

# **Rotary Club of Lakes Entrance**

District 9820

**Chartered 6th November 1959** 



# **ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021**







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Note: Second name listed is the partner of the member.



### Past Presidents of our Club

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1959-60	Jack Vining (D)	1990-91	Stewart Marsh	
1960-61	Jack Palmer (D)	1991-92	David Jennings (D)	
1961-62	Jack Kilby (D)	1992-93	Terry Barling (D)	
1962-63	Ron Williams (D)	1993-94	Sandy Kee (D)	
1963-64	Roy Kent (D)	1994-95	Barrie Peel	
1964-65	Harold Broome (D)	1995-96	Dan Ford	
1965-66	Jack Peel (D)	1996-97	Fred Albrecht	
1966-67	George Peel (D)	1997-98	Henrie Ellis	
1967-68	John Warn (D)	1998-99	Sandra Marshall	
1968-69	Clyde Sykes (D)	1999-2000	Ron Poke	
1969-70	Alan Gamble/Jack Peel (D)	2000-01	Mary Fincham	
1970-71	Jim Davis (D)	2001-02	Graeme Loukes (D)	
1971-72	Leigh Robinson	2002-03	Barrie Peel	
1972-73	Harold Harwood (D)	2003-04	Mike Goodluck	
1973-74	Lionel Byles	2004-05	Rob Curnow	
1974-75	Lex Bromley	2005-06	John Griffith	
1975-76	Bert Mortimer (D)	2006-07	Lois Hateley	
1976-77	Geoff Ireland/Harold Harwood (D)	2007-08	John Munns	
1977-78	Frank Neaves (D)	2008-09	Dick Ellis	
1978-79	Lance Newman (D)	2009-10	Rick Watts (D)	
1979-80	Bill Tucker (D)	2010-11	Mike Goodluck	
1980-81	Glynn Timmins (D)	2011-12	Jeff Wilson	
1981-82	Les McGregor (D)	2012-13	Dan Hession	
1982-83	Bernie Ryan (D)	2013-14	Arthur Allen	
1983-84	Bob Lucas	2014-15	Lesley Mackenzie	
1984-85	Mike Anketell	2015-16	Louise Allen	
1985-86	Peter Robinson	2016-17	Bruce Hurley	
1986-87	lan Farmer	2017-18	Peter Sindrey	
1987-88	Colin Bull (D)	2018-19	Peter Sindrey	
1988-89	Jim Grimshaw (D)	2019-2020	Lesley Mackenzie	
1989-90	Dick Bardwell (D)	2020-2021	Jeff Wilson	
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### Paul Harris Fellows

Roy Kent	Charles Phillips Harold Harwood		Clyde Sykes	
John Warn	Lance Newman	Dick Bardwell*	Bob Lucas	
Tom Allen	Sandy Kee	Peter Robinson	Dan Ford	
Mike Anketell*	Barrie Peel	Mike Goodluck	Rob Curnow	
Lois Hateley	Sandra Marshall	John Griffith	Graeme McGown	
John Savage	Wendy McKean	Jeff Wilson	Arthur Allen	
Lesley Mackenzie	Bruce Hurley	Bernard Abrecht	Peter Sindrey*	
Marnie Graham			* Sapphire Pin	

### Friends of Rotary

Maureen Livingstone	Shirley Bardwell	Gwen Newman	Lois Hateley	Nina Petrie
Shirley Harris	Michelle Fry	Paula Sindrey	Shirley Brauze	Linda Sherring
Eileen Hurley	Ted Hare	Ron Swann	Vivienne Dunkley	Chris Howlett
Rosemary de Villiers	Ross Irvine	Dan Ford		



### **Outgoing Officeholders 2020-2021**

President: Jeff Wilson

Immediate Past President:Lesley MackenziePresident Elect:Peter SindreySecretary:Sandy YeatsTreasurer:Ian DunkleyRotary Foundation:Bruce HurleyYouth Projects:Jeff Wilson

Protection Officer / Member Liaison: Lesley Mackenzie
Program: Bruce Hurley

Sergeant at Arms: Mike Goodluck/Mike Anketell

Board Member: Peter McCormick
Property Officer and Assistant Treasurer: Derryn Beattie



### **Incoming Officeholders 2021-2022**

President: Peter Sindrey Immediate Past President: Jeff Wilson

President Elect: TBA

Secretary: Sandy Yeats

Assistant Secretary: Peter McCormick
Treasurer: lan Dunkley

Rotary Foundation:

Membership:

Youth Projects:

Bruce Hurley

Peter Sindrey

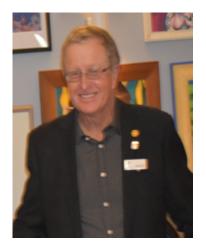
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Board Member Michael Li
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## PRESIDENTS REPORT 2020 – 2021



It has been a pleasure and an honour to be able to lead this great club during a year when nothing was guaranteed. Fundraising was extremely difficult but thanks to our great sponsors and the easing of some restrictions our club was able to raise some funds for the year. The club has also made a decision this year to use some of its reserves to enable it to, once again, make an outstanding contribution to both local and international programs.

This year our members learnt how to ZOOM, with our changeover being a ZOOM meeting. Many thanks to District Governor Mark Humphries and his wife, Linda, for joining in and carrying out the formalities. Zooming has at times made it much easier for members to access and participate in meetings, but there is nothing like being able to meet face to face and enjoy the fellowship of Rotary.

### **Buchan Tree Planting**

Thanks to Peter Sindrey and East Gippsland Rotary Fire Aid, our members were able to start the year with tree planting in the fire affected area around Buchan.





### 50 years in Rotary

A highlight of the year was our club acknowledging and celebrating Mike Anketell's 50 years in Rotary and presenting him with a Paul Harris sapphire pin award



### **Awards**

8 students managed to complete the Junior Community Rotary Award. This was an outstanding effort considering that they spent the majority of time in home schooling. This year we have more than 50 students who have commenced the award.

Club member Bruce Hurley was honoured as the Lakes Entrance Citizen of the Year as part of the Australia Day awards.



### **New Members**

Another highlight of the year has been the ability of the club to attract and retain new members. The club's membership has increased by 4 during the year.



### **Fundraising**

The silent Auction at the Canni Creek races was a major fundraiser this year.

### **Paul Harris Fellows**

This year the club has had the privilege of presenting 3 Paul Harris Fellow Awards to Peter Sindrey, Mike Anketell and Marnie Graham. Marnie's award was the second time the club has recognised a member of the community by awarding a Paul Harris Fellow for her International contribution to house building in Cambodia.



### **Community Projects**

The club has continued to make a contribution to the local community through

- Participating in working bees to develop the Entrance Walk in partnership with LEADA (Lakes Entrance Action and Development Association)
- Hosting young trainee doctors working to gain rural medical experience at Lakes Entrance under the John Flynn Placement Program.
- Managing the Rotary "Bowelscan" program in our town, including product distribution and sponsoring publicity of this vital initiative.

As a club we still face the challenge of attracting younger members to our club, but as we continue to grow, we can be proud of the role and difference we make both to our community and the international community.

Thank you to our sponsors and members for your support during the last 12 months and I am sure the club will go from strength to strength under Peter's leadership.

Jeff Wilson

### Treasurer's Report 2020 - 2021

### Account balances as at 1st June 2021

### (Taking into account disbursements at End of Financial Year)

Project Account \$8,349.85

General Account \$2,391.36

**Term Deposit** \$45,000.00

<u>TOTAL</u> \$55,741.21



### **Major Fundraising Events 2020-2021**

Raffles in Club \$360.00

Silent Auction \$2,850.00

Sponsorships \$5,000.00

TOTAL <u>\$8,210.00</u>

### **Approved Disbursements**

Note: \$8,500+ was held over to enable Club operations during the early months of 2021/2022.

Gippsland Lakes Complete Health	\$5542	
W.A. Disaster Appeal	\$1000	
Rotary Polio Campaign	\$1000	
Lakes Entrance RSL	\$500	
Surf Life Saving Club	\$1000	
Combined Churches Emergency Fund	\$1000	
Hope Restart Centre	\$500	
Donations In Kind	\$1000	
Wheel Chairs for Kids	\$1000	
International Disaster Aid	\$2000	
Skyjuice	\$1900	
Rotarians Against Malaria	\$1,000	
Centenary House	\$3,000	
L to P Program	\$500	
Sub-total Sub-total		\$20,942
Rotary Foundation Meetings & Centurions (Estimate)	\$2500	
Sub-total		\$2500
TOTAL		\$23,542

### **Rotary Bushfire Recovery Activities**

During the last 12 months, Rotary's work has continued in our effort to assist those who have been affected by the disastrous bushfires experienced during the 2019/2020 summer.

The East Gippsland Rotary Fire Aid Committee consists of representatives from each of the five Rotary Clubs in our Cluster. This Committee has worked tirelessly to coordinate resources, materials and finances made available, thanks to the generous donations of other Rotary Clubs and individuals, both private and corporate.



Travel restrictions placed on Victoria during COVID 19, have created extra challenges on Rotary's recovery work. Club members from other Clusters have been unable to travel to our region to assist in a 'hands on' way, but that will change in time. Local Rotarians have been able to lend a hand, but crowd restrictions have reduced their effectiveness.

Donations of funds and in-kind gifts have been passed on to deserving families throughout East Gippsland. Items such as caravans, shipping containers, generators (to name just a few examples) have been gratefully received. Where needed, some families have received funding using a voucher system which allows recipients to spend money in retail outlets in the area, thus allowing for some assistance to those retailers who have suffered with reduced turnover.



One highlight during last December was for Rotary to assemble and deliver beautiful Christmas hampers to 300 families that Rotary had assisted, in a substantial way, during the year. The hampers were received with great thanks from many families who were "glad to see the end of 2020". It has been often said that the hard, sustained work and

generosity of Rotary will long be remembered.

Another aspect of the Committee's activities is to help address the loss of vegetation in areas which were so badly affected by the fires. Thanks to donations, and the help received from other Rotary Clubs, farmers and other local landowners are now being offered native tree seedlings, and fruit trees, to restock land now barren. In many cases, the offer to assist with revegetation



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stocks comes with another offer to help in the planting of new trees.

Also Rotary, with help from District and Foundation Grants, continues to help landholders who have lost fodder needed for

livestock on their properties. This work was already underway during the drought, but loss of feed during the fires has made this task even more urgent.

There are many more aspects of the work undertaken by Rotary to assist East Gippsland to recover. The Committee will continue in its work and will do so for some time. As many individual families are now starting to reconstruct their lives, Rotary is working to help communities in their rebuilding efforts. This work concentrates on smaller townships and communities in outlining areas, and tasks are often undertaken in collaboration with other public and volunteer organisations.

Peter Sindrey
East Gippsland Rotary Fire Aid Committee

### **International Activities**

Our club continues to support international projects that help disadvantaged communities in developing countries. The Rotary Club of Lakes Entrance seeks to donate 50% of its funds to Rotary Foundation projects each year.

This year our Club has donated over \$10,000 for international activities. Some of these donations are contributed through the Rotary Foundation, while others are made directly to worthy causes such as:

- Donations in Kind
- Wheelchairs for Kids
- Eradication of Polio
- Eradication of Malaria
- Emergency Relief and Disaster Funds
- Skyjuice, which provides water filters for developing countries.

Our Club acknowledges the generous support which continues to be offered by our eight major sponsors. Their support is crucial to the continued viability of our Club and, as such, they form an important part of our life in Lakes Entrance. For these reasons our members support these sponsors and encourage others to do the same.

















### **OUR YEAR IN PICTURES**











































































