

Rotary Club of Adelaide Light



2019-2020 ANNUAL REPORT



2019-2020 Executive Team and Board of Directors

President	Katrina Ball
President Elect	Rob McLennan
Secretary	John Campbell
Treasurer	Bruce McDonald
Immediate Past President	Rob McLennan

Directors of Committees

Club Administration	Fred Field
Community Service	Julie Campbell
Vocational and Youth Services	Richard Jarrett
International Service	Angus Tuck
Fundraising	Di Lane
Fellowship	John Wotherspoon
Rotary Foundation	Barry Grear
Membership	John Karran
Public Relations	Yvette Reade
Master of Ceremonies	John Wotherspoon
Rotaract Liaison	John Karran
Newsletter Editor	Di Lane
Child Protection / Public Officer	Fred Field

Images front page:

Garden weeding and maintenance for Catherine House

Club progressive BBQ at Bakers Gully, Kangarilla and Blewitt Springs

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2019-2020

The 2019-2020 Rotary theme was **Rotary connects the world**. At a time when Rotary Clubs tend to have smaller numbers than a decade ago, by 'connecting' and banding together, smaller clubs can increase their effectiveness. Last year at their changeover, members of the Rotary Club of Adelaide Parks asked our Club to assist them in raising funds to purchase a Multifunctional Rehabilitation System called PABLO for the Brain Injury Rehabilitation Service at Hampstead Rehabilitation Centre. Our club donated \$2,500, which along with a \$5,000 Rotary Foundation Grant and monies donated from other Clubs and donors enabled the PABLO software to be purchased. Subsequently, members from our Club attended a meeting to hear Dr Miranda Jelbart, head of the Brain Injury Rehabilitation Service explain the benefits of the PABLO equipment in assisting patients undergoing brain injury rehabilitation. We also attended a demonstration of PABLO once it was operational at Hampstead Rehabilitation Centre and saw how Rotary was making a difference to improve the lives of people in our community.

We learnt a lot from our 'connection' with Adelaide Parks. Over this year, led by Club member Margie Steffens, we have scoped a project to assist the Community Dental Outreach Program obtain the equipment needed to support a second dental chair. The Community Dental Outreach program, located in the Common Ground complex on Light Square in the Adelaide CBD, operates through voluntary work carried out by dentists and dental students who provide dental care for some of Adelaide's most marginalised and vulnerable residents. We hope we will be able to 'connect' with other Rotary Clubs to assist us fund the project. We will also apply for a District 9510 Rotary Foundation Grant.

Our other main project this year was the restoration of a group of linked gardens for Catherine House. We encountered a number of blockages and delays with the project that have now been overcome. However, the project is still a work-in-progress with a few days of gardening work required at the Catherine House premises once COVID-19 restrictions are relaxed.

I would like to thank John Wotherspoon for running our meetings and for all the tireless work he has undertaken in planning and organising Club events and activities; Fred Field for his assistance in Club administration; Phil Harding for delivering us a diversity of interesting speakers; Di Lane for her work in diligently producing the weekly newsletter and John Campbell for running fireside meetings for our new members and for his advice about Rotary matters.

Finally, I would like to thank my Board for their support. A number of Committee Directors are standing down from long term roles on the Board. On behalf of the Club, I would like to thank Yvette Reade for her work on Public Relations; John Karran for assisting the Adelaide City Rotaract Club; and John Campbell for his work as Secretary.

I would like to wish Incoming President Rob McLennan a successful year as he returns to be our Club President.

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

This year we have had a wide range of guest speakers organised by Phil Harding including participants in Rotary vocational exchange programs, police officers, allied health professionals and a representative from SACA. Some of our Club members have also addressed the Club to talk about their research and life experiences.

Attendance at Club meetings during the year has fluctuated between 12 and 21 members, averaging 16 members. Restrictions in response to the global COVID-19 pandemic have curtailed our face-to-face meetings and other activities since March. However, the Club has continued to meet regularly with members logging into ZOOM meetings from home. It is pleasing to see that attendance has not declined during the period of Zoom meetings and 24 participants were at our meeting when Stefanie Hou was inducted into the Club as a new member.

Club administration has continued to keep the records of attendance, apologies, and visitors, reporting them in the weekly newsletter.

We raised \$15,604 and our Rotary members worked a total of 210 volunteer hours, and hours-in-kind was an additional 280 hours.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

In Community Service this year, we commenced with a brain storming session giving all members the opportunity to identify new projects and those existing projects that we would like to continue. Individual Rotarians then nominated to champion a selected activity, knowing they had full club support and an approved budget.

The following projects showcase our Community activities for 2019-2020:

Walk a Mile in my boots - On a cold morning in August, Rotarians and friends registered and participated in the Hutt Street Centre fundraiser.

Catherine House - This is an ongoing project for the Club with regular maintenance of the watering system and weeding carried out at the site of our original garden makeover. This year we also agreed to utilise existing funds to purchase plants and prepare garden beds and irrigation in the back gardens of other Catherine House facilities. The completion of the garden work was hampered by the Housing Trust needing to ascertain that they could install a drainage box and trench before we could commence. Once this was installed, Covid-19 put a halt to our clearing, planting and irrigation work but as soon as we are able to work on site the plants we have purchased will be planted and the project will be completed.

Welcome to Adelaide - The club identified that we would like to work with international students or refugees to assist new residents to settle in Adelaide. After investigation it was felt that Welcome Australia might provide this conduit through community dinners and home hosted meals. Some of our members attended and enjoyed a Community Dinner at Goodwood in 2019. This particular project is still being assessed and worked through and hopefully will come to fruition in the coming Rotary year.

Meals from the Heart - This was a new initiative for our club, where six Rotarians

prepared, cooked, and shared a meal in November with families staying at Ronald McDonald House. We had scheduled a second evening in April which was cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. Instead, the Club donated \$300 to ensure that a frozen meal could be purchased by Ronald McDonald House and provided to families on our designated date.



The Bread Run – This is carried out on a Sunday night by our Rotarians and City of Adelaide Rotaractors who continue to supply bread and pastries to Ronald McDonald House, Moore Street Centre and Catherine House, as required. Unfortunately, this service had to be curtailed in March due to COVID-19, but we hope to reinstate it as soon as possible.

Share the Dignity – This activity was planned as an evening activity in 2020, when donated personal items and toiletries could be packed into donated handbags or backpacks and sent to the organisation for distribution to women in need. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 we have not been able to proceed with this activity.

Brain Rehabilitation PABLO system – The Rotary Club of Adelaide Parks asked our Club to assist them in raising monies to purchase a Multifunctional Rehabilitation System called PABLO for the SA Brain Injury Rehabilitation Service, Hampstead Rehabilitation Centre. Our club donated \$2,500, which along with a \$5,000 Rotary Foundation Grant and monies donated from other Clubs and donors enabled the equipment to be purchased.

Some Club members attended a meeting of the Rotary Club of Adelaide Parks to learn about the benefits of the equipment. Members also attended a demonstration of the equipment at the Hampstead Centre once it was operational.

Donations - \$1000 was donated to the Mayors Bushfire Fund Kangaroo Island to assist those in our state affected by the devastating bushfires; Australian Rotary Health; and the District 9500 Bushfire Recovery Fund, respectively.

Community Dental Outreach Program - A project which we are all excited about has evolved through one of our members who alerted our Club to the Community Dental Outreach Program (part of 20th Century Housing Choices). The program operates through voluntary work carried out by dentists and dental students. The program has been providing care for some of Adelaide's most marginalised and vulnerable residents since 2011 and requires assistance. It has been suggested that we might assist to set up the Centre with the equipment needed to support a second dental chair (a portable one). Funding could be obtained by applying for a \$5,000 Foundation Grant, partnering with other Rotary Clubs, investigating grants and our own club fundraising. A sub-committee within our Club is being formed to look at this project and determine our fundraising capability to undertake this project in the 2020-2021 Rotary year.



INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

The past year has seen the successful continuation of the Colombian Educational Scholarships Program, which is managed in Colombia by our partner club, The Rotary Club of Bogota Suba and in particular, Past President, Gabriel Martinez.

During the past year, our club has continued to provide AUD \$4,500 (divided into 2 tranches of \$2,250) for 10 scholarships awarded to underprivileged post-secondary school students in Colombia. These students live with their families in Mirama; a poor area on the outskirts of Bogota, Colombia. The scholarships provide living cost support for students while advancing their studies at SENA (similar to TAFE) or University. Over a period of 11 years the programme has provided around 150 scholarships and has made a significant difference to lives of the scholarship holders who are now employed in trades and professions. The benefit of advancing the education of these young people has significantly improved the lives of their families and the wider Mirama community.

Unfortunately, COVID-19 has prevented our Rotary partner club members from meeting with the students. Gabriel (aged 82 years old) who has been confined to his home has requested that we suspend further funding this year.

A second program which has been interrupted by the COVID-19 is a joint program with the Rotary Club of Norwood. This project is to provide a scholarship for a Bolivian student to undertake a three-month English language training course at the South Australian College of English (SACE) in Adelaide. The scholarship will include travel to and from Adelaide and a living allowance provided by the Rotary Club of Norwood and a District Grant. SACE will provide the tuition at no cost, and our club, in conjunction with the Norwood Club) will assist with accommodation and student support in Adelaide.

Our partner Club, the Rotary Club of Norwood has two potential candidates. However, COVID-19 restrictions have halted further progress.

MEMBERSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

Last year our Club grew from 17 members at the start of the year to an active membership of 24. This year we have maintained our numbers of 24, with one new member and one departing. We welcome Stefanie Hou (Accounting and Marketing) to Adelaide Light, and we look forward to her joining us in our activities.

John Wotherspoon organised an extensive range of excursions and fun activities for the Club including a scavenger hunt en route to lunch in the Adelaide Hills and a visit to Strathalbyn, a hike at the Waite Koala sanctuary, a progressive barbeque, a film evening, and a scooter safari. We also held our annual Christmas celebration with the Adelaide City Rotaract Club at the Arab Stead Hotel where we successfully challenged them to some games of darts.



VOCATIONAL AND YOUTH SERVICE

Our Club continued to support Rotary's youth programs during this year. Unfortunately, a number of programs had to be delayed or cancelled due to the extensive bushfires and the COVID-19 emergency.

RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) is a transformational leadership program designed for young adults aged 18-27. Running for a whole week, the program is run by the local District and includes inspirational speakers from the community together with engaging activities and challenges. This is done in a supportive environment that enables their leadership to grow and develop to its full potential. We sponsored a student to the program in July 2019 and also sponsored the dinner at the conclusion of the program. Unfortunately, the program for July 2020 has had to be deferred due to the COVID-19.

RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) is a weekend residential experience for youth aged 14-16 years designed to develop skills that will assist them in the transition to adulthood. Participants are involved in a variety of workshops and activities, which provides an opportunity for them to personally develop, gain self-confidence, communication skills, challenge themselves, build friendships, and develop life skills. We typically sponsor one or two students to this program but the program for March 2020 was cancelled due to COVID-19.

NYSF (National Youth Science Forum), 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 Year 12 Program run in January in either Canberra, Perth or Brisbane each year, participants:

- Visit science and technology related laboratories and facilities,
- Go on site tours,
- Listen to lectures,

- Participate in workshops,
- Attend social events, and
- Participate in group activities that improve communication and presentation skills.

The NYSF is run by young people for young people, with a certain number of participants being selected each year to come back and participate in the Student Staff Leadership Program (SSLP) in preparation to help run the program the year after they first attended. We provided a 50% sponsorship for one student who attended the Brisbane forum in January 2020. However, many students missed out as the Canberra forum was cancelled due to the bushfires nearby.

Mentoring

Together with the Adelaide City Rotaract Club and the other Adelaide-based Rotary Clubs, a mentoring program was launched in June 2019 and carried through to the end of 2019. About 15 young people from the various Rotaract clubs were partnered with mentors who were mainly from the Rotary Clubs, with the idea of having regular meetings to develop skills and broaden options through a mentoring program.

Vocational Visits

These normally form part of our program, but COVID-19 has led to the cancellation or postponement of these activities.

FUNDRAISING

The year started well with Bunnings barbeques at Mile End raising the majority of the money required to support our projects. However, we will not meet our target because of COVID-19 restrictions which have stopped Bunnings barbeques. We were grateful to receive the generous \$500 gift voucher from Bunnings which will be used for the Catherine House garden project.

Christmas tree sales at Bunnings Kent Town were very successful raising slightly over our budgeted amount. The supplier was able to provide us with high quality trees again this year.

Both of these major fund raisers were well supported by our members who worked at times in uncomfortable weather conditions. We were grateful for the Rotaractors' help with the Christmas tree sales.

The *Superloop Adelaide 500* carparking fund raiser was less successful this year due to street parking being opened up to the public and reduced attendance at the event.

Our minor fund raisers such as bottles and cans recycling, Christmas cakes and puddings sales, and Entertainment book sales were successful.

On the last Thursday in May, our club hosted, via Zoom, a 'Biggest Morning Tea' fundraiser with funds going to The Cancer Council. We successfully raised \$475 and the event enabled members to learn a little more about each other as they interacted on the screen by sharing their "mug or cup" stories and also by playing cups and saucers.

The money raised by the Club has been allocated to all of our projects and we have been able to provide donations to assist with bush fire recovery.



OTHER ROTARY ACTIVITIES

Australian Rotary Health

Australian Rotary Health's Mission is to create better health for all Australians through improved education and advancements in knowledge through medical research.

John Campbell is the South Australian Chair for the Committee of Australian Rotary Health which works to bring awareness of the organisation to Rotary Clubs and Community events and to fundraise for the Medical Health research programs. Since 2000 the primary focus of the committee has been Mental Illness Research with the focus narrowed in 2012 to the Mental Health of Young Australians.

This year COVID-19 has added a new dimension to our lives and in many cases has had a severe impact on many people's lives. Already Australian Rotary Health researchers are working in this area.

The second Australian Rotary Health High Tea held in October was well supported by members of our Club.



Women in Rotary

Julie Campbell is a member of the Women in Rotary - SA Chapter Committee that annually organises a fundraising breakfast to celebrate International Women's Day. This year's speaker was Rotarian Judith-Marie Brown who provided an insight into her midwifery work in Papua New Guinea programs. All proceeds from this year's event went towards midwifery leadership and maternity workshops in Port Moresby to improve maternal and newborn health in Papua New Guinea. Our club members supported this event with two tables of participants.



District 9500 Rotary Disaster Recovery Committee

Barry Grear has been a member of the District 9500 Disaster Recovery Committee for over 10 years. This year the committee was involved in monitoring the Adelaide Hills bushfires and in providing funding for bushfire recovery in association with other Clubs in the District. Barry will continue his role in the new District 9510 Disaster Recovery Committee.

District 9500 Management and Finance Committee

Yvette Reade was invited by DG Jane Owens to become a member of the District 9500 District Management and Finance Committee for 2019-2020. Yvette was also a member of the 'Building Leadership Capability in Rotary (Pilot Program)' which was an Adelaide CBD Rotary and Rotaract committee to discuss the (State) Governors Leadership Foundation program's *Community in Action Project - Report to Rotary* with the aim of considering investing in building leadership capability in Rotarians. The recommendations of this committee resulted in funds being allocated in the District 9510 budget for relevant training in 2020-2021- after being discussed and approved by the District 9500 District Management and Finance Committee.

RYLA Oceania

Katey Halliday attended the inaugural RYLA Oceania Program in January 2020. As part of the Program she gave a presentation on the topic of diversity and inclusion. Katey is participating in the RYLA Community Project to support the Rotary LGBT Fellowship to promote LGBT inclusion within Rotary Clubs. Since RYLA Oceania, Katey has visited seven Rotary Clubs to give presentations about her RYLA Oceania experiences.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The attached Financial Statement is for the period to 30 June 2020.

The Club has again ended the year on a sound financial footing with total funds of \$14,771.69 on hand.

With funds carried forward from the previous year and a total of \$15,604.42 raised from fundraising activities the Club was able to donate \$16,679.82 to various charities for the year and still retain a healthy balance for the incoming Rotary year.

The Club has an outstanding commitment of \$3,000 to Catherine House garden project as due to COVID-19 we have been unable to complete the project this financial year.

Bruce McDonald
Treasurer 2019-2020

Club Accounts

Balance Sheet for period ending 30 June 2020

ASSETS	\$
Nab Cheque Account	6,687.38
Nab Isaver Account	<u>8,084.31</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$14,771.69</u>
MEMBERS FUNDS	
Club Funds Balance 1 July 2019	6,982.16
Movement this year	<u>-1,230.60</u>
BALANCE	<u>\$5,751.56</u>
Fundraising Account Balance 1 July 2019	10,095.53
Movement this year	<u>-1,075.40</u>
BALANCE	<u>\$9,020.13</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$14,771.69</u>

Financial Statement for period ending 30 June 2020

OPENING BALANCE 1 JULY 2019		17,077.69
ADD INCOME - CLUB ADMINISTRATION		
Breakfast Margin	507.53	
Dinner Income	58.88	
District Refund 2020	480.00	
Interest	8.36	
MC's Quiz	15.50	
Raffle	135.00	
Subscriptions	5,615.00	
Total Club Administration Income	6,820.27	
LESS EXPENDITURE - CLUB ADMINISTRATION		
Badges & Engraving	81.11	
Bank Fees	10.00	
Changeover Function	520.00	
ClubRunner Web Page	796.56	
District Conference Levy	228.00	
District Dues	1,254.00	
District Insurance	798.00	
Equipment	69.00	
New Member Kits	18.80	
Flowers & Gifts	270.77	
PO Box	211.00	
RI Dues	2,601.69	
Rotary Down Under	906.70	
Rugby & Polo Tops	43.00	
Supplies/Printing	242.24	
Total Club Administration Expenditure	8,050.87	
CLUB ADMINISTRATION SURPLUS	- 1,230.60	15,847.09
PLUS - FUNDRAISING		
Bottle Recycling	663.40	
Bunnings BBQs	8,061.77	
Adelaide Super Loop 500 - Carparking	1,128.48	
Coronavirus Zoom Meetings Fund	750.00	
Di Lane Xmas Raffle	122.20	
Entertainment Books 2019	490.00	
Movie Night - Dark Waters	100.00	
Walk a Mile	30.00	
Xmas Cakes	199.50	
Xmas Trees	4,059.07	
Total Fundraising	15,604.42	
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE		31,451.51
LESS - DONATIONS/PROJECTS		
Australian Rotary Health - Lift the Lid	1,000.00	
Catherine House	-	
Colombian Project - Ongoing Funding	4,510.00	
Hampstead Rehabilitation - PABLO System	2,500.00	
Mayor's Bushfire Fund Kangaroo Island	1,000.00	
Meals from the Heart - Ronald McDonald House	494.82	
NYSF - Student Sponsorship	2,075.00	
Rotary Foundation - Annual Fund	1,000.00	
Rotary Foundation - End Polio	1,000.00	
RYLA Oceania sponsorship - K Halliday	400.00	
Rotary District Bushfire Recovery Fund	1,000.00	
RYLA Student Sponsorship	1,700.00	
Total Donations/Projects Expenditure	16,679.82	14,771.69
BALANCE 30 June 2020		14,771.69

MEMBERSHIP		AWARDS			
Katrina Ball			PAUL HARRIS SAPPHIRES		
Andrew Black - Honorary Member			John Campbell	5 sapphires	
Bob Buckerfield - Honorary Member			Julie Campbell	2 sapphires	
John Campbell			Fred Field	1 sapphire	
Julie Campbell			Barry Gear AO	1 sapphire	
Christine De Goere			Richard Jarrett	2 sapphires	
Fred Field			Katina Jones	1 sapphire	
Barry Gear AO			John Karran	1 sapphire	
Katey Halliday		CURRENT MEMBERS & PARTNERS AWARDED PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS			
Phil Harding AM	Katrina Ball	Bruce McDonald	1 sapphire		
Stefanie Hou	Andrew Black	Rob McLennan	1 sapphire		
Richard Jarrett	Bob Buckerfield	David Rowe	2 sapphires		
Katina Jones - Honorary Member	John Campbell	Angus Tuck	2 sapphires		
Kirsti Kankkunen	Julie Campbell	PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY			
John Karran	Fred Field				
Di Lane	Barry Gear AO				
Karagh Loring	Katey Halliday				
Bruce McDonald	Phil Harding AM				
Rob McLennan	Richard Jarrett				
Tony Reade OAM - Honorary Member	Katina Jones			John Campbell	
Yvette Reade	Jeffrey Jones			Angus Tuck	
David Riggall	Kirsti Kankkunen				
David Rowe - Honorary Member	John Karran	BEQUEST SOCIETY			
Graham Smith - Honorary Member	Di Lane				
Margie Steffens	Bruce McDonald				
Dean Sullivan	Rob McLennan				
Liz Tilley	Tony Reade OAM				
Don Tindale	Yvette Reade				
Angus Tuck	David Riggall				
Andy Van der Merwe	David Rowe	John Campbell			
John Wotherspoon	Graham Smith	Julie Campbell			
	Dean Sullivan				
PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS		Pam Sullivan	AUSTRALIAN AWARDS		
		Don Tindale			
Anthony (Tony) Reade OAM	1993-1994	Angus Tuck	Barry Gear AO		
Katina Jones	2004-2005	Deborah Wotherspoon	Philip Harding AM		
John Campbell	2014-2015	John Wotherspoon	Anthony (Tony) Reade OAM		

PRESIDENTS OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF ADELAIDE LIGHT INC					
1986-1987	Anthony (Tony) Reade OAM	1998-1999	Peter Bayetto	2010-2011	Carolyn Wigg
1987-1988	Philip Harding (AM)	1999-2000	Katina Jones	2011-2012	John Campbell
1988-1989	John Rodda	2000-2001	Rob McLennan	2012-2013	Dean Sullivan
1989-1990	Dean Kuhl	2001-2002	Ian Bluntish	2013-2014	Richard Jarrett
1990-1991	Stuart Fergusson	2002-2003	John Wotherspoon	2014-2015	Yvette Reade
1991-1992	Andrew Black	2003-2004	Robert (Rob) Brook	2015-2016	Miriam Silva
1992-1993	Don Tindale	2004-2005	Stephen Baker	2016-2017	Don Tindale
1993-1994	Alan Meade	2005-2006	Kym Pedler	2017-2018	Julie Campbell
1994-1995	Barry Grear (AO)	2006-2007	Deborah Wotherspoon	2018-2019	Rob McLennan
1995-1996	Robert (Bob) Angove (AM)	2008-2008	Neil Bray	2019-2020	Katrina Ball
1996-1997	Graham Smith	2008-2009	Terry Rodoni		
1997-1998	Rex Spinley	2009-2010	Angus Tuck		