



WHAT IS ROTARY?

Rotary began in 1905 when attorney Paul Harris formed the Rotary Club of Chicago as a place where business and professional people could exchange ideas and develop meaningful, lifelong friendships. Rotary's name came from the group's early practice of rotating meetings among the business offices of each member.

Modern Rotary, a highly respected international service organisation, with over 32,000 clubs and 1.2 million members world-wide, supports local and international communities.

An apolitical, secular organisation, Rotary's ethos is Service above Self: Rotarians are guided by the Four-Way Test:

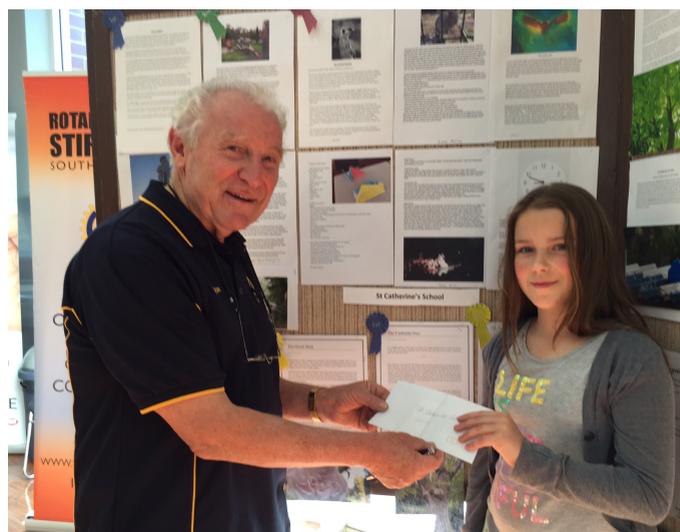
1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

THE ROTARY CLUB OF STIRLING

The Rotary Club of Stirling comprises members, male and female, from a wide variety of backgrounds and experiences. It meets each Monday evening (apart from public holidays) at the Stirling Hotel, 6pm for 6.30pm. Dinner is included as is, usually, an interesting guest speaker. Meetings normally conclude at 8pm.

The Club supports local institutions such as Heathfield High School, the Stirling Hospital, the CFS and the CARA camps for the disabled. It also presents the annual Rotary Photographic Exhibition and the Schools' Photo and Literacy Expo.

The Club encourages and supports youth in the Adelaide Hills by sponsoring students on Rotary youth programs



such as international student exchanges, leadership courses and the National Youth Science Forum. It also responds to occasional requests from young people for financial support; for example, most recently, to enable a Hills' student to attend the UN Youth Conference in Canberra and another to participate in a Schools Volleyball Championship in NZ.

Internationally, the Club contributes to Rotary International's highly successful *End Polio Now* campaign, co-funded with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and *Rotarians Against Malaria*. The Club has also funded water and sanitation projects in Timor-Leste, provided a school bus for a remote mountain community in Peru and school desks for the Madang region, PNG. It also contributes funds to a wide range of humanitarian efforts, through its purchase of Rotary Shelter-boxes, which provide for basic human needs in times of natural and human induced disasters (most recently in the earthquake disaster in Nepal).

The Club raises funds in a variety of ways including food catering, wine sales and film events.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF STIRLING AND THE LOCAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY

The Rotary Club of Stirling is keen to grow its membership so that it can expand its support of local and international communities.

Many Rotarians have a small business background; indeed, the organisation was founded by such people all those years ago. A number of current Rotary Club of Stirling members are business men and women; others were in business prior to their retirement. The Club's long-term aim is to strengthen its relationship with the local business community as it believes that, working

