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Proposal for Rotary 100 Project – City of Boroondara

Rotary 100 : <https://www.rotary100downunder.com/home>

Rotary will celebrate 100 years in Australia and New Zealand in 2021, marking the centenary of the creation of the first four Rotary clubs down under in 1921 – Melbourne, Auckland, Wellington and Sydney.

Rotary Clubs in Australia and New Zealand have been challenged to produce a signature project for completion in 2021 to mark this significant event. As the Rotary 100 coordinators have stated:

“It's the time to discover what is the best way to mark the occasion! And create a legacy that propels Rotary into the next century of service. This is so important – we will not have another chance in our lifetime!”

Proposal

A proposal has been tabled at a Riverside Cluster meeting proposing that clubs in Riverside Cluster, and potentially throughout Boroondara, combine to complete a signature project, to commence in 2020 and be completed in 2021.

Proposed Criteria

1. The project to be local within Boroondara
2. The outcome to leave a lasting legacy in the city
3. The project to enable sub-projects to be developed from it, encompassing most if not all Avenues of Service.
4. The project to provide multiple opportunities for promotion of Rotary in the City
5. Opportunities to be provided to leverage the project publicity to provide recruitment opportunity for Rotary.
6. The project to involve partnership with other Rotary clubs and community organisations in the City of Boroondara

The Recommended Project

That Rotary clubs partner with the City of Boroondara to upgrade the playground at Yarra Bank Reserve Hawthorn to a 'Universal Ability Playground'. Preliminary discussions facilitated by the CEO of the City of Boroondara have been very positively received.

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Yarra Bank Reserve is a very pretty landscaped park on the banks of the Yarra River, near the intersection of Burwood Road and Church Street. The children's playground has reached the end of its serviceable life and is marked for replacement.

The City of Boroondara currently plan to install their standard upgraded playground equipment. The opportunity exists to make this an extra special destination 'Adventure Playground', unique to the city, that will attract visitors from all over the city and beyond.

The Rotary Club of Glenferrie has introduced a potential playground manufacturer to the City of Boroondara, who brings unique products. [Agency of Sculpture](#) have built unique playgrounds all over Australia, including at the National Arboretum in Canberra.

The City has indicated that they may be willing to adopt Agency of Sculpture for the whole design, or alternatively they may source their main equipment elsewhere and the Rotary contribution would be a unique attraction added to the total plan. The City's current budget to upgrade the playground is \$300k. The Rotary contribution, yet to be determined, would be in addition to that.

Summary Proposal

That:

- A consortium of clubs in Boroondara partner with the City of Boroondara to build a 'Rotary Adventure Park' at Yarra Bank Reserve Hawthorn
- The budget for the playground to be confirmed, but the City of Boroondara has a budget of \$300k. The Rotary contribution would be in addition to that. Depending upon the number of clubs partnering, a Foundation Grant of up to \$9k is possible.
- The proposed park will have Rotary signage
- Rotary will assist in the planning, community consultation and engagement.
- The park will be built by the City of Boroondara to an agreed design
- The park to be used for engaging schools, families, and family support organisations in shrub planting, garden maintenance and special events.
- The project team to be led by Past President of the Rotary Club of Glenferrie, Don Moore, himself an engineer.
- Construction to commence in 2020 for completion in 2021