorian Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse”.
- Created the “Heart Risk Reduction Clinic” at the Baker Medical Research Institute.
- Supported the establishment of the “Very Special Kids”.
- Hosted the “Rotary International World Convention”, attended by 21,658 delegates in 1993.



- The building of various facilities in East Timor including schools and small businesses.
- Implementation and management of projects relating to the Donydji community in N.T.

Whilst this list details some of the major projects the club has been involved in, it is not exhaustive and if you are considering a bequest we will be happy to provide you with a complete history of the Club.

Types of Bequests

There are many types of bequests, all of which will benefit the community through Rotary projects. Bequests received by the Club are pooled and invested by our skilled (pro-bono) investment committee. The income earned is distributed to causes selected by Rotary in accordance with Rotary objectives.

Residual bequest – After listing the assets you wish to leave to family etc, you may leave the residue to Rotary.

Percentage bequest – This allows you to share your estate amongst a number of beneficiaries without identifying assets or amounts of money. This approach helps ensure that no beneficiary will be unfairly disadvantaged if the value of your estate changes. You may choose to consider your bequest to Rotary as an equal proportion to those to your family members.

Specific bequest – You can specify an asset or an amount of money as your bequest.

Life interest – You leave property or a capital sum invested for the use of a beneficiary during their lifetime. Afterwards the property or capital can pass to another beneficiary you nominate.

Acknowledgment

Those who leave a bequest to the Rotary Club of Melbourne are acknowledged as “Special Friends” of the Rotary Club of Melbourne Community Foundation.

Should they wish, the names of our Special Friends will be published in our Annual Report, Club Directory and on the Club’s website.

Bequest Wording

The bequest can be included at the time you make your will or, if you have a will, you can simply add a codicil to provide for your legacy.

Although you can legally write your own will we recommend you consult your solicitor who will ensure your wishes are adequately expressed using the correct legal phrases.

Bequest should be made to the ***Rotary Club of Melbourne Community Foundation Extension Fund.***



ROTARY CLUB OF MELBOURNE INC.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL - DISTRICT 9800

Want to know more

If you wish, a member of the Rotary Club of Melbourne Community Foundation Committee will be pleased to assist you further.

Should you like to learn more about what the Rotary Club has done, we invite you to apply for a complimentary copy of the published History of the Rotary Club of Melbourne from the Rotary office.



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BEQUESTS

TO THE
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