

ROTARY NOTES



Who Joins Rotary and Why?

In this and following issues of *The Village Pump* there will be a feature of current members of the Samford Valley Rotary Club. This may help you understand what Rotary is about.

The Rotarian featured in this issue is Lorelle Holcroft. Lorelle has been in Rotary for 16 years. She is a past President of the club, a Paul Harris Fellow and a member of many Rotary District committees. Currently Lorelle is Deputy Principal of Samford State School.

Education: Attended Chermside State School and then Wavell State High School. Teacher Training was completed at Kedron Park Teachers' College.

Growing Up: I lived in Chermside all my early years and saw the major change of this suburb from tram lines ending in the terminus at Westfield Chermside, the construction of the first shopping centre there, the big fire that burned down part of it and the development over 40 years of the current shopping centre. Aspley did not exist and my parents used to take a trek in their old car to a fruit market on the corner of Zillmere and Gympie Roads. Bread was delivered by the baker and Chermside had its own wood fired bakery which smelt wonderful. Milk and fruit



were also delivered to home. Primary school was classes of 45 or more and we were made to sit in our order in class. As a family, we had many camping holidays at Miami and four weeks of bliss, swimming with many friends.

Social Activities: Dancing - Latin, Ballroom, Jive, Ceroc, New Vogue; Biology- especially biodiversity and land snails; geology, music, reading, gardening, cooking, travel, Malaysia, friends.

Why Join Rotary? In 1995, I saw and heard some of the amazing things Rotary International was achieving both locally and worldwide and realised that whilst I could not change the world by myself, I could be part of

a very special organisation that can. Where else can you be part of an organisation that can cross war torn boundaries to provide support and housing to desperate people, to end the world of Polio, to provide education and medicines to third world countries and change the lives of so many people? It is my belief that one should give back for the privilege of their place on this planet and especially within the community they work. I appreciate that giving service can give back to you more than you could ever expect.

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Things About Rotary

There have been no polio cases in India for 8 months.

Samford Valley Rotary raised \$13,000 from a golf day.

Australian Rotary Health made grants of \$1.1 million in 2011.

Samford Rotarian Philipa Bensley is in the Solomon Islands working on a Rotary project.

World Polio Day was October 24th.

The Samford Valley Rotary Club was chartered in 1980. The Rotary clubs of Goodna, Strathpine and Ipswich City were chartered in the same year.