

Annual Report 2019-20



(The Board, L to R, Ross Kilborn, Libby Paterson, Ian Horton, John Parkinson, Peter Jay, John Renowden, Brian Mann, Richard Vautier and Eileen Prudden)

It was an unusual year, with the last third being impacted by extraordinary circumstances. The success of the year really needs to be judged by members, the community and Rotary District 9820.

The achievements of the year must be attributed to all the members who have contributed to them.

We started the year with a Plan and a Budget and these achievements largely align with them. They include

1. **The 2020 Art Show**, widely regarded as the best yet, thanks to John Renowden, the Art Show Committee and all the members and friends who worked on it. Please see the detailed report attached.



2. The funding and delivery of some significant community projects, including a contribution of \$20,000 to **Bushfire Relief** (note that \$10k is still to be remitted). This was supplemented by a significant donation of warm winter clothing, thanks to Wilderness Wear, and some knitted beanies from the Moore family.



3. Valuable fundraising through a range of activities, especially **Bunnings BBQ's** led by David Lancashire and his team.



4. **Improved communication** with both members and the community, led by Brian Mann, through

- a. A greatly enhanced website
- b. An engaging weekly Bulletin
- c. A Facebook presence, though still in need of regular curation

5. The attraction of **new members** who have added valuable skills, experience and enthusiasm to the club. Welcome to Peter Huel, Rod Birt, Nicholas Lynch, Pam Hall, Joe Siragusa, Judy Seager and welcome back to Leigh Power.

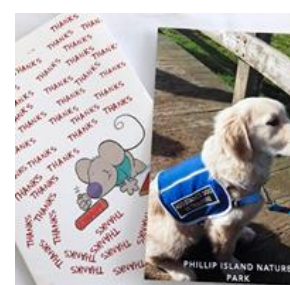
6. The attraction of Nicholas Lynch Real Estate, as our first **corporate sponsor** of the club, reflected in advertising in our Bulletin and on our website, and membership of three of their team.



7. The **development of our "Friends" of Mornington Rotary**, a single database of around 150 sponsors, business partners, family and friends who receive monthly update from us and are encouraged to participate in club activities and meetings. This was consistent with the International Theme this year, "Connecting the World"

8. Our **Community Projects and Support** included

- a. sponsoring a companion dog for a young person,
- b. a good working relationship with Mornington Primary School, with sponsorship of some children



- c. supporting the Chamber of Commerce with a Christmas BBQ's at Main St and in Mornington Park that night.
- d. buying a commercial fridge to assist the Mornington Community Information and Support Centre to store perishable food for distribution, and assisting them with their Christmas Hamper project. .



- A successful **youth program**, again thanks to John Renowden with
- a. Freya returning from Denmark, and being such dynamic evidence of the value of the International Student Exchange program.
 - b. Hannah attending Rotary Youth Leadership Awards
 - c. Andreas from Denmark, although he returned home early for his own reasons. Thanks to John and Richard for their hosting of him.
 - d. Warren Rogan being able to partly (due to Bushfires) participate in the National Science Forum
 - e. Our Youth night with local schools displaying their talents
 - f. Sponsorship of several young students, including receiving a District Grant to assist with this.
 - g. A strong working relationship with Mornington Secondary College

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



9. A valuable contribution to **International and Foundation** thanks to Richard Vautier including
 - a. Another SkyHydrant to Bhutan to provide fresh water to a school.
 - b. Polio Plus – a contribution of \$5k, matched by another \$10k from the Gates foundation to help finally eliminate this dreadful disease.
 - c. End Trachoma – a contribution of \$5k to the Rotary Club of Melbourne education trailer to help eliminate a disease that still exists in Australia but no other developed country

- d. Australian Rotary Health - \$5k to Lift the Lid for both mental health research, and \$2.5k for an Indigenous Scholarship for Molly King to study for her Bachelor of Medicine.



- e. The delivery of the Interplast Project in Samoa, though this was funded last year. The team conducted plastic and reconstructive surgical treatment for 60 patients, conducted consultations with 134 patients, and continued the training and mentoring local surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses and physiotherapists. The value of the volunteer team's time was nearly \$100,000.

10. **Streamlining of our administration** through a more complete adoption of Clubrunner for our membership and friends records, website and newsletters

11. **An enjoyable social program** thanks to Eileen Prudden.

It included a great Italian Night at Il Piccolo, a weekend away at the Goldfields, a movie night (Ride Like a Girl), Christmas Dinner, a home dinner at the



Presidents, and an Art Show Celebration at the Mornington Brewery, and the annual picnic at the Long table. The planned Welcome back to Mornington Meeting was deferred but will happen next year, to coincide with the Australian Centenary.

12. **An improved succession plan for Board and Committee positions.** In particular I am pleased to note

- a. President Elect – Brian Mann
- b. Vice Treasurer – Eileen Prudden
- c. Art Show Chair – Richard Vautier

We continue to evaluate, thanks to a working group led by Victor Sullivan, a **significant new** Project that will benefit the Mornington Community. These include

- A Roof Over the Long Table
- Several Park Beautification Projects including Gateway Park
- A possible Centenary Project linked to the Bay Trail and the Cluster Celebration of the Australian Rotary Centenary
- A significant project to support homeless people in Mornington. We almost had a temporary accommodation project with the Mornington Community Information and Support Centre underway this year, but for CV19.

Club Meetings

We successfully moved to the Mornington Hotel, 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.

Our speakers have included



1. John Baker, CEO of the Shire of Mornington Peninsula
2. Tracey Cooper, CEO of the Mornington Peninsula Tourism Forum
3. Andrew Plympton, Board Member of Sport Australia and past President of St. Kilda Football Club
4. Shane Murphy of the Mornington Peninsula Marine Alliance
5. Graeme Rocke from the Mornington Community Safelink
6. Paul Nicol Managing Partner GFM Wealth
7. Kirsty Kendall, Principal Toorak College
8. Stephen Daly, Assistant District Governor
9. Mark Anderson Rotary Foundation (zoom)
10. Vivienne Armstrong Australian Rotary Health (zoom)
11. Garry Crittenden, Vigneron
12. Phil Endersbee Rotary Club of Melbourne on the Centenary Celebration Plan
13. Ian Stevenson Fossil Beach

Club Administration

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

Other Highlights of the Year included

1. The Award of Paul Harris Fellowships to both David Lancashire and Kerry Larder
2. Increased connection with the eight Cluster Clubs on the Mornington Peninsula, through regular Quarterly meetings and a joint will to find a mutual Centenary Project for Rotary in Australia (2021).

Financials

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

The Rest

In the current environment no annual Report would be complete without reference to CV19. Yes it severely derailed our modus operandi in March. But after a month of adjustment we adapted. Whilst on line meetings via Zoom do not provide the same personal interaction we enjoy each week, and the inability to conduct projects and activities is frustrating, we are operating successfully as a club, and are ready to resume.

The time we have had available has meant that we were able to consider, review and adopt the new Rotary International Constitution and consistent Mornington Bylaws. Thanks again to Brian for his work on this. They have set us up for good governance for the next few years.

I have undertaken to do another year as President. It's a decision made easier by the continuation of the current Board members and the motivation of some new members to get more involved in future succession plans. I am very pleased that Brian has become President Elect. During the year I hope we are able to resume operations as we knew them, and continue to pursue the Plan we started this year. Like all members I hope and anticipate we will be able to conduct our Art Show as normal in January.

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

And the International Theme next year is "Creating Opportunities" something I aim for us to live by. There is a lot of opportunity to celebrate in the next couple of years

100 Years of Rotary in Australia

75 Years of the Rotary Club of Mornington

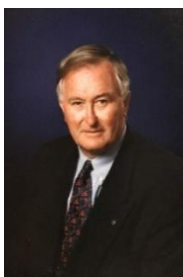
50 Years of the Art Show

Let's enjoy it all!

Ross Kilborn

President

July 2020



Vale – Bruce Davis

Bruce passed on 24th December 2019. He was 92. He was a Club President in the 1980s and was awarded as a Paul Harris Fellow. Several current club members who knew him attended his Memorial Service.

Treasurer's Report 2019-2020 – John Parkinson

Projects Account

Funds Raised

<i>Art Show (net of costs)</i>	70,614
<i>Art Screen Hire</i>	2,350
<i>Term Deposit Interest Received</i>	1,521
<i>Bunnings BBQ (net of costs)</i>	7,116
<i>Donations</i>	332
<i>ARH Lift the Lid Fundraising</i>	1,680
<i>Grant from Peninsula Shire (Long table shelter)</i>	5,000
<i>Nicholas Lynch Advertising</i>	1,677
Total Funds Raised to 30 June 2020	90,290

Funds Dispersed

Australian Rotary Health

<i>Lift the Lid</i>	3,000
<i>Mental Health</i>	2,500
<i>Indigenous Nursing Scholarship</i>	2,500
	8,000

Community Service

<i>Donation for Companion Dog for Autistic Child</i>	2,000
<i>Mornington Community Info & Support Centre – Commercial Fridge</i>	750
<i>Bedding for homeless</i>	840
<i>Donation MYC Sailability – Renewal of Elevator</i>	2,000
<i>Donation Bushfire Relief</i>	10,000
	15,590

International Service

<i>Donation End Trachoma</i>	5,000
<i>Donation Polio End Game</i>	1,000
<i>Donation RI Foundation – Polio Plus</i>	5,000
	11,000

Local Schools Projects

<i>Academic Awards</i>	2,660
<i>Annual Schools Night</i>	120
<i>Student Support Program Mornington Primary School</i>	1,500
<i>Assistance Dog Mornington Primary School Student</i>	1,400
	5,680

Rotary Youth Programs

<i>RYLA Camp</i>	899
<i>Youth Exchange – Incoming Student</i>	1,088
<i>National Youth Science Forum</i>	1,595
<i>Competition Expenses Junior Wheelchair Tennis Player</i>	1,500
<i>ConocoPhillips Science Experience</i>	380
	5,462

Sundry/Other

<i>Rotary Promotional Banners</i>	250
<i>Rotary Insurance</i>	722
<i>Sundry</i>	627
	1,599

Total Funds Dispersed to 30 June 2020 **47,331**

The Club's Projects Bank Account balance as at 30/6/20 is \$35,174.69 which more than provides for the following commitments still to be paid.

- *Long Table Shelter \$15,000*
- *Bushfire Relief \$10,000*
- *Skyhydrant Water Filter \$5,000*

Whilst the Club's ability to raise funds is limited under current circumstances the Term Deposit balance of \$95,895.87 leaves the Club financially able to continue to consider future worthwhile projects.

Members Account

Funds Received

<i>Members Subscriptions</i>	7,050
<i>Dinner Fees Regular Meetings</i>	9,348
<i>Dinner Fees Other (Changeover, Christmas etc.)</i>	2,572
Total Funds Received	18,970

Expenditure

<i>Auditor</i>	660
<i>Catering Regular Meetings</i>	7,364
<i>Catering Other</i>	2,838
<i>Gifts/Flowers</i>	318
<i>Printing, Postage & Stationery</i>	134
<i>Rotary Down Under Magazine</i>	840
<i>Rotary International</i>	2,780
<i>Rotary District 9820</i>	1,840
<i>Supplies</i>	543
<i>Xero Accounting System</i>	230
Total Expenditure	17,547
Surplus	\$1428

John Parkinson , Treasurer

The Rotary Club of Mornington Inc. (Inc. No A12167, ABN No 86450622743, RI No 18414)

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ART SHOW REPORT 2020

The 2020 Art Show, our 48th, has again continued our reputation for producing a high quality Art Show for the local Community, and a large number of visitors.

Opening night was among our busiest and best that I can remember. We estimate that over 400 attended. After the tragedy of the bushfires and the smoke that had been around the peninsula the smoke cleared and the weather for opening night was warm and pleasant and remained good for the duration of the show. There was a lovely buzz of enjoyment around the hall and foyer and it was like a traditional art show opening.

The food and refreshments were provided in a most professional way by Eileen Prudden and her team and Ted Moore and his team. Richard Vautier coordinated the Drink Waiter staff very well providing a professional approach to the dispersal of beverages. The Jazz live music again seemed to suit and add to the ambience of the evening.

Opening night sales of paintings were excellent and about the same number as last year. In the 11 days over all we sold 129 painting/photographs...similar to last year (130) but the money from sales was a little higher. The average price of paintings sold was \$762 compared with \$668 last year. We had a great sales percentage of 15.4 %.



The "Silent Auction" netted over \$8300- enhanced of course by the securing of the wind sculpture which we sold for \$4000. I note that with 26 items for sale, even without the wind sculpture, our result would have been over \$4000 which is very good. Of interest, almost all items were donated before we decided to allocate the takings to bush fire relief. Brian Mann and George-Anne Sullivan promoted and managed this aspect superbly on opening night.

Brian joined me and was also a key factor in the high level of sales of Raffle tickets in the street before the show began which again netted higher sales than in recent years.

Sponsorship was solid with some new sponsors joining us and enhanced by Neil Frost's tenacious efforts to seek new sponsors in town. I think the level of sponsorship packages is working well from entry level to high end major contributors.

The main room looked very good. Paintings were hung professionally, and well-spaced on their boards. Pull up posters of the feature artists were effective and the balloons down the middle I believe added a bit of party atmosphere and as raindrop colours added to the clean water promotion of the sky-hydrant.

The inclusion of the larger Photographs in the main hall as an overflow from the smaller photographs in smaller Gallery I believe added to the artist display in the hall and helped the sale of photographs. Peter Jay's layout of the Hall and foyer is excellent. It is clear that a maximum of 850 art works can be hung.

The lighting was much improved with the skill of Geoff Gilsenan installing some effective extra lights. We all agree that the left hand corner of the foyer as you enter is the target area now for a similar treatment.



The various Rotary based pictures around the rooms added a quiet reminder of our work. The stage looked excellent. Large paintings and colourful glasswork complemented each other well. The working model of the sky-hydrant added an interesting promotion of the Disaster Aid program.

The Kinetic wind sculptures by Rudi Jass were a successful innovation and added an intriguing talking point to the Art Show and the glass work by Roberta Easton was colourful and of high quality. We sold three wind sculptures (One donated) and 18 pieces of glass. Sales from both of these artisan areas I believe vindicated the popularity of their selection. Similarly sales from both feature artists Gary Laird and Heinz Fickler were a pleasing endorsement of their inclusion.

John Paterson did a great job repairing or re-stringing art works for hanging and Libby also quietly cared for and watered the plants on stage.

Advertising was effective. We had 16 print media articles and advertisements published in local press and a range of magazines, which is very pleasing. We also used, local radio, cinema advertising, posters, our art show webpage and the DL slips in letterboxes. Social media outlets played a strong part also. Thanks to Ted, Laurie, Neil, Geoff, Peter and David for all the roadside signage. I estimate that over 2000 attended the Art Show including those at opening night. Some of course attended more than once.

The pick-up and collection system worked well despite some collected at the hall the day after the show ended. Thanks to Ross Kilborn who had about 8 paintings at his place for some days after the show ended.

All in all we can be proud of what we have together achieved. I believe each year improves a little and this year we may have witnessed and produced our best ever show...artistically and financially. Profits from this 48th art show were over \$72,000 which enabled our Rotary Club to generously provide significant funds for bush fire relief. My sincere thanks to all in our art show committee and our club members who together have been a great support to me in my role as Chair. I have thanked them but will again endorse this thanks. I particularly thank Barbara Parkinson and Maree Renowden who have worked tirelessly with me over the last six months or more leading to the art show and for a couple of weeks following its conclusion. We worked well together.

Ian Horton and John Parkinson did a superb job in their financial management keeping track of sales, cash and payments. I also thank Victor Sullivan, Ross Kilborn and John Parkinson who helped me with the added responsibility of opening and closing each day.



Of course I acknowledge and recognise the tremendous support from our partners, our club members and our volunteer force...particularly the men's shed, the Bays hospital, and the Secondary College students. This volunteer force of "art show friends" has swelled somewhat in recent times together with some valued new club members. Our club worked well as a team with all taking part in some

capacity and all carrying out their assigned tasks very well.

We can be very proud of the positive comments that have come our way from artists, visitors to the show and via the internet.

Despite the challenges now evident from the Covid-19 Pandemic, I am certain next year's chair Richard and his team will continue the traditions of this great event for the club. I wish him well and will be available for him to call on for any guidance he may seek.

I remain ever so grateful to all for our work together on this year's Art Show...certainly one of our best.

Thank You All.

John Renowden

Art Show Chair



***Save the Dates for the 49th 2021 Mornington Art Show
Thursday January 21 (Opening Night) to Tuesday 26th***

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