



Rotary Club Of Drouin



Annual Report

2021-22

**President
Gary Scanlon**

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Rotary Club of Drouin 2021-22
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<i>Website/Facebook</i>	Tim Wills.

President's Report

Our changeover night in late June of 2021 was a great success. Thank you to both Russell Ford & Tim Wills for their time in organising this event – complete with an Elvis look alike musician. An absolutely great night had by all that attended.

Slowly moving into July & the start of my tenure as President, a road block was put in place (Covid restrictions). We spent the next few weeks attending Zoom meetings. This was the only mode of contact for our Rotary club. I must admit that Zoom meetings were not the greatest highlight of my year.

By early August we were temporally back at the Hong Kong Inn for our regular Tuesday evening meetings, although restricted to 25 persons per meeting. (i.e., 4 square metre rule enforced by the Victorian Government). Over this difficult time, I must thank Jane & Roger Playdon, Gary Surman for covering for Ian Haughton who was away on leave.

Covid Restrictions & Zoom meetings resumed through till early October, the state then opened up allowing us to conduct meetings but still with restricted numbers. During those first 6 months we were lucky enough to run our monthly markets, with only one cancelled due to Covid restrictions.

Projects Undertaken During the Year

1. The **Tools to East Gippsland Project** proceeded during late 2021, with 2 loads of tools delivered to Bairnsdale for the Fire Relief Agency. Thankyou Kevin Roberts for heading up this project & housing

all the equipment /Tools in his shed prior to departure, with Glynn Fankhauser & Tim Wills helping from time to time.

2. Shelving for the **Baw Baw little Athletics Club**. This occurred during October where we installed shelving (supplied by the Rotary Club of Drouin) in their building to accommodate all the track & field equipment. Bill Petschack organised this project, with a crew of 4 Rotarians.
3. The **Warragul Junior Football Club** asked the Rotary Club of Drouin to set up a BBQ for their Christmas breakup. Thank you to all that helped out on the night.
4. **Longwarry Food Bank** was also on again this year. With food deliveries to people in need. Thank you to Debbie Brown, who manages this food relief & our Russell Ford who organises the deliveries on a Friday. Well done to all who helped out with deliveries this year.

5. The **Drouin Rotary Monthly Market** is held in the Young Street carpark & on some occasions spills into our wonderful Civic Park. (This often happens at the 2 markets prior to Christmas). Thank you to David Veal (market coordinator), aided greatly by Jane & Roger Playdon. Max Scott for the organisation of all the volunteers for the BBQ & John Tricarico for the food orders. Our market has been the major fundraiser for the year, with funds raised around \$ 20000

The second 6 months of my Presidency became rather busy as Covid Restrictions eased & we organised **Australia Day in the Park**. Many hours performed by Rotarians to plan this event, thank you to Kevin Roberts, Roger Playdon, Bob Vogt & Bill Petschack to name the Movers & Shakers. Thankyou also to all the Volunteers from our Rotary club who helped out at this event.

Farm World 2022 was our Major event in late march, where we had 33 Rotarians helping out over a 4-day period, monitoring gates, car parks & driving a tractor complete with a trailer (set up as a bus to ferry people around the Lardner Park site). A donation of \$6000 was presented to our club. Thank you again to all that volunteered.

The next major fundraiser was in early April the Rotary **Swap Meet, Show & Shine** was held at Lardner Park. This is a two-day event where the set up took place on Saturday & the main event on the Sunday. The weather was absolutely on our side for this event, both days were great and I thank all concerned who helped out during both days. Special thanks to Ian Haughton (Mr. Insurance/Risk assessment), Roger Playdon & Max Scott (money managers), Ian Brooks (carpark manager), John Franklin (Mr. Show & Shine) & David Proposch (Mr. Cordon Bleu – BBQ control officer). It was great to see this event not cancelled (as it had been over the past few years) due to inclement weather, bushfires & Covid. We managed to produce a profit of around \$ 4500 for this year's event.

Social Side of Rotary

All be it to helping others & donating to various groups in our local area, this is a great part of Rotary, but there needs to be fun times. We have had a few this year even though restricted due to Covid. Liz & Glynn Fankhauser thank you for the BBQ held at the apple orchard in early Jan. Glynn also organised a trip to Moulin Rouge for Rotarians to attend. Last event was the Rotary Conference held in Traralgon, where there were 9 Drouin Rotarians who attended this most enjoyable weekend.

The Friday morning Rotary bike ride was set up some years ago & continued through this year. The ride is for us all to have exercise, but the main focus of this event is to get back to the Soul Sisters café as fast as possible for a coffee & then some rather intelligent conversation. Ian Haughton thank you for organising this weekly outing.

New Members

We welcomed Judy Alexander into our club earlier in the year & Josh Denehy in May 2022. Welcome to you both & enjoy Rotary. A big thankyou to Russell Ford (Immediate Past President 2020/2021) for stepping in as secretary for most of the year. I had Terry Blundell as secretary for a few months, but due to family commitments moved to Perth late last year.

Last but by no means least, I would like to thank my wife Rosie who has weathered the Rotary Clubs demands over the past 12 months, as well as organising a succession of several craft days for wives/partners/others/Rotarians interested in Craft. This enterprise not only made \$1000 for our club, but made for lots of fun & laughter for all that attended.

I am now relegated to the back bench. I wish Roger all the best for the coming year.

Yours in Rotary

Gary Scanlon

Club Administration

Attendance

Thank you to Peter Konjevic, for maintaining the Club's Attendance Records and dinner payments. The average attendance figure for the face-to-face meetings was 74.01%. The average attendance was down slightly however there is no doubt that the freeing up of travel restrictions saw many of our members who had been itching to hook up the van head off during the year.

Board meetings were extremely well attended by Executive members and Directors.

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

Ian Haughton has done a wonderful job with The Bulletin this year. The Bulletin remains a very important "vehicle" for information and engagement of all members.

Dinner Programs

The continuation of groups being allocated months to organise programs was again a feature of our planning. 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

The Club has a very high uptake of members with *Working with Children* certificate, and recorded with the district protection Officer. This process is to be reactivated with new members and those not previously certified with Working with Children Permits

Rotary Family

Thank you to Pauline Maunder, who 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

Sergeants Ian and Jane, provided great mirth and had our hands frequently in our pockets.

On-to-Conference

Naturally the format of was back to a normal Conference in Traralgon this Rotary year. Several Drouin Rotarians attended and not only had an enjoyable time but also a very worthwhile learning experience.

People Of Post Grant

Our local manager at Drouin Post Office nominated us for a grant, we put in an application for the purchase of an administrative laptop and software primarily for the Market's use and we were successful in gaining a \$1,000 grant

Yours in Rotary,

Russell Ford

Foundation Report

This has been another challenging year with regard to opportunities to raise contributions towards Polio Plus and The Foundation.

Two of our regular bike riders rode the 85km to Traralgon where they were met by President Gary outside the Conference venue. They were sponsored by various donations that were added to the Club's pledged contribution.

We continued to collect foreign currency, mostly at our monthly market and converting that to 'real' money is being investigated as this report goes to print. Whatever the outcome it will provide a further useful contribution to The Rotary Foundation.

Our District Contributions each year determine the amount available for District Designated Grants (DDG) three years later. This year we took full advantage of a DDG to make a contribution to Centenary House towards their refurbishment project. Our Club have previously funded a room in the complex and done external landscaping work there.

Contributions

There have been four Centurion contributions that I know of, however there are also members who make EFT deductions directly to the Foundation. Our Club has been a good supporter of the Foundation.

CLUB PROTECTION

I attended a District training and development workshop in April and can report that there has been a slight change in interpretation of "incidental contact with young people". The new interpretation allows some flexibility that will help us ensure we are compliant with Rotary's youth protection policies.

Yours In Rotary

Ian Symons

New Generations/Youth

In a post-pandemic world, the youth of today are starting to regain their confidence in pursuing external options outside the walls of the school classroom. However, reluctance still permeates their approach and willingness to embrace activities.

Together with PP Russell Ford, we have started the process of involving our local youth in the array of Rotary led opportunities. Currently, students in our local schools have been approached and have indicated great interest NYSF and MUNA programs. Our local schools also support our valiant endeavours in giving youth options to increase their leadership, be involved with charities, inform their academic knowledge of various subjects and to finally interact with their peers rather than looking at screens.

Santos Science Experience.

One avenue that has opened up for the Club to engage with youth is The Santos Science Experience for Year 9 and 10 secondary school students, specifically those studying or interested in STEM subjects (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics)

The activity consists of 3 different types of participation of one day, three days or four days. The participants attend a tertiary institution for the time they elect to experience activities in the four areas. For those taking part in the three or four day programme, it also involves an onsite visit to see an actual working environment in one of the STEM subjects.

Drouin Rotary has been involved in sponsoring students from Drouin Secondary College in the past, it has been very well received by students, the only drawback was that it meant traveling to Melbourne each day of the programme.

This year the Santos Science Experience was being offered at The Federation University Campus at Churchill which has meant attendance for the students and their families will be easier. After discussion with staff at Drouin Secondary College an offer to sponsor students was made to year 9 and 10 resulting in 3 female students applying prior to the dead line for applications.

The Board decided to fully fund the three students at \$190 each, they were delighted, and have agreed to attend a dinner meeting of the Club to give a presentation on their experience.

Yours in Rotary,

Sharryn Marshall/Russell Ford

Membership

This year we have happily retained our membership at 47, with the induction on 17th May of our newest member Joshua Denehy. We welcome Josh, who was immediately there to roll up his sleeves and help at the following Market BBQ. As a younger new member, Josh is a welcome addition and we hope he has many happy and rewarding years with our Club.

Long standing and valued member Terry Blundell, has moved to W.A. and recently joined the Rotary Club of Mandurah & Districts. We will miss Terry and wish him all the very best in his new home and Club.

New members, Rob Coustley and Judy Alexander, joined us in 2021 and have remained with us through the first 12 months. Our Club's inclusiveness and support has been greatly appreciated by them. Rob and Judy have contributed their time and hard work with great enthusiasm.

As recommended in 2020-21, a formal procedure which includes a set of questions as part of the interview process for prospective members was put in place and has proved successful.

In 2021 an approach was made to Sanctuary Lifestyle Village with a view to presenting an informal talk by a small team from our Club. Covid restrictions have precluded this and plans for similar talks in the community. Subsequently a simple flyer was created, with an invitation to join in our activities on a casual basis. Sanctuary Management distributed these, along with our new business cards and bookmarks to all residents. A follow-up project for the future.

The acquisition of business cards and bookmarks with QR code linking to our Website and Facebook page were distributed to members for their own promotions of the Club; to Market visitors, Swap Meet and Farm World; to Baw Baw Shire offices; Drouin Library and local businesses. These tools along with information posted to our social media serve a dual purpose for PR and Membership. It is hoped that the publicity engendered by these may stimulate some enquiries and lead to new people joining us.

A Membership Promotion Stand organised by the District was held at Farm World. Drouin Club members were rostered over the 4 days and our marketing material, banners and giveaways organised. Although successful as a visual presence, for good fellowship and liaison with members of other Clubs, interest from the public was limited.

My appreciation goes to President Gary Scanlon for his leadership and support. Also, to Russell Ford, Tim Wills and Pauline Maunder for their support and input into the creation of our new marketing materials. I wish President Elect Roger Playdon all the best for a successful year and look forward to working with him and the new Board.

Covid Support

As our new Rotary year began, Victoria was about to go into its 6th Covid lockdown.

In accordance with Victorian Government Covid Compliance guidelines, the following measures were continued or initiated:

- Covid Safety Signage and QR codes were printed, laminated and placed at appropriate sites in Civic Park on Market Days, and the Australia Day event. Signage and other protocols were in place for our Swap Meet at Lardner Park.
- Containers of Hand Sanitiser purchased and placed at the BBQ and other sites within the Park. The BBQ site thoroughly and frequently cleaned.
- Ground markings at the Market BBQ site with the addition of barriers for the Australia Day event, were put in place in accordance with social distancing requirements.
- Proof of Covid vaccinations for stall holders and their helpers were sighted and recorded.
- Members' Covid Vaccination Certificates were sighted and recorded. All records along with Attendance Sheets have been retained and filed.
- A Covid Safe Plan was created, adapted, updated and disseminated for the various activities and venues throughout the year.

Thank you to Roger for his support as I waded my way through the scores of documents on Covid guidelines as set down by Government. Rules and restrictions were in a constant state of flux, however we managed to adhere to these and kept our Club safe.

Yours in Rotary
Bob Vogt

Projects & Community Service

Gary's Year has been a busy one with many projects and Community service by our Rotary Club.

Clearing Sale

Our club was asked by Col and Val Gardiner to run a barbeque lunch at their clearing sale at Longwarry North which was a great success with some Rotarians selling unwanted goods also.

Tools For east Gippsland

Kevin spent many hours far and near collecting much needed tools and equipment to be distributed to fire victims up East Gippsland. He and Glyn trailered two loads to Bairnsdale.

Warragul Little Athletics

A request by Warragul Little Athletics to assist their club in the purchase and installation of new shelving in their club house was approved by the board. Four heavy duty shelving units were installed and were greatly appreciated by their club.

Debadgeing Uniforms

Our A.G. Tim Wills organized the debadgeing of Ambulance Officers uniforms to be supplied to the Covid –Surge work force. Some 70 plus hours of labor from Rotarians, wives and partners got the job done very quickly. A letter of thanks from the Drouin Branch of Ambulance Victoria was received.

Planter Boxes

Our club supplied funds for the purchase of material for our local Men's Shed to construct planter boxes for Lyrebird Village.

Foodbank

For nearly 2 years Russell Ford has had the mammoth task of organizing Foodbank distributions from the Longwarry Hall. Prior to Christmas there was already six people needed weekly to distribute food to Drouin and Warragul since its inception. Funds have dropped off since Christmas he now tries to organize delivery to two days per month. Well done to Rotarians and Partners who have consistently made themselves available for deliveries.

Show and Shine

Clubs Koo Wee Rup-Lang Lang held a very successful Show and Shine and Swap meet for the 1st time in a number of years. Rotarians Ian Symons, Max Scott and Tim Wills spent some 6 hours directing traffic for them.

Cot Restoration

Rotarian Max Scott continues his restoration skills in restoring cots for Olivia's Place. In excess of 20 cots have been carried out for this establishment which has now moved to a larger place.

Australia Day

Our clubs new format for Australia Day in Civic Park was a great success with much better weather than last year. Kevin was in charge of organizing the different activities and bands. Bob had the Covid check-ins in place. Thanks to the Rotarians in organizing all of the paper work to enable this event to take place. The barbeque was once again a huge success. Egg and Bacon rolls the flavor of the day.

FARM WORLD

Gary's organization of our club at Farm World was a great success, helped by great weather for a change. Some 33 Rotarians and 3 helpers were involved over the 4 days with many putting in countless hours. Congratulations from Lardner Park were received for a great job inviting Gary to a post event meeting of their committee.

Swap Meet

After floods, fire and Covid our club finally held our swap meet at Lardner Park in April. There was a good public attendance enjoying food from the Rotary barbeque. Outdoor stalls were down a little and indoor stall could have been better. The Show and Shine with some 100 cars of all different makes and models was a standout feature.

Longwarry and District History Group

Our secretary Russell being a member of the Longwarry and District Group organized the fabrication of steel frames to which were attached plaques commemorating the history of the bygone era of the towns of Longwarry, Modella and Labertouche. Our Rotary Club installed these recently, four in Longwarry, one at Modella and two at Labertouche. Russell's biggest hurdle with this project was dealing with Baw Baw Shire. Getting permission and the location of these took months and months.

Great project Russell.

Yours in Rotary,

Bill Petschack

Work Force and Special Event Planning

This role has involved the Club in both the planning and operation of Special events along with liaison with other Clubs and organisations.

Tools for East Gippsland

It has left the front pages because of COVID and floods, but this doesn't mean that the victims of the fires are no longer in need. Over several months we publicized and collected tools, everything from shovels to power tools, with particular help from The Drouin Men's Shed. This resulted in two large trailer loads of quality tools being delivered to East Gippsland that will be stored in shed in four different locations for those in need to access.



Australia Day

This is probably our biggest task of the year as we plan, liaise with Baw Baw Council and several other community-based organisations to run an Australia Day Picnic in the park. All activities, food and entertainment are free of charge to the public. It involves many hours over several months to put the day together as well as set up, staffing our sausage sizzle and pack up. It requires a maximum effort from so many of our members



Farm World.

After the monthly market this is probably our biggest source of income where we work with the administration at Lardner Park to fill many roles during the 4 days of Farm World.

Swap Meet

After several unfortunate years of running our Swap Meet, after floods, fires and COVID seem to haunt us we again got the Swap Meet up and going. Again, there are several weeks of forward planning and the rostering a large number of our members on the day.

Big Blokes Breakfast

This also occurred and we received a donation of a \$1,000 for our services. Thank you, Rotarian Kevin, for your leadership in this.

Girls Day Out.

As for The Big Blokes Breakfast a team of Rotarians organised by Kevin went out to clean up after the event and a further \$1,000 was the result.

Yooralla

We continue to support the Drouin Yooralla facility with all sorts of odd jobs around the building and in the grounds that are within our scope to perform.

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. The Club has a current Certificate of Insurance.

*Yours in Rotary,
Ian Haughton*

Market Report

Now that COVID is behind us in terms of shutting our Market down we have been able to run the market on the 3rd. Saturday of every month once again, although on one Saturday the weather was so bad, we shut up shop and refunded the half a dozen stall holders who braved the conditions and showed up.

However, we were not totally out of the grips of COVID as there were many conditions that we had to adhere

to so that we could operate safely for our own people, the stall holders and of course the public.

Our COVID guardian Bob was on top of what needed to be done to run the Market. Sanitiser, masks, QR codes, COVID marshals, they were all in place, a great job Bob. It was a pity that not all of the public were understanding and on rare occasions our marshals received some abuse for just performing the duties that were required.

We have noticed a change in the stall holder profile of those asking for places at the market this year. Instead of an ongoing set of regulars there are now more transient stall holders who come for one maybe two markets and then move on. It doesn't seem to have affected numbers, but it is something to be aware of and possibly is an indication that we need to maintain a high level of advertising and visibility, particularly on social media.



The restructure of market responsibilities has helped to take some of the load off just one person. David Veal must be congratulated for his leading role with management of stall holders bookings, management and financial details with the stall holders on the day of the market. He was supported, when necessary, by Roger Playdon. Max Scott took the role of arranging the workforce and roster, whilst David Proposch, along with others

when David was not available, to arrange the delivery, pick up etc. of the BBQ and supplies.

Of course, it is fairly labour intensive so thanks must go to the many Rotarians who each month put up their hand to work at the market in whatever capacity is needed, and we acknowledge the after care of cleaning and returning our BBQ that Rotarian John Franklin does.

Public Image & Media

Public Relations & Media Report

Examples of articles in The Gazette, CFA News, club's Facebook and website, District newsletter &



Drouin Rotarians Glyn Farkhausen (left) and Kevin Roberts secure a trailer load of second hand tools for people affected by East Gippsland bushfires in 2019-2020.



Drouin Rotarian Kevin Roberts makes a last minute check of second hand tools before they head to East Gippsland to be used by people that lost tools in bushfires in the 2019-2020 summer bushfires.

Quality tools for bushfire victims

The loss of lives, buildings, fences and livestock are the major casualties highlighted when bushfires sweep through an area but there is another critical need when people affected try to get back on their feet. They are the workers' tools that are essential in rebuilding properties and businesses. Drouin's Rotary Club and Men's Shed are the lead for this effort supported by the East Gippsland State of the 2019-2020 summer and recently Rotarians Kevin Roberts and Glyn Farkhausen delivered the first of two trailer loads of second hand but good quality tools to the region. Drouin Men's Shed members James Hunt,



Some of the large amount of equipment at the feet of Warragul Little Athletics Club president Lisa Aubrey that is needed to run the athletics sessions is now stored more orderly and efficiently after Drouin Rotary Club donated and installed four banks of shelves.

Rotary makes life easier for athletics

A host of equipment has to be set up ahead of the children taking to the oval for their Warragul Little Athletics meetings — and when the sessions are ended it all has to be picked up and packed away. Getting some order to that has been an issue that had troubled the club's president Lisa Aubrey since she took the position four years ago. After looking for options to get some funding to make the equipment storage shed more orderly treasurer Kirsten Finger offered the suggestion to give the Drouin Rotary Club a call. The club readily donated four banks of shelving and a group of handymen among the members, led by service director Bill Petschack, moved quickly to install them at the shed. It was the type of task they were familiar with having completed a similar job a couple of years earlier at the Drouin ambulance station. Ms Aubrey said participation in Warragul Little Athletics continued to grow with 157 children registered last year. They come from Bunyip, Traralgon and areas in between. Ms Aubrey described the shelving as "fantastic" and would make setting up and packing away much easier and quicker for the volunteers.



Residents and care staff at Lyrebird Village at Drouin and chief executive officer Bill Baker (right) welcome the arrival of two planter boxes for some small-scale gardening. At rear, Drouin Rotary president Gary Scanlon (left) and chairman of Community Bank Drouin and District Rod Dunlop representing some of the organisations behind the project.

Planter boxes to brighten Lyrebird

Two planter boxes have been donated to add some colour to Lyrebird Village Aged Care at Drouin. The efforts of three local organisations enabled the project. Lyrebird Karroonda came up with the idea to provide the boxes for Lyrebird Village and local landscape designer Fran Metcalfe is taking the next steps by facilitating workshops for residents and staff. Disruptions caused by COVID restrictions caused some initial setbacks but things are now moving ahead to meet the objective of small-scale gardening soon as a catalyst for communication and engagement. Drouin Rotary Club and Community Bank Drouin and District provided the funding for Drouin's Men's Shed to make the boxes. Disruptions caused by COVID restrictions



Defib decision saves Captain's life

A DECISION WAS MADE BY DROUIN FIRE BRIGADE some time ago in how a defibrillator should be used in the 2019-2020 summer bushfires. It was a decision that was made 12 months ago but the brigade was extremely grateful and was about making a big difference. The defibrillator was used in an emergency situation on a person who was suffering from a heart attack. The defibrillator was used to restart the person's heart and they were able to get to the hospital safely. The defibrillator was used in an emergency situation on a person who was suffering from a heart attack. The defibrillator was used to restart the person's heart and they were able to get to the hospital safely. The defibrillator was used in an emergency situation on a person who was suffering from a heart attack. The defibrillator was used to restart the person's heart and they were able to get to the hospital safely.

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Drouin Rotary farewells long serving member

By Keith Anderson
Drouin Rotary Club farewelled long serving member Jerry Blandell at his recent last week ahead of his departure to live in West Australia. The great Rotarian has been since he and his wife Jan, who died last year, joined the club in 1991. It was also an opportunity for a friendly visit by fellow member Ian Haughton and a final chance for the sergeant-at-arms to extract some final from him. During his three decades at the club Mr Blandell has held numerous official positions but said he managed to dodge taking on roles as president and treasurer. However, he did much more than his fair share of implementing Rotary ideals, locally and nationally. Among his undertakings were the establishment of a program for which he gained Rotary International financial support, to provide books and computers to schools in the Philippines and even a water supply system for one school. Close to home Mr Blandell, with fellow Drouin member Graeme Walls, conducted a camp for teenage students in the area for several years. His efforts were recognized with the awarding of Rotary's coveted Paul Harris Fellowship in 2014. Both teachers Mr and Mrs Blandell arrived in the Drouin area to take up Education Department postings, initially for Mr Blandell at Drouin South, then Warragul and Culani before returning to Drouin South as principal. The couple bought a property at Drouin South, where they built a house, raised their children Ben and Emma and established a vineyard, Acreage, as a hobby. The vineyard was the key to Mr Blandell's entry into Rotary; the Drouin club already had its quota of teachers so he was inducted under the "vintner" category. While he was fitted last week by his fellow Rotarians for his service, he was true to character in a brief response, "thanks so much for your fellowship over 30 years". Mr Blandell plans to continue in Rotary after he settles in West Australia.

Warragul & Drouin Gazette

We continue to receive strong support for our stories and projects from The Warragul and Drouin Gazette. We are very grateful to the paper, it's Editor Carolyn Turner and senior journalist, Keith Anderson who has attended some meetings throughout the year.

The Club does not underestimate the importance of local press amongst the community and it is an excellent way for the Club to promote its self and activities.

Disbursements & Projects

RECIPIENT	AMOUNT \$
FLOOD RELIEF NSW/QLD <i>(This also includes personal donations made by Rotarians)</i>	5350.00
ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE	5000.00
RURAL DOCTORS FOUNDATION (Medihood for West Gippsland Hospital)	4800.00
EUKRANIAN REFUGEE FUND <i>(This also includes personal donations made by Rotarians)</i>	4600.00
CENETNARY HOUSE (Includes a District Grant)	4000.00
LIVE4LIFE PROGRAM	3550.00
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL - FOUNDATION	3276.00
VARIETY CHILDRENS CHARITY	2000.00
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL - POLIO PLUS	1000.00
DROUIN CWA	1000.00
DROUIN LIONS	1000.00
WARRAGUL LITTLE ATHLETICS CLUB	756.00
DROUIN SECONDARY COLLEGE (Santos Science Experience funding for 3 Students)	570.00
LONGEWARRY FOOD BANK	500.00
BAW BAW L2P PROJECT	500.00
OMOYAMINISTRIES	500.00
DROUIN SCOUT GROUP	500.00
DROUIN GUIDE GROUP	500.00
DONATION IN KIND (Lyrebird Planter Boxes)	300.00
OLIVIA'S PLACE - Shelving	250.00
TOTAL	\$39,952.00

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ADMINISTRATION

Assist Secretary in all areas of administration:

Attendance	Peter Konjevic
Club Historians	Don Blackley, Russell Ford
Club Protection Officer	Ian Symons
Programs & Social	All members
Property Master	William Wong
Insurance	Ian Haughton
Rotary Family	Pauline Maunder
Bookings, Apologies	William Wong

PUBLIC IMAGE & PUBLICITY

Manage communication—internal and external:

Print & Digital Media	Tim Wills
Newsletter	Ian Haughton
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 Australia Day, Swap Meet and Farm World.

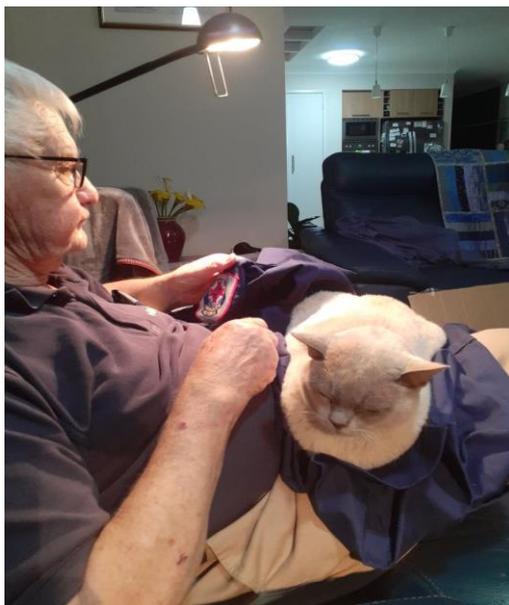
To investigate and follow up partnerships with other Clubs and organisations.

Drouin Rotarians Are People of Action Locally.

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



Above A first. Clubs in District 9820 teamed together to promote Rotary with a stand at Farm World.



Left A relaxing project but none the less valuable debadeging ambulance uniforms to be sent overseas to developing countries



Above – Medihood for Warragul Hospital.

Below – Removing a playground in Drouin to be shipped overseas, and some recreation, a good fish Bill



Right On a cold wet day the construction crew installing historical boards for The Longwarry and District History Group



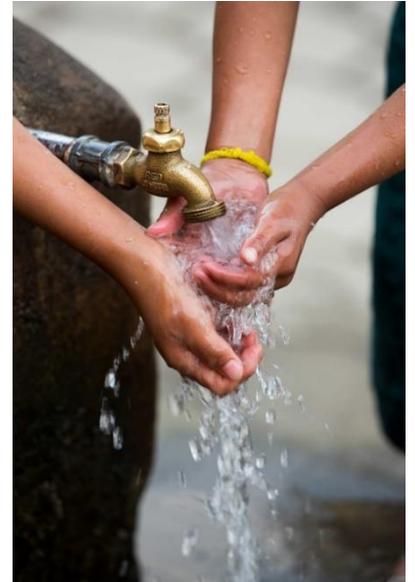
And that is just some of what we did in 2021/22

Rotarians Are People of Action Internationally.



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

Rotarian's 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	2020-21	Russell	Ford
1981-82	Dick	vanLeeuwen	2021-22	Gary	Scanlon
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 RECOGNITION - ROTARY CLUB OF DROUIN

NAME	DATE PRESENTED	NAME	DATE PRESENTED
ARMSTRONG, Frederick	**/01/1981	HINE, Maxwell Roderick	24/06/2008
BACON, Robert Everett	8/07/1985	KINRADE, John James	24/06/2008
ROBERTS, Gordon (Don)	8/07/1985	deWIT, Arie	22/07/2008
PRETTY, Pamela Gladys (Mrs.) *	6/10/1986	PRETTY, Keith Albert (Ruby Pin)	9/12/2008
PRETTY, Keith Albert	4/08/1987	COLLINS, Robert William	29/06/2010
DRYSDALE, Bruce Graham Henderson	25/05/1988	FRANKLIN, John David	29/06/2010
PEDERSEN, Knud Helge H. (Peter)	25/05/1988	STEWART, Robert Edward	29/06/2010
WADHAM, Charles Ernest Geoffrey	25/05/1988	HOWE, Raymond Stanley	5/07/2011
TURNER, Stanley	22/04/1991	ROBINSON, Thomas Wayne (Sapphire pin)	5/07/2011
CUTHBERTSON, John Henry * (10th)	29/06/1993	WATTS, Graeme Eric	5/07/2011
TANNER, Donald Charles	29/06/1993	ATKINS, John William *	13/12/2011
WILLIAMS, William Gordon	28/06/1994	DEBNAM, Clarence Arthur	13/12/2011
BIBBY, Vincent Michael *	27/06/1995	FANKHAUSER, Glynn Edward	13/12/2011
FERGUSON, Alan Maxwell	12/05/1998	COPPING, Jeffrey Douglas	26/06/2012
BLACKLEY, Donald Roy	29/06/1999	COPPING, Jeffrey Douglas	26/06/2012
FARMER, John William *	27/06/2000	GOGAN, Patrick William	26/06/2012
PRETTY, Keith Albert (Sapphire Pin)	16/12/2003	JONES, Barry Anthony	26/06/2012
GREENLAND, Rex Alfred	20/02/2004	BATES, Leigh Cyril (40th)	25/06/2013
KINRADE, Lorraine Florence (Mrs.) *	20/02/2004	GARDNER, Colin Arthur	25/06/2013
GAFFNEY, Ian Thomas (20th)	27/06/2006	KELLY, Donald Leslie	25/06/2013
Van LEEUWEN, Dirk Hermanus (Dick)	27/06/2006	TINDLE, Graeme John	25/06/2013
BURROWS, William Herbert	26/06/2007	BLUNDELL, Terrence	24/06/2014
BURROWS, William Herbert	26/06/2007	BUIRROWS, June*	30/06/2015
ZELDENRYK, Willem (Bill)	26/06/2007	MULCONRY, Gwen*	30/06/2015

* = Community Members awarded PHF

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GREENLAND, Rex (Sapphire pin)	30/06/2015	MAUNDER Pauline	17/12/2020
PETSCHACK, Edward William (Bill) (Sapphire Pin 2021)	25/08/2015	ROBERTS Kevin	17/12/2020
WILLS, Tim	21/06/2016	WONG William	19/01/2021
KONJEVIC, Peter	28/06/2016	CHAN Christine*	19/01/2021
DAVINE, Paul (50th)	28/06/2016	BROWN Debbie*	6/07/2021
SURMAN, Gary	28/06/2016	PLAYDON Roger	6/07/2021
MAUNDER, Brian*	28/06/2016		
BIBBY, Judy*	28/06/2016		
FARMER, Judy*	28/06/2016		
REES, Leigh	28/06/2016		
BROOKS, Ian	29/06/2017		
DEPPELER, Mervyn	29/06/2017		
PROPOSCH, David	29/06/2017		
TINDLE, Yvonne*	29/06/2017		
BENNETT, Ian	19/06/2018		
TRICARICO, John	19/06/2018		
HAUGHTON, Ian	19/06/2018		
BROOKER, Ian	17/10/2019		
SCOTT, Maxwell	17/10/2019		
WILLIAMS, Peter	17/10/2019		

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**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

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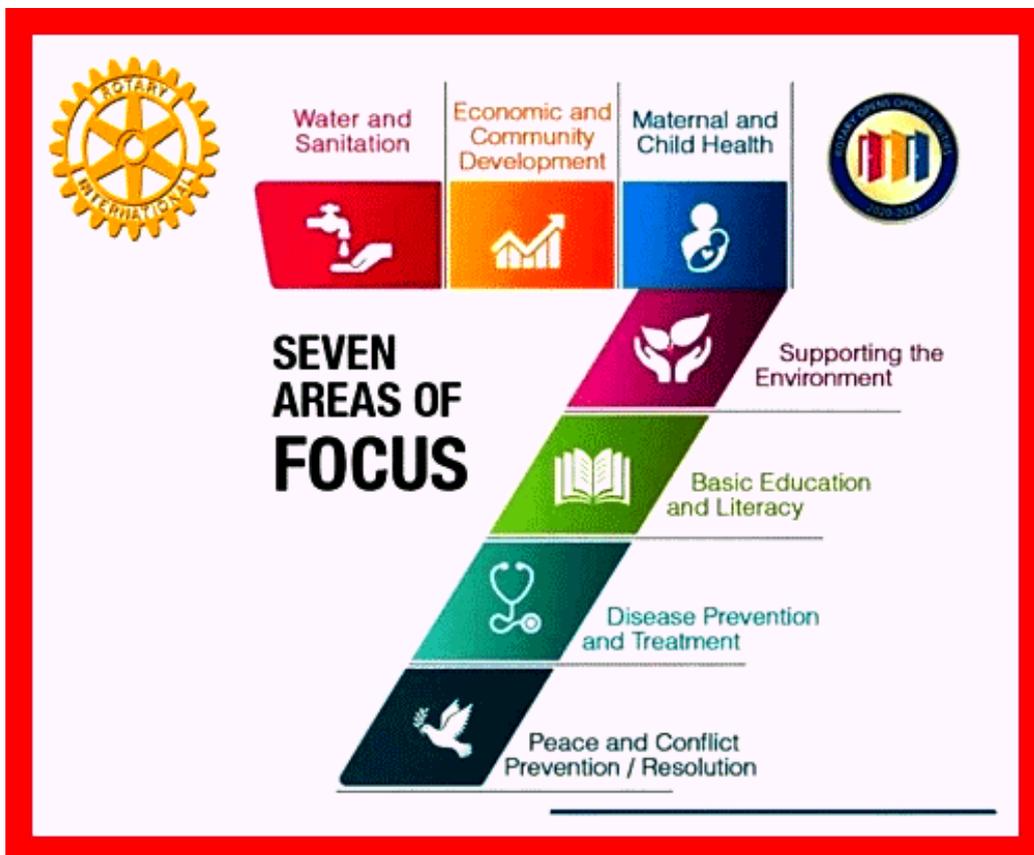
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HONORARY MEMBERS**

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



Rotary Areas Of Focus

We channel our commitment to service at home and abroad through seven areas of focus, which are the foundation of Club activity.



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