

Karrinyup Rotary - Where it all Began

The Rotary Club of Karrinyup was chartered on 1 May 1974 with a Charter Dinner organized for 7 June 1974 at the Sheraton Hotel. 272 people attended.

Our Story

- Initial club updates were held at the Contacio Hotel in Scarborough.
- Our first Rotary Youth Exchange student was Audrey Le Clair from Nanaimo, British Columbia Canada.
- Initial funding for our projects came from club-run events that required many hours of organisation and hands-on effort from members.
- The introduction of the food van created our first reliable, ongoing income stream.
- In 2011, the launch of the Stirling Farmers Market became the club's major fundraiser. With a structured duty-roster system, members were able to contribute in a more sustainable way, reducing the overall labour burden while significantly increasing our fundraising capacity. This increase in capacity has allowed the club to be involved in various large and significant projects.
- Over its 52-year history, the Rotary Club of Karrinyup has built a proud legacy of involvement in delivering lasting community infrastructure. From the early Mettam's Pool access ramp through to the Karrinyup Scout Hall, the Henderson Centre at Star Swamp, the Kimberley Earbus project, Zambia Water, the RDA Carine arena roof, and the Lake Gwelup Story Trail, our club has consistently invested in projects that endure. These major initiatives are complemented by countless smaller projects that, while less visible, have made an immense difference in the lives of many more people.

None of these projects would have been possible without the dedication of our members — people who freely give their time, skills, and experience to create positive outcomes for others, including those they may never know or ever meet.

To every member who has lived the ideal of Service Above Self, thank you. Your combined commitment over 52 remarkable years has shaped our community and touched countless lives.

Some Facts:

- Millions of dollars raised.
- Uncountable number of hours dedicated.
- Thousands of people helped.
- Friendships made.
- All this while having fun.

