



# New Member Information Guide



## ROTARY CLUB OF BRIGHT

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**Rotary Club of Bright: Where Every Voice Matters, Every Skill Counts**



# Welcome to the Rotary Club Of Bright

The Rotary Club of Bright is a diverse group of community members dedicated to making a positive impact locally and globally. We bring together people from all walks of life, ages, and backgrounds who share a common goal: to create meaningful change through service.

Our club is known for its innovative projects and strong community ties. From operating the Bright water slide to supporting youth initiatives, we're committed to enhancing life in our region while contributing to Rotary's worldwide mission.

We focus on practical, hands-on service projects that address real needs in Bright and beyond. Our members come from various backgrounds, bringing a wealth of skills and perspectives to our work. We believe that diverse voices and fresh ideas are key to creating effective, lasting impact.

## Our Mission

The Rotary Club of Bright aims to:

- Unite people to take action in our community and around the world
- Provide service to those in need
- Promote integrity in our personal and professional lives
- Advance understanding and goodwill across cultures





# Why Join Rotary?

Joining the Rotary Club of Bright offers unique opportunities to make a real difference in your community and beyond. Here's why you might consider becoming a member:

- **Make a Local Impact:** Get involved in hands-on projects that directly benefits Bright, Porepunkah, Wandiligong & Harrierville
- **Expand Your Horizons:** Contribute to global initiatives that address critical issues like disease prevention, education and environmental sustainability.
- **Develop New Skills:** Gain experience in project management, public speaking and leadership through our various activities and roles.
- **Build Your Network:** Connect with a diverse group of engaged community members.
- **Personal Growth:** Challenge yourself, learn from others and broaden your perspectives in a supportive environment.
- **Flexible Involvement:** Participate at a level that fits your schedule and interests. We value all contributions, big and small.
- **Be Part of a Legacy:** Join a respected organisation with a track record of positive change, locally and globally.
- **Cross-Generational Collaboration:** Work alongside people of all ages, sharing knowledge and fresh ideas to tackle community challenges.
- **Have Fun:** Enjoy social events, make new friends and find fulfillment in serving others.

At the Rotary Club of Bright, we believe that diverse voices and fresh perspectives are crucial for innovative problem-solving. Whether you're young, working, a retiree, or anywhere in between, your unique experiences and ideas can help shape our club's future and impact.

Together, we can create lasting impact in our community and beyond.





## Rotary International - Snapshot

### POLIO

Rotary International has been at the forefront for several decades in eradicating Polio worldwide and to date has donated over \$2 billion to protect 3 billion children in 122 countries.

### RAWCS

"Rotary Australia World Community Services" was formed to enable Australian Rotarians and Clubs to assist disadvantaged communities and individuals through humanitarian aid projects. RAWCS has a financial infrastructure system that facilitates fundraising for projects that deliver humanitarian aid and charitable support in Australia and overseas. (Building schools, hospitals, libraries, etc.)

### ROMAC

"Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children" in New Zealand and Australia enlists assistance from medical experts, hospitals, nurses, physiotherapists, pathology and radiology services, airlines, sponsors and other supporters. Today ROMAC is providing surgical treatment to around 50 children from Oceania every year, making a huge difference in their lives.





## Key Local Projects

### BRIGHT WATER SLIDE

Owned and operated by our club since 1982, the water slide has raised over one million dollars. The water slide not only provides a fun summer activity for locals and visitors but also serves as a cornerstone of our fundraising efforts.

### ALPINE OUTREACH VAN

Financial backing for a mobile van that will provide a skin cancer screening service and other allied health needs. This van will be available throughout our local area at sporting events, livestock markets and community gatherings.

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Completion of the Bright Splash Park, and development of The Oaks Lawn at Pioneer Park.

### COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Continuing our firewood supply program, It's In The Bag and other initiatives to support vulnerable community members.

### LOCAL BUSINESS SUPPORT

Fostering connections and providing resources to support local businesses and economic development.

### THE 4 KIDS & CARERS FOUNDATION

Ongoing financial support for this important initiative.

The Rotary Club of Bright is committed to creating lasting, positive change in our community. We're always open to new ideas and projects and we welcome fresh perspectives to help us address evolving community needs.



# Club Structure

The Rotary Club of Bright operates with a streamlined structure to effectively serve our community:

## KEY OFFICE BEARERS

- President
- President-Elect
- Secretary
- Treasurer

These roles rotate annually, providing leadership opportunities for all members.

## BOARD COMPOSITION

The Board consists of the key office bearers and chairpersons from each of our seven committees. They meet monthly to oversee club operations and make key decisions.

## COMMITTEES

**Club Administration:** Ensures smooth club operations. This committee helps "run a smooth ship" by managing internal club affairs, coordinating meetings and handling administrative tasks to keep the club functioning efficiently.

**Community Service:** Identifies and implements local community projects. This committee works to understand how we can best serve our local and broader community. They assess community needs and develop projects to address them effectively.

**Membership:** Recruits new members and maintains member satisfaction. This vital committee works to attract key people for membership and ensures existing members are happy. They understand that good, strong membership is the 'lifeblood of our club'.





## Club Structure cont...

**International:** Focuses on Rotary's global initiatives and international service projects. They coordinate our club's involvement in worldwide humanitarian efforts with a particular emphasis on our 20-year history of carrying out projects in East Timor.

**Public Image:** Manages club promotion and media relations. This committee helps promote the club through social media, press releases, photos and snapshots of our Club's regular activities. They work to enhance the club's visibility and reputation in the community.

**Youth:** Develops and runs youth-focused programs. This prominent committee focuses on developing the next generation of leaders. They organise programs that help younger leaders build leadership skills, expand education and learn the value of service.

**Rotary Foundation:** Oversees our partnership with the Rotary Foundation. This committee works to enhance the partnership between the Rotary Foundation and our club through assisting with funds and program participation.

Our club structure is designed to foster cross-generational collaboration and create an enjoyable, fulfilling experience for all members. By working alongside people of all ages, we share knowledge and fresh ideas to tackle community challenges effectively. Whether you're participating in committee work, attending social events, or engaging in service projects, you'll have the opportunity to make new friends and find personal fulfillment.

We encourage all members to get involved in areas that align with their interests and skills, promoting both personal growth and club effectiveness. We believe that making a difference can and should be an enriching and fun experience for everyone involved.





# How We Serve

At our club we're committed to making a real difference in our community. Here's how we raise funds and put them to good use.

## HOW WE RAISE FUNDS

- **Rotary Water Slide:** Our biggest fundraiser, operated by the club since 1982.
- **Rotary Markets:** Managing and running local markets.
- **Market BBQs:** Cooking up a storm to raise money for good causes.
- **Christmas Santa's:** Spreading holiday cheer around our local townships with funds donated by local businesses

New ideas are always welcome. We're always open to fundraising concepts from our members.

## HOW WE USE OUR FUNDS

- **100% Reinvestment:** Every dollar raised goes back into the community.
- **Local Focus:** We prioritise supporting our local area.
- **Broader Reach:** We also assist other communities in times of need.
- **Careful Consideration:** All funding decisions are made thoughtfully and strategically.
- **Efficient Operations:** We strive to be frugal in our processes to maximise the impact of every dollar raised.





## How We Serve cont..

### OUR APPROACH

- **Community Centric:** We identify and address local needs creatively.
- **Transparent:** We're open about how funds are raised and distributed.
- **Collaborative:** We partner with other community groups to amplify our impact.
- **Responsive:** We're ready to assist in times of crisis or unexpected community needs.
- **Long Term Vision:** We invest in sustainable projects that will benefit our community for years to come.

By joining the Rotary Club of Bright, you'll have the opportunity to directly influence how we serve our community. Whether you have skills in event planning, a knack for fundraising, marketing or simply a passion for helping others, your contribution can make a significant difference in how we serve Bright and beyond.



# Membership Information

## WE WELCOME EVERYONE

Our club is open to all community-minded individuals, regardless of profession, age or background. We value diversity and believe that everyone has something unique to contribute. Whether you have lots of time to give or just a little, there's a place for you here.

## EXPECTATIONS

We understand that life is busy. That's why we're flexible in our expectations:

- Attend meetings when you can
- Contribute to projects in ways that suit your schedule and skills
- Share your ideas and perspectives

## MEETING DETAILS

We meet twice per month:

- One Breakfast Meeting held at the Riverdeck Café – 8am start
- One Evening Meeting: Held at our Clubhouse on Churchill Avenue – 6pm start

Can't make every meeting? No problem. Attend when you can and stay connected through other club activities and communications.

## ANNUAL FEES

**Your first year of membership is free!**

After that, current membership dues are \$220 per annum. This fee covers insurance, Rotary District administration and the Rotary magazine.

We're excited to welcome new members and want to make it as easy as possible for you to join our community of service. Take advantage of this opportunity to experience Rotary without any financial commitment for your first year!





# Benefits of Joining

## Community Impact

- Make a tangible difference in our local community and beyond
- Shape our community's future

## Networking Opportunities

- Connect with diverse, engaged community members
- Access a global network of 1.4 million Rotarians
- Build relationships with local leaders and professionals

## Personal and Professional Development

- Enhance leadership and project management skills
- Improve public speaking abilities
- Broaden perspectives through diverse experiences

## Social Aspects

- Enjoy regular gatherings and social events
- Build lasting friendships
- Be part of a welcoming, supportive community

Joining the Rotary Club of Bright offers a unique blend of personal growth, professional development and community service. It's an opportunity to enrich your life while making a positive impact on others.





# Next Steps

Interested in joining the Rotary Club of Bright? Here's how to get started:

## How to Apply

1. Attend a meeting as our guest and get to know us
2. Express your interest to any club member & we will have a no pressure chat with you
3. Complete a simple membership application
4. Upon review and approval, you'll be welcomed into the club

## For More Information

Contact our Membership Chair: Allan Poyner Phone: **0418 993 191**  
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We're excited to meet you and answer any questions you might have about joining our club. Don't hesitate to reach out - we're here to help you take the next step in your Rotary journey.

# THANK YOU!

