



Rotary Club of Ipswich North
2019 - 2020
Annual Report



President Michael Byrne

Ipswich North



President Annual Report

INTRODUCTION

Let me start by acknowledging that it was an privilege to be president of the Ipswich North Rotary Club for the 2019 – 2020 year. I have been well supported by a dedicated and professional board. The board has been:

Vice-President: PP Sandra Logue

Secretary: PP Paul Saba

Treasurer: Sandra Harvey

Assistant Treasurer: PP Russell Bachmann

Rotary Foundation / Public Relations /Bulletin Editor; PP Anita Dwyer

Effective Services: Chris Avenell

Club Administration: PP Cheryl Kermond

Youth Services: Bernie Giggins

Membership / P&ESOTY: PP Richard Horne

President Elect: Kevin Rose

I became President again and again we lost our home base and we became the vagabond Rotary Club in Ipswich. First, we made the decision to leave the Ipswich Club, as it was being sold, then we found a base at The Strand Hotel and it seemed to work out fine. Then as fate would have 'mine host' Greg Morrissey decided to not renew his lease on the hotel. With no new lessee on the horizon Ipswich North Rotary once again packed its overnight bag and headed off to a new home.

Ipswich United Sport Club welcomed us in from the cold and all seemed well. Then fate struck again, this time in the form of COVID 19, forcing Ipswich United Sport Club to close its doors and we were back in the cold.

Undaunted by this setback and following the philosophy of when Life gives you lemons, make lemonade, Ipswich North Rotary new home is now virtual with meetings now being conducted over the internet via ZOOM.

ZOOM has allowed us to stay in touch and continue with our meetings during the COVID 19 crisis all in the comfort of our own homes. It has also allowed us to have guest speakers who otherwise would not be able to join us if it were not for ability for them to “ZOOM” in.

While ZOOM has served us well I personally can't wait until we can resume our “normal” meeting formats. Having said that I would like us to maintain ZOOM as part of our meeting platform, this would allow for a greater range of guest speakers and for members who may be away to join in.

FUND RAISING

Our biggest fund raiser was our trailer raffle, an event that is well supported by the community. When selling tickets at any of the various venues you get the impression that the public are waiting for an opportunity to buy a ticket. While it takes many people to organize and run the trailer raffle special mention needs to be made of PP Les Thornton for all his efforts in initially buying the trailer and filling it with prizes. Special mention also to PP Cheryl Kermond for booking venues and John Ducat for managing the roster.

The trailer raffle was won this year by Peter Beasley, as past member of our Rotary Club, Peter buys several tickets each year perhaps it was only a matter time until he won.



Peter with his trailer

Our big fund raiser has been our partnership with Bunnings in hosting sausage sizzles, approximately one a month that was until the dreaded COVID 19 forced Bunnings to suspend all activities until further notice.

While the Bunnings sausage sizzles prove to be a good avenue for raising funds it also proved to be a wonderful venue for social interaction between members of the club and the club and the public. Hopefully, we will be able to recommence these sausage sizzle soon.



Our happy sausage sizzlers

The Bunning sausage sizzle also provided a great opportunity for our 2019 National Youth Science Forum candidate, Lauren Church, to raise her share of the funding required to attend this forum.



Lauren with her Mum, Dad and sister working the Sausage Sizzle

BEING PART OF THE GREATER COMMUNITY

Friday, 8 November, saw members cooking and serving a lunch time BBQ for some 200 workers out at the Swanbank power station. Generally, it is hot work cooking a BBQ outdoors but on one of the hottest days this year a special thanks for a special effort.

It would be remiss of me not to mention the outstanding effort of Jim Ward and Charles Stephenson, both retired Rotarians and past presidents of our club, who made the journey to Swanbank to help.

Again, on Friday 22 November Ipswich North RC were back at Swanbank cooking another great BBQ.

Reports from some Swanbank workers.... best BBQ ever.



Enjoying our cooking



Rotary working hard



Some more workers at the BBQ



The Rotary BBQ team



Michael and Andrew Byrne at the Swanbank BBQ

Friday December 6 saw Anita Dwyer and Michael Byrne at the Christmas break up for Hymba Yumba Independent School where Ipswich North RC had the pleasure of sponsoring the gifts for grade two.

This was a wonderful evening with entertainment being provided by the Australian Army band and the students of the school, with every grade presenting its own dance or song.



The Australian Army Band at Hymba Yumba

Having a good social life within any Rotary Club is in my mind an essential part of Rotary as it allows us to get to know one another in a more personal way and as we all know when you know and like somebody you are always ready to go that little bit extra to help. Working with people you know and like makes the whole experience more fun and you are by default more willing. Ipswich North has a good social basis and therefore being involved with this Club is just great fun.

CONCLUSION

I believe the 2019 2020 Rotary year for Ipswich North can be considered a successful and rewarding year for all members. We have achieved a great deal and I know that in future we will achieve a great deal more.

I wish the incoming President Kevin Rose all the best for the year ahead. I know you and your board will take every opportunity to continue our wonderful traditions and build on our achievements,

In concluding this report, I wish to thank the Board for the patience and assistance throughout the year. Thank you to all in the club for allowing me to be the President for the 2019 2020 year and finally thank my wife for just about everything.

Thank you.

Michael

Effective Services

Community Service — Director Chris Avenell

The end of another Rotary Year, and what a year it was with President Michael for the second time having to contend with the loss of the Club's regular meeting venue at the Strand Public House; and trying to select another suitable venue while administering the Club's business. Combined with national drought conditions, bush fires, minor flooding, and the current virus epidemic disrupting our Rotary program; his leadership took the Club successfully to the end of the Rotary Year!

So, basically the Club progressed into the year with our general fundraising duties and community service for the first 8 months of the year as follows:

Bunning's B.B.Q. work commenced early in the year and despite some difficulties in obtaining sufficient volunteers on occasions, we raised a good amount of revenue while providing a very good public image of Rotary to the general public of Rotary in action. These ceased at the end of February 2020.

In addition, the Club provided a B.B.Q. service on two occasions for the employees of Swanbank Power Station for a donation; these were as a thankyou too the employees for their work efforts over the year and proved very popular. Other B.B.Q. services were provided upon request to the general community including the Dandelions group; all were appreciated by the recipients.

The Trailer Raffle was again a good success as a fundraiser and providing good publicity for the Club and Rotary in general. Again, hard work and good preparation with the main prize, the Trailer and its well-chosen contents conducted by P.P. Les. This combined with some well-chosen sites secured by P.P. Cheryl ensured a good selling environment to the public. Many thanks must be extended toward our friends at Probus for their help in providing coverage for the duty roster. I am sure their support was appreciated by Rotarian John who had the difficult task of finding people to fill the ticket selling slots.

The Club's main event for youth services was met by holding the annual "Youth Speaks Competition" conducted on the night by Rotarian Bernie who used her naturally affable personality to great use with the competing students putting them at ease before their speech presentation. It was an enjoyable night for all who attended regardless of their individual role. The winning contestant was a grade 10 student which was a surprise to many due to the student's age and experience; well done as it proves a point you have to try in order to succeed! Our regular adjudicator, Bette Howard choose wisely as always and provided good feedback to interested students.

Many thanks for the event must go to President Michael for his persistence with insisting that the event take place because we did have difficulty in securing a suitable venue and sufficient numbers to compete. Further thanks to P.P. Anita for using her local knowledge of Ipswich, and its venues, in obtaining the Civic Centre and the area that we used to good effect. Also,

Rotarian Maurie for using his School contacts from previous years to increase both the student and School interest in the event.

Our successful sponsored student to attend the National Youth Science Forum (N.Y. S.F.) conducted herself well in difficult circumstances where the program was interrupted by the Bushfire Crisis.

In conclusion, President Michael's year finished well despite the National difficulties mentioned previously, and a constant change to find a suitable venue. Also, we had a new experience for most with the year's end meetings conducted on the internet via Zoom mastered better by some, with difficulties experienced by others – no manes mentioned

This year the IN club followed a similar agenda of events as it did in the past.

Park 2 Park



Marshalling for the Ipswich Hospital Foundations Park 2 Park Fun Run is a regular event for Ipswich North, this is a positive way in which we support own community. This year we again manned the marshal stations around Limestone and Queens Parks, getting up in pre-dawn on a winters morning to stand or sit, if you have a chair, watching the various runners or walkers pass by. Greeting those you know and the many you may not is just a wonderful way to send a morning, to support our community and let them know that Rotary is behind Ipswich.



Main marshalling area

I hope we get to marshal for the Park 2 Park for many years to come.



Happy Walkers



Chief Marshall Sandra hard at it.

I remember when I had
toenails...



eCards

While at the Park 2 Park Ipswich North Rotary an opportunity to present Ipswich Hospital Foundation a cheque for \$500



Presenting the cheque to Aston for Ipswich Hospital Foundation

Youth Services — Director Bernie Giggins

This year saw the formation of a new board position, that of Director of Youth Services with Rotarian Bernie Giggins taking up the role of Director.

The Youth Speaks function was once again a wonderful success with students from many schools participating. Because of our vagabond nature the Youth Speaks night was held in the Civic Centre and not at our 'normal' meeting venue.

The quality and character of the students was remarkable. They all addressed the topic clearly. A special thank you to Bette Howard for without her, as our adjudicator, these nights would not be so successful. Special thanks to our organisers, Anita Dwyer for arranging the venue and meal; to Bernie Giggins for organising the Young Speakers; and to Maurie McGuire for all his help.

IPSWICH NORTH
ROTARY **YOUTH**
SPEAK **COMPETITION**



Congratulations to all of the speakers, with the youngest being in grade 7, a remarkable performance by all. To our winners on the night a big congratulations:

- third place to Sophia Barns, Year 10, West Moreton Anglican College
- second place to Ashleigh Richardson, Year 11, Ipswich Girls Grammar School
- and first place to Tayla Hohala, Year 8, Ipswich State high School.

Ipswich Norths continue its support of the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) and this year we interviewed three candidates, all from the Ipswich Girls Grammar School and all three are worthy of our support. However, all three become problematical so the board has settled on sponsoring two and are seeking support from other Rotary Clubs for the third.

The NYSF is such a career and life forming program support should be offered to as many as we can reasonably sponsor.

Club Activities and Fund Rising

Trailer Raffle

As previously noted, our biggest fund raiser is our trailer raffle, an event that is well supported by the community.

Peter Beasley, an ex-member of Ipswich North RC was our lucky winner this year. Peter is a regular buyer of our trailer raffle as he continues to support Ipswich North, Peter purchased his ticket at Winston Glades Shopping Centre.



I have made mention earlier in the report on the great contribution by Past President Les Thornton and Past President Cheryl Kermond made this year with the trailer raffle. However, it would be remiss of me and of our Club if we do not say a big thank you to the members of Probus, without their outstanding help, we would not be able to fill our "sellers roster".

2020 will bring another great trailer raffle and I know it will too be very successful but not without the support of the whole club so I implore you all to get behind the trailer raffle and make 2020 bigger and better than 2019.

Donations in Kind (DIK)



Ipswich North Rotary support for DIK continued this year with the collection of medical aids, mainly crutches, from the Ipswich General Hospital.

These are temporarily stored under the McMahons Building then when there is enough taken to DOK where they are shipped to those in need.

Unfortunately, with the COVID 19 we have been unable to move our stock to DIK.

Support for Polio Plus

Ipswich North's continued support of Rotary International's Polio Plus program is ongoing with the contribution made from our guest speaker program, fund raising by Narada's tin we have managed to make quite a significant fund raising effort.

However this year the district ran a "End Polio Train" stopping at every station between Caboolture to Rosewood and at each station a Rotary Club presented the train travellers with a Cheque. The object of the train was to raise a \$1 million dollars which I believe they did.

Ipswich North did not wish to be left out meet the train at Ipswich Station at approximately 10:30pm and presented a cheque for \$500. Of course we had to share the station with representative of Ipswich RC and Ipswich City RC who also made generous donations.



Rotary Train Riders and others

Police and Emergency Officer of the Year – Chair Richard Horne

This year's Cocktail Evening function was initially programmed for the 08MAY20. Meetings were held with the respective Department Heads during the latter part of 2019 in the Ipswich area, poster printed, and nomination forms circulated to the Departments. Survey Monkey was also setup to again facilitate the use of online nomination forms.

This year nominations for 2019 Officer of the year are.

Sherida	Giddle	Amb
Chris	Mattock	Amb
Marisa	Stirrat	Amb
Debbie	Walters	Amb
Sarah	Conroy	Police
John	Cumner	Police
Jess	Henry	Police
Christopher	Mattock	Police
Jamie	McLeod	Police
Christopher	Sutton	Police
Bradley	Barnes	QFES
Murray	Thomas	QFES
Liam	Valley	QFES
Kameron	Jeffrey	Rural
Peter	Roberts	Rural
Jenny	Swanson	Rural
Carol	Conboy	SES
Vince	McGuire	SES
Hayden	Smith	SES

Plaques have been sent for engraving.

Unfortunately, the event had to be cancelled due to COVID-19. Future plans would suggest a Pleasant Sunday Afternoon at the Bowls Club for all which would include inviting the Mayors and Sponsors. Dates and Times are currently subject to the Qld Department of Health and the Premier.

Club Administration – Director Cheryl Kermond

The vagabond Rotary Club in Ipswich lived up to its name again this year, after settling in the Strand Hotel, Greg Morrissey, the licensee did not renew his lease on the Hotel, and no new lessee to be found our stay at the stand came to an end. We tried the CSI Club, but it was not quite suitable, so we moved again and found a nice new home at the United Sports Club. After only one meeting along came COVID 19 and the club closed until further notice.

All was not lost we have a new comfortable home with ZOOM.

According to the manual, the Treasurer's job is part of the Club Administration portfolio and I would like to acknowledge the wonderful job that Sandra Harvey has done for the Club. Please read her report and you will see that we had a good financial and well administrated year.

The meetings flowed well, under the capable hand of our movie director Maurie with the meetings generally finished by about 7.30.

I would like to thank PP Anita Dwyer for a good variety of guest speakers and for her good work on our weekly emailed bulletin. To all others who contributed to the running of the Club I would like to thank you very much for your support

Public Relations and Bulletin – Director Anita Dwyer

The three key PR tools used by the Rotary Club of Ipswich North are

- Website
- Facebook
- Bulletin

Website is hosted by ClubRunner and presents the highlight of club projects. This Rotary year these stories have been published on the website as well as in the club Bulletin.

Story Title	Date
Secretary's Notes & District Updates	Jun 30, 2020
Sergeant at Arms	Jun 30, 2020
Rotary Club of Ipswich North Zoom Meeting link	Jun 16, 2020
Notice Police & Emergency Services Awards	Jun 16, 2020
What are Rotarians up to this week.	Jun 01, 2020
Toastmaster & Rotary Club of Greater Springfield	May 26, 2020
Foundation Giving 2020	May 26, 2020
RIP Roslyn Cooper	May 12, 2020
Membership Minute	Apr 28, 2020
Club Runner Support COVID-19	Mar 21, 2020
ROMAC Fundraiser	Mar 02, 2020
Local Events	Mar 02, 2020
Rotary Zone 8 Newsletter	Mar 02, 2020
Police & Emergency Services Awards	Feb 25, 2020
Ipswich First	Feb 16, 2020
Hospice Trivia Night	Feb 10, 2020
CANCELLED - Rotary Club of Ipswich 90th Birthday Celebration	Feb 03, 2020
District Conference 2020 - Chinchilla	Feb 03, 2020
Trailer Raffle Draw & Thankyou Meeting	Jan 20, 2020
RYDA - Rotary Youth Driver Awareness	Jan 20, 2020
Trailer Raffle Winner 2019	Dec 18, 2019
Trailer Raffle	Dec 16, 2019
Christmas gifts for Ipswich Domestic Violence Support.	Dec 10, 2019
NYSF Candidate Lauren Church helping at the BBQ	Dec 10, 2019
Zone 8 Public Image Newsletter Nov 2019	Nov 18, 2019
Rotary Qld Bushfire Relief Project	Nov 11, 2019
Bunning BBQ Friday 15th November 2019	Nov 11, 2019
Rotary Downunder Celebrating 100	Nov 04, 2019
Youth Speak 2019	Oct 28, 2019
Riding the Train to End Polio	Oct 21, 2019
The District 9630 Drought Relief Program Committee	Oct 21, 2019
What are Rotarians up to this week?	Oct 08, 2019
Bunning BBQ Roster 13th September	Sep 10, 2019
Leichhardt Community Centre	Sep 05, 2019
Trailer Raffle 2019	Sep 03, 2019
Youth Speak 2019	Sep 03, 2019
PP Sandra Retirement	Aug 18, 2019
Celebrating 90 Years of Rotary in Ipswich	Aug 12, 2019
Ride Like a Girl - Polio Movie Night Fundraiser	Aug 12, 2019
Rotary Public Image Newsletter Vol 2, Issue 1 May 2019	Jul 21, 2019
Australian Rotary Health News	Jul 15, 2019
Eradicate polio	Jul 14, 2019
Ipswich Little Theatre - The Cemetery Club	Jul 11, 2020

ROTARY YOUTH SPEAK COMPETITION



Congratulations

1 st Place	Tayla Mohala, Year 8,	Ipswich State High School
2 nd Place	Ashleigh Richardson, Year 11,	Ipswich Girls Grammar School
3 rd Place	Sophia Barnes, Year 10,	West Moreton Anglican College

IPSWICH NORTH ROTARY CLUB

Pride of Workmanship

POLICE AND EMERGENCY OFFICER OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

Shonda Giddio	Queensland Ambulance Service
Olivia Malloch	Queensland Ambulance Service
Marisa Strral	Queensland Ambulance Service
Debbie Wallers	Queensland Ambulance Service
Sarah Currey	Queensland Police Service
John Cusner	Queensland Police Service
Jess Henry	Queensland Police Service
Christopher Mettack	Queensland Police Service
James McLeod	Queensland Police Service
Christopher Sutton	Queensland Police Service
Bradley Barnes	Queensland Fire & Rescue Service
Murray Thomas	Queensland Fire & Rescue Service
Liam Valley	Queensland Fire & Rescue Service
Kameron Jeffrey	Rural Fire Service
Peter Roberts	Rural Fire Service
Jenny Swanson	Rural Fire Service
Card Conboy	State Emergency Service
Vince McGuire	State Emergency Service
Haydon Smith	State Emergency Service

ClubRunner give the club the opportunity to share stories across each of these platforms in a very efficient way.

Facebook also gives the club the opportunity to share Rotary International and District stories with the wider community with the click of a button.

This year has had its challenges with events cancelled and meeting being held on Zoom although this has given life members and Rotarians who are not in Ipswich on a Tuesday the opportunity to join our meetings. Also, it has given the opportunity for guest speaker to join us and deliver their presentations for us to share. This could be something the club continues to do and will become a legacy of the COVID-19 crisis.

Rotary Foundation — Director Anita Dwyer

The Rotary Foundation had three key goals

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

This club take a very positive and proactive approach to Polio Eradication. We recognise and thank each of our quest speakers with a donation to Polio Plus equivalent to the cost of the immunization of 100 children.

The Rotarian Foundation through these donations supports

- District grants fund small-scale, short-term activities that address needs in your community and communities abroad. Each district chooses which activities it will fund with these grants.
- Global grants support large international activities with sustainable, measurable outcomes in Rotary's areas of focus. Grant sponsors form international partnerships that respond to real community needs.
- Packaged grants are designed by Rotary and our strategic partners to help you carry out large-scale, sustainable projects. Because we've taken care of selecting partners, raising funds, and designing the project, you can focus your energy and expertise on bringing the project to life.

Membership – Director Richard Horne

Membership for the 2019 – 2020 year continued to be interesting year to say the least. Membership flyers continued to be disseminated during 2019-20 year without very much success.

We have been able to attract 4 new members during the Rotary Year namely.

- Mr. Kevin Rose (Past Rotarian) 16JUL19
- Mrs. Margaret Voight 01OCT19
- Mr. Jason Voight 06AUG19
- Mr. Adam Whitbread 03MAR20

I believe the incoming board needs to discuss with someone from a PR background on how best to utilize the current social media avenues available to firstly make people aware of what Rotary does and secondary on what we do as a Club in our Community. Attracting the younger folk should be our aim moving forward.

The COVID-19 Virus has certainly curtailed our operations and meetings over the past 5 months.



Margaret Voight one of our m new Members Jason Voight another to join us in 2019.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Sandra Harvey

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rotary Ipswich North in supporting me this last financial year in the role of Treasurer.

It has been a great opportunity for me to support my local community via Rotary with key highlights being the Bunnings BBQ's and our Trailer Raffle. As treasurer ensuring that the team had their float at the start of each BBQ and then counting the proceeds of the day ready for banking. Also, regular pickup of raffle funds at the various shopping centres, again assuring a float for each day, and then banking promptly and of course contributing many hours in shifts. This six months since January 2020 to the time of this report, has been a much quieter time due to Covid 19.

We have supported a number of community and welfare groups during this financial year. Many of the donations we give are ongoing however a new community group donation was to Leichhardt Community Centre of \$1000.00 towards Emergency Relief, we continued to support Queensland Police Legacy in a partnership where we provide support during a Barbeque and were able to submit a \$1000.00 donation. We also recently provided \$1000.00 to ShelterBox during this Covid 19 period.

I would like to thank Michael for his support during this year and working with all Board Members

I look forward to working with Kevin and the new team for 20/21 as Treasurer.

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY WITH FUNDS

An important part of our Rotary work is to raise much-needed funds to support the community. This year we have distributed funds in the following way:

During the year:

Ipswich Hospice Care	1000
RAWCS	1220
Shelter Box	1000
Dan-Da-Lion (cost of hosting their annual BBQ)	350
Silkstone Eisteddfod	500
Ipswich Hospital Foundation	500
Hymba Yumba School	513
Police Legacy	1000
RYTS (Sponsorship)	650
RAWCS (Sponsorship)	220
Leichhardt Community Centre	1000
Polio Plus	500
Domestic Violence Action Centre	352

Year End Donations:

Ipswich Breast Cancer Support Group	250
Ipswich Prostate Cancer Support Group	250
ROMAC	500
Ipswich Junior Eisteddfod Society	250

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Cash Basis

Rotary Club of Ipswich North Inc
Profit & Loss
July 1, 2019 through June 1, 2020

	<u>Jul 1, 19 - Jun 1, 20</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Club Income	
Changeover	1,610.00
Club Billy	40.25
D9630 Conference Raffle	122.00
Meeting fee	
Meeting fee - Other	506.90
Total Meeting fee	506.90
Membership	
Membership - Other	7,520.00
Total Membership	7,520.00
Miscellaneous Income	50.00
SGT'S Session	1,162.00
Website Sponsors	450.00
Total Club Income	11,461.15
Service Income	
Trailer Raffle Dinner	780.00
Youth Speak Event	594.00
BBQ Sales Bunnings	9,702.65
BBQ Other	3,782.50
Trailer Raffle Proceeds	18,057.85
Fundraising other	
Ipswich Little Theatre	1,110.00
Movie night	1,550.00
Total Fundraising other	2,660.00
Donations In	
Misc Donations	120.00
Pollo Plus Pig	253.15
Total Donations In	373.15
Miscellaneous Service Income	18.00
POTY Income	
POTY Sponsorship	6,341.85
POTY Ticket Sales	75.00
POTY Income - Other	200.00
Total POTY Income	6,616.85
Youth Science Forum Income	1,050.00
Total Service Income	43,635.00
Total Income	55,096.15
Expense	
Club Expenses	
Changeover Dinner	
Changeover 2019	2,075.93
Total Changeover Dinner	2,075.93
Club Equipment	1,420.95
Club Meals	
Club Meals - Other	168.00
Total Club Meals	168.00
Members Magazines	800.00
Membership Dues	5,268.92
Misc	262.00
Office/Stationery	240.59
Raffle - Social Function	122.00
Rotary Training	110.00
Social Functions	1,683.00
Website	794.52
Total Club Expenses	12,945.91
Service Expense	
Movie night	808.78
BBQ Expenses - Bunnings	4,096.21



Rotary in 2020 / 2021