



***Rotary Club of Maryborough***

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***Annual Report***

***2020 — 2021***

**Club President: Alison Teese OAM**  
**District Governor: Phillip Beasley**  
**International President: Holgar Knaack**

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## ***President's Report***

It has been an honour to serve as President of Maryborough Rotary for 2020-2021.

It was so good to work with the new Board through the different and often difficult times necessary due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

I wish to thank them for their support and dedication throughout the year.

The Board was inducted at a zoom changeover on June 25, 2020,

<i>President</i>	<i>Alison H Teese OAM PHF</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>PP Thea Allan PHF</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>PP Anthony Ohlsen PHF</i>
<i>President Elect</i>	<i>Bob Butterfield</i>
<i>Immediate Past Pres.</i>	<i>PP Leigh Williamson PHF</i>
<i>Community Director</i>	<i>PP Martin Mackay PHF</i>
<i>Foundation Director</i>	<i>PP Derrick Marsden PHF</i>
<i>Fundraising Director</i>	<i>PP Brian Reed PHF</i>
<i>International Director</i>	<i>Murray Henderson</i>
<i>Membership Director</i>	<i>Tracey Smith</i>
<i>Public Image Director</i>	<i>Chris Frahn</i>
<i>Vocation Director</i>	<i>PP Garry Higgins OAM PHF</i>
<i>Youth Director</i>	<i>Shane Dellavedova PHF</i>

The restrictions provided opportunities to improve our remote e-communication skills and to keep in touch with virtual and in-person presentations from our local community. Following the Rotary monthly themes gave us a workable structure and we made use of the time to plan for a different future.

Our meetings were well attended, 18 – 25 regularly on zoom similar to in-person dinner meetings. Some of our members took leave because of the dramatic impact that COVID 19 was having on their health, businesses and families, yet retained their interest and support even when they could not attend club meetings and events. Some members advised that Zoom was not easy for them and attended only when in person.

Our members not only give to Rotary at many levels, but also to the wider Maryborough community organisations such as Havilah Hostel Inc, Committee for Maryborough, Goldfields Education and Learning Centre, Maryborough Aeromedical Transfer Service, Probus and Bendigo Community Bank to name a few. It is this community volunteer service that makes Maryborough special.

Also, I wish to thank Barbara Duffin, Havilah CEO PHF and the Havilah Auxiliary for working patiently with us through the restrictions.

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**VALE** - We were saddened to farewell two long serving Rotarians. Ted Edwards PHF in August 2020 and then life member Fred Treble PHF in March 2021. Both gave wonderful service over their years of involvement

## **RI President Holger Knaack**

The theme for 2020-2021 RI President Holger Knaack is *Rotary Opens Opportunities* which challenged us all in COVID-19 Pandemic times.

The message from both RI President Holger and District Governor Phil Beasley was, to look out for each other and families and friends, and to adapt, learn new ways of being Rotarians and how to operate remotely.

By July 2020, it was apparent we were in for the long haul and that the Covid-19 Pandemic was turning into a marathon involving major adjustments, while health safety measures and the prolonged lockdowns affected all Victorians. Many of our patterns of doing things were just not possible.

Being able to have great speakers on zoom, locally, regionally and from locked down cities was an opportunity taken, not wasted. This is illustrated in our Program 2020-2021 which is included in this Annual Report.

The Club had been meeting remotely mainly by Zoom since March 2020 when the Covid-19 pandemic arrived and this continued on and off throughout 2020 – 2021.

Our Club did not pause or stop our regular weekly meetings, whether in person or by zoom, including its first changeover remotely by zoom on 25<sup>th</sup> Jun 2020. Twenty-nine of our fifty weekly meetings were held remotely, twenty-four were in the first 6 months.

Investigations found that for a modest fee, Rotary clubs could meet for more than the usual 45 minutes by zoom and have unlimited people on board. This helped enormously to keep us connected

There were opportunities for remotely getting together at District and Zone when events became virtual and open to more Rotarians. There is now a valuable virtual on-line library of presentations from around the world.

This led to the chances to discuss what we were learning about our traditional ways of club meetings and learning to improve our on-line skills, screen shares, zoom polls, breaking into small groups. Board meeting moved effortlessly to zoom. Unfortunately, not many service clubs were able to keep meeting in the early phases of the COVID-19 Restrictions.

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## District Governor Visits

Our club spirits were lifted by our District Governor visits, twice by DG Phil Beasley and then by DG John Clue for Changeover 2021-2022.



***President Alison with DG Phil Beasley and the R100 baton and then at Changeover with new DG John Clue***

DG Phil Beasley and Partner PP Judy Beasley made two visits, his first by zoom in mid-November 2020 reminded us to take this time to focus on member welfare and friendship and to develop bonds with other clubs, the second visit in May 2021.

As well as celebrating R100 with the Centenary Baton, Phil, encouraged us to remember to support the critical work of our Rotary Foundation, whose fundraising was affected worldwide by the pandemic.

We were heartened to support the Project of Judy Beasley, The Indigenous Literacy Foundation with over \$1000.00, which was a part of the \$30,000 raised by our District.

## Paul Harris Fellows

Maryborough Club has a proud legacy of recognition of Paul Harris Fellows. (PHF) Since the late Frank Lowery was recognised in 1980, over eighty local people have been recognised by the Club including fifteen multiple PHFs and several are PHF benefactors.

Paul Harris Fellows, PP Leigh Williamson, PP John Stewart, Rtn Partner Sue Edmondson and I were recognised in August 2020 with friends and families zooming in from Melbourne, Canberra and as far away as Glasgow.

PP Terry Allan has an additional PHF Sapphire.

Tracey Smith was recognised as a new PHF at our Changeover Dinner in July 2021.

The Paul Harris Fellowship is an international level of recognition acknowledged by the giving of \$1000,00 to the Rotary Foundation.

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## **The significance of the 2020 Christmas Break up**

*The Christmas party at Past President's Leigh and Jan Williamson's Gairnshiel farm garden was our first Club Meeting in person. Covid-19 restrictions limited outside private gatherings to 30 people.*

*A delicious individually boxed dinner was served and members and partners really enjoyed being together for the first time in over six months in such a beautiful setting on the deck in the country.*

We resumed in January with a casual dinner at the Carisbrook Post Office Café and a stroll around the Avenue of Honour. The Club then rolled through more lock downs and had less access to Havilah for club dinner meetings.

We then began meeting at local hospitality venues, like the Highland Society's Pipes Bistro (and the Members and Board rooms) and The Bull & Mouth Hotel. Sincere thanks to those venues and staff for their hospitality and service. It was so good to enjoy real time conversations over a meal.

## **Fund raising and Support**

Fund raising was heavily affected and this is outlined in the Treasurer's Report. The Club's morale was tested when many regular fundraising events were cancelled, such as the Blue Pyrenees Magic Bike Ride, Energy Breakthrough and Ballarat Swap Meet. A Pop-up Oaks Day 2020 was held in the Sports Bar Garden at the Highland Society and raised funds and some Bunnings BBQs at Bendigo recommenced.

By not being able to meet at Havilah for dinner meetings, the funds raised internally was markedly reduced and missed, with fewer raffles, fines, and bar profits. Some members responded by donating what would have been part of their dinner funds directly to the Club and to the Rotary Foundation.

Robert Rowe is to be thanked for the humorous way the Friday Footy Frenzy continued.

The International Committee identified Rotary causes that we had regularly donated to, like Polio Plus, RAWCS (Rotary Australia World Community Service), RABS (Rotary Australia Benevolent Society), ROMAC (Rotary Oceanic Medical Aid for Children), Days for Girls, Peace Scholars, Interplast, Disaster Aid and Donations in Kind-Geelong. Donations were made to all of these.

Locally, the Club supported Bowelscan, Neighbourhood House GELC for food supplies, Salvation Army beds, Coffee for First Responders and the Maryborough Girl Guides.

The MEC Driving Education program and the Baby Book Program were supported.

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## **#SayNo2familyviolence project**

#SayNO2familyviolence campaign, our flagship project, continued as it was able to work remotely to a new level during the year. The work initiated by this Club is now a collaboration within Maryborough District Health Service, VICPOL, The Orange Door, Anglicare, Centre for Non Violence and GoGoldfields. The working group has expanded to include partners of Rotarians, other Rotary Clubs, two in Portland and two in Horsham are now involved.

The final stage is developing a *How To* guide for any Rotary or Community group to use, continued within the restrictions. The on-line Manual will be released in the next months. Also a grant application for the interactive website was submitted to Bendigo Bank.

This way of working remotely can be a model for future.



*President Alison with most of her Board, in February 2021*

## **Thanks from the President**

As President, I aimed to keep the club together and with the support that came from all directions, from within the Club and the community, that was achieved.

I thank everyone who made an effort and supported the Club.

The next thanks is to all of the Club Members who found guest speakers, continued to come together on zoom or in person, attendances were very good, often up to 25 or more on zoom.

This meant the Club was able to address all the Rotary Themes of the Month.

An excellent example was in February Peace and Conflict Resolution Month, when we were given an insight into the work of ICAN, (International Campaign for the Abolition of nuclear weapons) by Dimity Hawkins, the Nobel Peace Prize Winner. Known to us from our D9780 Conference in Maryborough, Dimity zoomed in from Melbourne at short notice, during another lockdown.

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I thank my husband Rotarian John Williamson. His experience in Rotary was invaluable and he stood beside me all the way: not an easy task!

Thank you, PP Leigh Williamson, who was always ready to assist and PP Meryl James for her encouragement which led to a full and relevant program.

## **PDG Geoff James PHF, PDG Anthony Ohlsen PHF and PP Thea Allan PHF**

I have recognised and thanked Geoff, Anthony and Thea with President 2020-2021 Recognitions. They were first on *my phone a Rotarian friend list* for assistance throughout the year. They were patient and kind to me and did this along with their many other duties at Rotary District level and beyond.

To incoming President Garry Higgins and his Board, I wish you every success in your plans to respond to the challenges of COVID-19 times, to develop a project focus.

***President Alison Teese OAM PHF***



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## ***Secretary's Report***

This report sees the end of my two-year stint in the Secretary's role.

I have enjoyed having a computer for the Secretary's work. It has been useful to keep Rotary business out of my personal emails and has been useful when my personal computer played up!

Spam emails are increasing and even though they are marked as junk and deleted they still arrive. There can be several in one day then none for several days.

The old gmail address is still monitored and I have been able to retrieve some important emails and acknowledge the change of email.

Correspondence is written up for each board meeting. Mail that needs to be sent on is scanned and emailed; emails are sent to those who need them.

Minutes of each month's meetings are sent to all board members immediately after the meeting. Committee minutes are collected and sent to Board members before the next meeting.

Annual Meeting Minutes are recorded.

Attendance for each member is recorded in Clubrunner after each meeting.

Membership list is updated as needed and sent to all members.

Clubrunner member info updated when necessary.

Changeover regalia is ordered in plenty of time.

Invitations are sent and answers received for all Changeovers and AGM's

Generally, the secretary supports the President and the Board.

I thank Board members for their assistance this past year and wish new Secretary Anthony success in this role.



***PP Thea Allan PHF***

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## ***jTreasurer's Report***

### **Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2021**

<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	
<b>Chequing/Savings</b>	
General Account	\$ 5,863.17
Fundraising Account	\$ 4,004.60
Debit Card	\$ 525.52
Foundation Account	\$ 54.23
Trust Account	\$ 30,950.17
<b>Total (Cash) Assets</b>	<b>\$ 41,397.69</b>
<b>Other Assets</b>	
Hangar at Airfield	\$ 40,000.00
Contents – BBQ trailer, trailers, Marquees, Sundry items	\$ 50,000.00
Havilah & Others – Club Charter, TV, PA, computers, signage	9,300.00
<b>Total (Fixed) Assets</b>	<b>\$ 99,300.00</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 140,573.49</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 140,573.49</b>

### **Profit & Loss – 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021**

**Ordinary Income/Expense**

**INCOME**

**Income Community Events**

BBQ sales	\$ 2,694.00
Bowelscan	\$ 5,060.00
Member donations	\$ 300.00
SayNo2familyviolence	\$ 172.25
Stamp Sales	\$ 90.78

<b>Total Income Community Events</b>	<b>\$ 8,317.03</b>
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## **Income From Members**

Badge sales	\$ 209.00
Change over dinner	\$ 1,570.00
Clothing sales	\$ 355.00
Dinner fees	\$ 4,322.00
District rebate	\$ 407.10
Fellowship	\$ 109.25
Fines	\$ 894.95
Foundation	\$ 1,654.00
Fundraising	\$ 703.70
Member donations	\$ 3,769.70
Member dues	\$ 10,525.00
SayNo2familyviolence	\$ 480.00
PolioPlus	\$ 793.00
Raffle	\$ 333.55

**Total Income From Members** **\$ 26,126.25**

## **Income From Interest**

Interest	\$ 188.56
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**Total Income From Interest** **\$ 188.56**

**Total Income** **\$ 34,631.84**

## **EXPENSE**

### **A. Program Expenses**

BBQ supplies	\$ 1,169.09
Bike Ride Admin	\$ 825.00
Bursaries	\$ 900.00
DDG Partners Project	\$ 1,065.00
GELC Food Bank	\$ 400.00
Family Violence Work	\$ 11,110.00
MEC Drive Poster	\$ 454.56

**Total A. Program Expenses** **\$ 15,923.65**

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## **B. Member Expenses**

Badges, Pins etc	\$ 394.99
Dinner Costs	\$ 2,922.00
District dues	\$ 3,859.60
Purchase of Coats	\$ 3,680.00
RDU Magazine	\$ 1,728.00
RI Fees	\$ 4,968.58

**Total B. Member Expenses** **\$ 17,553.17**

## **C. Rotary Programs**

Bowelscan	\$ 5,260.00
Girl Guides	\$ 400.00
Salvation Army Sleeping Bags	\$ 300.00
Gippsland Bushfire Appeal	\$ 500.00
Interplast	\$ 500.00
Disaster Aid Aust.	\$ 500.00
DIK Geelong	\$ 500.00
Every Child Every Year	\$ 512.00
TRF Annual Fund	\$ 3,290.00
TRF PolioPlus	\$ 500.00
Dandenong Storm	\$ 1,000.00
ROMAC	\$ 500.00
Shelter Box Aust.	\$ 500.00
Days For Girls	\$ 500.00
TRF Centurion members contribution	\$ 1,979.00
TRF PolioPlus members contribution	\$ 1,678.00

**Total C. Rotary Programs** **\$ 18,419.00**

## **D. Support to Other Programs**

**Total D. Support to Other Programs** **\$ 0.00**

## **E. Overheads**

Bereavement Flowers, cards etc	\$ 192.00
Corporate Affairs Victoria	\$ 118.40
Clubrunner	\$ 697.49
Electricity at Shed	\$ 522.98
Marquee Repair	\$ 715.00
Merchant fees	\$ 432.65
Office supplies	\$ 136.00

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Printing	\$ 66.00
Professional fees - Accounting	\$ 400.00
VicRoads Trailer registrations	\$ 181.50
Zero fees	\$ 418.50
Zoom fees	\$ 184.71
<b>Total E. Overheads</b>	<b>\$ 4,065.23</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 55,961.05</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 34,631.84</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-\$21,329.21</b>

My, what a difference 12 months can make! In last year's Treasurer's Report, PP Graeme Rogan mentioned the affect six months of Covid-19 had on the ability of the Club to raise funds. Little did we consider that Covid-19 would continue for the duration of 12 months and more.

Below is a comparison of the Account Balances and the Profit & Loss for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 Rotary years.

Account Balance	Year Ending	
	30 June 2020	30 June 2021
General	\$ 4,306.44	\$ 5,863.17
Fundraising	\$ 26,269.79	\$ 4,004.60
Foundation	\$ 0.00	\$ 54.23
Debit Card	\$ 1,480.52	\$ 525.52
Managed Fund	\$ 30,770.11	\$ 30,950.17
Total At Bank	<b>\$ 62,826.86</b>	<b>\$ 41,397.69</b>
<b>Profit &amp; Loss</b>		
	Year Ending	
	30 June 2020	30 June 2021
<b>Income</b>		
Community Events	\$59,526.31	\$8,317.03
Members	\$30,849.74	\$26,126.25
Rotary Programs	\$6,197.00	\$0.00
Interest	\$528.50	\$188.56
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 97,101.55</b>	<b>\$ 34,631.84</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Program	\$42,572.91	\$15,923.65
Members	\$40,257.76	\$17,553.17
Rotary Programs	\$19,511.00	\$18,419.00
Support other Programs	\$10,500.00	\$0.00
Overheads	\$4,499.75	\$4,065.23
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 117,341.42</b>	<b>\$ 55,961.05</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-\$20,239.87</b>	<b>-\$21,329.21</b>

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## Comments

### Financial Position

Whilst the bank balance is lower than the previous year, the Club is in a relatively strong financial position partly due to the Managed Fund and also to a decrease in expenditure.

The decrease in funds is mainly due to the drawing down of the Fundraising Account, these funds have been used to make donations to several local groups and Rotary programs. The recipients can be found in the detailed P&L above. This is seen as a prudent use of Club funds that have been raised from community events and not necessarily fully expended each year.

I would like it to be recorded that the Fundraising account has been the recipient of considerable donations from members throughout the year, This was certainly appreciated given the lack of fundraising activities able to be held. A big thankyou to those members.

## **Profit & Loss**

### ***Income***

As can be seen activities to raise funds from Community Events was very restricted with the Bunnings BBQ's being the substantial contributor, the Bowelscan program also created a sizable in-flow of cash but it was straight in and out for those funds. Rotary programs which are traditionally events such as Film nights, income from NYSF students etc was non-existent as the Theatre was closed and student programs were not held.

### ***Expenses***

The off shoot of not having fundraising events is that expenses are not incurred which is the reason for the reduced program expenses.

Similarly, the member expense which traditionally is high, is largely for meals at Dinner meetings, but as we had very few Dinner meetings the expense was not incurred (also no income).

As previously indicated the Rotary programs was to a large extent funded by drawing down the Fundraising Account.

In closing, I would like to thank the Club for allowing me the opportunity to be Treasurer, it certainly was a learning process including changing our accounting system to Xero.

To the members thank you for your help and patience and a big thank you to Kerrie for putting up with me spending hours and hours in the office on Rotary "stuff".

PDG Anthony Ohlsen  
Treasurer 2020-2021

***PP Anthony Ohlsen PHF***

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## Maryborough Rotary Club Meeting Program 2020-2021

<b>Maryborough Rotary Program 2020-21</b>		
25/06/2020	:	<b>*Club Changeover</b> (Zoom) 6.30PM President's Report, Induction of Pres. Alison Teese OAM, Introduction of Team
		<b>Theme: Rotary Opens Opportunities</b>
2/07/2020	:	*Meeting 1 (Zoom) RI International President Holger Knaack
9/07/2020	:	*Meeting 2 (Zoom) Frances Clark and Garry Higgins - Updates on Programs
16/07/2020	:	*Meeting 3 (Zoom) - Youth & International Committee Action Plan Reviews
23/07/2020	:	*Meeting 4 (Zoom) - Vocational & Community Committee Action Plan Reviews
30/07/2020	:	*Meeting 5 5th Week - Fun Social Night
		<b>Theme: Membership Month</b>
	:	*Meeting 6 (Zoom) Recognitions Paul Harris Fellow Presentations
13/08/2020	:	*Meeting 7 (Zoom) Helen Kaptein (Curator/ Education Officer of Central Goldfields Art Gallery). Local cultural work.
20/08/2020	:	*Meeting 8 (Zoom) Rotarians Behind the Badge -
27/08/2020	:	*Meeting 9 (Zoom) Committees - Service & Governance
		<b>Theme: Basic Education and Literacy</b>
3/09/2020	:	*Meeting 10 (Zoom) "Mask-erade Parade" (Bring an A4 sheet of paper and a felt tip pen)
10/09/2020	:	*Meeting 11 (Zoom) John Harms: Sports Writer (The Age, ABC etc.) Author: <i>She Rides like a Girl about Michelle Payne</i>
17/09/2020	:	*Meeting 12 (Zoom) Member Max Berry – Life Story (Apology ) Maree Stephenson: Libraries During COVID-19 Times
24/09/2020	:	*Meeting 13 (Zoom) Committees - Service & Governance
		<b>Theme: Social and Economic Development</b>
1/10/2020	:	*Meeting 14 (Zoom) ARH - Catherine Eagleson - Lift the Lid Campaign – Hat Fun fundraising – Crosswords on Screen
8/10/2020	:	*Meeting 15 (Zoom) - PP Garry Higgins OAM - Diagnostic Reset
15/10/2020	:	*Meeting 16 (Zoom) – Environment Night - Tony Macer – Maryborough Climate Group
22/10/2020	:	*Meeting 17 (Zoom) Guest: Heather Blazko - Polio (World Polio Day is 24 Oct) Polio Plus Report
29/10/2020	:	*Meeting 18 (Zoom) Committees - Service & Governance

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		<b>Theme: Foundation Month</b>
		Pop-up Oaks Day at Highland Society – Esther Waters/Alison Teese
5/11/2020	:	*Meeting 19 (Zoom) - Rotary Foundation - Derrick Marsden
12/11/2020	:	*Meeting 20 (Zoom) TBA Halloween Night/Committees
19/11/2020	:	*Meeting 21 (Zoom) District Governor - Phil and Judy Beasley
26/11/2020	:	*Meeting 22 (Zoom) - AGM & Committees - Halloween Night
		<b>Theme: Disease Prevention Month</b>
3/12/2020	:	*Meeting 23 (Zoom) Tackling Climate Change with More Solar Homes – MASH Project – More Australian Solar Homes - Jo Kaptein
10/12/2020	:	*Meeting 24 (Zoom) Early Childhood Literacy Panel – Trish Ipsen, Maree Stephenson
17/12/2020	:	*Meeting 25 Summer Breakup at Leigh & Jan Williamson's
24/12/2020	:	*NO Rotary Meeting
31/12/2020	:	*NO Rotary Meeting
		<b>Summer Break</b>
		<b>Theme: Vocational Service</b>
7/01/2021	:	*Meeting 26 Meal At Carisbrook Post Office Café – Partners
14/01/2021	:	*Meeting 27 Site Visit to Goldfields FM Radio (With Picnic Meal)
21/01/2021	:	*Meeting 28 (Raglan Rm 7) Technical Workshop - How to Negotiate ClubRunner.
28/01/2021	:	*Meeting 29 (Raglan) Committees - Service & Governance
		<b>Theme: Peace Building and Conflict Prevention</b>
4/02/2021	:	*Meeting 30 (Raglan Rm 7) AGM Completed/ Forum-Can We Ever Have World Peace? <i>Pending another Covid-19 Lockdown</i>
11/02/2021	:	*Meeting 31 (Zoom) Mayor Chris Meddows-Taylor
18/02/2021	:	*Meeting 32 (Zoom) Dimity Hawkins – ICAN Nobel Peace Prize winner
25/02/2021	:	*Meeting 33 (Zoom) Committees & Club Night
		<b>Theme: Water, Sanitation and Hygiene</b>
4/03/2021	:	*Meeting 34 (Highland) Garry Higgins on the Reset
11/03/2021	:	*Meeting 35 (Highland) Windsor Main - Ethics in Business
18/03/2021	:	*Meeting 36 (The Bull & Mouth) Go Goldfields Manager Carolyn Bartholomeusz. (CGSC Social Martin Collins Apology)
25/03/2021	:	*Meeting 37 (Highland Society) Women in Water Central Highlands Water
		<b>Theme: Maternal and Child Health</b>
1/04/2021	:	*Meeting 38 (Peppa's) Easter Meeting 7am Chair - John Caulfield
8/04/2021	:	*Meeting 39 (Bull & Mouth) Plan Initialization Meeting
15/04/2021	:	*Meeting 40 (Highland)
22/04/2021	:	*Meeting 41 (Bull & Mouth) Club Planning Event



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29/04/2021	:	*Meeting 42 (Highland) CGSC Maternal Child Health - Courtney Noonan
		<b>Theme: Youth Service</b>
6/05/2021	:	*Meeting 43 (Paramount Theatre) Social Movie Night with Partners
13/05/2021	:	*Meeting 44 (Girl Guides Hall) Girl Guides - Vanessa Parker
20/05/2021	:	*Meeting 45 (Highland) DG Phil Beasley and Judy
27/05/2021	:	*Meeting 46 (Highland) New Governance Committees (Action Plan Review)
		<b>Theme: Rotary Fellowships</b>
3/06/2021	:	*Meeting 47 (Zoom) Fellowships Opportunities & Experiences
10/06/2021	:	*Meeting 48 (Zoom) Dale Martin (Microblast) Avoiding Fraud Plus SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING
17/06/2021	:	*Meeting 49 (Highland) Kate Ashton - Using Social Media. PLAN LAUNCH
24/06/2021	:	*Meeting 50 (Peppa's) President Alison's Last Meeting – Winter Solstice theme

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## ***Administration Committee***

The Administration Committee made every effort to address their Strategic Goals successfully this year, although the limitations of COVID - 19 made some aims difficult, and others impossible.

The Club had no face-to-face dinner meetings in the first half of the year - they were all held on Zoom. Fortunately, almost all our usual meetings from the New Year on were face- to -face dinner meetings; firstly at our usual Havilah room, then the Bull and Mouth Hotel, but mostly at the Maryborough Highland Society, where the staff went out of their way to accommodate us.

Despite all these limitations, President Alison and Program Chair Meryl James made sure our Thursday evenings were kept interesting, informative - with many great guest speakers - and fun.

A very special thanks must go to PDG Geoff James, for his extraordinary abilities and enthusiasm, in organising and running these meetings.

The Committee would like to thank the following members for their efforts in the administration of the Club.

- PP Meryl James for her efforts as Programme Co Ordinator and arranging the many terrific guest speakers we had at our dinner meetings throughout the whole year. The advent of Zoom dramatically broadened the scope for guest speakers.



***John Harms author, (left) spoke during Literacy month.  
ICAN Dimity Hawkins (right) joined us too at very short notice both on Zoom***

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- Esther Waters for her ongoing help with the meeting setups.
- PDG Geoff James for the many hours he put in to publish an informative and interesting bulletin each week. This is a vital part of the fabric of the Club. Geoff also spent many hours digitising the Club annual Reports
- PP Noel Jennings and Robyn. Many thanks for continuing attendance sheets
- PP Brian Reed for “ keeping an eye” on the Barbecue trailer for the year.
- Tracy Smith for running some wonderful fun events at some meetings.
- John Williamson did a great job in running the bar, on the handful of occasions it was required.
- Shane Dellavedova for arranging the repair of the club’s marquees.

Many thanks to the members who acted as Meeting Chairs – usually for a calendar month. An excellent initiative introduced by PP Meryl James.

Finally, although activities were greatly curtailed for the year, there were still occasions where Committee members gave willingly of their time, and I thank them for that.

Heads and tails continued on Zoom amidst much laughter.  
The winners were personally presented with a gift – often chocolates



*PP Terry Allan presenting winner Tracey Smith with her mystery gift.*

***PP Leigh Williamson PHF***

## ***Strategic Planning Committee Report***

Maryborough Rotary completed its 2015-2019 Strategic Plan at the end of June 2019, and during 2019, a new plan was developed for the 2019-23 Rotary years.

Theoretically, we were not due to start a new strategic planning process plan until 2023. However, Covid-19 put paid to that. Because of the Pandemic, few of our committees were able to make inroads into their collections of objectives, so as the club started to get back to “covid-normal” in early 2021, we had the choice of trying to slowly resurrect the old plan or start a completely new one.

Enter, PP Garry Higgins OAM.

In making himself available to be President in 2021-22, Garry came with a vision that our club really needs a “reset” if we are going to get back to anything like our former “glory” – if that is the correct word. As a consequence, the club and groups of members had a series of discussions about how we should best move forward, and a new type of Board structure was proposed along with a number of other strategies that resulted in a new, 2021-24 Strategic and Action Planning document.

There are several things that the club is doing differently with this new plan. First, we started with a set of principles that should drive the new plan and the club. Appropriately, those principles were based directly on Rotary International’s four Strategic priorities:

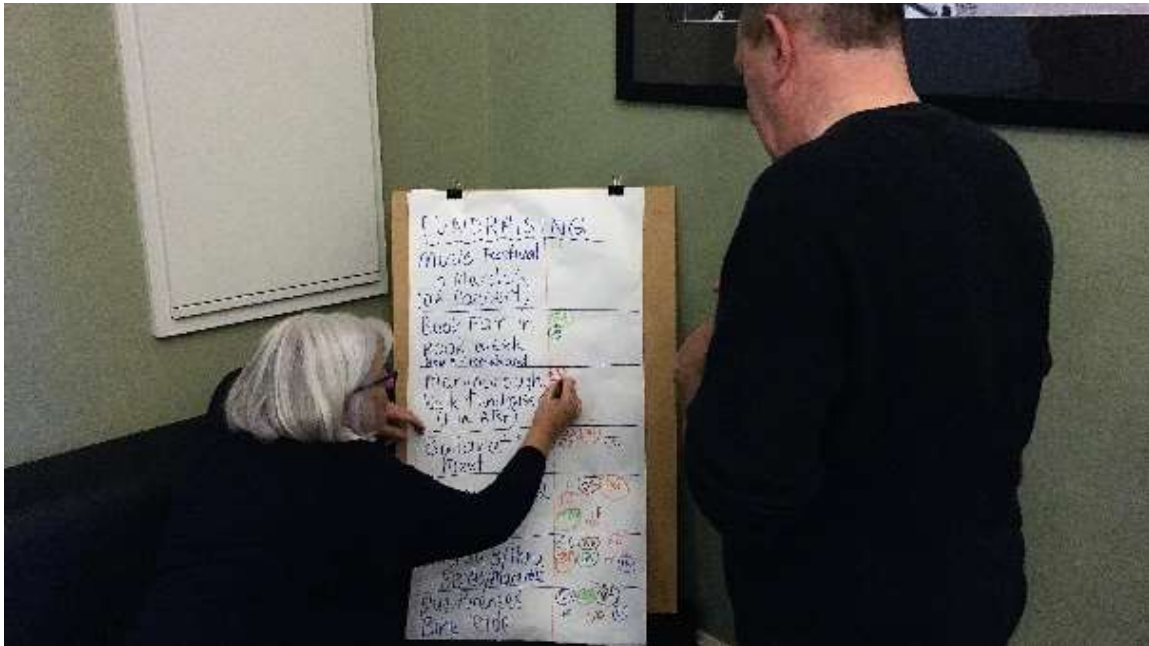
- Increase our impact on the local community and wider world.
- Expand our reach and raise interest in Rotary’s work in Maryborough.
- Enhance member engagement and make effective use of members’ skills and interests.
- Increase our ability to adapt and keep pace with global trends in delivering service.

Secondly, we changed the structure of the service committees in the club. Instead of starting with the traditional four service committees (Community, International, Vocational and Youth), and a large legacy of service project objectives, many of which had not been addressed, we asked members to forget about all we had done in the past and think of the service projects they would really like to see happening in our club and which would address all or most of the four strategic priorities mentioned above.

We then asked them to put up their hand and propose their desired projects to members at our Club Planning night and be prepared to run with them. It was certainly exciting to hear the list of innovative and ambitious projects that emerged from that event.

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***President Alison and President Elect Garry at the Strategic Planning club meeting***

Each service project will be managed by a service project sub-committee that will meet at its own time and report to the newly appointed Service Projects Director who will monitor and summarize the progress of those committees on the Board.

We are obliged by Rotary to keep the four Governance committees of Administration, Membership, Public Image and Foundation, and we obviously need to keep a Fundraising committee to manage fundraising in general and assist the various fundraising sub committees that will actually raise the funds we need to operate. Having said that, because we particularly want to revitalize membership in the club, Garry's vision is that we ensure that both the membership and Public Image committees work closely together throughout the year. So, with that new structure in place, we now have a new, streamlined Strategic plan for 2021-24, and all committees are in the process of developing their Action Plans (or Scoping Documents) to drive their actions over the coming year.

We all look forward to seeing this new structure and the service and fundraising project committees flourish over the coming months. In closing, I'd like to sincerely thank the hard-working members who have worked with me on the Strategic Planning committee: PDG Anthony Ohlsen, Austin Taylor, PP Garry Higgins OAM, PP John Caulfield, PP Thea Allan, and Tracey Smith.

***PDG Geoff James PHF***

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## ***Community Committee Report***

I would like to thank the committee members and the members of the club for the assistance and support they have given this committee over the last twelve months.

Over the last year the club has been restricted in the activities we have been able to carry out due to the corona virus. This has continued to affect the projects we were able to carry out both as a club and as a committee.

The only one to be continued is maintenance of Brian Dowie Park. No scheduled working bees at the park were undertaken and the continuing Rotary attachment to the park is under discussion. Maintenance was carried out by John Williamson and the committee is indebted to him for his effort.



Bowel Scan project was not affected by the virus and kits were delivered to Maryborough, St Arnaud and Clunes.

No funds were dispersed to our Club this year due to changes made by management

The Preserve Planet Earth project was also deferred and other project were held over until larger community gatherings can be held.

Programs with the MEC and Highview were also put on hold and includes all other school or youth programs in the next year or until such programs are again permitted.

Baby Books has been a project that has successfully been carried through the year by



Derrick Marsden and council support is being sought to continue this program.

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The two cycling events, the Pyrenees Magic and the Three Reservoirs Bike Ride were not conducted due to the lockdowns that came into effect. These events were well attended and were popular with the participants when carried held last year. These events were also well supported by the club members. The club is looking into the possibility of running these events in the future despite the pandemic.

This year's Energy Breakthrough program was cancelled in July, but hopefully it will continue in the future. The Rotary Club will need to consider its activities in this event in light of its ability to carry out its commitments.

The Family Violence Awareness project is continuing to grow and expand. More interest from other communities is evident and additional Rotary Clubs are continuing to participate with Maryborough Rotary in this area. The emphasis is still one of changing from awareness to one of action.

The virus has prevented many of the programs in this area from being carried out at this time.

A Forum was held in between lockdowns and the Race Days have been put off until after the pandemic or until we can be confident that a lockdown will not be imposed.

***PP Martin Mackay PHF***

## ***Family Violence Awareness Committee***

### **#sayNO2familyviolence**

Unfortunately, the covid pandemic has been unable to change the behaviors of perpetrators, so women, children and families continue to experience the trauma of acts of violence.

A refocus from the GoGoldfield Alliance has resulted in the Central Goldfields Shire family violence action group no longer existing. As a result of this refocus the funding that enabled Raelene Williams to resource our group has also ceased.

Maryborough Rotary still sits on the Maryborough District Health Service family violence governance board and we continue to work with the Services Review working group. Representation on these two groups is testimony to the perspective that Maryborough Rotary brings to the table.

Our family violence awareness working group has been able to continue its good work through trying times and has responded positively to these changes.

We welcome new members Joyce Sedunary and Vicki Taylor who bring a wealth of experience in child protection, homelessness, coercive control and the criminal justice system.

In addition to her time and expertise, Raelene Williams has so generously committed to assist our project and will provide this vital resource along with her valuable knowledge and networks.

Our main area of work has been the development of our “How To” resource. This project catalogues the history and the development of the project from its very conception to its current situation.

It provides a comprehensive resource to any Rotary club or community that is considering the #SayNO program for their community. The resource provides information and advice on what has worked in our local community including the process, training and subject information, examples of case studies, branding and style guides as well as valuable contacts.

Again, can I thank our team of amazing people who have, over many years, provided their time and passion to the #SayNO2familyviolence project. Our team has raised in excess of \$50,000 over the years, which has enabled us to achieve much. More importantly they have continued to provide their expertise, knowledge and support to ensure that families live their lives free from violence.



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To Rotarians Thea Allan, Chris Frahn, Meryl James, Martin Mackay, Bob Butterfield and Anthony Ohlson and Raelene Williams, Vicki Taylor and Joyce Sedunary;

***Thank you.***



***(L-R) PP Thea Allan, PP Garry Higgins OAM, FVA Champion, Chris Frahn, Administrative Assistant Raelene Williams, PP Graeme Rogan. Several other members also attended meetings***

***PP Garry Higgins OAM PHF***

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## ***Foundation Report***

The last twelve months have been incredibly challenging for everyone, including The Rotary Foundation.

Many clubs have been severely restricted in their fundraising, and this has reflected in funds being made available to our charity of choice, The Rotary Foundation.

The members of the Rotary Club of Maryborough donate to The Rotary Foundation in different ways. Some by weekly and monthly direct contributions, others by gifts on their birthday, wedding anniversary and Club anniversaries. The Centurion program is funded with a donation of \$2 each week when members pay their dinner fees and a top up at the end of the year to cover missed meetings.

This past year has seen our meetings being held in different ways and via different mediums. This has seriously affected the weekly donation of \$2.00 towards their Centurion contribution, but to our members credit extra personal contributions were made, achieving a total for the year of \$1,979.00.

Members also supported the Foundation with personal donations to Polio Plus of \$1,678.00.

I am pleased to report that the Board continued the Rotary Club's very generous support to the Foundation with a donation of \$2,000.00.

The Board approved the Foundation Committee recommendation to present three Paul Harris Recognitions, the first of which was presented to Rtn. Tracey Smith at Changeover.

The other two Recognitions will be presented in November, Foundation Month.

I would also like to acknowledge the exceedingly kind donation of a Paul Harris Recognition by two past presidents to two more recipients, also to be presented in Foundation Month.



It is a credit to our Rotary Club and its members that with personal and Club donations, we have contributed \$12,107.00 to The Rotary Foundation.

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These very impressive figures does not include amounts paid to The Rotary Foundation by members, who contribute by direct debit on a monthly basis.

I would like to thank the members of the Foundation Committee for their support and guidance through the year.

This is my last Annual Report, as Chair for the Foundation Committee and am pleased to hand the reins over to PP Terry Allan PHF.



***Maryborough Rotary is honoured to welcome Tracey Smith  
as a Paul Harris recipient,  
presented by President Alison Teese OAM PHF.***

***PP Derrick Marsden PHF***

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## ***Fundraising Committee***

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, fundraising for the club has been a challenge. Until early 2021 when lockdown was eased there had been no outdoor gatherings, so fundraising in our usual ways was impossible.

Some clubs went online to overcome this.

The committee come up with some ideas and we investigated selling wine online. Little did we know of the hurdles in front of us to make it possible.

With the many issues that arose it has been shelved.

### ***BBQ at Bunnings***

We did manage to have two Bunnings BBQs in between lockdowns in the first half off 2021 and they were fun to run and quite profitable.



### ***Blue Pyrenees Moonambel and Three Reservoirs Rides***

This outdoors event was also unable to be held. With a change in personnel, we are confident the lessons can be maintained.



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## ***Rock & Roll Dance***

The Rock and Roll dance was another casualty of Covid. Planners Shane and Jacki Dellavedova, musicians Geoff and Meryl James and the club were disappointed

## ***New Year's Eve Dance***

The New Year's Eve dance at the Town Hall was also a casualty of Covid restrictions.

## ***Friday Night Footy Frenzy***

Organised by Rob Rowe. He has lots of support and is good at paying the winners. His family winners generously buy more squares! This year we raised about \$500 for project.



## ***Oaks Day***

Organised by a committee led by Esther Waters. Planning this underway to have an event in November subject to lock down.

## ***#SayNo2FamilyViolence Race Meeting***

No race meetings were held due to Covid-19 lockdown.

## ***Energy Breakthrough***

This was also casualty of Covid lockdowns as school were unable to practice so it was cancelled in August. Sad for the children that they could not participate

## ***Ballarat Swap Meet***

Organised by Derrick Marsden. This is one of our better fundraisers. Even with the easing of outdoor restrictions, it could not be held.

***PP Brian Reed PHF***

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## ***Membership Committee***

I imagine that every other Rotarian report prepared for this Annual Report will have mentioned Covid-19 and what effect it has had on us all. Never did I imagine that agreeing to be Membership Chair for 2020-21 would have provided as many challenges as it did. Prior to me taking over we had already been in a long period of lock down due to the outbreak in Victoria. We would have had no idea then that it still would have been affecting us 12 months later when I had agreed to continue in this role.



***One of the early Zoom meetings***

We started our Rotary year in July 2020 with 45 members and with the losses and plus one detailed below we finished the year with 41 members.

I think to say the Maryborough Rotary Club has surpassed expectations in our willingness to adapt and continue through the challenges that Covid has brought us is an understatement. With members being willing to learn the ZOOM online meeting platform and being motivated each week to attend this way is a credit to all members. We may not have been able to achieve our outcomes, but one thing we have done is stay connected and been encouraged to plan and adapt for the future.

The future of our projects and goals for this coming Rotary year are even now being challenged and we are determined to ensure Covid -19 does not beat us as we prepare to do projects with a plan B if necessary and have members engaged.

Our many goals and ambitions for 2020 – 21 had to change for Membership as we struggled to know how to attract new members during this period of uncertainty and online meeting times.

We were extremely excited through the challenges to welcome a new member – Austin Taylor (along with his wife Vicki) to the Club in October 2020.

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Unfortunately for Austin, he was our first Maryborough Rotarian inducted via ZOOM. Let us hope the last one inducted via ZOOM too!



***Austin being inducted via ZOOM with his wife Vicki completing the Rotary pin presentation in October 2020***

Late last year PE P Garry Higgins OAM PHF started talking about a “diagnostic reset” reviewing where we were as a club, where we wanted to be and how we were going to get there.

Many changes have already been put in place for the Rotary Club of Maryborough and the exciting part is our journey has only just begun for the future – living with Covid and all the challenges it brings and attracting new members to an ageing club environment.

We know we have to be more flexible in our approach; we need to interview the community, listen and grow our club for the many Rotarians we hope follow us and keep this club heritage strong.

Members have come and gone from RC Maryborough over the year, and we thank all those who retired; Barbara Hilder, Frances Clarke, John Hazledine and Peter Haywood for all their contributions, each in their own way. We particularly recognise Peter Haywood who initiated our highly successful cycling events including the now famous Blue Pyrenees bike ride. These cycling events have provided participants with sensational memories of lovely scenery and exciting events with one entry winning a Giant bike after each race.

We also pause to remember those Rotarians we have lost; Past President Fred Treble OAM PHF and Rev Ted Edwards PHF.

PP Fred Treble was inducted on 12 March 1970, he was the Director of Community Service in 1971/72 and over his time in Rotary had been the Director of most of the Avenues of Service. Fred was President in 1992/93 and continued in Rotary for many years to come. Fred was also involved with the Maryborough Brass Band, a Councillor and Mayor of the City of Maryborough and a member and President of the Golden Wattle Festival in its time. Fred was recognised in January 2021 for his 50+ plus years of community service in Maryborough with being awarded the Order of Australia.

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***PP Fred Treble and Rev Ted Edwards***

Reverend Ted Edwards was born overseas. Rev Ted was a charter member of the Rotary Club of Oatlands in Tasmania and joined 15 September 1979. During his time in Rotary Rev Ted joined RC of Beaconsfield until April 1983 and then joined RC of Hamilton North in March 1989. Rev Ted joined RC Maryborough on 28 April 1994 whilst living in Avoca and remained a member until his passing. Ted moved to Maryborough later in life. Rev Ted also was a charter member of one of the local Probus clubs.

We sincerely thank both PP Fred and Rev Ted for their enormous contribution and service to Rotary and the community over many years.

A huge thank you to all Maryborough Rotarians for your friendship, energy, connectedness and support for one another over the last 12 months as we look forward to the next year for the exciting times ahead.

In the words of Buzz Light-year – “To Infinite and Beyond”      Bring on 2021 –2022

***Tracey Smith PHF***



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## ***Public Image Committee***

The pass 12 months have been a little difficult as the result of the world-wide pandemic.

The radio program Rotary Rhythms is not as far advanced as I would have liked, however one show was developed and aired.

It now has a strong basis to work on in the coming year.

This is an opportunity to remind members of the importance of branding.

The best recognised brand is McDonalds.

Everybody has seen the brand and is instantly recognisable.

If their logo is squashed, stretched or altered in anyway the project would be stopped. ie the golden arches are golden or yellow and not a pretty lilac

So, remember Public Image is more than having numerous media releases.

Public Image is more than owning a computer with Microsoft Word on it.

Public Image is more than owning a computer with 20,000 fonts on it..

Public Image is more than having the organisation's brand on the page

This is the current Rotary brand. It can have the word Club under Rotary



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This is stretched vertically and is not acceptable



After 8 years I am relinquishing the Public Image port folia to Austin Taylor and wish him all the best for the next 8 years



***Public Image committee, PP Meryl James, President Alison Teese OAM, Harold Breitingger, Candice Ankatell, Tracey Smith, Austin Taylor and Chris Frahn at their Strategic Planning meeting***

***Chris Frahn***

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## **Facebook**

Our page was able to share items from District and Rotary club pages as well places.

The Membership/Public Image committee photo reached 134

President Alison's photo with most of her Board taken 11 months after changeover during lockdown reached 141

The biggest change is the number of people and groups following us from all over the world.

RC of Kampala City	RC Arua Eco City & Baskent	RC United Birgunj
RC Ann Arbor North positiveachi Royals	Pyrenees Art Exhibition	RC Kar People testing
All in Play	RC Belo Horizonte Venda Nova	RC Taree
RC Tonbridge	RC Harlow Tye	RC Felixstowe
RC Martha's Vineyard	RC Kathmandu Heights	GB Detergents
RC Waikerie	RC Nardo	RC Jamesabad-KMG
RC Orewa-Millwater	R District 1650 France	RC YEP D 1650.
Maryborough Lions	RC Graz Umgebung Nord	

Central Vic Primary Care Partnership

There are also some in languages I cannot decipher.

The most interesting message was from Janee Hong from the RC of Beenleigh, Queensland with congratulations on the SAFE initiative and wanting to know more about our program. PP Garry contacted Janee and this is a work in progress

***PP Thea Allan PHF***

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## ***International Committee***

The International Committee oversees a diverse program to encourage international engagement and aims to support a range of Rotary Projects internationally and Indigenous Projects in Australia.

The club activity which continued with the International Toasts at meetings both online and in person. Many of the activities such as Rotary Friendship Exchanges (RFE), Days for Girls workshop with Zonta, raising funds through book sales and movie nights were restricted by COVID-19 and were not possible.

The Indigenous Literacy Foundation (ILF) was the District Governor and Partner's Project and Maryborough raised \$1065 especially for this cause. This contributed to District 9780 donating \$30,000 to the ILF, a fantastic project. The funds were raised by donations for figs picked from Lochinver Farm trees and a great fine session at the DG Phil's visit

The International Committee recommended to continue the Club's regular annual donation program despite specific fund raising being limited. The Rotary Foundation (TRF) and to a range of Rotary related entities featured including Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC), Donations in Kind (DIK), ShelterBox Australia, Interplast Australia and Days for Girls.

A new project for Maryborough is the *Give Every Child A Future*, a Project for Rotary Zone 8 Australia and New Zealand is timely because it is a part of the honoring the R100 Rotary Centenary. This Project in collaboration with UNICEF with a vaccination plan for 100,000 of the most disadvantaged children across the Pacific.

In addition, donations were made to

- the Dandenong Ranges Disaster Appeal via Rotary Australia Benevolent Society (RABS) and to
- the Gippsland Bushfire Appeal via The Rotary Club of Essendon.

Thank you to committee members, President Alison, Treasurer PDG Anthony Ohlsen, PP Terry Allan, PP Derrick Marsden, Louise Hanby D'Wynn, Max Berry, David Hare and John Hazledine for your input.

***Murray Henderson***

## ***Vocational Committee***

**Three-minute member talks** were about inspirational moments in members' vocations

**Global networking** (Fellowships, Action Groups)

There are several Fellowships which our members are a part.

These include Cricketing, Cruising, Home Hosting and Flying Fellowships.

**Action Groups** which our members have joined are the Action Group for Blood Donations and the Action Group for Family Safety

Unfortunately, most other activities were curtailed by Covid-19 restrictions

However, President Elect Garry Higgins (Vocational Service Director) had a very productive meeting and following is the proposed reset for 2021-2222.

October, 2020

The committee discussed and debated the “Diagnostic Reset” concept and what Maryborough Rotary may look like after this review.

It was felt that there is no need to alter our four areas of service; Youth, Vocational, International, Community, but we may examine ways in which our committees can work more collaboratively towards fewer but more significant projects. [Less is better]

As a starting point we need to establish our Club’s capability by completing a “Skills and Resources Matrix”.

We adopted three overarching principles upon which all our service work should be based upon.

1. Maryborough Rotary needs a formal, ongoing process to establish and understand contemporary issues within our community. [How do we see people in 3D?]

- Regular listening posts with children, grandchildren, school students.
- Discussion with other community agencies.eg. Central Goldfields Shire Council, Education providers Maryborough District Health Service, Committee4Maryborough.

2. Ensuring that projects get maximum community exposure and benefit many. Projects need not only provide maximum benefit, but also to enhance the community’s perception of our Club and Rotary.

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3. Maryborough Rotary needs to drive community change by reflecting contemporary issues in its own work, collaborating with other community agencies and actively supporting other projects within our community.

We noted that this new direction requires the Board to devote a meeting to discuss this and that we should then present the concept to the Club for consideration.

An example of the new approach could be:

Issues that have been identified for many years by GoGoldfields, Committee 4 Maryborough (C4M) and the Central Goldfields Shire (CGSC) is the lack of community connectedness and the need for more community art.

Past member Garry Brooker came into the bakery one Saturday morning and we were talking about the Community Arts Trail that is proving so popular throughout our area, except for Maryborough.

Garry suggested that rather than use our hidden silo that we use our tower to become part of this program.

It started me thinking how this might become a new Rotary project using the three principles recommended.

Rotary adopts this as a major community project based upon creating a “Harmony Park” keeping a watch over our community.

- It advocates with the community, Local and State Government authorities to get approval and support for the project.
- It undertakes a community planning process that includes our local indigenous community, representatives, ethnic groups and community members.
- It conducts community working bees to establish the project by enlisting the social clubs from Truefoods and MDHS, CGSG and other relevant community groups.
- These working bees become events within themselves with Maryborough Rotary providing childcare, food, music and a festival atmosphere. Each working bee could be themed around a different culture.

## **IMAGINE:**

- Our tower emblazed with a giant portrait of one of our indigenous elders keeping Watch over Country and artwork depicting the ethnic makeup of our community.
- Our Community Committee leads the conversation around being included in the “Arts Trail” and the development of the concept.

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- Our International Committee engages our local indigenous and international communities to assist with the project and have input into the development of the concept.
- Our Membership Committee liaises with the social clubs to supply the workforce to complete the project.
- Our Vocational Committee co-ordinates all the skills required to complete the project.
- Our Fundraising Committee sources the required funding.
- Our Youth Committee coordinates child care and organises entertainment.

This recommendation was put to the board.

The Board commit to undertaking a “Diagnostic Reset”.

The Board adopts three principles upon which all projects are based upon.

The Board present these recommendations to the Club with the view of undertaking a Strategic Planning session to further develop the Reset.

***PP Garry Higgins OAM PHF***

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## ***Youth Committee***

I am sad to report that nearly all our youth projects were postponed last year.

We did however continue our long tradition of sponsoring two scholarships at both MEC and Highview, to the value of \$500 to each school.

While we are not provided with any of the awardees details, the awards are dedicated to the following two outstanding rotarians.

This is the information on our Rotary Scholarships that we presented last year.

### ***Charles Mowbray Art Scholarship***

Charles Mowbray came to Maryborough as the manager of the E S & A Bank (now known as the ANZ bank) in the sixties, joining Rotary in 1965. Charles and wife Patricia had 4 sons, all of whom were educated at the Maryborough High School. Charles was a highly respected member of the community and a dedicated Rotarian who was very interested in the Arts. It was Charles who fostered the annual Rotary Art Show. Charles was Treasurer of Maryborough Rotary from 1971 to 1976 and was recognized a Paul Harris Fellow in 1991. This Scholarship is awarded for artistic excellence to a VCE student.

### ***Doug Hutchinson Community Builder Scholarship***

Doug came to Maryborough as the Vice-Principal of the Maryborough High School and was particularly keen to ensure that local youth had access to quality education. He worked tirelessly in this endeavour and was highly regarded within the local community and Rotary. He worked in many Rotary projects, particularly those involving the youth of the local area. Doug was President of Maryborough Rotary for the 1977/78 year and was recognised as a Paul Harris Fellow. Doug enjoyed lawn bowls in his leisure time and his wife Jean was the first lady president of the Maryborough Highland Society. This Scholarship is awarded to assist a student at any year level who displays exemplary behaviour and ongoing commitment to the values of Maryborough Education Centre and the wider school community.

The **Paul Harris Fellow** recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have had contributions made in their name, of US\$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation. Both Charles Mowbray and Doug Hutchinson were recognized as Paul Harris Fellows by the Rotary Club of Maryborough.

We also worked on a community police road safety project which involved year 11 Maryborough Education Centre students. Jackie Dellavedova PHF, representing Rotary worked with Superintendent Donna Mitchell to steer this important project to a successful conclusion, raising community awareness to improve our local road safety outcomes and accident statistics.



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We donated book packs to the council family support centre for young families to increase opportunities around reading development for young people.

Derrick Marsden continued the great work of Rotary providing books to new mothers at the Maryborough Hospital. Thank you Derrick.

***Shane Dellavedova***