

The Rotary Foundation and our Rotary Club of Melbourne Trust Funds

Rotary Club of Melbourne Trust Funds:

Rotary Club of Melbourne is one of a limited number of Australian Rotary Clubs with sufficient scale to have established their own Trust Funds to complement the role played by The Rotary Foundation.

The aim of these Trust Funds is to build a corpus of funds sufficient to generate income to finance the many projects our Club wishes to support. Accordingly, the Club's annual distribution to projects is based on income from investments while retaining the capital intact.

RCM has two Trust Funds:

1. Community Foundation (CF)

This is registered as a "Deductible Gift Recipient" (DGR) which enables donors to receive a tax deduction for their donations. The distributions made by CF are however limited to those entities which are registered as an Item 1 Deductible Gift Recipient.

2. Community Foundation Extension Fund (CFEF)

Donations to the CFEF are not tax deductible for donors, however, this means distributions need only meet a charitable purpose test providing a much broader scope for contributions.

Accordingly, Members are encouraged to donate to CFEF when a tax deduction is not required.

Note: In addition, where a Member wishes to include a bequest in their Will it should either refer generically to Rotary Club of Melbourne or specifically to Community Foundation Extension Fund.

As noted below, RCM undertakes an Annual Appeal to Members. This Appeal requests the Member to choose between Community Foundation and Community Foundation Extension Fund recognising that the funds raised will fund the Club's agreed contribution to The Rotary Foundation.

RCM also recognises those who have donated more than \$5,000 to the Foundation as "Special Friends of the Rotary Club of Melbourne Community Foundation" in the Members Directory

RCM Trust Funds Distributions

The current budget for the RCM Trust Funds identifies a wide range of projects across Community, International, Youth and Vocational Services to receive over \$200,000 of funding from:

- Investment income from Club Trust Fund portfolios
- Annual appeals
- Fundraising

In addition, a further \$250,000 of external funding and \$40,000 from funds received in prior years will be applied to these projects.

The Rotary Foundation:

In 1917, Rotary International President Arch C. Klumph proposed an endowment "for the purpose of doing good in the world." His vision became The Rotary Foundation.

The Foundation's Mission is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education and the alleviation of poverty.

When you give to The Rotary Foundation, you fuel RI service projects - projects that eradicate polio, promote peace and improve developing communities. The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world.

During the past 100 years, the Foundation has spent \$3 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects.

Your donation makes a difference to those who need our help most. More than 90 percent of donations go directly to supporting our service projects around the world.

Rotary Club of Melbourne (RCM) and its Members can contribute in a range of different ways including:

- **Annual Fund Contribution by RCM**

RCM budgets for an annual contribution from RCM Community Foundation that is funded by the Club's Annual Appeal to Members.

- **End Polio Now Contribution by RCM**

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- **Paul Harris Society**

The Paul Harris Society recognises Rotary Members who undertake to contribute \$US1,000 each year to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. Rotary Districts often honour new Members of the Paul Harris Society by presenting them with a certificate and chevron at a district or club event.

- **Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY)**

The **EREY** initiative asks every Rotarian to support The Rotary Foundation every year. In addition to contributing to the Annual Fund on a regular basis, Members are encouraged to get involved in a Foundation project or program. A goal which many set for themselves is \$US100 per year. This program is managed for RCM by a volunteer Rotarian.

Individual Rotary Clubs can apply to the Rotary Foundation - both through their Rotary District and Rotary International - for grants towards their projects. Accordingly, funds we contribute to the Rotary Foundation can be returned to us to support our own projects.

The Rotary Foundation's Goals

1. Eradicate polio, our top priority;
2. Build a sense of ownership of our Foundation among Rotarians through their contributions to the Annual Programs Fund, the Permanent Fund, and our Rotary Peace Centres;
3. Continue our progress on the Future Vision plan and align our service projects with the six areas of focus:
 - Peace and conflict prevention/ resolution
 - Disease prevention and treatment
 - Water and sanitation
 - Maternal and child health
 - Basic education and literacy
 - Economic and community development