



## ROTARY NEWS

### **An Interview With President Ian Ruffles**

"I came across Rotary almost by accident. A neighbour, who was a Rotarian, called selling Rotary Christmas cakes and invited me to come along to a special visitors' night", reports President Ian.

"As I had only recently moved into the area I thought it might be a good way to meet people. The guest speaker that night was a Past District Governor and I was particularly impressed by the wide range of works Rotary undertakes in both the local and international communities. A few months later I became a member of the Rotary Club of Samford Valley - one of the best decisions of my life", he continued.

"We take our participation in Rotary activities very seriously but have a lot of fun along the way.

"Rotary's Youth programs are of special interest to me. Working with the Earlyact Club at Samford State School and Interact at Ferny Grove State High School have been most rewarding, with students initiating and completing projects benefiting their school, local community and internationally.

"Along the way they gain awareness of the concept of community Service and are given the opportunity to develop leadership skills.

"Seeing them in action gives a feeling of great hope for the future.

"Highlights during my four years in Rotary have been my election as Club President and being able, during my year as President, to hand over a cheque for \$10,000 to aid non-embryonic stem cell research which has the potential to revolutionise medical treatment available to coming generations."

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