

Club Activities – 2021 – 2022

Scarborough Rotary is active in the local community in many different ways. We are keen to support local groups and programs as well as the recognising the importance of helping our young people. We also do not forget the need to support those who so desperately need help overseas.

- Support for Men’s Talk – a local not for profit organisation reaching out to and supporting men with Mental Health challenges. We helped them both financially and physically at their events.
- CliniKids is part of the Telethon Kids Institute’s program to help people who are within the Autism spectrum. We put money into the development of the “Scarborough Rotary cheche” – as well as manning a sausage sizzle to celebrate the work that they do with many children and their families.
- Camp Opportunity is a week-long camp for young people with different abilities. Each “Camper” is matched with an able-bodied buddy – who are all volunteers. We supported the camp covering the costs for one camper and buddy.
- We have worked with the teachers at a local primary school who have identified some families who would struggle financially to cope with the extra costs of starting their child’s high school education. We were able to create a program where – with a little financial support – extra pressure was taken off the parents AND the children.
- Our Club has had a wonderful relationship with the Scarborough Surf Life Saving Club for over 60 years. We have helped them with funding for a lot of their equipment and infrastructure. This year we bought 2 “Little Annie” resuscitation dolls and donated them to the Surf Club.
- Life Education has been in existence for many years – sending caravans with fully trained presenters to Primary Schools. These caravans very effectively teach young children the harmful effects of alcohol, smoking and drugs. They also teach children about the harmful effects of bullying – and how to cope with it. We have supported this program for many years and did so once again this year.
- We support Foodbank annually at Christmas time – and did so again this year. On top of that many of our members personally donated Christmas hampers for needy families.
- We helped sponsor the Christmas Carols by Candlelight event organised by the Scarborough Beach Association.
- Rotary Clubs in WA have joined together to support those affected by the terrible bush fires in Gidgegannup, Woorloo and on the South Coast. Scarborough generously supported this program.
- Australian Rotary Health is a national Rotary program. It funds vital research into mental health challenges – especially research to help with the mental wellbeing of our young people. They also support Indigenous Scholars studying different aspects of medicine – enabling them to successfully achieve their degrees. Our club supported these programs – and has done so for many years.
- Wheelchairs for Kids is one of our Club’s “signature” projects – providing rough terrain wheelchairs for children affected by cerebral palsy, landmines and other debilitating conditions.

Their wheelchairs are individually fitted for the child and can “grow” as the child grows. The wheelchairs are recognised by the World Health Organisation as being one of the best in the world. We support this project every year – both financially and with leadership.

- We supported a school in Kenya – helping to build a sustainable toilet facility for children with special needs.
- A Taiwan Rotary Club has put Cardio-pulmonary equipment into a popular tourist area where there was none. Our Club supported them with this initiative.
- We funded the transport of much-needed computer equipment – all donated – from Perth to two schools in Kenya.
- One of our members has successfully created an online “app” for children of all abilities who are concerned about the welfare of wild animals – especially “big cats”. We supported this financially and were also able to help with personnel to develop the “app” – pro bono.
- Rotary – globally has been incredibly successful in nearly eradicating wild polio. We have donated to this cause every year since the program’s inception in the 1980’s.
- We work with the children and staff at Churchlands Senior High School to support their “Trees for Life” program. The students not only grow the trees but also go to country areas to plant them – with local help and advice. This program – with the support of Scarborough Rotary has resulted in over 400,000 trees being planted over 30 years.
- We joined with the Nulsen Group this year to help support their program. They get year 11 students from Hale School to visit and interact with people with special needs and different abilities. The funds help Nulsen with the organisation and logistics of funding the program. It is interesting to note the Hale School have a waiting list of student volunteers.
- Perth Inner City Youth Service provides programs to help homeless young people in the Perth Inner City. The programs give support and advice to help the young people segway into a better life. We were proud to support them this year.
- Rotary has many programs for young people – leadership courses & public speaking events –
 - ❖ There is a weekend leadership camp for year 10 students
 - ❖ Also we run a week-long leadership camp for 18 – 25 year old people
 - ❖ The public speaking competition is for year 6 students and for year 10 students – they can talk about any topic they like – but they need to include the 4 elements of the Rotary 4 Way Test – for what we think and do –
 - Is it the truth?
 - Is it fair to all concerned?
 - Will it bring goodwill and better friendships?
 - Will it benefit all concerned?
 - ❖ It is inspiring to listen to these young people speaking in public.
 - ❖ We are proud to say we have supported these programs for many, many years.
- We distributed 1,000 “friendship” bracelets to local Primary Schools. The motto on the bracelets is “Be kind to your mind”. The school principals were happy to trial this idea – initially

with the year 5 & 6 students. The idea being that all students have friends – who they can talk to – promoting mental wellness. The bracelets were donated to the schools.

- Our Club works with the North Metropolitan College of TAFE staff to identify students who – for many different reasons – are struggling. They may not have the money for travel, computers, to download educational material, whatever. We help these students – make a difference on their lives.