

THE ROTARY CLUB OF DALKEITH

The Rotary Club of Dalkeith was chartered on the 24th April 1984 and the charter dinner held on 8th June that year. Our “mother” club was the Rotary Club of Nedlands. Of the 31 charter members there are still 9 current members.

The founding President was David Foulkes and his enthusiasm and dedication to the Rotary cause was inspirational to our members and continues to this day.

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and in particular to encourage and foster:

- The development of an acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarians’ occupation as an opportunity to service society;
- The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarians’ personal business and community life;
- The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world of fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Rotary is a worldwide network of inspired individuals who translate their passions into relevant social causes to change lives in communities.

Made up of over 34000 Rotary clubs around the world, Rotary International forms a global network of business, professional, and community leaders who volunteer their time and talents to serve communities locally and around the world – and form strong, lasting friendships in the process.

Our motto, ***Service Above Self***, exemplifies the humanitarian spirit of the 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide. Service efforts are directed toward our areas of focus:

- Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water and sanitation
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
- Economic and community development

All Rotary clubs aim to serve their community and those in need throughout the world. Through club service projects, members learn more about local and international issues, and can volunteer their time and talents where they are most needed.

Club meetings give members the opportunity to build friendships, enrich their professional and personal knowledge, and meet other business leaders in their community.

Members are welcome to attend meetings at any Rotary club – a practice that guarantees Rotarians a warm welcome in communities around the world.

Throughout Rotary's rich history, Rotarians have strived to achieve the ideal of ***Service Above Self***. Rotary's Avenues of Service form the foundation on which all club activity is based.

- Through ***Club Service***, we have fun, build lasting friendships, and make sure that our club functions well.
- Through ***Vocational Service***, we volunteer our professional skills to serve others and promote integrity in everything we do.
- Through ***Community Service***, we address local needs and work with our community to bring lasting improvements.
- Through ***International Service***, we meet humanitarian needs around the globe and promote world understanding and peace.
- Through ***New Generations Service***, we work with young people to help them become the next generation of leaders, visionaries, and peacemakers.

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

What Rotarians get out of Rotary depends largely what they put into it. Many membership requirements are designed to help club members more fully participate in and enjoy their Rotary experience.

To keep clubs strong, every Rotarian must share the responsibility of bringing new people into Rotary. Keeping members involved in Rotary is another responsibility. Fostering strong fellowship and encouraging early participation in service projects are two of the best ways to sustain a club's membership.

Club members are required to pay annual dues to their clubs, districts, and Rotary International as well as the subscription fees to the appropriate Rotary magazine.

Club members are encouraged to volunteer for leadership roles at the club level and beyond.

The Rotary Club of Dalkeith currently has 48 members and meets on Monday nights at the Nedlands Golf Club at 6pm for 630pm .The meeting lasts for one hour and we have an interesting array of guest speakers who speak to us on a range of varying subjects.

We, as fortunate citizens of this wonderful country have a community responsibility, and our Rotary Club is the perfect vehicle to make that contribution.

The Rotary Club of Dalkeith's community contribution has been well documented and members of this club continue to serve the district in many ways. For example Win Jones has been a tireless worker, together with his wife Margaret, for the Bali Eye Clinic and more recently the John Fawcett Foundation. Stewart Brash and Stuart McCoubrie were involved in the Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness committee. John Lindquist has been for many years involved on the Interplast committee and many members have hosted exchange students from overseas countries.

Our club is particularly proud of its contribution and obligation every year to the Rotary Foundation and also the Australian Rotary Health Research Foundation. We were one of the first clubs to contribute to the Rotary Cord Blood Bank appeal which is a major contribution by Rotary to the people of WA.

More recently the Dalkeith Rotary Club has become aware of the need of women and children in the community who have become isolated from family or the community by a range of circumstances, some beyond their control and others which they are trying personally to address. The Club members have chosen to support sectors of this minority group as major beneficiaries of their fund raising activities and we have been helping two institutions namely The Sisters Place in Fremantle which provides night accommodation for homeless women and The Esther Foundation which facilitates an extensive and award winning residential young women's health, development and leadership program through ten residential premises based around South Perth, housing more than fifty women .

Our fundraising activities over the last 29 years have raised over half a million dollars and has helped over 75 charities and organizations. In addition to this the Dalkeith Rotary Charitable Trust was established on 27th June 2008, and the Rotary Club of Dalkeith Foundation Inc has been the trustee since its incorporation on 10th Dec 2008. All directors of the Foundation are members of the Dalkeith Rotary Club.

The Trust is the operating entity, It is a Public Ancillary Fund, registered as a Deductible Gift Recipient, and as such, can receive donations, which are tax deductible to donors. It is required to make minimum distributions each year, commencing June 2014, to charitable organisations (approved by the ATO) equal to 4% of the market value of the net assets.

The initial funds target is \$500,000 which should be achievable by year end 2016/17. The present balance as at March 2013 is \$280,000.

Dalkeith Rotary has regular social events that engage it with the broader community including the Perth business community courtesy of a very well attended annual business lunch, which has a tradition of attracting exceptional business leaders to speak resulting in invitations being much sought after. Most Dalkeith Rotary social events support a charitable cause. The exception is the annual ***“Guess who’s coming to dinner”*** evening and the ***Christmas party***, where club members and their partners enjoy an evening of fellowship and goodwill.

To find out more about the Rotary Club of Dalkeith please visit our website at www.rotarydalkeith.wa.inaust.org/html/Public/Newsletter/Newsletter.php