

## ***Annual Report 2020-21***



*It was another unusual year, impacted by extraordinary circumstances. For the first half we operated mainly on line, using Zoom, before resuming face to face, just before Christmas. Fortunately our Art Show fell in a window that enabled it to run, almost as normal.*

*Well done, and thank you to all the members who have contributed to the successes outlined in this report.*

*We started the year with a Plan and a Budget and our achievements largely align with them. Our primary objective was to identify a significant community project that would deliver both a major community benefit, and raise our relevance and profile in the community. We did not fully fulfil our aspirations, despite extensive research and multiple meetings, with many community organisations, and the availability of funding to do so.*

*Nonetheless our significant achievements benefitting the **Community** included -*

- 1. Financial Contributions** to two very worthwhile **projects benefitting people experiencing homelessness.**

*One was the commitment of \$20,000 towards the building of a female bathroom at **Fusion** in Mt.Martha. At the time of writing this report this project is about to commence. Whilst we additionally secured a District 9820 Grant of \$5000 for this, unfortunately the inability to complete it by the end of April, meant we could not accept it.*



*The other major community project was a contribution of \$7,500 to the **Ranch Motel Project** being run by the Mornington Community Information and Support Centre.*

*We also endeavoured to support New Peninsula Community Caring with their Private Rental Assistance Program.*

*Thanks especially to Victor and his working group for their efforts with both of these and much more.*

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2. *The continued funding of **Bushfire Relief** with the supply of 1000 trees (\$1700) propagated by the Briars Nursery for revegetation projects in Gippsland, and the funding (\$5000) of three people to be trained and certified in the use of a Lucas Mill, to mill fence posts from logs. Both of these were managed by the Rotary Clubs in East Gippsland.*



*The Lucas Mill in operation*

3. ***The Long Table in Mornington Park.***

*After wrestling with Council building estimate costs for two years we were successful in receiving a Federal Government Strengthening Communities Grant of \$15k, and a further Council Grant of \$5k, in addition to a previous \$5k. With member approval of \$20k from Club funds, we now have the necessary \$45k and will hopefully see construction commence in the next few months.*

4. ***The Bay Trail***

*In searching for a significant community project that would recognise the Centenary of Rotary Clubs in Australia, in 2021, the Peninsula Cluster of eight Rotary clubs settled on support of the Council's initiative to complete and enhance the Bay Trail. The Cluster working group has had many meetings with Council to identify suitable projects in each club area. In Mornington it looks like our immediate project can be directional signage in Civic Reserve and help to Mt.Eliza with their larger project at Moorooduc Station or Mt.Martha at the Craigie Rd entry to the Briars. Our objective is to kick off in 2021 with an initial project that will develop over several years into a community asset for more than the next 100 years. Our larger project, which depends on Council finalising the Mornington alignment, and with which we might expect reciprocal help from Mt.Martha or Mt.Eliza is likely to be based around the Mornington Station at the corner of Watts and Yuilles Roads.*

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5. Our other **Community Projects** and Support included

- a. A contribution of \$1500 to **Mornington Sailability** for a building access project, and although this did not proceed they retain the money for a future similar project
- b. with **Mornington Primary School**, the sponsorship of some children in supply of books and uniforms and excursions.



- c. **A Christmas Train Ride**, with Father Christmas for 50 children and families, managed through the Mornington Community Information and Support Centre. The cost of this was \$1000 and we want to build on this for this year, working with the Mornington Railway Preservation Society, and hopefully Mt.Eliza Rotary Club.
- d. **The Christmas Present Program**, was again organised by the Mornington Community Information and Support Centre, and supported by Nicholas Lynch Real Estate, for advertising and Toyworld for presents.
- e. **Fusion's Sleep in Your Car**, raising nearly \$3k
- f. Our Valuable fundraising through **Bunnings BBQ's**, recommenced in December led by David Lancashire and helped by many members and partners. We sincerely appreciate Bunnings making this opportunity available to community groups like us.



**Well done to our Community Committee which was Chaired by Peter Jay** and comprised Ted Moore, Ken Bilham, Eileen Prudden and David Lancashire.

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**Australian Rotary Health.**



*Ted Moore, Liam Ryan, Molly King, Ken Bilham, Ross Kilborn*

*(both Ted and Ken were members in 1981 when ARH was conceived)*

*As the Club's most outstanding achievement of its nearly 75 year history, it is very important for us to continue our great relationship with ARH, as they celebrate 40 years and \$50m raised. We*

- 1. continued our second year of support for **Molly King**, studying medicine as an **Indigenous Scholarship** holder- \$2500 for calendar year 2021.*
- 2. commenced sponsorship of the "**Mornington Rotary / Reg Kilborn**" **Partnership PhD Student, Liam Ryan**, to research more effective approaches to Bowel Cancer screening. ARH PhD Partner Sponsorship costs \$12k pa for 3 years, of which half is funded by the partner. See more details attached. So the net cost to the Club is \$6000 for calendar year 2021.*
- 3. continued our contribution to **Lift the Lid, 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** ARH's major fundraising initiative, with a contribution of \$5000, on top of a previous \$460.*

*It was great to see our Past PHD Scholarship holder, Bevan Main, receiving media coverage or his work in the US on Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE) a progressive and fatal brain disease associated with repeated traumatic brain injuries including concussion.*

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***The 2020 Art Show**, was delivered successfully and in a COVID Safe way, thanks to Richard Vautier, the Art Show Committee, and all the members' families and friends, who worked on it. Thanks too to the Men's Shed for their huge effort. Please see the detailed report attached. Amongst the highlights was that the Art Show ran in parallel on line, with the live show. We also enjoyed a celebration of Australia Day on the final day. It was enabled by a grant through District 9820 from the Australia Day Council and allowed us to host a free Community Morning Tea and Coffee, provided by Homeground.*



*Assistant District Governor, Peter Rawlings with  
David Morris MP at the Australia Day Morning Tea*

*Our successful **Youth program**, continued thanks to John Renowden and included*



*Mornington Secondary College, Jim Pappas, Deputy Principal, Francesco Di Paulo, Linda Stanton Principal,  
Maina Cameron and Joe Siragusa*

- a. Sponsorship of several young students, including receiving a District 9820 Grant to assist with this.*
- b. A very good working relationship with Mornington Secondary College. Our Quarterly breakfasts with them resumed recently and we supported their Anzac Day Ceremony, their Student Breakfast Program (\$500), their Annual Prize Giving Scholarship Awards totalling \$1500 and attending their annual Student Art Display from which exhibits for our Rotary Art Show are selected.*

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- c. *National Youth Science Forum attended by Ben Hansen from Padua College*
- d. *Model United Nations Assembly ..Mornington Secondary College Team ...on line only \$50 registration*
- e. *Sponsorship of a Racing Hearts Program at Moorooduc Primary School \$ 1920*
- f. *Sponsorship of a Reading Program at Mornington Primary School \$1930*
- g. *Scholarships provided to Mornington Primary School, Moorooduc Primary School, and Mornington Park Primary School.( totalling \$540)*
- h. *We supported Hanna Swinnerton with her involvement with the District RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award)*
- i. *We continue to monitor the progress our Previous Youth Exchange student Freya Michie who is completing her VCE this year at Frankston.*



**Our “Youth Focus” Night** on May 5<sup>th</sup> did a great job of showcasing our Youth Programs and Rotary’s Youth Programs (view at <https://www.youth.rotary9820.org.au/> )

**Thanks again to our Youth Committee which was Chaired by John and comprised** Judy Seager and Brian Mann.

Thanks too to Fran Chambers for her perseverance in maintaining our Youth Protection records

Our valuable contribution to **International and Foundation** owes thanks to Richard Vautier for

- a. *Polio Plus – a contribution of \$5000, matched by another \$10,000 from the Gates foundation to help finally eliminate this dreadful disease.*
- b. *Rotary Foundation – a contribution of \$5000*
- c. *Donations in Kind – a contribution of \$3500 for this year and a commitment of \$3500 for next year towards their Warehouse rental. We join 21 other clubs in this support.*
- d. *The collection of surplus uniforms from Mornington Secondary College and delivery to Rotary Donations in Kind for distribution overseas.*

**Our International and Foundation Committee was Chaired by Richard Vautier and comprised** Peter Huels, Joe Siragusa, Dennis Corke and Leigh Power

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Thanks again to Brian for our **improved communication** with both members and the community, including

- a. An enhanced website
- b. An engaging weekly Bulletin which he even hand delivered to some!
- c. A Facebook presence, though still in need of regular curation
- d. New signage on the Highway and Information Centre



**Other highlights of the year** included

1. The attraction of **new members** who have added valuable skills, experience and enthusiasm to the club. Welcome to Jo Davie, Peter Orton, and Marilyn and Jeff Walkley. Unfortunately Rod Birt resigned owing to his change in employment circumstances.
2. The continuation of Nicholas Lynch Real Estate, as a **corporate sponsor** of the club, reflected in advertising in our Bulletin and on our website.



Pleasingly they were joined by **The Mornington / Southern Cross Care** as an Art Show / club sponsor.

3. The maintenance **of our "Friends" of Mornington Rotary**, a single database of around 150 sponsors, business partners, family and friends who receive update from us and are encouraged to participate in club activities and meetings. This may be very valuable in managing invitation lists etc for all our Celebrations in the next year.
4. **Effective administration** through ClubRunner for our membership and friends records, website and newsletters.
5. **An enjoyable social program** thanks to Eileen Prudden.

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*It included a Christmas Dinner at the Golf Club , the annual picnic at the Long table in January, and a fabulous Art Show Celebration at the Mornington Hotel, and a Chinese meal in Mt.Martha.*

*On Zoom we also enjoyed a Trivia Night, thanks to Lyn and a dinner by the Golf Club, thanks Joe.*

*The planned Welcome back to Mornington Meeting was deferred but will happen next year, to coincide with the Club's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday.*



6. **An improved succession plan for Board and Committee positions.** In particular I am very pleased to note the smooth transition of

- a. President Elect – Brian Mann
- b. Treasurer – Eileen Prudden
- c. Art Show Chair – Richard Vautier for both the COVID and next year.
- d. Youth Chair – Judy Seager

*Congratulations on their new roles, and welcome to the Board too, to Pam Hall, who is also taking on the treasurer's role for the Art Show.*

7. The Award of **Paul Harris Fellowships to both Geoff Gilsenan and Ted Moore**

8. **Increased connection with the eight Cluster Clubs on the Mornington Peninsula,** through regular Quarterly meetings and The Bay Trail –Centenary Project for Rotary in Australia. Thanks especially to Assistant District Governor Peter Rawlings for facilitating this.

### **Club Meetings**

*We were confined to Zoom from July to November, but it worked effectively.*

*We resumed at the Mornington Hotel in December, and enjoyed good food, good service and great friendship. Additionally the small margin we charge, of \$4.50 over the hotel price to us, has covered our guest / speaker costs and contributed to club funds.*

*Thanks to Neil Frost for his very diligent work to assist with meeting logistics and keeping us on time, and Eileen for all the registration and dinner organisation.*

*Our speakers, have included*

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1. Shannon Smit, Committee for Mornington Peninsula
2. Mayor Despi O'Connor
3. Cr Steve Holland
4. Liam Ryan and Molly King, Australian Rotary Health Scholarship Holders
5. Martin Green, Beleura House
6. Andrew Taylor, New Peninsula Community Caring on Private Rental Assistance
7. Graham Jones, Architect and Artist
8. Robin Stewart, District 9820 Chair Environmental Sustainability Action Group (Zoom)
9. Ian Johnson, Homeground and Tanti Social Enterprises (Zoom)
10. Gemma and Caitlin, Fusion (Zoom)
11. Stuart Davis Meehan, Mornington Community Information and Support Centre (Zoom)
12. Nicholas Lynch, on local Real Estate Trends (Zoom)
13. Bevan Main, past Sponsored PHD Candidate ARH (Zoom from Washington)
14. Peter Sindrey, Gippsland Rotary Clubs Bushfire Relief (Zoom from Lakes Entrance)
15. Richard Vautier, the Art Show Plan and again on the Result
16. Joe Siragusa, the Budj Bim Trail (Zoom)
17. Ross Kilborn, the Bay Trail
18. Senior Sargent Paul Edwards and Leading Constable Greg Kraus, from Mornington Police
19. Perri Curtis – How the Brain works
20. Narelle Crosling at the new Mornington Community Centre which included a dinner catered by Homeground.



### **Club Administration**

*Thank you to John Parkinson as Treasurer and Ian Horton as Secretary, the club has been very efficiently and effectively run.*

*Thank you again to all the Committee Chairs, and Board members for their additional efforts over the last year.*

*A special thank you to both John Renowden who steps down from the Board after many years in various roles, the most recent as Youth Chair and similarly John Parkinson, most recently as Treasurer. Also to Peter Jay, who is standing down as our long term Chair of our Community and Vocational Committee.*

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**Financials**

*The Treasurers Report is attached. It reflects a very healthy financial position and a successful Art Show, offsetting reduced income from other fundraising activities, and enabling the significant contributions to the causes outlined above.*

**Finally .....**

*Thank you again to everyone for your participation support and encouragement during the last year.*

*There is a lot of opportunity to celebrate in the next year*

**100 Years** of Rotary in Australia (from 21 April 2021)

**40 years** of Australian Rotary Health ( August 2021)

**50 Years** of the Art Show (January 2022)

**75 Years** of the Rotary Club of Mornington (May 2022)

**Ross Kilborn**

**President**

**On behalf of the Board**

**Vale – Arthur Morton**

*Arthur was born on 5 April 1928 and passed away on 5 February 2021. He joined Mornington Rotary in 1977 and was made an Honorary Member in 2016. He was President in 1996/97 and Secretary for two years prior. He was Paul Harris Fellow. Several current club members who knew him attended his Memorial Service.*



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***Treasurer's Annual Report 2020-2021***

***(Preliminary and Subject to Audit)***

***Projects Account***

**Funds Raised**

<i>Art Show (net of costs)</i>	<i>46,261</i>
<i>Art Screen Hire</i>	<i>100</i>
<i>Term Deposit Interest Received</i>	<i>542</i>
<i>Bunnings BBQ (net of costs)</i>	<i>2,530</i>
<i>Australia Day Grant</i>	<i>3,600</i>
<i>ARH Lift the Lid Fundraising</i>	<i>410</i>
<i>Federal Govt. Grant re Long Table Shelter</i>	<i>15,000</i>
<i>Nicholas Lynch Advertising</i>	<i>3,861</i>
<i>District Grant New Signage at MCISC</i>	<i>150</i>
<i>Mornington Secondary College Breakfast Tin</i>	<i>337</i>
<b><i>Total Funds Raised to 30 June 2021</i></b>	<b><i>72,791</i></b>

**Funds Dispersed**

**Australian Rotary Health**

<i>Lift the Lid – Mental Health</i>	<i>5,460</i>
<i>Phd Scholarship Liam Ryan (50% share with private donor)</i>	<i>6,000</i>
<i>Indigenous Nursing Scholarship Molly King</i>	<i><u>2,500</u></i>
	<b><i>13,960</i></b>

**Community Service**

<i>Bush Fire Relief</i>	<i>6,700</i>
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<i>Fusion 'Sleep in your Car' donation</i>	<i>490</i>
<i>Fusion Mt Martha Bathroom Renovation</i>	<i>20,000</i>
<i>Homeground - Donation for necessary equipment replacement</i>	<i>1,000</i>
<i>- Australia Day catering</i>	<i>1,000</i>
<i>Mornington Community Info &amp; Support Centre</i>	
<i>-Temporary Accommodation project</i>	<i>7,500</i>
<i>- New Rotary sign on MCISC building</i>	<i>726</i>
<i>Donation MYC Sailability – Relocation of disabled facilities</i>	<i>1,500</i>
<i>Mornington Railway Preservation – Christmas Train Ride</i>	<i><u>680</u></i>
	<b><i>39,596</i></b>

#### *International Service*

<i>Donation in Kind – warehouse rental assistance</i>	<i>3,500</i>
<i>Skyhydrant Water Filter – Bhutan</i>	<i>5,000</i>
<i>Donation RI Foundation – Polio Plus</i>	<i>5,000</i>
<i>Annual Donation RI Foundation</i>	<i><u>5,000</u></i>
	<b><i>18,500</i></b>

#### ***Local Schools Projects***

<i>Academic Awards</i>	<i>2,040</i>
<i>Annual Schools Night</i>	<i>191</i>
<i>Student Support Program Mornington Primary School</i>	<i>1,500</i>
<i>Mornington Primary School Reading Program</i>	<i>1,930</i>
<i>Moorooduc Primary Racing Hearts Program</i>	<i><u>1,920</u></i>
	<b><i>7,581</i></b>

#### ***Rotary Youth Programs***

<i>RYLA Camp</i>	<i>300</i>
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<i>National Youth Science Forum</i>	<i>950</i>
<i>MUNA Camp</i>	<i><u>50</u></i>
	<b><i>1,300</i></b>
<i><u>Sundry/Other</u></i>	
<i>Rotary Insurance</i>	<i><u>1,206</u></i>
	<b><i>1,206</i></b>
 <b><i>Total Funds Dispersed to 30 June 2021</i></b>	 <b><i>82,143</i></b>


*The Club's Projects Bank Account balance as at 18/6/21 is \$52,650.40 which more than provides for the following commitment still to be met.*

- *Long Table Shelter \$45,000.*
- *NB. Rotary contribution to the above is \$20,000 with the balance made up of a Federal Government Grant \$15,000 which has been received and banked plus two grants from the Mornington Peninsula Shire of \$5,000 each of which \$5,000 has been received and banked with the remaining \$5,000 still to come.*

*Whilst the Club's ability to raise funds is limited under current circumstances the Term Deposit balance of \$66,437.92 leaves the Club financially able to continue to consider future worthwhile projects.*

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## **Members Account**

### Funds Received

<i>Members Subscriptions</i>	7,030
<i>Dinner Fees Regular Meetings</i>	6,725
<i>Dinner Fees Other (Changeover, Christmas etc.)</i>	2,490
<i>Other</i>	540
<b>Total Funds Received</b>	<b>16,785</b>

### Expenditure

<i>Auditor</i>	660
<i>Catering Regular Meetings</i>	4,918
<i>Catering Other</i>	2,584
<i>Computer &amp; Website Expenses</i>	700
<i>Gifts/Flowers</i>	140
<i>Pres. Elect Registration &amp; Accommodation</i>	155
<i>Printing, Postage &amp; Stationery</i>	367
<i>Rotary Down Under Magazine</i>	1,144
<i>Rotary International</i>	3,120
<i>Rotary District 9820</i>	1,898
<i>Supplies</i>	681
<i>Xero Accounting System</i>	594
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>16,961</b>

**Deficit : \$176**

*John Parkinson*

*Treasurer*

*June 21 2021*

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### **ART SHOW REPORT 2020 - Richard Vautier**

*The Mornington Rotary Club have excelled again in presenting an outstanding 49<sup>th</sup> Art Show.*



*To all club members, partners and friends of Rotary, congratulations on a job well done. This year, for Covid 19 reasons, we relied less on outside help so this placed a greater level of work on our members and partners – a workload delivered on time and on budget!*

*During 2020 Covid 19 created some concern as to how we should run the Art Show. At one point in June, it was debated as to whether we should cancel the*

*Show. In the early stages of planning, the running of a virtual Art Show became a probability as there was no certainty that we would be allowed to run a physical show. Gallery 247 came to the party and we managed to put in place a virtual Art Show, if required.*

*Undaunted, planning for a physical Art Show continued and changes were made when we were forced to make them. In November we agreed to run a physical Art Show which would overlap with a virtual Art Show. More Covid changes will be mentioned later and it will be*



*interesting to see how many of these changes will be retained for future Art Shows. As it was, we were very lucky. If our Art Show had been a month later, we would have had to change to a virtual Art Show because of the recent lock down. Our Covid Officer was Neil Frost. Neil spent hours telling people to put on face masks and to sign QR codes. It was important for health reasons but also important for Rotary to be seen to be doing the right thing. Thanks Neil*

*It was very pleasing to see that the artists continued to support the Art Show. Due to social-distancing we were forced to reduce the number of art works accepted to about 630 (down from 850 last year). Many visitors said that this gave the impression that there was less crowding and gave for a better presentation. Many also suggested that the quality of art work this year was as high, if not higher, than it has ever been.*

*I would like to single out and thank both Maree Renowden and Barbara Parkinson. Their prime role is to interface with the artists and Gallery 247 and my observation was that both Gallery 247 and the artists provided a large variety of problems that needed to be answered*

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or overcome. Maree and Barb resolved all these issues and without their input the Art Show would not have been the success that it was.



Although Ian Horton will give more detail later the overall profit from the Art Show was a bit under \$50,000. Our total art and photography sales of 122 was an exceptional tally. The average price of paintings sold was \$800 – a little better than last year. The Virtual Art Show sold 9 paintings which was a little disappointing but as we have nothing to compare it with it was a grateful addition to our result, Due to little cost in running it, the virtual show could well

continue in future Art Shows. We had a great sales percentage from the physical show of 18.1% - a number that any Art Show in Australia would be proud of. Our artisan this year was John Stroomer, a local potter. John was very successful in selling over 25% of his pieces.



The greatest change caused by Covid 19 was on the opening night. Due to social distancing, we were only allowed to have 150 people at the opening. This meant that we had to review our procedures for getting people into the Hall as quickly as possible, we had to change the way we presented food and we had to serve drinks without queues forming. Eileen Prudden and Ted Moore did a great job with the serving of food and drinks. Due to fewer people allowed for opening

night and with fewer paintings in the kitchen area and foyer these areas often appeared deserted. The bright spot in the foyer was the jazz band who again were excellent. The other aspect that detracted from opening night was the cancellation of the silent auction. Another part of the Art Show that was cancelled due to Covid 19 was the raffle. This was unfortunate as the raffle, together with the silent auction, provided some handy income to last year's show.

Australia Day saw John Renowden running around attaching red, white and blue hats and streamers around the hall. We also had Homeground serving coffee and Australian delights during the day and throughout the show. It was a great day – thanks to John, Peter Orton and Homeground.

The sponsorship support, both in cash and in kind, was surprising. Due to Covid 19 we were concerned that sponsorship may have been a struggle but in the end our supporters were

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*extremely generous. We sincerely thank all our sponsor and I would also like to thank John Parkinson who was in control of our sponsorship programme. A great job John.*



*The Hall layout was as good as possible under the Covid restrictions. With social distancing it was decided not to use the smaller side galleries and the extension to the kitchen area. It was also decided that we would reduce the number of paintings hung in the hall, on the stage and in the foyer. Clearly the foyer and the kitchen area were disappointing but the main hall and stage were excellent. This was verified by many patrons.*

*I do not understand how so many screens get put in place so quickly, and a week later get dismantled just as quickly. Only Peter Jay knows how all this works and I thank him enormously.*

*The lighting for the show continued to improve. We had additional lights placed in the foyer and this was very successful. Thanks to Geoff Gilsenen for making this happen.*



*Our advertising continues to be effective. We continue to have media articles and advertisements published in local media and a number of magazines. Our own Art Show webpage together with other social media is now extremely important to our success. Thanks to Brian Mann, Maree Renowden and Barbara Parkinson for their help in getting the Art Show to the public. The roadside signage is also an important part of our advertising. Thanks to Laurie, Ted, Peter and David for erecting and removing these signs.*

*I would like to thank three people in particular who helped me enormously in preparing and executing the 49<sup>th</sup> Art Show. Victor Sullivan, John Renowden and Ross Kilborn all gave important advice and support in my role as Chair of the Art Show – I thank them all.*

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*The role of treasurer of the Art Show is a demanding and crucial function. I would like to thank Ian Horton very much for an outstanding job he did in performing this role.*

*In closing I would like to thank you all for your help in putting this Art Show together. I would also like to thank the Art Show Committee and all the Club Members who have given me great support as the Chair of the Art*

*Show.*

*I hope our 50<sup>th</sup> Art Show next year will be our best yet and I certainly hope it is free of Covid 19!*

*Richard Vautier*

*Chair*



**Save the Dates**

**The 50<sup>th</sup>**

**2022 Mornington Art Show**

**Thursday January 20 (Opening Night) to  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> (Australia Day)**

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***Saving Lives by investing in Research into Bowel Cancer Detection***

*Most Australians know someone who has been impacted by Bowel Cancer. For high income countries like ours, it's one of the top ten causes of death. The best way to reduce this risk is early detection.*

*The current detection methods are either an invasive and expensive colonoscopy, or in Australia, the widely available and inexpensive national bowel cancer screening program. Only 40% of people offered this free screening avail themselves of it, and although it's the best test we have, it is only 60% effective in identifying sufferers of bowel cancer. That's still a lot of lives saved.*

*Mornington Rotary Club and Australian Rotary Health are very pleased to be sponsoring new research into a better way of bowel cancer screening. PhD candidate Liam Ryan, at Deakin University, is researching the use of cell based screening rather than relying on blood detection, used by the current national screening test.*

*Mornington Club President Ross Kilborn says that this research has the potential to save many more lives through more effective and earlier detection. "Mornington Rotary has had a long commitment to medical research. In the early 1980's the club led research into sudden infant death syndrome, which evolved to the formation of Australian Rotary Health". Since then Australian Rotary Health has contributed over \$50 million dollars to medical research, with an emphasis, since the early 2000's on mental health, especially for young people.*

*Mornington Rotary has continued its commitment to Australian Rotary Health, having previously sponsored Bevan Main as a PhD candidate for research into Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE); a disease that has recently received much media attention for its impact on players in our football codes. The club is also currently sponsoring an Indigenous student, Molly King, in her studies to become a doctor, and enable her to realise her ambition of improving Indigenous health.*

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*L to R, Ted Moore, Liam Ryan, Molly King, and Ken Bilham, Ross Kilborn.  
(both Ted and Ken were members in 1981 when ARH was conceived)*

*This year Australian Rotary Health is celebrating its fortieth anniversary. Anyone can contribute to this valued research, or Australian Rotary Health, through either a donation or bequest in their will.*

*Mornington Club President, Ross, says "I am pleased to be contributing, as a funding partner, to this research into this new bowel screening approach in memory of my father Reg. I am sure there are many others who would like to join me in this important opportunity to improve our effectiveness and early detection, and minimise the distress caused by this disease".*

More information on Australian Rotary Health at <https://australianrotaryhealth.org.au/>

To contribute to the special 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fundraiser either click here - <https://australian-rotary-health.giveeasy.org/australian-rotary-health-40th-birthday-fundraiser> Or contact the Mornington Club President , Ross Kilborn on 0412171666

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