



**District Projects:**

**Adopt-a-Town**

Aim: To provide support to communities impacted by fire, flood, or drought.

Clubs can –

- visit towns.
- stay in Hotels, Caravan Parks, etc
- eat in Restaurants, Cafes, etc
- shop in local shops.
- find out what help is needed.
- develop projects to help locals.
- provide support and hope when times are difficult.

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**City2Surf & Sydney Running Festival.**

Aim: To provide volunteers to assist at the City2Surf Fun Run and also at the Sydney Running Festival.

- For the City2Surf, volunteers work as course marshals or remain in Hyde Park, providing information to the participants and public.
- For the Sydney Running festival, volunteers work as course marshals.
- For both events, volunteers receive a donation for their Rotary club from the organisers.
- City2Surf is scheduled to be held on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> August 2021, no doubt subject to covid related restrictions. Details can be found on the City2Surf website.
- The Blackmores Sydney Running Festival is scheduled to be held on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021, also subject to covid related restrictions. Details can be found on their website.

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**Dolly Parton Imagination Library**

Aim: To help vulnerable children start school ready to read and learn by providing them with a free, home delivered, age-appropriate book each month until their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The program -

- encourages parents to read regularly to their children.
- develops a love of books and reading.
- addresses and nurtures early childhood literacy and language skills.
- develops confidence within children and prepares them for school, ready to learn.
- has a positive impact on the child's overall development.
- builds stronger family relationships and in many cases supports parents' literacy.

Cost to clubs:

- cost per child is \$7.80 / month or \$93.60/ year.
- \$936 will enable 10 children to receive books for 12 months and your club to receive feedback on its benefits.

A local support organisation or preschool should be very willing to work with you and offer the program to families they know for children who will benefit.

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### **Dream Cricket**

Aim: To provide children with special needs the opportunity to play cricket, helping them to develop their physical skills and increase their confidence and self-esteem.

- Held during school hours for children from one or more schools.
- Children participate in a tabloid of activities, adjusted as needed to suit each child.
- If possible, invite senior high school students (Year 10 or 11) to run the activities and help the children, assisted by Rotarians and teachers.
- A District kit of equipment is available to borrow.
- Assistance from clubs that have run a Dream Cricket day will be happily given.
- Fun for all, and an excellent experience for the senior students.

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### **Environment and Sustainability**

Aim: To promote Rotary's new area of focus, Supporting the Environment, and sustainability, and encourage engagement of Rotarians.

(With acknowledgement of Paulo Costa, RI President, 1990-91, who developed the program, Preserve Planet Earth.)

- Consider regular plastic clean-up days from waterways – make it Practical & Social,
- Plant trees after liaising with your local council.
- Reduce your own and your club's carbon footprint – for example, remove plastics (plates, cutlery, straws) from your catering, coordinate transport, recycle all waste etc.,
- Consider personal initiatives to reduce emissions - use of energy efficient lighting, recycling, composting, solar panels & batteries, use of an electric bicycle for local transport.
- Consider an electric vehicle as the next car you buy, and advocate for electric recharging station in your area.

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## **Graffiti Removal Day**

Aim: Remove graffiti from public or private buildings using products which are donated.

- Volunteers work together to remove graffiti from previously chosen sites.
- To volunteer, go to the Graffiti Removal Day website and register. You will receive an email acknowledging your registration and near the day, a site supervisor will contact you.
- All paint and equipment will be provided.

In 2021, Graffiti Removal Day is to be held on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> March.

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## **Probus**

Aim: To form new Probus Clubs and assist active clubs within the District.

- Probus is an organisation promoting friendship, fellowship, and fun.
- Especially for retired Rotarians but anyone can join.
- Each club holds monthly meetings with interesting guest speakers.
- No fundraising involved.

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## **Solar Lights**

Aim: To provide a clean and rechargeable light source for communities that do not have access to electricity.

- Lights are approximately 9cm square in size and are sturdy but lightweight.
- They can be clipped together for a larger light source.
- Approximately 8 hours of light is provided per charge.
- They are life changers for communities without electricity.
- For orders over 10 units, the cost is \$12.00 per light.
- This is a RAWCS Project supported by the Rotary Club of Sutherland

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