

Summary of February 2020 Board discussion and decisions:

- **Membership**

Marilyn Smith as Membership Director has been asked to plan a special 'new members information' breakfast meeting in the near future – watch this space for further information.

The resignations of Warren Moss, Henry Westmacott and Martin Maunsell were accepted with regret.

- Warren, who has had increasing difficulty making to our meetings, will instead be joining the Oatley Probus Club, near to where he lives.
- Henry, who is leaving due to personal issues, has expressed an interest in keeping a close association with the club, assisting with the development of the new website and completing his assigned meeting duties until March 31. The Board has offered him the opportunity to become a Friend of Rotary.
- Martin, who only joined the club last year, has found it difficult travelling from his parish in Eastwood where his pastoral duties are increasing. He looks to rejoin a Rotary Club closer to his current parish.

In notifying them of the Board's acceptance of their resignations, I have extended to each of them best wishes on behalf of their fellow members and an invitation to visit our club in the future.

- **MOU between the Club and the NSW UN Assn.**

The final draft MoU to provide a one-year scholarship through the UNAA at the University of Wollongong was approved. This will involve studies in an area relevant to the UN Sustainable Development Goals and has been established to mark the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the UN in September 1945 and in which Rotary International played a key role. Under the MoU the graduate student will present to our club on their studies, at which time members of the UNAA will also be invited to our club meeting. The MoU will be formally signed at our club meeting this Friday by our President and the President of the United Nations Association.

- **Club Website**

The rebuilding of our website is about to get underway and is being driven by Kathryn Wills, Director of Marketing and Communications assisted by Henry Westmacott.

- **Budget**

The Board undertook a review of the current budget and is gathering more information of the requirements of service committees prior to the end of the current year before allocating funds for several significant activities such as the Bushfire Recovery Program.

- **Climate Action & Peace Committee**

Professor Gernot Mueller from the Rotary Club of Augburg-Fuggerstadt Germany, who visited our club last year, has been in touch with Jeremy Wright Chairman of the Club's Climate Change and Peace Building Committee to propose a relationship with our club around climate change and environmental sustainability. The Board has authorised Jeremy to discuss and prepare an MoU with the German club and to return to the Board for approval.