



## ROTARY NEWS

### Rotary is ...

People often ask: "What is Rotary and what does it do?"

Well, you may be happy to know it's about friendship, goodwill, and community-minded men and women doing worthwhile things by way of support for those less fortunate and those experiencing a level of need as a result, for example, of earthquakes, tsunamis, floods, fire, disease, poverty, and homelessness. The list, of course, goes on.

Rotary began in 1905 in Chicago, USA, when a young lawyer, Paul P. Harris, wished to recapture the friendly spirit he had felt among business people in the small town where he had grown up. Paul and three friends met regularly and soon started to talk about the need for a club where business and professional people could meet and get to know and support each other and work together towards the further development of their community.

Today there are more than 1.2 million men and women Rotarians in around 32,000 clubs in 166 countries and geographical regions, providing community service in virtually every nation in the world.

There are, of course, many Rotary clubs throughout Brisbane, including right here in our local neighbourhood.

The friendships that develop among Rotarians are such that they have to be experienced to be fully appreciated.

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