

Rotary

Club

Of

Drouin



Annual

Report

2019-20

**President
Tim Wills**



**Rotarians
People of Action**



Rotary Club of Drouin 2019-20
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President/Director Membership	Tim Wills
Secretary/President Elect/Administration	Russell Ford
Past President	Merv Deppeler
Treasurer	Max Scott
Director Community Service & Projects	Bill Petschack
Director Fundraising	Kevin Roberts
Director Rotary Foundation	Ian Symons
Director New Generations/Youth	Anita Coonan
Director Insurance & Risk Management	Ian Haughton
Public Image & Publicity & Bulletin	Jane Playdon & Roger Playdon
Sergeant-at-Arms	Gary Scanlon

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

<i>Attendance</i>	Peter Konjevic
<i>Club Historians</i>	Don Blackley, Max Hine
<i>Club Protection Officer</i>	Ian Symons
<i>Social</i>	Glynn Fankhauser & Don Kelly
<i>Property Master</i>	William Wong
<i>On-to-Conference</i>	Russell Ford
<i>Risk Management</i>	Micael Ambrose/Ian Brooks
<i>Rotary Family</i>	Pauline Maunder
<i>Bookings & Apologies</i>	William Wong

PUBLIC RELATIONS & MEMBERSHIP

<i>Gazette Liaison</i>	Keith Pretty
<i>Photos</i>	Clarrie Debnam, Ian Symons
<i>Website/Facebook</i>	Tim Wills

SERVICE COMMITTEES

Community Service

Australia Day, Bowel Scan, Combined Service Clubs, Committee for Drouin, Ficifolia Festival, Drouin Proboscis Clubs and Rotary Centenary House, Rotary Family
Roger Playdon (Chairperson), Ian Bennett, Pauline Maunder, Max Scott, Robert Stewart, Kevin Roberts

New Generations

Youth Projects (MUNA, NYSF, RYLA, RYPEN, RYDA)
Anita Coonan (Chairperson)

Public Relations and Membership

Membership Tim Wills
Photos Clarrie Debnam
Social Media & Website Tim Wills

Fund Raising Projects

Produce & Craft Market, Special Projects - Roger Playdon & John Tricarico (Chairman)
Farm World, Swap Meet & Market - Roger Playdon, Gary Scanlon
Big Blokes BBQ - Kevin Roberts

President's Report

Well, to say this year has been unique would be an understatement. The last thing we could have imagined back at Changeover last year was that the event would not be repeated twelve months later or that we would not be sharing our Tuesday evenings at the Hong Kong Inn. But, on virtually all measures I believe we have had another great year.

And let me share with you why I proudly say we have done well.....

Service: I asked members to aim at a minimum of 20 hours service each this year. For a whole variety of reasons, weather, and Covid-19 to name but two, that became a big ask. But even so, with the hours at market, 20+ service projects and significant individual contributions, including by members of the Board in carrying out their roles, I believe we can claim at least 1550 hours of service, which is an average of over 30 hours per member. Fantastic! Singling out anyone is fraught with danger, and so many members have contributed greatly but, I believe special recognition goes to 'never-say-no' Service Director Bill Petschack, to Jane Playdon, Roger Playdon, John Tricarico and Kevin Roberts for phenomenal contributions of time and effort. Also thank you to Anita for her devotion to the Youth portfolio, including a number of days in Melbourne with students at Science Experience and Max for his continuous efforts in support of Olivia's Place. And finally, but not least, Mr. *Debadger* himself, Rob Stewart.

It is also most pleasing to see how our service has diversified significantly and that some new activities will be repeated in coming years, while we look out for new opportunities.

Finance: We have been washed out and socially isolated out of our key fundraising this year, but I believe our gifting efforts were targeted and most beneficial for the organisations, individuals and causes we did support. Our contributions were significantly enhanced by the partnerships we formed with all the Rotary clubs of our West Gippsland cluster and with the Lions Clubs in Baw Baw, particularly Drouin and Warragul Lions. Excellent partnerships were formed, and they helped significantly in our securing four District Grants from Rotary Foundation, totaling \$9,550. We supported those we wanted to support and for whom we identified the opportunity and need through recommendations by the Board, members, and partners. And much of that support is ongoing and/or will have long term benefit for the organisation/individual and the community they serve.

Fellowship: One of this club's greatest strengths is the fellowship of its members and partners. We actually do get on with each and clearly enjoy each other's company. That is something always noted by our guests. But beyond that, we have again had many examples this *extraordinary* year of our sincere concern for and actions on behalf of our fellow Rotarians and their families. This gives Drouin Rotary significant kudos amongst our fellows and is definitely something of which to be proud and which we must always nurture.

Stepping Up: Your Board has done an excellent job and I thank and commend all members for the way they have supported me and our members and become fully involved in and delivered through their roles. They have all truly led from the front. But beyond the Board, an aim for me this year was to give to all members greater responsibility for how the club operates. Hence, expect more from you all. And that has been achieved as: groups have been responsible for our programs; individuals have brought forward project and funding-support ideas; individuals have accepted the challenge to take on particular tasks identified and deliver results; and, members have been open to consider ways we may adapt to changing times moving forward and actively contribute to subsequent discussions and/or actions.

As Mr. Grace often said, "You have all done very well". We can be proud of this club, of what we stand for and how we contribute to our community.

I wish President Russell and his Board all success in the coming year and am confident we will continue to go from-strength-to-strength under their combined leadership.

Yours in Rotary,
Tim Wills

Club Administration

Attendance

Thank you to Peter Konjevic, with Max Scott and Clarrie Debnam to assist, maintained the Club's Attendance Records. Of course, this was another area severely impacted by the pandemic and should be considered as pre lock down and post lock down. Attendance from July 2019 to March 30th 2020 the average attendance figure was 80.46%. Since lock down there have been a number of initiatives to keep members connected and engaged with The Club. Weekly ZOOM meetings were held with an average participant rate of approximately 47%, many members have been very active with the new A Chat App that was set up and members were making a point of phone others or when possible to meet informally for a coffee and chat. It was also noted that the Bulletin readership each week had a very high level of take up.

Bookings & Apologies

William has again been the contact point for Members and he has generously allowed bookings and apologies to be made up to midday on the day of the meeting which in most cases has been well used and appreciated.

Bulletin

Jane Playdon (with assistant Editor Roger) has done a wonderful job with The Bulletin this year. As mentioned above, the Bulletin became a very important "vehicle" for information and engagement of all members in the last part of this Rotary year.

Dinner Programs

The move to groups being allocated months to organise programs lifted an enormous load from any one individual. The result was a very wide variety of programs that members found extremely interesting and engaging.

Property Master

To have a secure and well cared for property location where we meet is a tremendous advantage and we thank William and his staff for this and the set up each week for the dinner meetings. Thanks William

Protection Officer

A concerted effort to encourage and assist members to apply for a current *Working with Children* certificate, plus Rotary International registrations was very successful, significantly increasing numbers who now can be involved in youth-related service.

Rotary Family

Thank you to Pauline Maunder with assistance from Anita Coonan and Max Hine on occasion kept us all up to date on the welfare of our members and families. All members were very active in drawing Pauline's attention to matters or mentioning things themselves and this aspect of fellowship should never be underestimated

Sergeant at Arms

Sergeant Gary Scanlon and Gary Surman, with occasional help from Ray Howe provided great mirth and our hands frequently in our pockets.

Social Events

Another aspect of Club operation impacted by lockdown however the January BBQs were well supported evenings and a trip to Melbourne to see Chicago thank you Glynn for the organisation of a great day. The trip to join Warragul Club with a night prior to the AFL Grand Final was a lot of fun and well attended. Maintaining the social evening with partners on our 5th Tuesdays was again very successful when we were able to hold them.

On-to-Conference

All planning was completed registrations paid, accommodation booked and paid for with President Tim, Past President Ian, Past President Sharryn and Secretary Russell all set for the highly motivating Conference in March when COVID-19 arrived and sadly Conference was cancelled.

Yours in Rotary,
Russell Ford

VALE

It is with deep regret that we acknowledge the passing of our esteemed member Bob Smart and former member Bruce Drysdale. We also note with sadness the passing of Jan Blundell, wife of Rotarian Terry and friend of many.

Past President – Special Projects

Investigations were undertaken, through the year, into the possibility of a combined Rotary, Lions and Shire long term project to update and upgrade the Drouin Pony Club site, on Settlement Road, for use by the Community. It was proposed that a large shed could be erected, a new toilet block be constructed and improvements made to the outside area. The site could then be used for markets, exhibitions and functions. Unfortunately, this was not seen as a viable project, hence no further investigations were undertaken.

My congratulations go to Tim and his team on a successful year of Rotary through what have been difficult times. The introduction of Zoom meetings, which were well attended, and the WhatsApp group created lots of interest and banter. Max's bike group has been well supported and looked forward to by many. The successful completion of many hands-on projects had been a highlight of the year.

I wish incoming President Russell and his team a profitable and productive year in Rotary.

Yours in Rotary

Merv Deppeler

Foundation

During the first half of the Rotary year a brief presentation about the value and work of the Foundation was presented that highlighted the availability and benefits available to Clubs who take advantage of District and Global Grants.

We began collecting small amounts of foreign currency from returned overseas travelers with the object of pooling them as a deposit to our Foundation contribution obligations. The COVID19 restrictions have curtailed that for the time being but we will re-commence that when the travelers start their excursions again.

Other possibilities for this include drop off points in the community and perhaps advertising and establishing a collection point at our Market BBQ stall.

The **End Polio** Campaign is funded from the Rotary Foundation with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation providing \$2 for every \$1 contributed by Rotary. We are very close to achieving the objective. The work continues in Afghanistan and Pakistan where political and terrorist unrest frustrates the eradication of the last real pockets of the disease.

November is designated as Rotary Foundation Month and that would be an appropriate time for a special effort to celebrate **the Centenary of the Foundation** by making a contribution as a Centurion. We have 7 members who are Centurions so far this year.

Our Club have made full use of **The District Grant** Program this year obtaining grants for shelving and a lifting device for our Ambos and with other Clubs and to provide and construct privacy screen fencing at Centenary House. Grants from Foundation via the District were also obtained to provide the new freezer at The Drouin Drop In Center and a new AED to be placed with the Drouin CFA.

Yours in Rotary

Ian Symons

Club Protection Officer

I am pleased to report that members took advantage of the assistance available at our regular meetings to lodge online WWC card applications or renewals. I have also received several completed Rotary Form 3s that complement the WWC card.

We have made substantial progress towards full compliance with the requirements of Rotary Policy.

Our updated register of members that will be provided to The District Protection Officer now shows 90% of members have completed the Form 3 and almost 80% hold a WWC card or have submitted an application.

Thank you to all members for their co-operation in meeting the working with youth requirements of Rotary.

The after-meeting help service will continue to be provided once our normal meetings resume.

Yours in Rotary

Ian Symons

New Generations

Although COVID-19 cut short our active Rotary year, in the first nine months, our club is proud to have sponsored and supported students from Drouin Secondary College, Drouin Primary School and an Exchange student who lives in Drouin and attends Marist-Sion College.

MUNA

July was busy as we commenced the new Rotary year by inviting our MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly) students to attend our meeting on 16 July. Our club sponsored Thalia Mitchell Yr. 11 with Xavier Swetman Yr. 11 and they spoke about their MUNA experience and their role in representing the Peoples Republic of China. The next week I accompanied Emily Little Yr. 10 with Taylah Cunningham Yr. 11 who spoke at the Rotary Club of Warragul meeting. These girls chose to represent Uganda as their country. We are very grateful to the Warragul for agreeing to sponsor our second team as they had no participants. Both clubs were impressed by the students' research, presentation and their ability to answer difficult questions. Thanks also to their debating teacher, Simone Hoogeveen, who gave great support to the students.

February 2020 was time to find new students interested in MUNA. Payton Morley is the English teacher coordinating debating this year as Simone is on leave. Both teachers have been very involved in finding students who would make good participants. By early March we had two girls interested in MUNA. President Elect, Russell Ford and I interviewed them the next week. Alayna Kennedy and Emily Little were two excellent applicants. Unfortunately, MUNA was cancelled and we had two very disappointed students.

Rotary Youth Exchange

Also, in July, President Tim and I met with the Start family from Drouin and interviewed them regarding their daughter's interest in overseas travel. Their daughter, Ariene, was very interested in applying to become a Rotary Exchange student. Ariene was keen to visit Japan as she has studied Japanese for four years at school. After the compulsory meetings and workshops, Ariene was elated to know that she had been accepted to travel to Japan. Ariene left Australia in January and elected to stay there even though the impact of COVID-19 Virus has been very distressing and many planned tourist trips had to be cancelled. Past President, Sharryn Marshall is her Counsellor and Ariene's reports have been very positive.

Science Experience

Four students from Drouin Secondary College were part sponsored by our club to attend the COCONOPHILLIPS "Science Experience" in Melbourne in January. Brittany Gardner, Christian Downes, Haydyn King and Taj Vas all going into Yr. 10 spent three days in Melbourne. I travelled with them and enjoyed getting to know them and helping them to find their way around the CBD. The students chose to visit RMIT and were amazed at the range of activities presented to them. They spent two days at the city campus and one day at the Bundoora campus. This is our second year of sponsoring students for this "Science Experience" and so far, we have had outstanding students and very supportive parents. Thank you to Belinda King, Haydyn's mother, for her very useful support. On their return, during their presentation to our club, the students reported on the breadth of their experiences. Some of the highlights included getting up at 6am to catch the coach to Melbourne; Rod Quantock's opening address; DNA analysis the science of the Metro tune; a day at the Melbourne Zoo with projects and strategic analysis; and a day at Yarra Trams depot encountering issues and developing engineering solutions. Once again, our club members were amazed at the maturity and presentation skills shown by the students.

In late February, the Drouin Secondary College publicity person contacted President Tim and me to see if they could use a photo of the four students speaking at our meeting and an article Tim had sent them. They were putting together an advertisement for the college in the Pakenham Gazette. Nothing like free advertising for our Rotary club!

EarlyAct

Mid-year 2019, Jessica Lonsdale, a Grade 6 teacher at Drouin Primary School, approached President Tim to discuss the possibility of forming a Service Project group that would give the Grade 6 students an opportunity to develop leadership skills and citizenship awareness.

Thanks to Tim, the group met fortnightly and when I was able to join them, I saw that they were progressing well. They chose a project and wrote a plan to present to the Headmaster, Brad Wheeler. I was really impressed with the enthusiasm of the young students, how they could articulate their ideas and how they intended to involve all the students in developing a clean and welcoming school environment. This group may well become an EarlyAct Rotary Club.

New Generations – continued

Drouin Primary School Breakfast Club

Once again, our club has assisted the Primary School with \$1000 towards their Breakfast Club – a wonderful way to support disadvantaged families.

Apart from COVID-19 it was a good year.

Yours in Rotary

Anita Coonan

Membership

Our year started with fifty active members but we lost four through resignation due to changes in their circumstances – Ian Brooker, Jeff Copping, Graeme Tindle and, Peter Williams who has left Drouin.

Paul Harris Fellowship recognition was given to three members at Christmas: Max Scott for his years as Treasurer and his ever-present but low key service to our community; Peter Williams for his significant contributions to our fundraising efforts; and, Ian Brooker for his contribution to the ideals of service, particularly through Centurion contributions to Rotary Foundation...something that partner Sue has almost matched.

A number of milestone anniversaries were also celebrated: 5 years Russell Ford & Gary Scanlon; 10 years Anita Coonan & William Wong; 15 years Mark Howes; 20 years Ray Howe; 25 years Ian Brooks, Don Kelly & John Kinrade; 30 years Colin Gardner & Graeme Watts; 35 years Clarrie Debnam & Max Hine; and, 40 years Bill Burrows

Sadly, we lost Bob Smart in December after a long and brave battle on many fronts. He was farewelled in style. Health issues and inability to maintain active involvement saw Ian Brooker and Peter Williams withdraw from active membership and changed circumstances resulted in the resignations of long-serving members Jeff Copping, Graeme Tindle, Merv Deppeler and Bill Burrows. All will be kept informed of our activities and will involve themselves with us when opportunities arise. We thank them all and wish them and Sue, Eva, Joann, Yvonne, Jen and June health and happiness.

We have two members “excused” from attendance – Bill Burrows and Max Hine – although we are very pleased to regularly see Max and know that Bill keeps an eye on us from not-too-far-away.

And so, we should not become complacent about our engagement with potential new members – active, associate, corporate - and any other that keeps us a healthy and vibrant club.

Our one big effort at recruitment this year – *What’s Drouin Got for Me* Expo – during the Ficifolia Festival was very well attended, by other organisations also recruiting! Unfortunately, bad weather kept community attendance very low. But all of the twenty-two organisations represented are keen to do it again next year.

We end this year with a new Membership Committee preparing strategies for our future membership health. But let us not forget that “membership health”, which goes well beyond simply a number, is the responsibility of all members.

Yours in Rotary.

Tim Wills

Projects & Community Service

This has been a busy year for various projects carried out by the club with community service hours well in excess of 1500 hours.

This was achieved by the willingness of Rotarians to put up their hand when needed and make my job of coordinator so much easier. At times we had more volunteers than needed. The friendship and laughs at these events will remain forever.

Blaze Aid

Continued from last April and finished up in August under the organisation of Russell Ford the club cooked meals for some 5 months on a roster system. The club donated food left over from the Mt Worth event as well as a \$1,200 donation toward fencing material. Rotarians partners and friends completed 326 hours of service.

Drouin Cemetery

In September and October, the club held two working bees to fill in sunken graves and level up sunken plaques.

Projects & Community Service – continued

Drouin Guide Hall

Two working bees were held at the Drouin Guide Hall the first being the construction of a mezzanine floor build under the guidance of Merv Deppeler. The second project saw the re cladding of the east wall with new colour bond cladding and flashings. Rotarian John Franklin organized the materials some of which were donated by Bunnings.

West Gippsland Hospital

The hospital board asked our club to cook a BBQ lunch for their staff and workers to thank them for the hard year they had put in. The hospital supplied all the food some 300 snags and 300 hamburgers kept Rotarians busy on a very warm day.

Steppin' out for Stevie

In October at the Longwarry Football Ground our club was involved in a fund raiser for a child with Rett Syndrome. Here we cooked food donated by various Longwarry businesses raising money to enable Stevie to get treatment.

Drouin Ambulance Station

Much needed shelving was installed at the Ambulance Station to accommodate boxes of used uniforms and equipment. A working bee attended by Rotarians partners and the Lions Club unpicked the badges from these used officers' uniforms. Rob Stewart put in countless hours. Clarrie Debnam transported two pallets to Rotary's Donations In Kind in West Footscray.

Drouin West Cemetery

Our club assisted the Drouin West Cemetery Trust in establishing a new lawn section by pouring 8 new concrete beams thus creating 80 new plots in a cemetery that is becoming popular. The trust was most grateful.

Koo Wee Rup – Lang Lang

Drouin Rotary was asked to assist at BBQ cooking and gate entry at their Show and Shine event. Funds raised went to the Rotary Bush Fire Appeal. 5 Rotarians attended.

Drouin Expo

President Tim organised our club at the expo with 9 Rotarians informing the public about our activities and community service.

Holland Festival

The Casey Rotary Club invited us to participate in the Holland Festival held at Berwick in March. Our club manned the 3 ticket boxes using the square app on our phones for entry. This being a new experience for many, the day ran smoothly, and we have been invited back next year. Working With Children checks was a necessity for Rotarians. The club now has an extensive register.

Gippsland Rotary Centenary House

A Rotary Cluster Project supported by 8 clubs in the West Gippsland Cluster of 9820 attracting a matching grant from Rotary Foundation. Fence screening between Centenary House and doctor's accommodation has been completed. First day was digging holes and concreting in 22 cypress posts. Next working bee involved fixing 324 lineal meters of modwood screening. So as to keep our social distancing only 6 Rotarians working on different sections took part. Thanks to all other Rotarians who volunteered.

Olivia's Place

Max Scott continues to restore wooden cots for Olivia's Place. He has restored in excess of 20.

Yooralla

Kevin Roberts continues the great work with Yooralla, Ice Meltdown and Ficifolia. He also organised the **Big**

Blokes BBQ clean up.

Swap Meet

Gary Scanlon has had a bad run with the Swap Meet after setting up on the Saturday we were washed out on the Sunday but still managed to make a small profit.

Yours in Rotary,

Bill Petschack

Fundraising Report

Our fundraising efforts this Rotary year have been seriously curtailed due to the pandemic, two large activities were in the planning, a comedy night scheduled for May and a Gala Dinner in combination with Variety were both unable to proceed.

However, we will still be able to achieve a number of significant activities:

Big Blokes Breakfast

I would like to thank all the Rotary members who offered their time to clean up at Lardner Park as a result of which we received a donation of a \$1,000 for our services. And thank you Rotarian Kevin for your leadership in this.

Dutch Festival

A new and very successful event for us was to be involved with the Rotary Club of Casey, operating the gates at their annual Dutch Festival. This resulted in one of our biggest fund-raising initiatives for the year.

Farm World – Lardner Park

This was another casualty of the COVID Pandemic; however, we look forward to reestablishing our relationship with this major event on our Club's Calendar each year.

Yours in Rotary,
Kevin Roberts

Insurance & Risk Management

The survey required from the District Insurance Officer was received and a review of our Club's compliance was undertaken and reported back to District 9820 showing we were fully compliant.

Yours in Rotary,
Ian Haughton

Craft & Produce Market

Our monthly market this year has had a mixed success. We had a string of markets held in some of the worst weather we have seen for some years. (Market volunteers took a vote and declared that this was totally Roger's fault.) However, the value of our market to the community and to fostering fellowship for our club members has been priceless. We also made some addition to the club funds as shown in the Treasurers annual report.

Work involved in the planning for each market is done via text messages to our 33 regular stallholders who reply to us confirming their attendance. We now have 177 casual stallholders in our database so we also send them an invitation to each market. On average we have had around 40 stallholders attend each month. During the summer 2019 we reached a maximum of 72 stallholders on one occasion and extended stalls right down into Civic Park. On the other hand, during winter we have a round 35 stallholders attending. Of course, this year has been affected by COVID-19 and we closed the market from March to May.

Our reopening on 20th June was a great occasion for us and additional efforts were made in advertising. We had an additional stallholder selling Pizza and Hot Potatoes which helped to encourage more local people to attend. Overall, this year has been a one of change for the market and that change will continue as we attempt revitalise the market to attract more of the new inhabitants of Drouin and surrounds. Our aim is to include more food stalls and to find a replacement for our Veggie man who retired during this past year. So far, we have found it very difficult to replace him and we will keep trying to fill that position. We will also be investigating the option to change our market location and our market day to avoid the current clash with Warragul Market. We are also improving the management of the market. We will have three teams to separately manage firstly the pre-market activities, secondly a team to manage the day and third a BBQ team to do everything for the BBQ.

We must thank all of our willing volunteers who turn out rain or shine (mostly rain this year). Our band of volunteers put in around 56 hours of service each month, and get back 56 hours of fellowship – not a bad exchange. This coming year we look forward to enjoying the community service and fellowship that our Craft & Produce, Community Market provides.

Yours in Rotary
Roger Playdon

Public Image & Media

Warragul & Drouin Gazette - Sixteen news items (most supported by photographs) submitted to the Editor of "The Warragul & Drouin Gazette" on behalf of the Club, were published.

Another 21 items in which the Club or its projects were mentioned (submitted by others or written by the Editor), were also published.

There were paid advertisements in "The Gazette" and the "West Gippsland Trader" for Rotary activities bearing the Club's name and Rotary logo, including the Produce and Craft Market, and The Swap Meet.

Special Appreciation - The work involved in getting our events and messages published in local newspapers this year and indeed for many years has been undertaken by Keith Pretty. I would like to thank him for his tireless work in this regard, and acknowledge the excellent support received from the Editor of "The Gazette", Carolyn Turner, who has published every news item submitted.

Magazines, Radio, Television & Internet - Articles appeared in several magazines and newspapers regarding the Swap Meet plus items on websites, and radio (including 3BBRfm), and posters placed at various locations in Drouin and Warragul regarding the Swap Meet and the Australia Day Breakfast.

Other Items -The Club name, and in most cases the Rotary logo, has appeared in various signs and publicity material, including leaflets, signs and banners.

Because our Club gives financial support to the West Gippsland Music and Drama Eisteddfod, it receives prominent mention in the hundreds of Eisteddfod programs distributed each year – but unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 "lockdown", not this year.

In 2014, the Club was invited by the Shire Council to take sole responsibility for planning and conducting future Australia Day Breakfasts in Drouin – an offer which was accepted. This year's Breakfast was the sixth conducted by the Club, 124 people who attended this successful event were made well aware of the Club's involvement.

Club Bulletin - The bulletin this year took on a new look with a more relaxed format. I attempted to make it as informative as ever and to provide some comic relief during the prolonged COVID-19 lockdown.

I would like to thank the many Rotarians who have contributed to the bulletin throughout the year. They have made it a success. There have been numerous encouraging comments from our readers, one from our current DG Elect. who described our bulletin as "newsy, diverse, entertaining, engaging" The inclusion of members experiences, whether it had been their COVID-19 lockdown, their career, or holiday or just their growing up, has added to the overall diversity and at the same introduced us all to the "other side" of members lives. Thanks, must go to Tim Wills and Russell Ford for their invaluable input each week which, on Tim's part he set the scene for the week while Russell's input provided much needed comic relief. I will keep next year's bulletin just as informative and engaging. There will be more interactive articles and more thought provoking articles as we try to keep the bulletin an integral part of our club and of being a Rotarian.

Yours in Rotary
Jane Playdon

Disbursements & Projects

RECIPIENT	AMOUNT
	\$
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL - FOUNDATION	7,290
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL - POLIO PLUS DROP-IN CENTRE FRIDGE	729
AMBULANCE PROJECT - HOVER LIFT & SHELVES	4,000
DROUIN PRIMARY SCHOOL- BREAKFAST CLUB	8,455
DROUIN CFA - AED	1,000
DROUIN CFA - HOSE FITTINGS	1,800
END TRACHOMA	546
DISTRICT 9820 PARTNERS PROJECT - EXTRA EFFORT END POLIO	550
ST VINCENT DE PAUL	500
SCIENCE EXPERIENCE	500
VICTORIAN DRAMA LEAGUE – DSC STUDENT SPONSORSHIP	400
FICIFOLIA FESTIVAL - CLUBS EXPO	250
BLANKET AND WINTER WOOLENS APPEAL	60
CENTENARY HOUSE FENCE PROJECT	300
SUPPORTING RETT FOUNDATION	5,250
SUPPORTING COMMITTEE FOR DROUIN	49
SUPPORTING OLIVIA'S PLACE	260
	248
TOTAL	<u>\$32,687</u>

We have been able to extend our contributions through partnerships with and contributions from the other seven Rotary Clubs of the West Gippsland Cluster and from the Lions Clubs of Drouin and Warragul, often matched by District Grants from the Rotary Foundation.

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Office Bearers, Directors and Service Committees

President/Assistant New Generations/ Centenary Rotary in Australia	Russell Ford
Secretary/Administration	David Veal
Past President/Social Media	Tim Wills
Treasurer/ President Nominee 2020/21 and Off-To-Conference	Gary Scanlon
Director Community Service & Projects	Bill Petschack
Director Work Force and Resources	Kevin Roberts
Director Rotary Foundation	Ian Symons
Director New Generations/Youth	Sharryn Marshall
Sergeants-at-Arms	Jane Playdon and Gary Surman

ADMINISTRATION

Assist Secretary in all areas of administration:

Attendance	Peter Konjevic
Club Historians	Don Blackley and Max Hine
Club Protection Officer	Ian Symons
Programs & Social	All members
Property Master	William Wong
On-to-Conference	Gary Scanlon
Insurance	Ian Haughton
Rotary Family	Pauline Maunder and Anita Coonan
Grants Coordinator	Terry Blundell
Bookings, Apologies	William Wong

PUBLIC IMAGE & PUBLICITY

Manage communication—internal and external:

Digital Media	Tim Wills
Newsletter	Roger Playdon
Media Releases	Keith Pretty
Photos	Clarrie Debnam

COMMUNITY SERVICE & PROJECTS

Identify and manage service projects including:

Australia Day, Bowel scan, Combined Service Clubs, Special projects

Identify & manage fundraising opportunities including: Produce & Craft Market, Farm World, Swap Meet and, Special Events

MEMBERSHIP

Develop membership plan, develop, and manage promotion and recruitment

NEW GENERATIONS/YOUTH

Initiate and manage involvement in Youth Projects — MUNA, RYLA, Science Experience, Interact

FINANCE

Assist Treasurer with financial management and disbursements

SOCIAL

Identify and manage opportunities for social events for members and partners

WORK FORCE AND RESOURCES

Liaise with Directors to identify and coordinate external resources and workforce for projects, including Swap Meet and Farm World

Drouin Rotarians Are People of Action Locally.

A photographic view of our Club in action with some relaxation along the way.

Gippsland Rotary Centenary House Fence Project



Rotary ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD

Rotary District 9820 Youth Exchange Program

Ariene Start

JAPAN
Email: arienestart@gmail.com

District 9820 Australia - sponsored by:
Rotary Club of Drouin
District 2630 Japan - hosted by:
Rotary Club of Gippsland

And that was just a part of Rotary Year 2019/20

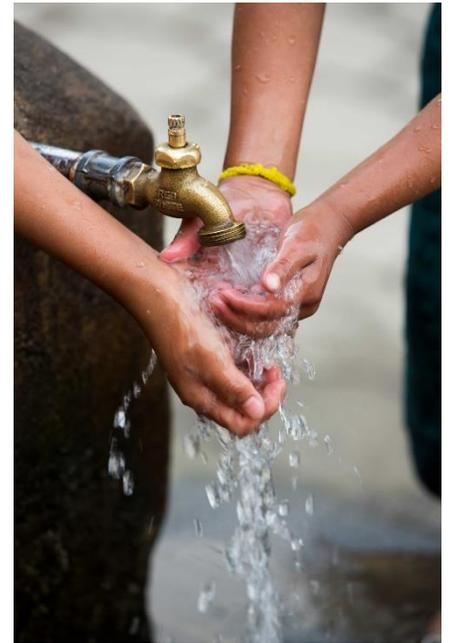


Rotarians Are People of Action Internationally.



Rotarians are involved in providing Maternal and Child Health all over the world.

Rotarians fund and work directly in providing clean drinking water wherever it is needed.



Rotarians support Economic Development with business micro loans to enable people to become self-sufficient.



Rotarians encourage and support Education opportunities all around the world

In conjunction with other worldwide organisations Rotary's End Polio Campaign has funded immunization programs resulting in almost eliminating wild Polio from the globe. We are so close to totally wiping it out.



Club Presidents			Club Presidents		
1954-55	Fred	Armstrong	1993-94	Gordon	Hill
1955-56	Tulli	Russell	1994-95	Max	Hine
1956-57	Don	Roberts	1995-96	Dennis	Ross
1957-58	Noel	Housden	1996-97	Peter	Fitzpatrick
1958-59	Fred	Phair	1997-98	Lea	Caldwell
1959-60	Bruce	Drysdale	1998-99	Pat	Gogan
1960-61	Brian	Anketell	1999-00	Rex	Greenland
1961-62	Peter	Pedersen	2000-01	Bill	Zeldenryk
1962-63	Tom	Powney	2001-02	Arie	deWit
1963-64	Keith	Pretty	2002-03	John	Kinrade
1964-65	Jack	Paynter	2003-04	Rob	Collins
1965-66	Alan	Brown	2004-05	Gary	Surman
1966-67	Bob	Bacon	2005-06	Ray	Howe
1967-68	Laurie	Kilby	2006-07	Glynn	Fankhauser
1968-69	Geoff	Wadham	2007-08	Ian	Brooks
1969-70	Leo	Boeyen	2008-09	John	Franklin
1970-71	Leo	Boeyen	2009-10	Barry	Jones
1970-71	John	Wilson	2010-11	Leigh	Bates
1971-72	Allan	Ford	2011-12	Paul	Davine
1972-73	Ted	Gibson	2012-13	Colin	Gardner
1973-74	Perc	Eacott	2013-14	Jeff	Copping
1974-75	Don	Murphy	2013-14	Jeff	Copping
1975-76	Malcolm	Reed	2014-15	Miceal	Ambrose
1976-77	Don	Tanner	2015-16	Ian	Bennett
1977-78	Russ	Rees	2016-17	Sharryn	Marshall
1978-79	Kevin	Fawcett	2017-18	David	Proposch
1978-79	Malcolm	Reed	2018-19	Merv	Deppeler
1979-80	Gordon	Williams	2019-20	Tim	Wills
1980-81	Alan	Ferguson			
1981-82	Dick	vanLeeuwen			
1982-83	Bruce	Bowman			
1983-84	Ian	Gaffney			
1984-85	John	Saddington			
1985-86	Joe	Hulbert			
1986-87	Don	Blackley			
1987-88	Bill	Burrows			
1988-89	Clarrie	Debnam			
1989-90	Terry	Palmer			
1990-91	George	Laxton			
1991-92	Rob	Stewart			
1992-93	Ron	Bray			
1993-94	Gordon	Hill			

PHF RECONITION - ROTARY CLUB OF DROUIN

NAME	DATE PRESENTED	NAME	DATE PRESENTED
ARMSTRONG, Frederick	**/01/1981	ATKINS, John William *	13/12/2011
BACON, Robert Everett	8/07/1985	DEBNAM, Clarence Arthur	13/12/2011
ROBERTS, Gordon (Don)	8/07/1985	FANKHAUSER, Glynn Edward	13/12/2011
PRETTY, Pamela Gladys (Mrs.) *	6/10/1986	COPPING, Jeffrey Douglas	26/06/2012
PRETTY, Keith Albert	4/08/1987	GOGAN, Patrick William	26/06/2012
DRYSDALE, Bruce Graham Henderson	25/05/1988	JONES, Barry Anthony	26/06/2012
PEDERSEN, Knud Helge H. (Peter)	25/05/1988	BATES, Leigh Cyril (40th)	25/06/2013
WADHAM, Charles Ernest Geoffrey	25/05/1988	GARDNER, Colin Arthur	25/06/2013
TURNER, Stanley	22/04/1991	KELLY, Donald Leslie	25/06/2013
CUTHBERTSON, John Henry * (10th)	29/06/1993	TINDLE, Graeme John	25/06/2013
TANNER, Donald Charles	29/06/1993	BLUNDELL, Terrence	24/06/2014
WILLIAMS, William Gordon	28/06/1994	BUIRROWS, June*	30/06/2015
BIBBY, Vincent Michael *	27/06/1995	MULCONRY, Gwen*	30/06/2015
FERGUSON, Alan Maxwell	12/05/1998	GREENLAND, Rex (Sapphire pin)	30/06/2015
BLACKLEY, Donald Roy	29/06/1999	PETSCHACK, Edward William (Bill)	25/08/2015
FARMER, John William *	27/06/2000	WILLS, Tim	21/06/2016
PRETTY, Keith Albert (Sapphire Pin)	16/12/2003	KONJEVIC, Peter	28/06/2016
GREENLAND, Rex Alfred	20/02/2004	DAVINE, Paul (50th)	28/06/2016
KINRADE, Lorraine Florence (Mrs.) *	20/02/2004	SURMAN, Gary	28/06/2016
GAFFNEY, Ian Thomas (20th)	27/06/2006	MAUNDER, Brian*	28/06/2016
Van LEEUWEN, Dirk Hermanus (Dick)	27/06/2006	BIBBY, Judy*	28/06/2016
BURROWS, William Herbert	26/06/2007	FARMER, Judy*	28/06/2016
ZELDENRYK, Willem (Bill)	26/06/2007	REES, Leigh	28/06/2016

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NAME	DATE PRESENTED	NAME	DATE PRESENTED
HINE, Maxwell Roderick	24/06/2008	BROOKS, Ian	29/06/2017
KINRADE, John James	24/06/2008	DEPPELER, Mervyn	29/06/2017
deWIT, Arie	22/07/2008	PROPOSCH, David	29/06/2017
PRETTY, Keith Albert (Ruby Pin)	9/12/2008	TINDLE, Yvonne*	29/06/2017
COLLINS, Robert William	29/06/2010	BENNETT, Ian	19/06/2018
FRANKLIN, John David	29/06/2010	TRICARICO, John	19/06/2018
STEWART, Robert Edward	29/06/2010	BROOKER, Ian	17/10/2019
HOWE, Raymond Stanley	5/07/2011	SCOTT, Maxwell	17/10/2019
ROBINSON, Thomas Wayne (Sapphire pin)	5/07/2011	WILLIAMS, Peter	17/10/2019
WATTS, Graeme Eric	5/07/2011		

* = Non-members

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS AWARDED BY OTHER CLUBS

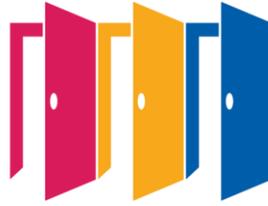
NAME		CLUB
Keith Richard DOHERTY	Deceased	Pakenham
John Alfred RUNDLE	Deceased	Berry (SA)
Ian SYMONS		Cranbourne 2004 Sapphire 2017
Judy SYMONS*		Cranbourne 2014

* = Non-members

ROTARY CLUB of DROUIN HONORARY MEMBERS

NAME		NAME
Don TANNER	Deceased	Rob COLLINS
Terry PALMER	Deceased	Ian GAFFNEY
Pat GOGAN	Deceased	Arie DeWIT
Keith DOHERTY	Deceased	Leigh REES
		Bill ZELDENRYK
		Alan FERGUSON
		Jeffrey COPPING

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Rotary Opens Opportunities



Avenues of Service

We channel our commitment to service at home and abroad through five Avenues of Service, which are the foundation of club activity.

- Club Service focuses on making clubs strong. A thriving club is anchored by strong relationships and an active membership development plan.
- Vocational Service calls on every Rotarian to work with integrity and contribute their expertise to the problems and needs of society.
- Community Service encourages every Rotarian to find ways to improve the quality of life for people in their communities and to serve the public interest.
- International Service exemplifies our global reach in promoting peace and understanding. We support this service avenue by sponsoring or volunteering on international projects, seeking partners abroad, and more.
- Youth Service recognizes the importance of empowering youth and young professionals through leadership development programs such as Rotaract, Interact, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, and Rotary Youth Exchange.