



The Rotary Club of Matilda Bay (RCMB) was chartered in 1979. Members meet fortnightly on a Wednesday at 7.00am for a 7.20am start for our breakfast meeting, at the excellent Matilda Bay Restaurant, which finishes at 8.30am. We regularly have guest speakers who are interesting, challenging, or inspirational – and sometimes all three! The atmosphere of our meetings is bright, full of fun and good friendship.

There are approximately 46,000 Rotary Clubs in more than 220 countries around the world, which are all members of Rotary International. The total membership worldwide is approximately 1.4 million men and women. In 2025 Rotary International will celebrate 120 years of action.

RCMB supports projects at three levels – local, national and international.

Locally we support Uni Camp for Kids, Voiceworks Plus and Foodbank. We have a strong bond with our “link” school – Dianella Secondary College and we sponsor some of their senior students in programs of personal development, driver education and public speaking.

More than 33 years ago we established a Memorial Garden at KEMH, where the ashes of stillborn babies are interred. The Garden was upgraded in 2009 at a cost of \$700,000.00 and plans are underway for future upgrades. RCMB Members regularly maintain the Garden so that families can return to this beautiful, peaceful place, and we hold a Memorial Service each year to mark Pregnancy & Infant Loss Remembrance Day.

Nationally, Australian Rotary Health (ARH) is a major sponsor of health research and scholarships (including scholarships for Indigenous students in medicine and dentistry), donating more than \$55M since its inception in 1986. Currently, ARH’s focus is on mental health and RCMB has recently supported this through our Annual Golf Day and the sponsorship of an Indigenous medical student.

Internationally, RCMB supports Rotary’s global PolioPlus program, which has successfully eradicated 99% of this dreaded paralysis worldwide. Over two billion children have been immunised on our Planet. We have pledged to support this program until this terrible disease has been eradicated.

RCMB supports several organisations overseas with monetary or scholarship programs such as ISIPHO in South Africa and Angel Orphanage in India. In the past RCMB has also been involved in hands-on projects in Timor Leste, Nepal and China. We are currently looking at how we can become more involved in these types of projects in the future.

Every year, RCMB sponsors a Rotary Youth Exchange student to be hosted by a Rotary Club in an overseas country. In return, we host an inbound overseas student in the homes of our members.

RCMB members also support The Rotary Foundation, which provides funding for a wide range of Humanitarian and Educational programs which support Rotary’s goals of worldwide understanding, cooperation, goodwill and peace. Charity Navigator has awarded The Rotary Foundation a 4-star rating – the highest level available.

We are very proud of all that the members of the Rotary Club of Matilda Bay achieve as people of action by providing assistance where it is most needed in our local, national and global communities – and we have fun at the same time!