



Rotary Club of Warrnambool Inc.

District 9780

Annual Report

2018-2019



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**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT, BARRY RASSIN**

District Governor, Anthony Ohlsen

President, Michael Boyd

# Snapshot of the 2018/2019 Rotary Year

- *This year our volunteers contributed 5157 hours of service which is equivalent to \$100,000 to various community and international charities*
- *Gate keeping duties at the Warrnambool Agricultural Society Show*
- *Assistance throughout the Eisteddfod*
- *Supported Relay for Life with a BBQ and donation*
- *Sponsored Foodshare by weekly contributions of food and payment of insurance for their truck*
- *Management of another successful Father of the Year function*
- *Sponsorship of Standing Tall*
- *Conducted various yard clean-ups*
- *Provided homeless people with bathroom facilities in partnership with Rotary Daybreak*
- *Gate keeping at the Reid Oval for the Warrnambool Football Club home games*
- *Hosted two very successful fashion parades*
- *Updated items in the Camp Quality cabin*
- *Recognition dinner for Surfside Caravan Park Staff for care of the Camp Quality cabin*
- *Provided volunteers at the Port Fairy Folk Festival*
- *Received a Rotary Foundation global grant of \$3,000 towards PNG projects*
- *\$4,000+ contribution made by the Club to Rotary Foundation*
- *Raised Club profile through improved social media and support from local media*
- *Donated \$1,000 to Interplast*
- *Donated \$500 to Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM)*
- *Hosted exchange students from Denmark and France, with one outbound student going to France*
- *Sponsored two young people to attend RYLA*
- *Sponsored of the Warrnambool and Moyne Youth Achiever Awards*
- *Sponsored the Great South Coast Science and Engineering Challenge*
- *Sponsored a young person to attend the National Youth Science Forum*
- *Sponsored three young people to attend the Defying the Drift program*
- *Conducted another successful Goods and Services Auction which raised over \$25,000*
- *Coordinated tree planting at Logan's Beach car park in partnership with Rotary Daybreak and the Clontarf Academy*
- *Hosted an International Friendship Exchange team from District 5550 in central Canada*
- *Planning commenced on the Ted King Park upgrade*
- *10 members enjoyed a great weekend in the Bellarine*
- *Three successful District Grants totalling \$9,000 from RC Daybreak, RC Geelong and RC Warrnambool for the PNG Project*
- *Our Youth, Community, International, Foundation and Vocational programs all delivered on the plans established at the beginning of the year*
- *Completed 100 "Days for Girls" packs to go schoolgirls in PNG.*
- *Our PNG team was successful in putting down 5 water bores and deepened another; set up 2 tank stands with 2 x 5000 litre tanks on the stands; set up a 6 panel solar array; installed a solar submersible pump; installed a new hand pump; laid 150 metres of poly pipe, fitting taps to the poly pipe; set up a sky hydrant water filtration system in a school; followed up on two students from a remote village being sponsored by the Club*
- *Presented a Vocational Award of Excellence to the Warrnambool Men's Shed*
- *Sponsored the "No Open Defecation Project" in Chennai, India*

President	Michael Boyd
President-Elect	David Brown
Immediate Past President	Trevor Williams
Secretary	Sharon Stark
Assistant Secretary	Gerry Russell-Delaney
Treasurer	Terry O'Neill
Club Service	Delia Jenkins
Community	Trevor Williams
International	Tony Austin
Vocational	Malcom Price
Youth	Rachel Furnell
Public Image	Richard Hawker
Foundation	Ann Donaldson
Membership	Brian Trenery

## ROTARY CLUB OF WARRNAMBOOL PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

2017-2018	John Hunt	2006-2007	Mary Fitzgerald	1994-1995	Ken Armstrong
2016-2017	Brian Trenery	2006-2007	Keith McLeod	1993-1994	Eric Williams
2016-2017	Ian Cairns	2005-2006	John Stuckey	1993-1994	Richard Hawker
2016-2017	Alan Bowes	2005-2006	Geoff Williams	1992-1993	Iris Bickley
2015-2016	Michael Boyd	2005-2006	Max Smart	1992-1993	Brian Williams
2014-2015	Jenny Trenery	2003-2004	John Moir	1990-1991	John Reid
2014-2015	John Nisbet	2003-2004	Ian Armstrong	1990-1991	Keith McLeod
2014-2015	Bunny Hinchcliff	2002-2003	Tonia Mizzi	1990-1991	Jack Douglas
2013-2014	Doug Maclean	2002-2003	John Beks	1990-1991	Ron Rauert
2013-2014	Judy Ross	2002-2003	Graeme Ross	1989-1990	Reg Sobey
2012-2013	Janet Blackley	2000-2001	John Harris	1988-1989	Ted King
2012-2013	Tony Austin	2000-2001	Brian Trenery	1988-1989	Ted Wilson
2011-2012	Kate Williams	1999-2000	Duncan Stalker	1985-1986	Morrie Amooore
2011-2012	Terry O'Neill	1998-1999	Doug Haynes	1985-1986	Arthur Elliot
2011-2012	Graeme Ross	1997-1998	Jim Dwyer	1983-1984	Ellis Bickley
2011-2012	Eric Williams	1996-1997	Jim Abraham	1982-1983	Irvine Absalom
2010-2011	Anne Adams	1996-1997	Don Dickson	1979-1980	Archie Graham
2009-2010	Ian Sadler	1995-1996	Ian Sharman	1979-1980	Jack Hazeldine
2009-2010	Gordon Curran	1995-1996	Leo Turner	1977-1978	Jim Crothers
2008-2009	Robert Cuzens	1995-1996	Leigh Noble	1973-1974	Fred Bennett
2007-2008	Val Rauert	1994-1995	Alan Bowes		

## FOUR AVENUES OF SERVICE

Alan Bowes

Keith McLeod

Brian Trenery

Ron Rauert

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



At the end of every Rotary year, we reflect on the success of our Club in addressing all areas of Rotary Service. This year our volunteers contributed 5157 hours of service which is equivalent to \$100,000 donated to various community and international charities, youth and vocational programs.

This success doesn't just happen, it is driven and planned by our Club members and led by our Board. This year we have tried to involve members in decision making through our

monthly committee meetings and I have been blessed with a committed and hard-working group of Directors. I don't intend to review each of the programs as the annual report in front of you provides a report from each Director. Our Youth, Community, International, Foundation and Vocational programs have all delivered on the plans we established at the beginning of the year.

Club Service is an area that often gets overlooked when we review our year. I want to emphasise how important the hard work that is required to make our Club operate effectively. We should not take for granted the work our members do every week to keep the wheels turning. I wish to acknowledge our Secretary, Sharon; our Treasurer, Terry; our Assistant Secretary, Gerry; our Bulletin editor, George who have worked away every week between meetings to enable our Club to function properly. Every member does their bit by being part of our roster and this is important in sharing the load, but the daily management of the Club falls to a few, and I thank you for your outstanding contribution during the year.

Our membership has grown during the year despite the sad passing of three members Jane, Iris and Eric and the transfer of Karina to Perth. I welcome our new members this year – George, Glenn, Jen, Chris, Cathy and Wilma; you bring with you a new perspective and we look forward to you providing leadership to us all in the future.

We must continue working hard to make our Club attractive to new members and continue to invite prospective members to come to a meeting or activity and encourage them to join, if it suits them. I repeat the slogan that Brian has used throughout the year "Membership is everyone's responsibility". Our survey at the beginning of the year showed that we are proud of our Club, so let's share it with others.

Thank you for the honour and opportunity to be your President for a second time, I am proud of what we achieved and I think you should be too. I invite you all to renew and refresh your efforts to support David and his new Board during 2019/20, the 90<sup>th</sup> year that our Club has been active in our community.

Michael Boyd

**President**

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

My third year as Secretary has run smoothly, and I feel comfortable that the Club is compliant from a governance perspective. I would like to thank President Michael Boyd for his support throughout the year as well as Board members for their continued support and regular reporting and attendance at Board meetings. A very capable Gerry Russell-Delaney will be taking on the role of Secretary next year and I would like to wish her all the best in her new role.

### MEETINGS

The majority of our meetings are held at the Warrnambool Football and Netball Club, Cramer Street, Warrnambool, where we have also conducted our monthly Board meetings. A varied selection of guest speakers provided interest and members continue to enjoy each other's fellowship. Monthly Club Assemblies were held to ensure regular planning was conducted throughout the year.

During the year a number of meetings were held at other sites throughout the Warrnambool community. These include: Father of the Year function at the City Memorial Bowls Club; Surfside Caravan Park for a Camp Quality Cabin thank you function; Rural Urban Night at Wangoom; Christmas picnic at Lake Pertobe; Rural Urban Night at St Brigids in Crossley; fundraising dinner at Alan Lane Pavilion for the Girl Tok PNG program; Images Restaurant; computer workshop at Brauer College; May Race Day meeting with Warrnambool Rotary Daybreak; Workplace visit at Men's Shed; Coast FM Radio Station (July).

### ATTENDANCE

We have enjoyed fellowship with Rotarians from other Clubs and members frequently invite family and friends along to meetings. Exchange students, Janick Palm from Denmark and Lea Constantin from France attended many of our meetings and members enjoyed their presentations and hearing about their adventures in Australia.

### LEGALITIES

The Club is registered as a Fundraiser with the Department of Consumer Affairs. The Club has an annual audit and the income and expenditure is monitored by reporting annually to Consumer Affairs Victoria.

The Club has renewed its Declaration Status as a Community and Charitable Organisation for the next 10 years expiring in 2029. This allows us to conduct raffles and fundraising events subject to the Gambling Regulation Act 2003.

Semi-annual returns to Rotary International have been submitted in a timely manner and all fees have been paid.

The Club is compliant with insurance requirements, which also include adherence to a Child Safe Standards policy which is aligned to current Victorian legislation. All members have read and signed the Code of Conduct and have a current Working with Children Check. Geraldine Russell-Delaney has continued in her role as the Club's Youth Protection Officer and has done a great job monitoring and updating these records.

## BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings have been held regularly to manage the day-to-day issues for the Club. The meetings have been well attended and regular reports have been provided to members on decisions made at Board level.

## LEADERSHIP FOR COMING YEAR

Next year's leadership group will be ably led by David Brown with the following Board members: Past President, Michael Boyd ; Vice President, Malcom Price; President Elect, Louise Brennan; Secretary, Gerry Russell-Delaney; Assistant Secretary and Youth Protection Officer, (TBC); Treasurer, Terry O'Neill; Community, Delia Jenkins; Foundation, Brian Trenery; International, Tony Austin; Youth, Glenn Brotchie; Vocational, Ann Donaldson; Membership, (TBC); Club Service, Anne Adams; Public Image, (TBC)

Sharon Stark

**Secretary**

## TREASURERS REPORT

*Fund Raising Committee: Tony Austin, Alan Bowes, Graeme Ross, Mary Fitzgerald, David Brown, Anne Adams, Marie Bennett, Louise Brenna, Ann Donaldson, Glenn Brochie, Jen Williams, Terry O'Neill.*

Along with this report are the reconciled Projects & Administration, Profit & Loss reports as at 1 May 2019 showing a very healthy outcome from the Club's activities and fundraising efforts throughout the year.

### HOW DO WE OBTAIN THESE FUNDS

The Club managed to sell all but a few of the 3000 tickets provided to our Club, in the Ballarat South Car raffle.

We provided door keeping and ushering support for one of the music marquees at the Port Fairy Folk Festival.

We ran two very successful and fun fashion parades, coinciding with the Melbourne Spring Racing Carnival and our own Warrnambool May Races.

We provided gate and ticket box keepers for the Warrnambool Agricultural Society Show.

Camp Quality provided support for upgrades to our Camp Quality Cabin.

We had a number of successful BBQ events including a Bunnings BBQ, Essential Services Expo BBQ and three May race morning breakfast BBQ's at the Discovery Parks Caravan Park.

Our Club has also provided gatekeepers at the Reid Oval for the Warrnambool Football Club home games and also a HFL interleague game.

We've received Telstra naming rights sponsorship for the Science, Engineering & Technology Challenge.

Many donations have been received from both businesses and individuals for our Papua New Guinea Projects (water, Girl Tok and student sponsorship) along with a grant contribution.

The money spinner's, swindle and fines continue to provide a small but very useful income.

Our major fundraiser for the year will be our Annual Dinner Auction, which will be held on the 1 June at the City Memorial Bowls club with the South West Credit Union providing sponsorship for this event.

The funds from this event will help support our programs in the new Rotary year and the major beneficiary in 2018/19 was the Special Development School.

Thanks to all Club members for their participation in these fund-raising activities, allowing the Club to support the local community and our many Club programs.

Terry O'Neill

**Treasurer**

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**Profit & Loss Statement**

1/07/2018 To 1/05/2019

Income		
Income Club	\$25,050.00	
Income Members	\$11,850.00	
Other Income	\$13,867.10	
Total Income		\$50,767.10
Gross Profit		\$50,767.10
Expenses		
Meals/Dinners	\$21,566.97	
Swindle	\$792.00	
Football Club Membership	\$420.00	
Expenses Members	\$10,381.94	
Expense General Administration	\$1,909.84	
Public Relations	\$767.87	
Other Expenses	\$13,857.00	
Total Expenses		\$49,695.62
Operating Profit		\$1,071.48
Total Other Income		\$0.00
Other Expenses		
Depreciation Expense	\$903.90	
Total Other Expenses		\$903.90
Net Profit/(Loss)		\$167.58

This report includes Year-End Adjustments.

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## Rotary Warrnambool Projects Account

### Profit & Loss Statement

1/07/2018 To 1/05/2019

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Income	
Community Service	\$6,200.86
Youth Exchange	\$6,660.00
Nat. Youth Science Forum	\$1,500.00
Defying The Drift	\$250.00
International Service	\$10,853.22
Vocational Service	\$5,902.00
Fund Raising	\$22,565.85
Foundation	\$2,229.65
Total Income	\$56,161.58
Gross Profit	\$56,161.58
Expenses	
Community Service	\$14,216.74
National Youth Science Forum	\$3,150.00
Rotaract Club	\$156.50
Youth Exchange Inwards	\$5,434.14
Youth Exchange Outwards	\$200.00
RYLA	\$1,100.00
RABS - Nth Qland Flood Dist.	\$500.00
Defying The Drift	\$850.00
W'bool Young Achiever	\$800.00
International Service	\$19,333.13
Vocational Service	\$9,236.00
Fund Raising	\$3,229.52
Foundation	\$6,886.35
Total Expenses	\$65,092.38
Operating Profit	-\$8,930.80
Other Income	
Interest Income	\$1,084.83
Total Other Income	\$1,084.83
Other Expenses	
Audit Expense	\$225.50
Total Other Expenses	\$225.50
Net Profit/(Loss)	-\$8,071.47

This report includes Year-End Adjustments.

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## CLUB SERVICE

*Committee: Judy Ross, Ian Cairns, Trevor Williams, John Hunt, Jim Hanrahan, Ron Bishop, Chris Stebbing, Graeme Ward, Svet Lineham, John Beks, Louise Keogh, Malcom Price, Gerry Russell-Delaney, Ian Sharman, Ravi Ganeshalingam, Janet Blackley.*

## ATTENDANCE

Duties on the attendance table have been shared amongst all Club members. This has enabled an increased capacity to rotate and share jobs on the roster. A guidelines sheet was developed which gives everyone step by step instructions on how to manage this role. The use of the EFTPOS machine has now become common practice and a summary sheet is provided to the President at the end of every meeting to announce attendance numbers including apologies, guests and those who didn't remember to notify their absence. This is also published weekly in the bulletin.

As before, David Brown and his ever-efficient assistant Annmarie at SouthWest Credit, are to be sincerely thanked for their invaluable assistance in receiving apologies and notification of guests, then passing the information on to the Football Club and our Assistant Secretary.

## PROGRAMME

Programme director Graeme Ward, ably assisted by John Beks, has provided us with a variety of very engaging guest speakers over the year. This year President Michael has made the first meeting of each month a Club Assembly rotating between service groups and committee groups. This has given members a greater opportunity to become involved in their respective committees.

## CATERING

Our ongoing thanks to the Warrnambool Football Club for their flexibility with the varying numbers attending meetings and the special dietary requests; the meals provided have generally been well received. We have also had a number of meetings off site with catering provided either by another group (Friends of St Brigids etc) or Club members (ClubRunner training night at Brauer College). Thank you to those who contributed.

## SERGEANT, FINES AND SWINDLE

Sergeant Ian Cairns has run our meetings smoothly and successfully, often combining the roles of sergeant and fines-master. His relaxed and organised approach ensures we run on time and everyone feels included.

Fines sessions are not always conducted, depending on the timeframe and nature of the meeting. Our thanks go to Ian, Trevor, Mal and John for their creative sessions. It was noted this year that members only needed to contribute once per session even if announced for multiple indiscretions.

Robbie Blackmore has continued to run the popular swindle, with members always willing to try their luck.

## RISK MANAGEMENT

Thanks to Malcom Price for his ongoing attention to Risk Management and ensuring everything is up to date in this area.

## YOUTH PROTECTION

Our Youth Protection Officer, Gerry Russell-Delaney keeps this registry up to date and ensures all new Club members are aware of the Club's Child Safe Standards and have a current Working with Children Check.

## CLUB HISTORY

Club Historian Ian Sharman continues his work quietly in the background, diligently keeping record of our Club. This year is our 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday and Ian will work closely with the sub-committee to ensure our celebrations are an accurate reflection of the past 90 years.

## PROPERTY

The assets register is up to date and our weekly properties roster has worked well with the introduction of a laminated instruction sheet to ensure all members, especially new members, are aware of the equipment that needs to be set up each week. The number to the key box is now published in the Bulletin next to the properties rostered names.

## ROSTER

The roster is now being completed approximately 6 weeks in advance and published via email in ClubRunner and paper copies put on the dinner tables each week. This has been well received by all members giving everyone plenty of notice of their duties and time to organise swaps if needed.

Delia Jenkins

**Director, Club Service**

## ROTARY SPEAKER PROGRAM

Topic	Date	Speaker
Club Assembly	3/7/18	
The Journey of a Lost Manuscript	10/7/18	Lorraine Smith
Mapping with Drones	17/7/18	Blake Allan
Bee Keeping	24/7/18	Bernie Reid
Community Emergency Response Team	31/7/18	Andrea Vallance
Club assembly	7/8/18	
2018 PNG Project Report	14/8/18	Tony Austin
District Governor Visit	12/9/17	DG Ray Herbert
New Exchange Student Presentations	21/8/18	Janick Palm and Lea Constantin
Father of the Year Breakfast	29/8/18	
Club Assembly	4/9/18	Community Service Committees
Vision Australia	11/9/18	Ellen Greaghan
Clontarf Academy	18/9/18	Michael Riddle
District Governor Visit	25/9/18	DG Anthony Ohlsen
Club Assembly	2/10/18	Club Service Committees
'Women in Rotary or Not?'	9/10/18	John Beks and Ian Sharman
First Female Member of the Club - Experiences	16/10/18	Sr Rose Glennen
Camp Quality Cabin Thank You	23/10/18	Meeting at Surfside Caravan Park
Defy the Drift Leadership Program	30/10/18	Defy the Drift
Melbourne Cup Night	6/11/18	Rural Urban Night, Wangoom
Villers-Bretonneux, France ANZAC Service 2018	13/11/18	Robert Dart and students
'On the Couch' with John Hunt	20/11/18	John Hunt and George McLeod
'Girl Tok' PNG Project	27/11/18	Fundraising Dinner Alan Lane Pavillion
Club Assembly	4/12/18	Community Service Groups
Outbound Exchange Student Presentation	11/12/18	Monique Forbes
Picnic at Lake Pertobe	18/12/18	Christmas Celebration
Club Assembly	8/1/19	Club Service Groups
Youth Exchange Mini Safari	15/1/19	Louise Keogh
Guyett's Funerals	22/1/19	Adam Jones
St Brigid's Crossley	29/1/19	Rural Urban Night
Club Assembly	5/2/19	Committee meetings
Amnesty International – Conflict Resolution	12/2/19	Colleen Bolte – Amnesty International
Rotary Peace Scholarship Awardee	19/2/19	Catherine Reid
'Still Here: Polio Survivors in Australia'	26/2/19	Stephanie Cantrill
Club Assembly	5/3/19	Making the Club Work Effectively
National Youth Science Forum	12/3/19	Emily Reid
Club Membership Survey Results	19/3/19	Brian Trenery
National Youth Science Forum	26/3/19	Youth Achiever Awardee's
Club Assembly	2/1/19	Club Service Groups
Update on Indigenous Affairs in Warrnambool	9/4/19	Locky Eccles
ClubRunner Training	16/4/19	Richard Hawker
The Story of Harold Balding	23/4/19	Ian Sharman
Race Breakfast with Rotary Daybreak	2/5/19	Rotary Breakfast Meeting
Exchange Student Presentation	7/5/19	Janick Palm, Denmark
RYLA	14/5/19	Rachel Furnell
Workplace Visit – Warrnambool Men's Shed	21/5/19	Presentation from Attendees
Financial Traps for Seniors	28/5/19	Mark, People's Choice Credit Union
Exchange Student Farewell	4/6/19	Lea Constantin, France
Selling Rotary	11/6/19	Brian Trenery

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

*Committee: Ian Cairns, Richard Hawker, Keith McLeod, Alan Bowes, Robyn Blackmore, Sharon Stark, Glenn Brochie, Paul Forbes, Brian Trenery, Terry O'Neill, Cathy Bligh. .*

Over the past 12 months the Rotary Club of Warrnambool has been busy with community service activities. Thanks to members and Friends of Rotary for their assistance and volunteering countless hours to ensure the success of the Club's activities.

The following is a brief summary of the community service activities our Club has been actively involved in.

### BARBEQUES

This year we have numerous BBQ's. A very special thankyou to Tony Austin and all his helpers on the great result the Club has achieved with all the BBQ's.

- State Emergency BBQ at Lake Pertobe.
- Two Bunnings BBQ's
- Three Discovery Parks BBQ's
- BBQ for Muscular Dystrophy at the Showgrounds.

### SHOW GATES

Ticket box and gate keeping duties were once again taken on by Club members and Friends of Rotary over the one day. Thanks to all those involved in coordinating this event.

### EISTEDDFOD

We again assisted with door keeping duties at the Eisteddfod, thanks to Tony Austin for handling the rosters.

### WARRNAMBOOL & DISRICT FOODSHARE

The Club has assisted Foodshare by paying their truck insurance premium, along with individual member weekly food contributions.to the food share bin. Many thanks to Andrea Sampson for making the weekly drop offs to Foodshare.

### FATHER OF THE YEAR (FOTY)

Thankyou to Ian Cairns and his committee for coordinating another successful Father of the Year event. Congratulations goes to Father of The Year winner Adrian Hallam of Port Fairy

### YARD CLEANUPS

The Club has assisted with a number of yard cleanups at the request of Brophy Family & Youth Services and Lifeline. Thanks to Ian Cairns for coordinating these yard clean-ups and also the members that gave their time.

## FOOTBALL GATES

Members manned the gates for the Warrnambool Football Club home games and received \$300 per game.

## CAMP QUALITY CABIN



This ongoing Club Project with a Camp Quality cabin is provided by the Club for the use of families of children with cancer. Ongoing maintenance is carried out by the Club and bookings and cleaning done by staff at Surfside Caravan Park. This year the Club provided a BBQ dinner for staff at the Surfside Caravan in appreciation for their help over the many years the cabin has been in their care. Thanks to Richard Hawker for his ongoing commitment to this Project.



## TREE PLANTING

In partnership with Rotary Daybreak and the Clontarf Academy, the Club coordinated planting of trees at Logan's Beach carpark.



*Tree Planters at Logan's Beach Car Park*

## CAR RAFFLE

Raffle tickets were again sold throughout the Warrnambool area and at the caravan parks. Thanks to all members for the many hours involved in selling these tickets.



*Raffle ticket sellers at Surfside Caravan Park*

## COMMUNITY CARE PROJECT

The Community Care Project was conducted over the January and February months and aims to provide homeless people with bathroom facilities. Members of Rotary Daybreak and our Club were rostered on Sundays to assist with this project.

## RELAY FOR LIFE

Our Club supported Relay for Life through a financial donation and a number of members walked for the cause. We also set up a marquee for a social evening at the Relay for Life venue.

## FASHION PARADES

Two very successful fashion parades were held during the year, with plans already in place for next year. A big “well done” to Cathy Bligh, Joan Austin, Anne Adams, Louise Keogh and the team for putting together these fun and successful events.



*George McLeod doing his thing on the catwalk*

## PORT FAIRY FOLK FESTIVAL



Thanks to David Brown for once again coordinating the roster for this event and well done to all who volunteered for ushering duties in Tent 1. Although this is a ten-hour commitment per volunteer, most would agree that this voluntary experience is an enjoyable one.

## ONGOING COMMITMENTS

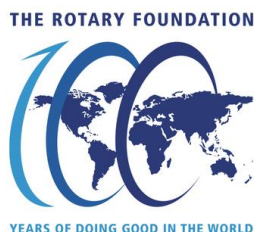
- The Ted King Park upgrade
- Camp Quality Cabin at Surfside Caravan Park.
- Upgrade of the wishing well at Surfside Caravan Park.

Trevor Williams

**Director, Community Service**

## ROTARY FOUNDATION

*Committee: John Hunt, Mary Fitzgerald, Ron Bishop, Janet Blackley, Marie Bennett.*



**Catherine Reid** spoke about her studies and time in Canada as part of a Peace Exchange and how the friendships and contacts she made in Canada and her Rotary host families have lasted for many years. Through friendship and exchanges we are exposed to other cultures and traditions and beliefs that can truly foster a more peaceful world.

**Colleen Bolte** from the Warrnambool Amnesty International. In Rotary, February is Peace and Conflict Prevention and Resolution month.

Through our service projects, peace fellowships and scholarships, our members are taking action to address the underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, inequality, ethnic tension, lack of access to education and unequal distribution of resources.

Through academic training, study and practice, the Rotary Peace Centres programme develops leaders who become catalysts for peace and conflict prevention and resolution in their communities and around the globe.

Colleen Bolte is one of the founding members of the Warrnambool Branch of Amnesty International, a group which has been operating for 33 years.

Colleen has been a staunch human rights advocate, and is an active member of the club, holding responsibilities over the time in a wide number of club positions.

**Stephanie Cantrill** spoke to us about Polio in Australia. Since 1988 the Global Polio eradication initiative has:

- Reduced the incidence of Polio by 99%
- Reduced the number of Polio endemic countries from 125 to 4
- Changed the number of children paralysed by Polio each day from 1000 to 3
- This is the most significant Rotary project since Rotary was established

This is a disease that is with sufferers all their life. It may seem to sometimes “heal” but there can often be a recurrence of the debilitating symptoms again later in life.

Rotarians are very aware of the role we play in the eradication of this life changing disease. By donating to Foundation we continue to be the leaders in the fight of the disease. The Club has donated \$4,000.00 this year to Foundation. We have also had more than \$1000 extra donated by Rotarians filling the Centurion Tubes, well done!!

Ann Donaldson

**Director, Rotary Foundation**

## MEMBERSHIP

*Committee: Steve Giddens, Rachel Furnell, Duncan Stalker, Ron Bishop, Bunny Hinchcliffe, Paul Forbs, Keith McLeod, George McLeod, Robyn Blackmore, Jane Chislett.*

Clubs around the world approach membership in very different ways. Recognizing and acting on the unique needs, customs, and changes in our communities will enhance our ability to bring in new members and inspire existing ones.

Strong membership enables clubs to do good in local communities and around the world. A strong membership also raises the public's awareness of Rotary and increases support for The Rotary Foundation and its programs.

A Club assessment is crucial to keeping your current members engaged and active while also ensuring your Club is attractive to prospective members, that is why this year, we undertook a Members Satisfaction Survey to assess the Club's efficiencies. Results of that survey were pleasing with only four recommendations being generated from it. All four recommendations were implemented as promised to members.

One important matter that did come from the satisfaction survey is that we need to reflect greater diversity in our membership to better represent our community. We have a need to encourage more people from different cultures, and backgrounds to join us in our Rotary work.

In each of the weekly bulletins this year were published a "Membership Moment" a short paragraph relating to membership issues. These served as a constant reminder that membership is the responsibility of everyone and that membership is a dynamic process.

At the commencement of this Rotary year, the membership target was to induct and retain six (6) new members. In recruiting them, we were successful in finding excellent and vibrant members of our community.

At the same time, we were saddened at the passing of three esteemed members in Jane Chislett, Iris Bickley and Eric Williams. Jane had been a member since March 2010 and although she found it difficult to attend all meetings and working sessions, Jane worked passively for children with difficulties and took great interest in Rotary friendships.

Iris was the widow of PDG Ellis Bickley and was at his side for all Rotary activities all over the world. Iris went on to continue her Rotary work and many community involvements after Ellis' passing, often opening her home to Rotary functions and friends including Past R.I. Presidents. Eric Williams passed away on Sunday 28 April. Eric was a key member in our Rotary Club for over 46 years. He introduced many new ideas to our Club, mixed with his cheeky sense of humour and fun. Eric was a Past President (1990/91), a Paul Harris Fellow and recently an Honorary Member of our Club.

"Friends of Rotary" form an important part of our membership, enabling us to have available, extra hands for work and friendships. We recognise their involvement and appreciate all they have to offer.

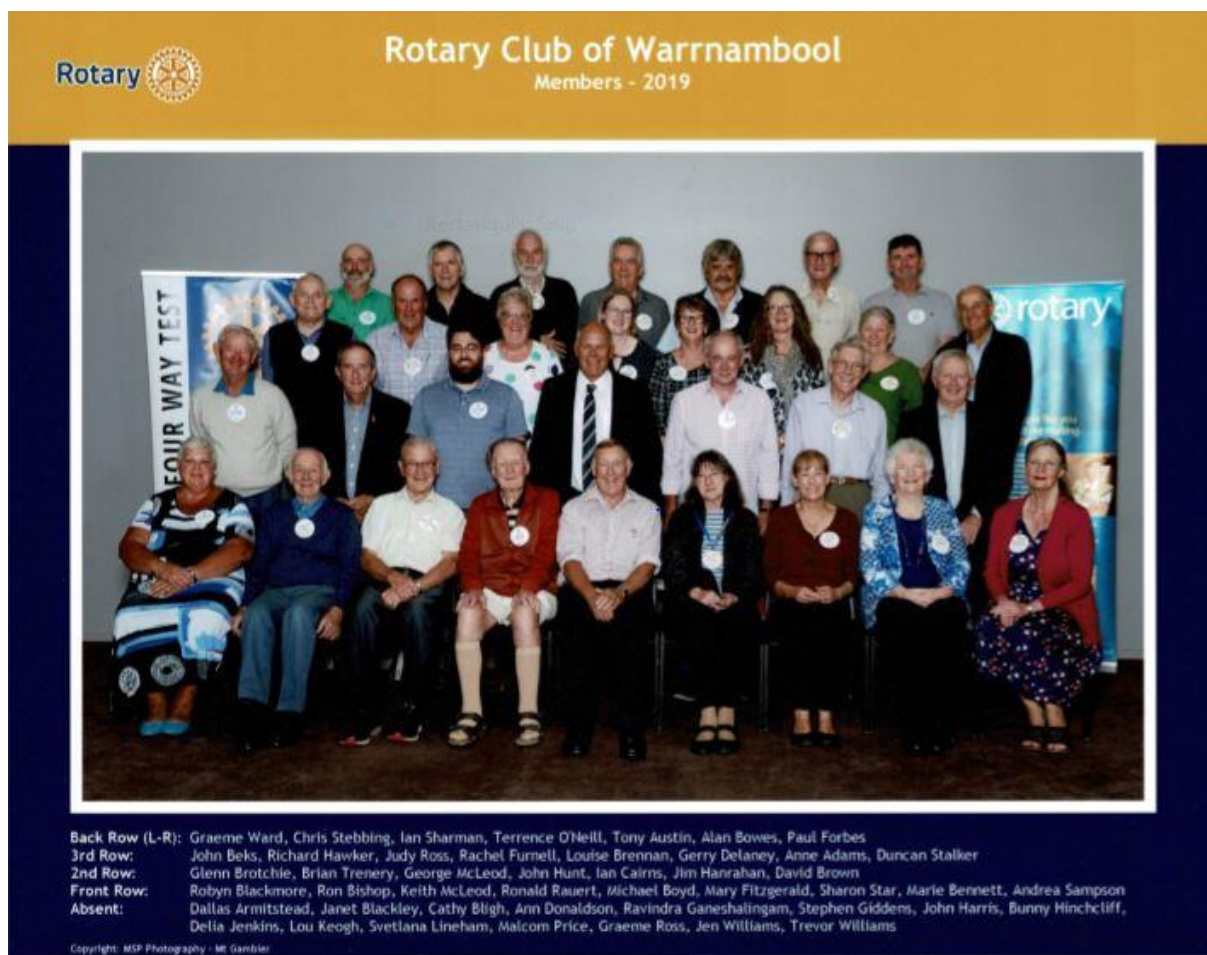
I wish to thank President Michael for his leadership over the past twelve months and I appreciate the confidence in letting me loose with membership development.

I wish President Michael well for the future and look forward to the leadership of incoming President, David Brown.

**“Membership is Everyone’s Responsibility”**

PDG Brian Trenery

**Director, Membership**



## PUBLIC IMAGE

*Committee: Sharon Stark, Andrea Sampson, Cathy Bligh, George McLeod.*

As the Public Image Director for 2018-2019, it once again gives me great pleasure in presenting this annual report. All community clubs that appeal for public assistance, need to inform and report to the broader public. They should be told what we are doing, where our money is being spent and what projects we have undertaken both local and overseas. We are judged on our achievements.

Once again, when approached, we have had great support from 3YB and the Warrnambool Standard. We now have the opportunity to use 3WAY-FM which gets us to a new market. The city signs are available to us to use also. They are also a great way to get a message across to the mobile public.

Social media is a great tool to tell a story to its readers. A lot of these people don't subscribe to traditional forms of advertising and communication. We have had tremendous success with our Facebook page informing the public about our Club, its members and what we are doing. Thanks to Sharon for keeping our Facebook story on the right track with great support from Rachel, Gerry and George. We have had tremendous interest in the posts they have created. Unfortunately, during the year our Club lost the services of Karina who moved to Perth. Fortunately, we had new Rotarians step up to take over this important task of the Bulletin. Our Club Bulletin has maintained its excellent standard of communication to our members and others. We now have two new scribes to fill the vacancies of members who have left or doing other Club roles. Thanks to Glen and George for accepting the important roles as Bulletin scribes and editors. Our resident scribes, Sharon, Delia, Rachael, Gerry and Svet continue to do a fantastic job.

ClubRunner continues to be a great Rotary tool for us to use, however it is not used to its fullest extent. We had a Club meeting devoted to ClubRunner. Sharon and Delia did a great job delivering it to members. We should do it again to reinforce to members the many features that it offers. We have just introduced business cards to those Rotarians who want to use them in their Rotary duties.

The two items that we didn't complete this year were Rotary brochures, to be left at the Tourist Information Centre, and investigating the value of our Club creating an Instagram account. This would be a challenge for the new Public Image Committee in 2019-20. We have also made an accurate message left on the answer phone when people phone the number on the Rotary Community notice signs as they enter our city.

Finally the Public Image of our Club is in the hands of all Rotarians. We have, by example, the ability to create awareness of local and international projects undertaken by our Club.

I wish President Elect David and his incoming Board an exciting and rewarding year.

Richard Hawker

**Director, Public Image**

## INTERNATIONAL

*Committee: Svetlana Lineham, Jim Hanrahan, John Beks, Graeme Ward, Judy Ross.*

As the Rotary year comes to a close, I am pleased to report that our Rotary Club has continued to support several International programs throughout the year.

### DAYS FOR GIRLS (REUSABLE FEMININE HYGIENE KITS)



While in PNG in 2018 I attended a meeting of the Oro Community Service Foundation where I raised the possibility of our Club incorporating “Days For Girls” into our 2019 aid program. This offer was met with great enthusiasm.

As a result of several working bees organised by Rotarians Svet Lineham and Ann Donaldson we have completed 100 “Days for Girls” packs.

The packs, this year, will be shared amongst the schoolgirls of Inonda Adventist, Popondetta Secondary and Martyr’s Memorial Schools. Rotarian, Ann, and the Principal of Inonda Adventist School will coordinate their distribution

## INTERPLAST

Club members continue to donate via the weekly flask at meetings and we were able to forward \$1000 to Interplast. These funds are used to support volunteer medical staff to perform operations overseas and also provide local doctors and nurses with medical training to perform these operations.

### ROTARIANS AGAINST MALARIA (RAM)

We have continued to express our appreciation to our guest speakers by presenting them with a certificate of appreciation and a RAM badge. The certificates indicate that in lieu of a gift, one anti-malarial net is donated to a family in the Pacific islands in the name of our Rotary Club. Guest speakers often express their support of the program. I have personally seen RAM personnel delivering nets to remote villages in PNG. Our Club contributed \$500 to this project.

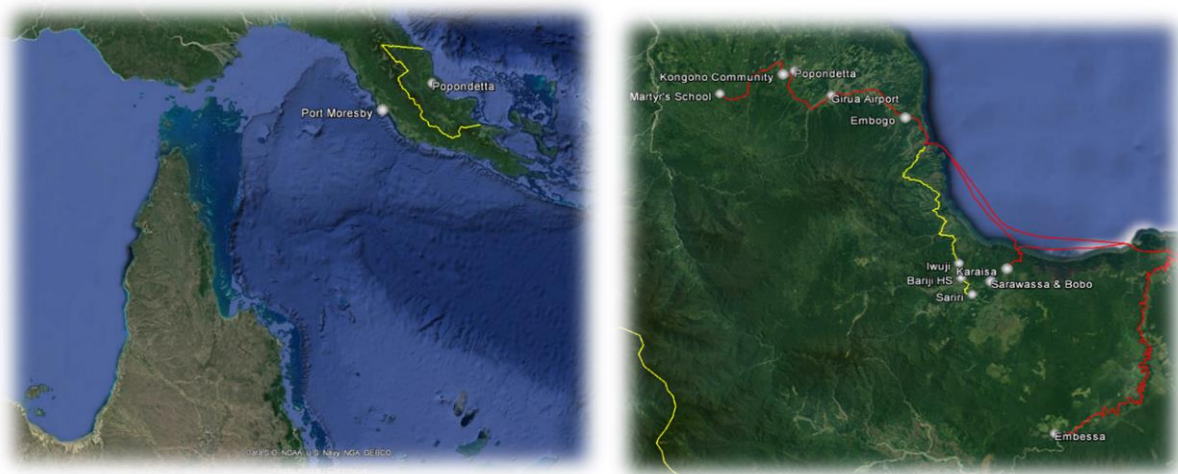
## DISTRICT GRANTS

I’m delighted to report that our application for a \$3000 District Grant for the PNG Project was successful. In actual fact there were three District Grant applications submitted for our project; ours, RC Warrnambool Daybreak and RC Geelong. Each application was successful meaning that the District Grants for the PNG Project totalled \$9000.

## PNG PROJECT – PROVIDING CLEAN WATER FOR REMOTE PNG VILLAGERS



Work locations:



The Rotary Club of Warrnambool's PNG International Humanitarian Aid Project team comprised of Tony Austin, Mal Price, Richard Wilton and Ewen Urquhart (RC Geelong). The team left for PNG on 10 July for a 24-day program. Team members all fund their own flight, food and medical costs.

The container of our tools, equipment, food and aid items left Geelong on 12 June and was due at Oro Bay (PNG) on 30 June. Unfortunately, we experienced a series of setbacks. There was a shipping crane breakdown at Newcastle which caused the container to arrive late at Lae (PNG). The Lae Custom's computer system broke down causing the container to miss two coastal transfer boats. The eventual arrival date was July 21 (12 days after we arrived). The container finally arrived at our base on July 23. 14 days were gone out of our 24-day program leaving 10 days to work and get home.

### ***Locations worked in 2018***

Kongoho, Embogo, Karaisa, Sarawassa, Bobo, Embessa and the Martyr's Memorial Secondary School.

### ***The team was successful in:***

- Putting down 5 water bores and deepened another
- Setting up 2 tank stands (built by us in Australia and sent to PNG)
- Setting 2 x 5000 litre tanks on the tank stands
- Setting up a 6 panel solar array (the panel frames were built by us in Australia and sent to PNG)
- Installing a solar submersible pump on one of our bores
- Installing a new hand pump (built by us in Australia and sent to PNG)
- Laying 150 metres of poly pipe (purchased by us and sent from Australia) from a tank we installed. Fitting stand pipes and taps to the poly pipe.
- Setting up a "SkyHydrant" water filtration system in a school
- Following up on two students from a remote village being sponsored by us through secondary school



We also distributed donated encyclopaedias, books and school requisites to several village schools.

### **Significant contributions to the 2018 PNG Project**

We received several generous donations from Mr Alan McConnell (\$5000), RC Warrnambool Daybreak (\$3000), Wannon Water (\$2000) and Mr Robert McCluggage (\$500) for the PNG Project. We have also received a pledge from Aussie Broadband (\$3000)

Alderdice, Morse Bearings, South West Tools and Industrial, Shanahan Electric Motors, Goodall Engineering, Price Electrical, Commodore Independent Energy Systems of Shepparton, Brauer College and Acme Rural Supplies have donated a considerable amount of time, tools, equipment and use of facilities for the manufacture and installation of the pumps we provide to villages in PNG.

The Warrnambool Medical Clinic donated first aid items, Mr David Crooks donated a considerable amount of school consumables, including 1000 school exercise books and Friend of Rotary Mrs Kaye Slater donated 100 hand held mirrors. These will be distributed during our 2019 trip.

## THE PNG PROJECTS GROUP

To facilitate our ongoing and extended involvement in PNG our Club has coordinated the aggregation of several organisations interested in being involved in PNG projects into a collective which is now referred to as the PNG Projects Group (PNGPG).

The PNGPG is currently a partnership of the RC Warrnambool, RC East Warrnambool, RC Warrnambool Daybreak, RC Geelong, RC Wynyard (Tasmania), RC Mount Martha, RC Boroko (PNG), Wannon Water and the Oro Community Service Foundation (OCSF).

## 2019 PNG INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN AID PROJECT

Significant planning had taken place for our Club's 2019 PNG International Aid Program. A team of four from the RC Warrnambool, one from RC Warrnambool Daybreak and two from Geelong will leave in July to continue our water provision work and assist in the rebuilding of a school's vocational education classroom.

## 2020 "FIFTY PUMPS FOR FIFTY VILLAGES"

This is an ambitious project and if it comes to fruition will be life changing. It has the potential to provide the first clean water ever for more than 50,000 remote PNG villagers.

It can only happen if we achieve sufficient sponsors, partner with more clubs and organisations and can access grant funds. It will also require us to acquire a small mobile diesel/hydraulic well boring rig.

## THE "NO OPEN DEFECATION PROJECT"

During 2018-19 the RC Warrnambool Board agreed to support a Global Grant application for a project in eastern India, south of Chennai. The project objective is to complete works that will provide every household in a small village access to a functioning toilet adjacent to their home. This would alleviate the need for villagers to use the bush or paddocks for their toileting. The Club agreed to provide \$4000 towards the cost of the project.

## HONORARY MEMBER – ELIJAH SARIGARI FROM PNG

Elijah Sarigari from Popondetta, Northern Province, Papua New Guinea became an Honorary Member of the Club this year.

### Chronological Personal Profile

- 1978 to 1983 - Primary School Education at Baruga Primary School.
- 1984 to 1987 - Secondary Education at Martyrs Memorial School. School captain in 1987 (at year 10)
- 1988 - Tertiary Education (*Cabinet Making and Joinery PETT*) at Mt Hagen Technical College.
- 1989 to 1993 - Five years apprentice training at Craftsman Furniture Company in Port Moresby.
- 1994 - Provisional teaching post at Mt Hagen Technical College. Taught cabinet making trade course for a year.



- 1995 - Apprentice Trainer and a Manager of the business arm of the Governing Council of the Mt Hagen Technical College.
- 1996 - Provisional teaching post at Mt Hagen Technical College.
- 1998 - Taught cabinet making extension courses at Mt Hagen Technical College.
- 1999 - Madang Technical College when the Cabinet Making and Joinery programs were transferred from Mt Hagen to Madang; Senior Subject Master and taught 3 blocks of extension courses.
- 2000 - Northern Province to teach Practical Skills at Martyrs Memorial Secondary School.
- 2001 to 2005 - Head of Department for Personal Development. Teacher in charge for overseas volunteers and Rotary teams who came to help the school in various projects.
- 2005 to 2012 - Seconded to Anglican Mission Education Secretary for the Popondetta Diocese. Became Head of Department for Personal Development.
  - Participated in the Anglican response to the Cyclone Guba Flush Flood disaster as a logistics officer
  - Member of the ADF relief planning and coordinating committee
  - Chairman of the NGOs group for relief supplies during and after the state of emergency
  - Chairman of the NGOs and Churches coordination group for the early recovery plan. (The early recovery plan was coordinated by the UNDP.)
  - Took a lead in the Oro Anglican Education Assessment and contributed most of the documentation of the Oro Education Recovery Plan during the state of emergency.

### **Northern Province Food Restoration Program**

Initiated the proposal for the Northern Province Food Restoration Program aftermath of the cyclone Guba disaster in corroboration with PDAL, NARI, OPIC Company, AROD, ORO Disaster Committee and University of Natural Resources.

This program was aimed at restoring food security of the province after the Cyclone Guba flood devastation across the entire province. The project concentrated on propagating high yield food crops in identified locations and distributing the plants to the communities who lost their food gardens. The estimated cost of the program was K300, 000 funded by The Kokoda Track Foundation.

The project focussed on 4 mother nurseries or resources centres and they were Ilimo, Martyrs, Dobuduru and Sariri.

#### **Ilimo Resource Centre**

Ilimo Resource Centre was established to propagate and supply plant materials to the people of Kokoda. The resource centre was visited by delegates from the Provincial Food Security, UNDP, Provincial DAL, NGOs, Churches and Women in Agriculture.

#### **Martyrs Resource Centre**

Food produced from the garden was supplied to the students mess while seeds and plant materials distributed to the surrounding communities and the people of the Central Orokaiva. Students were also encouraged to take home some of the plant materials.

### **Dobuduru Resource Centre**

The Dobuduru Resource Centre was established to supply plant materials to people of Oro Bay LLG. Later it was taken over by the Dobuduru Primary School as the school project. The students learnt agriculture through a Making a Living subject and the produce was sold at markets to raise funds for the school while the seeds were distributed to the communities by the NPFRP.

### **Sariri Village Development Project**

This project was initiated after Cyclone Guba in 2007 by the seven clan chiefs. A piece of land 25 metres x 300 metres was allocated to each of 225 household along the 1.5 kilometres x 20 metre road. At their request I took the leading role to appeal for help from Geelong Rotary Club. The club responded to our appeal and many other clubs supported with humanitarian aid materials and technical assistance to build a school, a storage shed, a guest house, solar power supply for the school, water mains for the entire village, a tractor for the community farming and a solar powered water pump for community farm irrigation. Sariri is aimed at being the model village for the rest of the disaster affected villages in the province

### **Sariri Resource Centre**

The Sariri resource centre supplied the satellite nurseries throughout the province. This is a community and a farmer-based resource centre garden.

Awarded the prestigious Royce and Jean Abby Agricultural and Vocational scholarship through the Rotary Club of Geelong. The scholarship provided training and agricultural experiences in Australia for three months from April to July 2012.

Joined Kokoda Track Foundation as a Project Officer delivering materials for schools and aid posts in the catchment areas. Worked for 3 years.

2016 to 2018 - Actively involved with The Rotary Club of Warrnambool's PNG Projects Group's work in Oro Province.

Tony Austin

**Director, International Service**

## YOUTH SERVICE

*Committee: Andrea Sampson, Louise Keogh, Louise Brennan, Steve Giddens, Duncan Stalker, Delia Jenkins, George McLeod, Jen Williams.*

### ROTARACT

President Michael Boyd and George McLeod have been attempting to invigorate Rotaract in Warrnambool and District. They have convened several Rotaract interest meetings with Eloise Simpson, Ned Chalmers, Courtney Morgan, and Astrid Sorenson being present at most meetings.

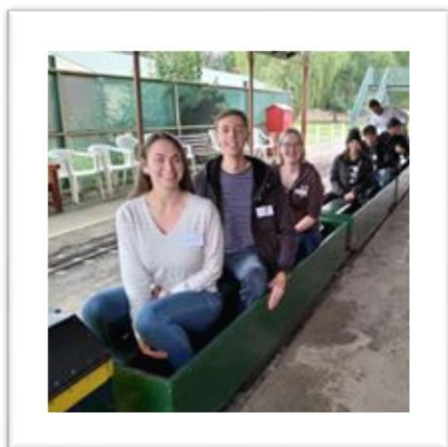
Recently George brought two friends and we played Trivia after the meeting with Harry Price who expressed interest in Rotaract after our meeting with the Youth Achievers.

Michael and George feel that we should keep organising monthly meetings until enough potential Rotaractors arrive to form a club of their own.

### RYLA – ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS

RYLA is the Rotary Youth Leadership Award, an inspiring and challenging personal development and leadership program for young people 18 to 25 years. RYLA is a residential seminar held over 6 days. It is run by a dedicated and professional team of RYLA leaders who have a passion for working with young people and seeing them develop to their fullest potential. Many of them are former RYLA participants themselves.

Many Rylarians have described RYLA as a life-changing experience that has challenged them to grow and learn more about themselves and others, giving them the skills and confidence to achieve more than they ever thought possible for themselves. Our participants Harry Price and Courtney Morgan have used the same words – amazing week, challenging, inspiring and life changing.



### RYPEN – ROTARY YOUTH PROGRAM OF ENRICHMENT

RYPEN is an amazing opportunity for young people aged 14 – 17 years to attend a weekend residential camp designed to develop their potential, self-respect, confidence, leadership,

and other life skills. This year we sent Jaydel Osborne and Jessica Lowater, both students at Brauer College.

The aims of the course are to:

- Increase self-esteem
- Develop leadership skills
- Understand and set goals
- Gain the confidence to take control of your future
- Teach life skills for further education or employment

## NYSF – NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM

This year Emily Reid (Emmanuel College) attended and had an amazing and inspired experience. The NYSF is a 12-day residential program designed to give students a broader understanding of the diverse study and career options available in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and to encourage continued studies in these fields. At the NYSF program run in January, participants were able to:

- visit science and technology related laboratories and facilities,
- go on site tours,
- listen to lectures,
- take part in workshops,
- go to social events, and
- participate in group activities that improve communication and presentation skills.



*Emily Reid talking to Club about her NYSF experiences*

## YOUTH ACHIEVER AWARDS

**Harry Price** - Warrnambool City Overall Male Winner. Harry is also our upcoming RYLA participant. Harry was nominated in 3 categories - Sport, Arts/Culture and Community/Leadership and won in the Arts/Culture section. Harry spoke about his cricket, public speaking and the school musical production achievements. He also spoke about his failures and how he found that when that happened the best way to deal with that was to get back up and keep going! Harry thanked the Rotary Club of Warrnambool for recognising this Warrnambool City's youth achievements.

**Monique Jones** - Warrnambool City Overall Female Winner. Monique managed to fit quiet a lot into 2018. Some of these were; public speaking, debating, surfing and patrolling the beach during summer, CFA volunteering. She has taken a gap year from her university course at Latrobe doing Para medicine, and is doing a traineeship at Brauer College. Monique will be playing a game of women's football on 23 June so come along! Monique thanked the Club for their ongoing support of the Youth Achiever Awards.

**Emily Bartlett** - Moyne Shire Overall Female Winner. Emily thanked the Rotary Club of Warrnambool for sponsoring the Youth Achiever Awards. Emily's focus is on swimming – Team Victoria, which led to the State and National finals. She also entered in the Lions Youth of the Year and made it to the Regional Finals.

**Alex Tamer** - Moyne Shire Overall Male Winner. Alex also had a very busy 2018. He was in year 7 at Emmanuel College and had a competitive year in debating against his older sister in competitions, she won. He participated in chess tournaments, placed 14<sup>th</sup> in the Nationals. Participated in the Rostrum's Voice of Youth, in completion with his sister – she won. Entered many competitions in maths, science and history and received distinctions and credits. He enjoys competitions. Alex thanked Rotary for their support of Youth in our community.



*Emily Bartlett and Alex Tamer*



*Harry Price and Monique Jones*

## YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM 2018-2019

The commencement of the year began with Antonia leaving us and heading back to Austria. Preparations were underway for Monique Forbes to go on her exchange, Monique was successful in getting her number one choice France.

July saw our two new exchange students arrive, Janick Palm from Denmark and Lea Constantin from France. The year has seen Janick and Lea settle into their schools Emmanuel College and Warrnambool College. Both students have had I believe a wonderful year.

We thank Phillip Ritchie from Rotary Central and Paul Forbes for being their Counsellors, plus host families Robinson's and Officer's from Rotary Central, Forbes's, Keogh's, Jellies from Rotary Central, McDonald's, Smith's and Walsh's who all volunteered their homes as non-Rotarians. We also need to acknowledge the Artz family and the Pennington's who also filled in for weekends



*Lea Constantin, Sarah Forbes and Janick Palm*

## DEFYING THE DRIFT

Defying the Drift aims to encourage, motivate and enthuse young Australian men and women to explore options, formulate goals and implement strategies to assist in their development of a career in regional and rural Australia. Students identify and explore agriculture and agribusiness career opportunities, build communication skills and develop career enhancing networks.

Four students from Brauer College were sponsored jointly by our Club and Rotary Central - Courtney Wilkinson, Molly Hocking, Cassidy Waller and Sarah McConnell. The course was

held in the September school holidays and Longereng Agricultural College. Each participant later spoke to the Club about their experiences and highlights of their time at the camp and thanked Rotary for providing the opportunity for such a great experience.

Quote from Courtney Wilkinson:

*“The defying the drift program allowed me to see some of the many different approaches to agriculture that I hadn’t even thought of. I learnt about different issues effecting different businesses and how much technology in agriculture is growing. Something I have definitely taken away from this experience is the world is much bigger then I think, and there are so many opportunities out there to improve and grow.”*



*Participants of Defying the Drift Program addressing Club members about their experiences*

Rachel Furnell

**Director, Youth Service**

## VOCATIONAL SERVICE

*Committee: Anne Adams, Bunny Hinchcliff, Graeme Ross, David Brown, Ian Sharman, Geraldine Delaney, Chris Stebbing*

The aim of the Vocational Services Committee is to promote high ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve our society.

## WORKPLACE VISITS

A workplace visit to the Warrnambool Men's Shed held on 21 May proved not only to be very interesting but also very informative. Their involvement with Council and various community groups by building equipment, toys and other objects makes their service of great importance and well respected.



Christmas trees, toys for Fun for Kids, even rotary equipment makes up some of a vast array of goods manufactured at their shed. And ladies are given a day of their own also to enable them to come together and create.

This also provided us with an opportunity to use the Alan Lane pavilion to provide and cater for our members meal prior to the shed visit. Meals and drinks raised over \$500 for the Vocational budget.

On 2 July, 3YB/Coast FM will provide our members with a great insight to the running of a radio station after a recent refurbishment. Station manager Peter Headen, who is no stranger to our club will be our tour guide for the evening. A meal at the Warrnambool Bowls Club will complete the evening with fellowship to follow.

## VOCATIONAL AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

A perfect opportunity to recognize the great achievements of the Warrnambool men's shed led on from our work place visit to the site.

Their charter, vision and mission statements have been easily exceeded from the time of inception till now.

Their achievements are not unlike Rotary's charter, coming from the needs of others, altruistic service, whilst doing what they do best.

## GREAT SOUTH COAST SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

To be held at Deakin University again on Friday 21 June, being the seventh consecutive challenge is supported by Telstra and Deakin University.

This project which is supported by the wider Rotary community, encourages a focus on science-based careers for secondary college students.

The program is designed and run by the University of Newcastle and managed by a committee involving representatives from Deakin University and Rotarians. It involves a day for Year 10 students to engage in competitive tasks requiring the use of problem-solving skills in science, technology and engineering.

Usually around seven schools from around the district attend, and it's a fun day for all concerned.

Many thanks for our coordinators in Anne Adams and Judy Ross once again for being involved.

## RURAL URBAN NIGHTS



A visit to St Bridget's Hall on 15 January was well supported by our clubs' members and guests.

John Beks gave a resounding talk of "Wogs in Cogs" (the history of his family and Dutch people in the southwest area).

After the night finished, members took the opportunity for a guided tour of the facility and church to observe the wonderful achievements carried out by the hall committee in the building rectification.

Anne Adams is working to get a keynote speaker from the dairy industry to feature in a future event. This will carry over into our new Rotary year and will help kick start the new

Vocational Director Ann Donaldson's year and also our new president in David Brown. We plan to hold the event at the City Memorial Bowls Club and look forward to involving all members and this will be a great opportunity for our Club to promote Rotary and our ability and achievements.

Malcom Price

**Director, Vocational Service**

## ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE



A visiting Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE) team from District 5550 in central Canada, was hosted by our Club as part of their visit to D9780 in March.

Having already visited Geelong and Portland, the team comprising 4 couples and 2 single ladies, was picked up at lunchtime in Port Fairy on Thursday 18 March. Hosts were free to 'do their own thing' with their guests for the rest of the day. Many chose to tour around Port Fairy, then call in at Tower Hill on the way back to Warrnambool.

Friday saw us all leave for the Grampians, visiting Dunkeld, then the Brambuk Cultural Centre in Halls Gap followed by sightseeing in and around Halls Gap. Unfortunately, the local wildlife was not very cooperative, but the weather was spectacular.

Saturday was principally a rest day with hosts and guests making their own plans until a joint dinner was held prior to the Canadian visitors going to Flagstaff Hill for the Sound and Light show.

On Sunday, another stunning day weatherwise, we all travelled to the 12 Apostles with stops along the way at the Bay of Islands, the Grotto, Peterborough, London Bridge, Port Campbell for lunch and Loch Ard Gorge. Icecream was enjoyed in Timboon on the way home.

Our final outing with our new friends, was to take them to Colac on Monday, where we met with members of their next host club, Drysdale, for lunch prior to them heading back towards Geelong.

All of the visitors had left Canada several weeks before the start of the RFE - to escape their winter temperatures of -35 to -40! Some had enjoyed cruises, some had visited New Zealand, some had already seen other parts of Australia. At the conclusion of the RFE most departed Australia within the week, however one intrepid traveller, Carol, despite some long-time medical issues, was heading off to Central Australia and beyond! A few weeks ago, we were advised that Carol, on her return to Melbourne at the end of April, had passed away in a Melbourne hotel. This was indeed a most unfortunate end to Carol's big trip Downunder, and we hope she had enjoyed our country and hospitality to the fullest prior to her untimely death. Vale Carol.

On D9780's behalf, Brian is assisting Carol's executor with all the details which need to be addressed by the relevant authorities.

Many thanks to those members who hosted our guests - Brian and Jenny, Anne, Delia, Steve and Lou, Robbie, Judy and Phillip. Thanks also to stand-in drivers Glenn and Marion, co-pilots Keith and Rachel, and those members who had offered to host but whose services were not required - Michael and Sharon, Lou and Shane, Andrea and Chris.

## SOCIAL

Robbie Blackmore provided many opportunities for Club members to socialise outside normal meeting times. We have had several Saturday morning coffee gatherings throughout the year, with visits to Mack's Snacks, Darriwill Farm and Cafe Lava. While there have not been large numbers in attendance, those who did join in, enjoyed the opportunity to get together socially. We chose to visit businesses which had supported our Dinner Auction.

In November several members and their partners travelled to Geelong and the Bellarine Peninsula for a weekend of visits to wineries, breweries and a distillery, as well as a local farmer's market, some retail therapy and a great Saturday night meal at the Little Creatures Brewery. A good weekend was had by all.



## COMBINED GROUP 5 TRIP TO PORTLAND

The four Warrnambool Clubs travelled to Portland for a day (May 5) to meet with the Portland Clubs and have a social trip around Portland. We visited the wharf and saw close up each of the wharves and loading facilities. We followed the alumina conveyor belt 5kms to inspect a Gannet colony living next to the aluminium smelter.

Lunch at the Henty bistro, a brief outline of club activities from each club president. Back on the bus for a visit to Treloar's Rose farm and a close up look at some wind farm components finished the tour and our Coach driver Brian ferried us home safely.



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SW Saw Sharpening  
A Special Gift  
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Horseland  
South West Tools and Industrial  
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Monaghans  
Kevin Paisley  
Gerry Delaney  
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Kay Slater  
Slumberworld  
Warrnambool Motor Cycles  
Surdex  
Mortlake Roadhouse  
Warrnambool Men's Hair Room  
Uniting Church  
Cri-tech Plumbing Services  
Landmark  
Welcome Computers  
eResources  
Warrnambool Eye Care  
Diana Hussey  
iTalk Travel  
South Coast Blinds and Curtains  
Active Physiotherapy  
Hire Australia

TJM Warrnambool  
 Gayle Smith Myotherapist  
 The Good Guys  
 Warrnambool Offroad ARB  
 Hip Pocket  
 Godfreys  
 East Framlingham Golf Course  
 Dynamic Lighting  
 Timboon Distillery  
 Bega Cheese Koroit  
 Warrnambool Cheese and Butter  
 Swintons IGA  
 Pitstop Menswear  
 Nutrimerics  
 Geelong Football Club  
 Henna Street Picture Framing  
 Prime TV  
 Francis Photography and Framing  
 Periwinkle Patchwork  
 Norton Motor Group  
 Peter Sandow  
 Dan Murphy  
 Warner Remedial Massage  
 Provincial Living  
 Coates Hire  
 CBA  
 Body Blitz  
 Warrnambool Block n'Pave  
 Channel 9 Ballarat  
 Dwyer Robinson Legal Service  
 George Taylor Stores  
 Heytesbury House B&B  
 Riverminka Accommodation Wangoom  
 Allansford Hotel  
 Warrnambool Locksmiths  
 BCF  
 Harris Scarfe  
 Limousines of Warrnambool  
 Lady Bay Restaurant  
 Essendon Football Club  
 G&M Auto Electrics  
 TJM Warrnambool  
 Lindsay Cottee's Autocare  
 Prime TV  
 Target  
 Darian Office Equipment and Art  
 National Warrnambool Travel  
 UniSex Cuts  
 JAX Tyres Warrnambool  
 Ocean Road Bowling  
 McDonalds  
 Westfridge  
 National Tiles  
 Lucas Brothers Butchers  
 Browns Bakery  
 Norfolk Butcher  
 The Meat Barn  
 Domino's Pizza  
 Pinky's Pizza  
 Aussie Disposals

Subway  
 Warrnambool Greyhound Racing Club  
 Mack's Snacks  
 Great Ocean Road Ten Pin Bowling  
 Mr Magic Car Wash  
 Timor Street Newsagency  
 Wines Patisserie  
 Oro Community Service Foundation  
 Rotary Club of Warrnambool Daybreak  
 Rotary Club of Geelong  
 Rotary Club of Warrnambool East  
 Rotary Club of Warrnambool (Central)  
 Rotary Club of Wynyard (Tasmania)  
 Rotary Club of Mt Martha  
 Rotary Club of Boroko (PNG)  
 Wannon Water  
 Oro Community Service Foundation (OCSF)  
 Mr Alan McConnell  
 Mr Robert McCluggage  
 Aussie Broadband  
 Alderdice  
 Morse Bearings  
 South West Tools and Industrial  
 Shanahan Electric Motors  
 Goodall Engineering  
 Commodore Independent Energy Systems of  
 Shepparton  
 Price Electrical  
 Brauer College  
 Acme Rural Supplies  
 The Warrnambool Medical Clinic  
 Mr David Crooks  
 Warrnambool Southwest Healthcare  
 Timboon & District Healthcare Service  
 Colac Area Health Aged Care Services  
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