# D9675 Club Projects

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| **Type** | **Activity** | **Description** | **Club** | | **Contact** |
| **Local -environment** | Graffiti removal | A team of members regularly look for graffiti and remove it. Some jobs are done for the local Council. Government grant & Council funds have been received for cost of paint etc. | Dapto | | Mick Chamberlain  esquire1@tpg.com.au |
|  | Graffiti Removal Day | An annual event that numerous clubs participate in. Equipment supplied & sites arranged. To be held on 28th March in 2021. Contact Barry Antees for information. | Numerous clubs | | Barry Antees  barryantees@gmail.com |
|  | Mural to beautify & deter graffiti | Rotarians assisted an artist to paint a mural on a prominent and often graffitied wall. Rotarians’ main tasks were obtaining the necessary permissions and painting the undercoat on the wall. | Dapto | | Mick Chamberlain  esquire1@tpg.com.au |
|  | Cleaner Beaches & Waterways | Twice a month, members, Rotaractors, & friends meet and spend about an hour removing rubbish, especially plastic, from the beach, nearby creeks and parks, followed by coffee, etc and fellowship. | Corrimal | | Rob Edwards  rob@robedwards.co |
|  | Mt Keira Summit Park Working Bees | Monthly during daylight saving, members assist Wollongong City Council Parks & Gardens staff with various gardening tasks at Mt Keira Summit Park, and afterwards share something to eat. | Wollongong | | Julian O’Brien  j.obrien@fairfaxmedia.com.au |
|  | Tree Planting | Club members together with members of the local community have regularly planted 10,000 trees provided by Parramatta City Council on National Tree Planting Day in July. | Parramatta City | | Barry Antees  barryantees@gmail.com |
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| **Local –schools & children** | Grandparents’ Day Book Program | The club donates books, which contain a Rotary donation sticker, for Grandparents’ Day at a local Primary school. Each child chooses a book to keep from the collection. Members attend to assist as needed & encourage reading. The project has increased community awareness of the club &of Rotary. | Parramatta | | Cheryl Deguara  cdd@maxi.net.au |
|  | Plunkett St PS Support | Small school of approx 70 students, most with disadvantaged backgrounds, is supported in several ways including secondary scholarships for brighter students, sausage sizzles at school events, & donation of Christmas presents (in conjunction with local real estate business) to each student. | Kings Cross | | Warwick Nelson  warwickjnelson@gmail.com |
|  | Permaculture | Several primary & high schools have been supported to develop gardens so their students can experience planting, looking after and harvesting the crops – vegetables, herbs and fruits. Individual schools also have a chicken coup, a sensory garden, bee habitats, a fairy garden, or a yarning circle. | Fairy Meadow  West Wollongong | | Kerrie Guillaume  south.illawarra.ag@gmail.com  Rose Pope  rotarypope@gmail.com |
|  | Dream Cricket | Dream Cricket is a tabloid of cricket themed activities for primary school children with a disability. Senior high school students and club members run each activity, and help each child as needed. Equipment and information about the activities is available. | Corrimal | | Sue Clark  ballyclark@bigpond.com |
|  | Literacy project | In conjunction with Imagination Library Illawarra the Club connected with SCARF (Strategic Community Assistance to Refugee Families) and identified refugee families who would benefit from the excellent DPIL program. 25 families are now supported. (see District Projects for DPIL details) | Fairy Meadow | | Sharyn Mackenzie  [club@fairymeadowrotary.org.au](mailto:club@fairymeadowrotary.org.au) |
|  | Peace Poles Centenary Project | The club provided Peace Poles that were placed in both Fairy Meadow Demonstration School and Towradgi Public School. The SRCs chose the languages for the poles. The schools have an annual excursion for their Yr 6 students to Canberra & while there they are to be invited to ring the Peace Bell and have a guided tour of the Rotary peace projects there. | Fairy Meadow | | Kerrie Guillaume  [club@fairymeadowrotary.org.au](mailto:club@fairymeadowrotary.org.au) |
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| **Local - activities** | Easter Family Fun Day | Family event organised & held in partnership with Wollongong Botanic Gardens. Entry is free. Kids activities, BBQ and Easter Egg hunts. | Wollongong | | Jenny Orr  Jennyorr1987@hotmail.com |
|  | Paws4aCause | Various competitions with prizes for dogs. Vet available to give advice. 30 stalls all related to dogs, a BBQ, caricature portraits of owners & dogs, kids’ face-painting. | Kings Cross | | Warwick Nelson  warwickjnelson@gmail.com |
|  | Christmas Carols | Happening for 51 years. Multicultural event, with bands, entertainers & singers leading the singing of carols and Christmas songs. Many food and other stalls, an appearance by Santa, and a huge fireworks finale. | Padstow | | Julie Harris  kenneth.harris1@bigpond.com |
|  | Autorama | Car and bike show plus family fun day. Entertainment, food & other stalls, children’s activities. Held in conjunction with NSW Muscle Car Association. In 7 years, Autorama has raised $156,000 for Lifeline & Rotary projects. | Kembla  (Wollongong South) | | Giovanni Zappia  hotfpv@hotmail.com.au |
|  | Trivia Night | Annual fun night with rounds of trivia questions, some games, a raffle, silent and speed auctions - lots of prizes and bargains. | Corrimal | | Sue Clark  ballyclark@bigpond.com |
|  | Ride4Rotary | Fun & friendly bike ride event at local velodrome open to all riders. Participants sponsored for ½ hour time slots. Good coffee & food. Proceeds to SYFS programs assisting youth at risk in the Illawarra. | Illawarra Sunrise, Corrimal, West Wollongong | | Stephen Knightley  Stephen.knightley@gmail.com |
|  | Senior Citizens’ Christmas Lunch | Annual event funded by the club for over 25 years. Seniors from several nursing homes or living locally enjoy Christmas lunch and a much valued social opportunity. Supported by Lord Mayor, Clover Moore, who attends or sends her deputy, and Sydney Council which provides free transport & arranges the venue. | Kings Cross | | Warwick Nelson  warwickjnelson@gmail.com |
|  | High Tea | Annual social event used to generate funds to make Days For Girls kits. Entertainment arranged & catered by members. It has raised awareness of the need for the kits and also of Rotary and Corrimal club. | Corrimal | | Jean Thompson  Jth54274@bigpond.net.au |
|  | Community Garden | Rotarians in partnership with St Vincent de Paul, Aruma, Dapto Anglican Church and Corrective Services NSW have established a community garden which is to be used to grow vegetables & herbs. The aim is to support disadvantaged people to learn how to grow vegetables and use them to cook nutritious meals, while also enjoying a social opportunity and developing their life skills. | Dapto | Julie Collareda  jcollareda@gmail.com | |
|  | Community Market | Several clubs organise & manage a community market. They include the clubs listed here. | Concord  Caringbah  Engadine | [helen.mccaffrey@cathodic.com.au](mailto:helen.mccaffrey@cathodic.com.au)  Gary Ross gwmjross@gmail.com | |
|  | Kiama Antiques & Retro Fair | Significant community event & great fundraiser held annually in January for over 25 years. Antique & Retro dealers set up in the Kiama Leisure Centre hall & trade over a weekend. The club books in the stallholders, employs security, and manages the event. | Kiama | John Worstencroft  [john.worstencroft@rotarykiama.org.au](mailto:john.worstencroft@rotarykiama.org.au) | |
|  | MS 24 Hour Mega Swim | The club assists in organising and manning this annual event at Sydney Olympic Park. As well as setting up and helping run the event, the club operates their BBQ providing food on the Saturday afternoon/evening and breakfast on Sunday morning. | Sydney | Lina Souki-Schmidt [schmouki@hotmail.com](mailto:schmouki@hotmail.com) | |
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| **Local- support** | Homeless support | The club sponsors the local Night Patrol and members join them weekly providing meals for homeless & disadvantaged people. | Liverpool West | John Pillay  southpacificbuilders@hotmail.com | |
|  | Early Bird Café | Members volunteer 3 days/week at a local church to provide meals for homeless and disadvantaged people. Oz harvest and Food Bank provide most of the food. | Sydney Cove | Marilyn Smith  marlins@optusnet.com.au | |
|  | From Homeless to Work | Funds raised to provide a $4000 scholarship for a woman nominated by the Women & Girls Emergency Centre in Sydney. Successful project that has raised the club’s profile and resonated with members. | Darling Harbour | Rae-Ann Medforth  Rae-anne\_medforth@worksight.com.au | |
|  | Aged Care Scholarship Project. | Dapto RC have partnered with Marco Polo Aged Care to provide funding for 2 scholarships for disadvantaged people to study Certificate 111 in Aged Care, with the opportunity of securing employment on completion. Tutorial support & mentoring will be offered by Dapto members and clinical placement provided by Marco Polo. | Dapto | Eddy Uitterlinden  euitterlinden@yahoo.com.au | |
|  | Sensory Stimulation Kit for people with Dementia | Designed for Italians but could be modified for other nationalities. Aims to stimulate one or all of our 4 senses - sight, hearing, smell and touch. It contains a book of pictures plus a voice box that explains each page, and also a number of pouches containing familiar objects to touch & feel. Widely distributed to nursing homes in the Illawarra & very well received. | Kembla  (Wollongong South) | Joe Pellegrino  jpellegrino2512@gmail.com | |
|  | Mental Health First Aid for Nepali Speaking community in NSW | People of Nepali origin have higher rates if mental illness than their Australians counterparts. Many suicides are attributed to underlying mental illness. They are reluctant to seek medical help due to high stigma & self stigma, and possibly also due to a fear of not being able to obtain permanent residency. | Parramatta City | Barry Antees  barryantees@gmail.com | |
|  | Discobility | The club has been running discos for adults with a disability several times a year for over 10 years. The DJ who works in the disability sector encourages the group to dance & to perform their favourite songs. Many of the participants have been coming since the first night and really look forward to each disco. | Macarthur Sunrise | Di Wilson  willo@inet.net.au | |
|  | Winter Appeal | Conducted in partnership with PCYC South Sydney and Weave Youth & Community Services, members and friends were invited to make a donation towards the bulk purchase of toiletry items for males & females. The items were packed in purchased toiletry bags for distribution. The club was able to fill 250 bags. | Sydney | Cathy Tait  [cathymtait@gmail.com](mailto:cathymtait@gmail.com) | |
|  | Annual Christmas Appeal | An ongoing partnership with Coles in Fairy Meadow allows the club to receive donations of non-perishable food items and Christmas presents. In 2020 donations could be left in store or ordered online. The items are given to a local support group (such as women’s refuges) for distribution. | Fairy Meadow | David Guillaume  [club@fairymeadowrotary.org.au](mailto:club@fairymeadowrotary.org.au) | |
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| **Local - recognition** | Police Officer of the Year | Recognition of NSW police officers. Rotary clubs hold awards for their local Command. The winners are automatically nominees for the State awards. Three finalists in each of the 11 categories are chosen to attend the State awards held in November and where the winner in each category is announced. | Numerous clubs including  Sydney  Strathfield  Parramatta & Parramatta City  Kings Cross  Granville  Mt Druitt | Contact for information & a start-up kit:  John Given (RC of Sydney)  jgiven@zions.com.au | |
|  | ARH PhD Scholar Night | Conducted for over a decade to highlight to the community the achievements of PhD Scholars who have received scholarships from Australia Rotary Health. | Parramatta City | Keith Henning  k.henning@optusnet.com.au | |
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| **NSW & Australian projects** | Adopt-a-town | Clubs choose a country town to support, connecting if possible with the local or nearest Rotary club. They assist by spending money in the town. This could be by donating to a project or by visiting the town. Originally for drought relief but expanded to assist recovery from bushfires, floods or any disasters. Cathy Mason can assist clubs to choose a town and give more information about the opportunities & mutual benefits. | Caringbah | Cathy Mason  mason.cathy@gmail.com | |
|  | Farmaid | A team of members & friends spend about 10 days usually in the Naradhan/Lake Cargelligo area assisting with farm work including fencing, painting, clearing, marking lambs and droving, and also stopping for a cuppa & a chat with farming families. | Corrimal | Dennis Clark  ballyclark@bigpond.com | |
|  | Mother’s Day Pamper Packs | For 6 years the club has been collecting donations of personal cosmetic items and using them to make Pamper Packs – usually about 200! These are taken to Coonamble where they are distributed to drought affected country women by Coonamble RC. | Liverpool | Peter Bach  peter@gsimaging.com | |
|  | Indigenous School Support | Funds have been provided for playground equipment for a school & childcare centre in a remote indigenous community in the NT. The project is also providing garden beds that will be used to grow special native plants & also vegetables that will be cooked & eaten. | Strathfield | Usha Garg  usha@unswalumni.com | |
|  | End Trachoma 2020 Project | This project has connected the club and the Illawarra Rotaract Club to an ongoing partnership with an Indigenous School 250kms from Alice Springs. | Fairy Meadow | David Guillaume  [club@fairymeadowrotary.org.au](mailto:club@fairymeadowrotary.org.au) | |
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| **Overseas projects** | Philippines Dental & Medical Mission | Annual combined project with RC of Glenhaven. A team of dentists, medical practitioners’, and assistants assess and treat as many people as they can. Items including computers, medical & first aide equipment, personal care items, sent in advance. | Illawarra Sunrise | John Bilboe  jmbilboe@iinet.net.au | |
|  | Village Aide | Combined project of RC of Liverpool West & Illawarra Sunrise. Housing, both building & renovations, medical assistance, feeding programs for day care centres. | Liverpool West &  Illawarra Sunrise | Norm Miller  norm@creditinsure.com.au | |
|  | Days for Girls | These are kits of washable sanitary products for women & girls who don’t have a hygienic alternative. Members and friends either meet to sew together or sew at home. Patterns available. Sewing & overlocker machines needed. | Macarthur Sunrise  Corrimal  Vera Liondas | Denise Pritchard denisepmail@yahoo.com.au  Jean Thompson  Jth54274@bigpond.net.au  vliondas@gmail.com | |
|  | School support –Northern Uganda | The club provides funds to St Peter’s Junior School in Aywee Village, Gulu for school improvements& amenities such as classrooms, equipment, teacher training, solar power, IT equipment, school supplies and food security projects. | Parramatta City | Keith Henning  k.henning@optusnet.com.au | |
|  | Lamb Hospital Project, North West Bangladesh | The club supports the LAMB Hospital project in NW Bangladesh by funding the Children’s Disability Unit which specialises in treating club feet, cleft palate, cerebral palsy & autism, and also provides training for community health workers in isolated villages. | Parramatta City | Phil Brophy  phillipb@matthewsfolbigg.com.au | |
|  | Menstrual Hygiene Management, Nepal | The club provides funds that enable members of the RC of Kathmandu to visit remote, rural villages in Nepal to talk on menstruation and its hygienic management to the girls and women, and give them a Days For Girls kit.Some of the women, especially women with a tailoring business, are taught how to make the kits. | Corrimal | Jean Thompson  Jth54274@bigpond.net.au | |
|  | Cambodian Education Project | Conducted in association with Operation Cambodia, the club is sponsoring 2 young ladies from extremely poor families living in rural Cambodia. The sponsorship will enable the girls to undertake tertiary education including one year studying English. | Sydney | Lina Souki-Schmidt [schmouki@hotmail.com](mailto:schmouki@hotmail.com) | |
|  | Emae Island Project | For about 12 years Ingleburn club has helped to transform the buildings at Nofo School on the small island of Emae in Vanuatu. The buildings that were made from rough local timber and thatch, and were not waterproof, are now attractive & very solid cyclone proof concrete buildings. | Ingleburn | Bill Salter  wtsalter@bigpond.com | |
|  | Thailand Water Project – Chiang Mai Province | This is the second water project completed by the Darlings as a result of the club’s long standing association with the Rotary Club of Klongtoey in Bangkok. The water filter provides clean drinking water to some 500 pupils at the Ban Koon Klang school which is located in the Chiang Mai province a few kilometres from Thailand’s highest mountain. The students at the school are mostly hill tribe children. | Sydney Darling Harbour | Michael Mazza  mjmazza@optusnet.com.au | |

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