



## ROTARY NEWS

### **An Interview With Tony Freeman**

Tony Freeman has been a Rotarian for 21 years. So what is it that maintains active interest of Tony and of citizens throughout Australia and most countries in the world?

"What first attracted me to Rotary was the opportunity to help and give back to the community" he said this week.

"Among the many things I particularly like about Rotary is being able to show that a group of local people can make a difference in our local community, while also working on major international humanitarian projects such as Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC).

"ROMAC is a significant Rotary program where children from developing countries of SE Asia and the South Pacific who have life-threatening conditions, or are so severely disfigured by accident or congenital disorders, that they are unable to be treated in their homelands.

"They are sponsored by Rotary clubs in Australia to be brought here for treatment by some of our most eminent surgeons who generously volunteer their skills to transform these young lives. They provide life saving or dignity restoring surgery not accessible to them in their home country.

"Often these children have been kept hidden from society as they have been too seriously ill to be treated by their own or visiting surgeons.

"This program helps repair kids and gives them dignity and hope.

"ROMAC is just one of many Rotary programs. It alone has helped over 300 children to be repaired and returned to their own countries.

"Why did I join Rotary? Well, there is a need for people of all walks of life to help others," he said.

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