

West Perth Rotary

So you're interested to join Rotary...this information may help in your next steps.

Some FACTS

History:

Chartered (founded) in 1954, the Rotary Club of West Perth is in Rotary District 9455, one of two districts in WA that has a total of 106 clubs.

Membership:

The club has 50 men and women members mainly from the professions and business.

Meetings:

The club meets each Thursday at 7.00am for 7.15am at Zamia Café in Kings Park and concludes at 8:15am. Free car parking is available. Meetings are held during a full-service continental or cooked breakfast costing \$22. Members are informed of meetings, guest speakers and other club matters via a weekly newsletter.

Costs:

Annual subscription for 2014/2015 is \$304 of which \$150 is a tax deductible donation. The Rotary year runs from 1 July to 30 June.

Some FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How frequently should I attend?

As often as you can! We encourage members to attend regularly as this becomes a routine and promotes personal networking, fellowship and what Rotary is famous for: lots of fun. Many members have work and personal commitments and cannot attend every meeting, so an apology for any absence is required. But you can "make-up" at another club – anywhere in the world.

What is Rotary?

It's a worldwide network of business and professional leaders, both men and women, united in providing humanitarian and community service. We encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and strive to build goodwill and peace in the world.

What does West Perth Rotary do?

The club activities are managed by a board including directors heading service committees. Every club member is allocated to one committee each year. The committees are:

Club Service – manages duties, functions and the operations of the club;

Community Service – co-ordinates local and national projects, for example, community tree planting and support for the Australian Rotary Health Fund and The Rotary Foundation;

International Service – develops overseas projects, either as a club or in partnership, such as John Fawcett Foundation (health services) in Bali; MERC (medical equipment recycling) in Nepal and Timor Leste. This committee also manages club involvement in the acclaimed Rotary Youth Exchange Program;

Vocational and Youth – liaises with our partner high school, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), National Youth Science Forum and the Siemens Science Experience;

Membership – advises and develops strategies on introducing, developing and retaining and other related membership matters;

Fundraising – develops and manages fundraising events such as film nights, money trails and our major fund-raiser, the Magic Show. Funds raised support the club's charitable trust and organisations reflecting Rotary's values.

How will I be welcomed into the club?

Following your induction you will be allocated a 'buddy' to act as your personal guide and mentor. Your sponsor, committee director and all fellow members are available to inform you and get you engaged in club activities as soon as practicable.

Other club information – a promotional video; a publication "An adventure in service"; visit www.rotarywestperth.org.au

Rotary International (RI)

History:

RI was formed on 23 February 1905 in Chicago by a young lawyer named Paul Harris, with three business acquaintances. They met weekly and rotated their places of meeting, hence, the organisation's name, Rotary.

RI by numbers:

In 2013 Rotary had 1,228,788 members in 34,336 clubs in 530 Districts in 215 countries. It is the oldest and largest community service organisation in the world. A Rotarian is a member of a club and the club is a member of RI. There are 32,243 Rotarians in 1,136 clubs in 22 districts in Australia, and 9,331 Rotarians in 265 clubs in six Districts in New Zealand and the Pacific.

Other RI information:

- World headquarters is at Evanston, Ill. near Chicago USA and RI the regional office is at Parramatta, NSW.
- The RI motto is "Service Above Self" and the RI Emblem is a simple wagon wheel representing civilisation and movement.
- The Rotary Foundation is Rotary's own charity set up to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education and the alleviation of poverty. A major global project and long-term aim is to eradicate polio from the world.
- visit www.rotary.org

We welcome your interest in Rotary and hope to see you soon at one of our meetings at West Perth Rotary.

