

Rotary Community Group Awards 2026

Eligibility Requirements

Before completing this nomination, please confirm:

- The nominee is a current Rotary or Rotaract member within the Rotary South Pacific Pilot Zone.
- For the RCL Rockstar Award, the nominee is a current or immediate past Rotary Community Leader (RCL).
- For the Power of Partnership Award, the nomination relates to an active Rotary Community Group OR a current or immediate past Rotary Community Leader (RCL)
- The nominee is not a current Rotary South Pacific Board Member.
- The nominee is not a current member of a Rotary South Pacific Portfolio Committee.
- The nomination does not relate to service performed primarily in a District role.
- The activity, initiative, project, or achievement was initiated or implemented between 1 July 2024 and 15 August 2026.
- The nomination relates to a tangible activity, project, initiative, or outcome that has been implemented and demonstrated results, and is not a concept or proposal.

RCL Rockstar Award

For someone who lifts the entire team with passion and flair - Individual

Question 1

Describe how this RCL has inspired, motivated, and supported Rotarians, Rotaractors, clubs, or their Community Group during the nomination period.

Question 2

Provide specific examples of the nominee's leadership, energy, positivity, or engagement that created measurable or observable benefits for others.

Question 3

How does this nominee demonstrate one or more elements of Rotary's Action Plan?

- ☐ Reach
- ☐ Impact
- ☐ Engage
- ☐ Adapt

Describe the outcomes achieved and why this contribution deserves recognition.

Innovation Igniter Award

For sparking new programs, partnerships, or solutions – Team or Individual

Question 1

Describe the innovation, initiative, solution, or new approach that was introduced. What challenge or opportunity was it designed to address?

Question 2

What results, benefits, or measurable outcomes have been achieved? Please include any evidence of community impact, member engagement, growth, efficiencies, or sustainability.

Question 3

Which Rotary Action Plan priority best aligns with this innovation?

- ☐ Reach
- ☐ Impact
- ☐ Engage
- ☐ Adapt

Explain how the initiative demonstrates this priority and why it represents innovation within Rotary South Pacific.

Power of Partnership Award

For outstanding collaboration across groups, clubs, organisations, or sectors - Team

Question 1

Describe the partnership or collaborative effort. Who was involved and what shared goal was being pursued?

Question 2

What outcomes were achieved because of the partnership that would have been difficult or impossible to achieve alone?

Question 3

Which Rotary Action Plan priority is best demonstrated by this partnership?

- ☐ Reach
- ☐ Impact
- ☐ Engage
- ☐ Adapt

Explain how the collaboration advanced this priority and strengthened Rotary's contribution to the community.

Final Question (All Awards)

Supporting Evidence

Please provide links, documents, photographs, testimonials, media coverage, reports, metrics, or other evidence that supports this nomination.

Word Limits (Recommended)

Questions 1-3: Maximum 300 words each

Supporting Evidence: Links are encouraged

Judging Panel

The Rotary Community Group Awards will be judged by an experienced and diverse panel drawn from across Rotary South Pacific, bringing together leaders with a broad range of perspectives, skills, and Rotary experience. To provide an additional global perspective, the panel will also include a representative from Rotary International Headquarters in Evanston. This unique combination ensures nominations are assessed with both regional understanding and international insight, recognising achievements that reflect Rotary's values and strategic priorities.

The judging panel will evaluate each nomination against the published criteria, the strength of evidence provided, and the demonstrated contribution to Rotary's Action Plan priorities of Reach, Impact, Engage, and Adapt. Judges will declare any conflicts of interest and will not participate in assessing nominations where a conflict exists, ensuring a fair, transparent, and credible awards process. Judge's decisions are final.

Award Announcement

The inaugural Rotary Community Group Awards will be announced live on stage at the Rotary South Pacific Conference in Melbourne in October 2026. This special celebration will recognise the individuals and Community Groups whose leadership, innovation, and collaboration are helping shape the future of Rotary across the South Pacific.