



Children in Soibada,  
Timor Leste

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## What is Rotary?

Rotary International is a worldwide organisation of more than 1.2 million business, professional, and community leaders. Members of Rotary clubs provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

Rotary reaches out to community, business and professional leaders and their organisations to support Rotary projects. There are many ways that people and organisations may contribute. Some join a Rotary club, others offer their skills and experience, or give donations and sponsorships.

Rotary clubs are nonpolitical and nonreligious. As signified by the motto *Service Above Self*, Rotary's main objective is service — in the community, in the workplace and throughout the world.

## Having Fun, Too

Rotary isn't just about service and community activity. Friendship and fellowship are important too. We have a wide range of social activities to ensure that club membership is an enjoyable experience.

## Who are Rotarians?

Membership of a Rotary club is open to all cultures, races, and creeds, and is available to any adult who is committed to serving the community by applying their skills and experience in accordance with Rotary's aims and objects.

## What is the Rotary Club of Upper Northern Beaches?

Formed in 2015 by the merger of the Rotary Clubs of Pittwater, Terrey Hills and Narrabeen Lakes, our club joins 34,000 Rotary clubs in the world, 1,200 of them in Australia. Our club covers the part of the Northern Beaches area of Sydney from Collaroy to Palm Beach. Our members are men and women from all walks of life.

## When and where do you meet?

We usually meet at the Bayview Golf Club (Pittwater Road, Bayview) on Wednesday evenings. We hold formal meetings – with guest speakers, discussions of club matters and a structured program – as well as informal gatherings focusing on fun and fellowship. Our formal meetings normally run from 7.00 - 8.30pm and include dinner from the BGC menu.



## What does your club do?

Northern Beaches Rotary conducts its own projects with local and international scope. We also participate in a number of Rotary International programs in Australia and overseas. Though some of our events are fund-raisers, others aim simply to bring the community together or to raise awareness of a particular cause.

## As a member, what is my role?

Rotary is a voluntary organisation whose members are busy people. We all participate within our own levels of availability, skills and expertise. Whilst attendance at our weekly meetings greatly helps members to be informed and to contribute, there is no requirement to attend all meetings. We focus on members being engaged in projects and activities. And we offer the opportunity to match members' and supporters' preferences, skills and availability to the tasks at hand.

Membership fees are about \$140 for each six months' period.

## How do I join?

It's easy: Talk to a member or contact us (see other side). As with most clubs, there is a nomination process.

## What happens after I join?

We will make sure that you, as a new member, are offered a role in one or more projects or activities, roles that you will find interesting and rewarding.

Our aim is to help you to add another dimension to your life. You, your family, Rotary and the Northern Beaches community will all benefit from your participation.

## How can I learn more?

To get a broader view of Rotary in Australia and the world, visit:

[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)  
[www.rotarydownunder.com.au](http://www.rotarydownunder.com.au)

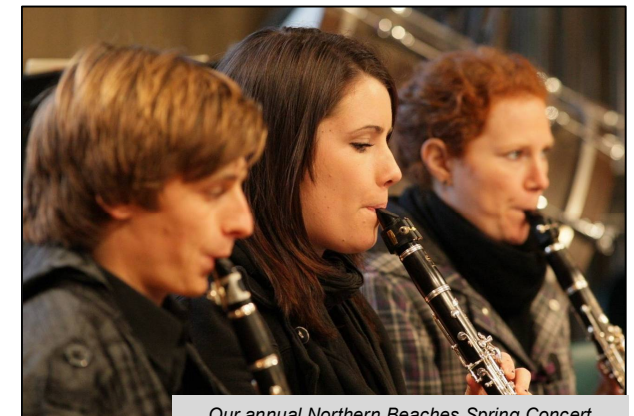
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[www.rotaryuppernorthernbeaches.org](http://www.rotaryuppernorthernbeaches.org)

Or follow us on Facebook:

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Come along to one of our club meetings. You'll be more than welcome!



Our annual Northern Beaches Spring Concert supports our projects and encourages local talent

## Our contribution to the Northern Beaches community

- Since 1960, local Rotary clubs have contributed more than \$1,000,000 to our local community, including support for the following organisations:
  - Northern Beaches Palliative Care Centre (at Mona Vale Hospital)
  - The Centre for Conductive Education (at The Cerebral Palsy Alliance)
  - Local primary and high schools
  - Rural Fire Service
  - Local surf lifesaving and sporting clubs
- We invite local groups to join our annual *Community Service Appeal Car Raffle*. Groups sell tickets and the profits are returned proportionately to the participating groups.
- Through our *Life Education Fund*, we enable families who have children with Cerebral Palsy to benefit from local Conductive Education programs.
- The *Northern Beaches Spring Concert* is our premier annual community and fundraising event, supported by sponsorships and donations from local and national organisations.
- Annually the club helps to organise the *Australia Day Breakfast*, a Council-supported community event at Newport Beach.
- We manage the *Tree of Joy* at Warriewood Square shopping centre. Christmas gifts given by the community are directed to Aussie families in need.
- We run the popular *Pittwater Christmas Carols in the Park*, held each December in Mona Vale.
- We support *Bowelcare Australia* in our community. Bowelcare provides a simple at-home test kit to detect early signs of bowel cancer.
- Our club sponsors candidates for the *Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)*, a personal development training program for young adults.
- We have been selling *Christmas trees* in Terrey Hills for over 20 years. Trees are sold from our sites near the Terrey Hills Tavern.

## Upper Northern Beaches Rotary in the Wider Community



A child in Nepal receives a drop of oral polio vaccine.

strong push is still needed.

Upper Northern Beaches Rotary supports Rotary International's *PolioPlus* and other programs world-wide, including:

- *ShelterBox*, supplying temporary shelter and survival equipment for people in areas struck by natural disaster.
- Donations to Australian and international disaster relief funds, through Rotary channels or clubs in the affected areas.

In addition, we run our own international programs:

- Partnering with *Pittwater Friends of Soibada* to help this East Timor village achieve a sustainable future.
- Working with international charity *Build Your Future Today* to rehabilitate villages in Cambodia.

*PolioPlus*, the most ambitious program in Rotary's history, is the volunteer arm of the global partnership dedicated to eradicating polio. For more than 25 years, Rotary International has led the private sector in the effort to rid the world of this crippling disease, delivering oral polio vaccine to more than two billion children. Today, *PolioPlus* is recognised worldwide as a model of public-private cooperation in pursuit of a humanitarian goal. The end is in sight, but a

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# The Rotary Club of Upper Northern Beaches

**Doing Good in the World**

**Serving our Community**

**Having Fun Doing It**

