

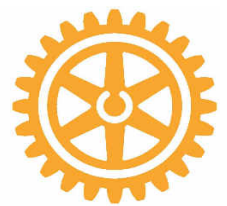
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ANNUAL REPORT

2020 / 2021

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Club of Warragul



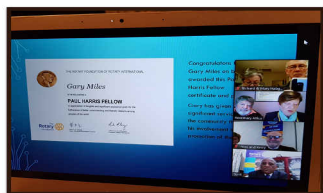
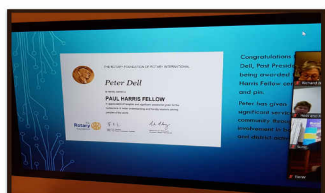
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BOARD MEMBERS 2020/2021

President:	Sunil Bhatt
Secretary:	Richard Willis
Treasurer:	Andrew Lewis
Immediate Past President:	Rosemary Allica
Director of Admin/Club Service:	Di Carson
Director of Community Service:	Chris Major
Director of Vocational Service:	Alan Tatlow
Director of International Service:	Chris Drenen
Director of Youth Service:	Teresa Mitchell
Communications Leader:	Richard Habgood
Membership Leader:	Suzie Warenycia

Changeover 2020



PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2020 – 2021 - SUNIL BHATT

Despite the pandemic, we still went ahead with some of our important, planned projects and created some new ones along the way. We held a successful Art Show at the Logan Park Exhibition Hall along with the Baw Baw Arts Alliance. Our sale of Christmas trees was particularly successful, in a year where festive spirit was particularly important to our local community. In my role as President, my assigned project was the "Warragul Rotary Park- Stage 3". We are in the process of developing Stage 3 of the Warragul Rotary Park, and we were fortunate to receive a generous grant for this from the Baw Baw Shire Council, which was a successful outcome this year given the circumstances. We have continued to support schools with a scholarship program for selected students locally, and abroad in Vanuatu. When the time is right, I am sure we would be keen to resume our Rotary Youth Exchange Program, and to welcome a new International student into our community. I am particularly proud that we could recognise some outstanding local businesses doing it tough this year with the Small Business Awards. We enjoyed volunteering at FarmWorld as 'COVID Marshalls'- a brand new role for the Club!

In my role as President, I supported each of my Directors, and attended committee meetings. With the pandemic we were forced to hold the majority of our meetings online, particularly initially, and we organised for these to be conducted on Zoom, including sending out meeting links to our Members each week. Once we are able to resume meeting in person, I conducted a survey asking Members on how frequently they would like us to meet, and we moved to meeting for the first three Tuesdays of each month. I liaised with the Warragul Country Club to ensure we could conduct our meetings in person safely, and enjoy meals while doing so.

I also attended the District Conference on behalf of the Club. I Chaired the AGM Probus meeting, and also ensured some inter-club collaboration with the Drouin Rotary Club, with some of their representatives attending one of our meetings, and I hope that further collaboration will be encouraged in the future.

A silver lining of Zoom is that we were able to host a wide range of exciting guest speakers this year from far and away. We hosted Adam Craig, a public health epidemiologist who spoke to us about COVID-19, the Warragul Business Group who discussed the importance of synergy in business, Lois Pratt a former Rotarian who spoke to us about her work with refugees, Eliza Galvin a speech pathologist who spoke to us about her work with stroke victims, Aunty Eileen Harrison and Prue Metcalf who discussed the upcoming design works for the Stage 3 Warragul Rotary Park, Baptcare who discussed Aged Care, Chris Reeve from the Warragul Scouting Group discussing their organisation, The Santos Science Experiment Group who spoke about exposing high school students to university-level science early, Karen Jones from Ride Nation who spoke about The Ralpa Foundation, and Chris Major with a trivia night. We were also joined by District Governor Mark Humphries and his wife Linda at our penultimate meeting. I personally feel our guest speakers were real highlights of our meetings this year.

I think we can all agree that social connections were particularly important during this past year, and one of my goals was to ensure that we all found the time to enjoy each other's company and just have fun! We had some great social events which we enjoyed with family and friends, including memorable nights out, BBQs and of course our Christmas party at the Good Shed, Warragul Railway Station.

I will always look back fondly on my time served in this role, and I look forward to remaining on the Board for the upcoming year and continuing to contribute to our Club. I would not have been able to fulfil my role as President without the support of each and every member. Given the circumstances surrounding the pandemic, I'd like to commend all of our Directors; Richard Willis for his support as Secretary, Andrew Lewis as Treasurer, Chris Major in Community Services, Teresa Mitchell as Youth Director, Chris Drenen as International Director, Alan Tatlow as Vocational Director, Susie Warenycia as Director of Membership and Di Carson as Director of Administration. Thank you to Robert Dunlop and Sally Dell for creating and distributing our Club bulletins, and to Don Cumming for keeping me up to date with all the Club membership details and Rosemary Allica for helping me transition into my role as President. Thank you all for your hard work and assistance throughout my Term as President, it has been a pleasure to work with you all. I'd also like to thank our committees on their efforts in continuing to meet, plan and execute their respective projects. My sincerest congratulations also go to our recipients of the Paul Harris Awards this year, Peter Dell, Sally Dell, Teresa Mitchell and Rosemary Allica.

In the words of our International President, Holga Knaack, "Rotary opens opportunities." I would like to emphasise this, and remind my fellow Rotarians that Rotary truly is an invitation to enriching opportunities. It is one that creates pathways for Members to improve the lives of those in the community, as well as their own. To our incoming President Di Carson, I offer you my best wishes and support for the year ahead- I hope you enjoy your time as President as much as I have enjoyed mine.

**Sunil Bhatt
President 2020-2021**

Financial Report Treasurer: ANDREW LEWIS

			Balance	Total
Opening Balance (as per ledger) 01 July 2020				
Project Account			\$ 5,103.68	
General Account			\$ 6,429.52	
Cash Management Account			\$ 48,124.13	
Art Show Account			\$ 599.75	\$ 60,257.08
<i>Project Account</i>	Income	Expense		
Donations Received/Given	\$ 9,639.94	-\$ 26,954.88		
Pine Trees	\$ 23,300.40	-\$ 10,982.13		
Rotary Park Stage 3		-\$ 3,920.00		
Farm World Project	\$ 3,600.00	-\$ 533.33		
Youth Exchange	\$ -	\$ -		
Business Dinner		-\$ 39.95		
Other	\$ 20.12	-\$ 1,763.30		
Total Project Account	\$ 36,560.46	-\$ 44,193.59		-\$ 7,633.13
<i>General Account</i>				
Membership Subscriptions	\$ 10,390.00			
Meals	\$ 5,482.10	-\$ 4,548.32		
Rotary District & International Fees		-\$ 8,418.58		
Other	\$ 504.11	-\$ 3,045.99		
Total General Account	\$ 16,376.21	-\$ 16,012.89		\$ 363.32
<i>Art Show Account</i>				
Other	\$ 0.25	\$ -		
Total Art Show Account	\$ 0.25	\$ -		\$ 0.25
Closing balance (as per ledger) 30 June 2021				
Project Account			\$ 1,452.06	
General Account			\$ 6,792.84	
Cash Management Account			\$ 44,142.62	
Art Show Account			\$ 600.00	\$ 52,987.52

Total Income	\$ 52,936.92	Check total	\$ 52,987.52
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Andrew Lewis
Treasurer 2020-2021

DONATIONS 2020-2021

Rotary Park stage 3 \$3,920 Prue Metcalf-Design Works

Marist Sion College scholarships \$1,000.00

End Trachoma project \$1,442.71

Vanuatu high school project \$8,183.37

Warragul public access defibrillator \$2,368

Warragul Cementry Trust \$2,000.00 Land Lease

West Gippsland Healthcare Group \$2,800.00

Fortum BBQ 160.80

TRF Presidents Pledge \$6,000.00

Fairview knitting group \$200.00

Baw Baw L2P program internet Expenses \$500.00

Operation Cleft \$1,000.00

Australian Rotary Health Foundation \$1,000.

Total Donations	\$30,574.88
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CLUB SERVICE - DI CARSON

The Club Administration team met regularly throughout the year to ensure the smooth running of the club.

We were fortunate to be able to hold a very joyful Christmas Celebration and then start the year with our usual barbeques at Rotary Park.

Of course, like the other committees, our work was marred by the COVID 19 pandemic and the disruptions to normal life caused by the lockdowns.

Nevertheless, a varied meeting calendar was maintained and it is a credit to the members of the club who embraced the use of Zoom as a meeting platform when we were unable to meet in person. Highlights of the zoom meetings were being able to hear speakers from interstate and overseas, which extended our reach as a club. We were privileged to be able to link with Central School in Vanuatu where Steve Bough was able to take us on a virtual tour of the school and explain some of the difficulties faced by that country.

Other presentations included the Climate and Peace Forum video; a Clean Energy Panel – providing information about the use of solar and presentations from Cycling Australia – Ride to Nation and the Santos Science Program.

Unfortunately visits to other organisations, although planned were unable to go ahead.

Included in our activities was attendance at District Functions and the District conference and various training activities.

I would like to thank Sunil for his leadership and the wonderful work of Andrew Lewis as Club Treasurer and Richard Willis as Secretary, Teresa Mitchell for her assistance in guest organising speakers, and Alan Tatlow for his caring work as welfare officer for the club.

Di Carson

Club Service 2020-2021

Public Relations Report - RICHARD HABGOOD

The club continues to get good coverage of club activities with regular articles and photos in our local newspaper the Warragul Gazette.

The club also has a comprehensive on-line presence with a club website and a Facebook page with regular postings to promote club activities. Specific Facebook pages are also used to promote the club's annual art show and the sale of Christmas trees.

A weekly club newsletter is produced to keep club members informed of ongoing club activities.

The photograph below from the Warragul Gazette on Tuesday 12 July 2021 shows the presentation of a 24 hour public access defibrillator donated to the Warragul Police Station.



Richard Habgood
Public Relations 2020-2021

Membership Report - Suzie Warenycia

2020 was a difficult year for membership due to the many disruptions caused by the pandemic. However we were delighted to welcome a new member, Farhat Firdous to our club. Farhat comes with a strong background in community development and multicultural support and we are delighted to be able to tap into her experience and broad community perspective.

Sadly we farewelled Lyn and Roger Colls who have taken up residence in Bass Coast but are happy to report that they have now joined the Rotary Club of Wonthaggi. We thank Lyn and Roger for the fantastic work they did for the club, especially but not only in providing outstanding support to our annual Art Shows.

Susie Warenycia

Membership 2020-2021

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT - CHRIS MAJOR

The COVID-19 pandemic has and continues to have a significant impact on our way of life, family connections, work and our Rotary Club. Our fund raising ventures were impacted greatly in the first half of the Rotary year in 2020 with the cancellation of the annual Art Show and a significant reduction in the number of pine trees that we were able to sell to the public. Sadly the shortfall in funds raised reduced the club's capacity to continue to support some of the very worthy causes that seek our assistance each year.

A number of years ago the Rotary Club purchased a Defibrillator, a life saving device for persons who have suffered a heart attack. The device was installed on an external wall of the small Baw Baw Shire Kiosk on Palmerston Street, Warragul making it accessible 24 hours a day for the public. Unfortunately someone had a greater need for the device and it was removed and not returned. Baw Baw Shire seeing the need for the device in the CBD of Warragul with a 24 hour public access offered the club \$2K for the purchase of a replacement device. A new device has now been purchased by the Club for \$2,368.00 thanks to our Treasurer Andrew Lewis and it will be installed at the front of the Warragul Police Station where it will still have 24 hour public access and hopefully some security where it will be located. The Gippsland Branch of Ambulance Victoria have provided advice on the type of device to be obtained and are also very pleased to have a device in the CBD with 24 hour access at a safer location.

Xmas Tree Project.

The Club planted approximately 1200 trees at Gulwarra Heights site last year which is where the club will maintain its sole focus on growing and harvesting Christmas Trees. The Club pays the Cemetery Trust for the use of the land. Some Christmas Trees at Landsborough Road were harvested with the remaining trees mulched on site along with left over trees from harvest at the Gulwarra Heights by the ever reliable Chris Wilkinson and his machine. Without Chris Wilkinson's support our Christmas Tree Project's capacity to generate funds would be reduced dramatically with the added bonus of making the project more manageable with our aging capability.

The Landsborough site has been cleared and Council will retain possession in the interim until the land I am led to believe will be sold.

The Christmas tree harvesting season kicked off with the Warragul Business Groups initiative of a "Christmas Wonderland of Rotary Christmas Trees." The event was held at the Cenotaph area in the Warragul CBD on a Friday evening, a very successful event with a large number of trees being sold and orders placed for more. A great partnership with the WBG that hopefully will continue in future years. The BP Service Station at Warragul North continued to support our project along with Rowes Nursery in Landsborough Road, Warragul. Sales from our project site at Gulwarra Heights continue to be a success with more customers choosing to pick their own tree on site each year.

Overall our fund raising capacity with the Christmas tree project was reduced due to a number of unforeseen factors. To overcome the shortfall of suitable trees we were greatly assisted by the Shady Creek Christmas Tree Farm who provided us with the ability to harvest their trees to fill gaps in local sales. We sincerely appreciated the generosity of Peter and Dent who provide us with Christmas Trees to help fill the gaps in sales.

A huge thank you to John Gallienne, Richard Habgood and Peter Dell for their tireless work in all facets of our Christmas tree project. The involvement of all our Club members assists in the ongoing success of this fund raising venture and those club members who have been able to assist over the year your involvement is greatly appreciated.

Another huge thank you to the Warragul Scouting Group who provided valuable manual assistance at various times during the tree production, site clean ups and sales for the Christmas Tree Project and to Richard Habgood for organising their assistance.

Art Show. (Art Gippsland)

The Club's annual Art Show was not held due to the negative impact of the COVID pandemic. However, due to an easing of COVID restrictions a request from the Baw Baw Art Alliance for our support at an Art Sale was undertaken and the Art Sale was held over 10 days during the Easter period at the Exhibition Building in Warragul. The group's president Anita George who is also on the Rotary Club's Art Show Committee was the driving force behind the event. The Board decided that the Alliance had been huge supporters of our annual Art Show and it was now our turn to support them. Bob Lewis acted as the main liaison person with the Arts Alliance group, with Bob helping to smooth out any pitfalls or obstacles in progressing the initiative. Well done Bob.

Our participation involved acquiring the necessary permit through the lodgement of a variety of documents to comply with Baw Baw Shire Hall Hire requirements and the COVID restrictions. We were also responsible for the setting up, dismantling of our Art Show stands and providing members to assist each day with the conduct of the Art Sale. Whilst it was not anticipated that the event would be a fund raising opportunity the club still received funds of over \$2K that was raised through Artist entry fees, the sale of paintings and donations from patrons visiting the event. The Baw Baw Arts Alliance members were very happy with the overall event, painting sales and were very appreciative of our support. Thank you to all club members who were able to assist.

Lyn and Roger Colls have again volunteered to be the driving force behind the Club's Annual Art Show "Art Gippsland" and we are hopeful of the show being held in October, 2021 at the Exhibition Building in Warragul as in past years. All club members who are available to assist and support Lyn and Roger are welcome to become involved and help share the workload. Lyn and Roger's commitment is very much appreciated by the Club's Board of Director's.

Probus

Bob Lewis again led the charge with the Probus Club Project, although COVID impacted on their ability to hold meetings and organise club excursions and other social events. Thanks again to Bob for your valuable input into the Probus Project that our club readily supports.

Farm World

Fortunately Farm World 2020 was able to be held in March 2021, although our role took on a different format due to COVID restrictions. The organisers of Farm World had to initiate COVID Safe measures to enable them to still conduct the event. All participating Club members and Inner Wheel ladies were required to complete an On-line training package that qualified them to act as COVID Safety Marshalls at the event. An interesting change of duties that differed greatly from previous years. The joint effort produced funds of \$3600 to be shared equitably based on participation from each Club. The new CEO Craig Debnam was very appreciative of our support and although the funds offered were less than previous years the Club's Board considered that supporting Farm World was a priority for the benefit of the event organisers and the overall financial benefit that Farm World brings to the local community. A big thank you to Peter Dell who acted as the coordinator and worked each day to ensure that our commitment was fulfilled and to all of the club and Inner wheel members who were able to assist.

Snow Fest.

The Snow Fest Festival in 2020 was cancelled due to the COVID pandemic. The Warragul Business Group are hopeful of conducting the Snow Fest Festival in July, 2021 that will have COVID restrictions on patron numbers. The WBG are seeking our support again for this fantastic Community event and the Club has committed to providing assistance where required.

End Trachoma.

Report from Sally Dell, District Champion.

End Trachoma by 2030.

The District Champions for the End Trachoma project have continued to work towards the elimination of Trachoma – the success of our work has resulted in 27% of at risk communities are now not at risk, the prevalence of trachoma is falling and progress continues to be made, however WHO (World Health Organisation) has determined that the elimination be extended to 2030 – demonstrating our commitment to ending trachoma in Australia.

Our current projects planned for this year include – employed an Environmental Health Worker in W.A, also building a 2nd washer/dryer trailer in W.A. \$45,000 and providing another 1000 toiletry bags.

Last year our major project was 2000 toiletry bags for 2000 children in remote communities.

The schools ranged from 13 students to 500, and our club donated 70 bags to the school at Papunya. The children were given toothpaste, toothbrush, soap and container, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, face washer & handtowel, a special gift and a letter from our club.

The club have also sent 60 toiletry bags to new mothers at the Alice Springs hospital. Clothing for new born babies including blankets have also been appreciated by the mothers.

The knitting group at Fairview have contributed knitted jumpers, baby clothing, blankets, beanies, socks and they have been shared at the Women's shelter and the blankets to The Purple House organisation. Beautiful quilts have been given to the children's ward, and the children are allowed to take them home! This generosity of many people in our community has enabled our Rotary club to focus on Maternal and child care, prevention of disease, water and sanitation projects and connecting with like-minded people who would like to see healthy outcomes for indigenous families.

I intend to travel to Alice Springs to meet the numerous people that I speak to or email on a regular basis, and I am looking forward to doing this in the near future. Thanking Rotary members for their continued support for ending Trachoma in our country.

Sally Dell.

District Champion. End Trachoma.



Dream Cricket. "Every Child Should Have The Opportunity To Play Cricket."

Dream Cricket is a Rotary coordinated program helping children with a wide range of disabilities, to build their confidence and self-esteem through a program of specially adapted cricket based activities, each adjusted to suit the child, to ensure they have fun in a safe environment.

Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions throughout Australia, the Dream Cricket program has been "on hold" since early in 2020. Regular Directors meetings have

been held via “zoom”, with an emphasis on being ready to re-commence the program in term 4 this year. “Hopefully”.

Recently a delegation from Dream Cricket Australia met with representatives from Cricket Australia, with a view to forming a joint, community-based partnership, which will enhance and quicken the development of Dream Cricket throughout Australia. A very exciting prospect.

We have also received a substantial monetary contribution from the “Primary Club of Australia”, which has enabled us to purchase 10 kits of gear for use throughout Australia at ‘Gala Days” (combined school sports days,”). These days are run by Rotary Clubs and are the highlight of the Dream Cricket year.

We are looking forward to “re- igniting” this wonderful program, and to involving more and more Rotarians in its advancement.

Peter Dell.

President: Dream Cricket Australia.



Congratulations to all club members who were able to participate in the Community Services Projects and events on a job well done, whilst at times we were very restricted in what we were able to undertake the Club and Community Services Committee continued with endeavours to fund raise and engage with the community. Your commitment is very much appreciated by all those who benefit from our motto “Service above Self.”

Chris Major

Community Services Director 2020-2021

Vocational Services - Alan Tatlow

The Vocation committee's year has been marked by conscientious exertions and efforts, for comparatively little result.

The effects of pandemic restrictions have caused this situation to arise. The committee met as often and planned as carefully, as restrictions allowed.

However, workplace visits to the West Gippsland Linen Service, and Just Add Trees forestry and farming, were cancelled. Arrangements for guest speakers on vocational subjects were unable to proceed, until Kirsten Fox of Baptcare Aged Care services accepted an invitation to speak, while pandemic restrictions permitted meetings at the Warragul Country Club.

The Excellence in Small Business Awards dinner, together with arrangements for the venue and guest speaker, were cancelled. In place of the annual dinner event, Small Business Excellence awards were presented to recipients at their workplace.

This year, for the first time, members of the public were invited to make nominations for the awards. This met with a good response, and all businesses nominated were awarded Certificates of Excellence. These were Koffee Central, Ba Ba Wool, Jaks Music, Alliance Taxi Service, and Gippsland Travel.

Sunil Bhatt and Susie Warenycia helped with distribution of nomination forms, Richard Habgood provided press releases creating awareness of the project.

Thanks are due to Colin Brown for printing nomination forms and certificates, and to The Warragul and Drouin Gazette for generous press coverage of the project. Managing the (welcome) participation by the public took up increased time and effort, compared to nominations solely by Rotarians.

My thanks to members of the Vocation Committee for their service during a difficult year.

Alan Tatlow

Director, Vocational Services 2020-2021

Youth Service - Director: Teresa Mitchell

Youth Exchange:

Unfortunately, due to the COVID virus, there will be no exchange student programs till 2024.

National Science Forum:

No program for 2021 but planning is proceeding for 2022.

School Community awards:

Once again in this Rotary year, two sponsorships of \$500 each, matched \$1000 per student, were given to a student at Warragul Regional College and Marist Sion College. The sponsorships are given to students whose family may be struggling to meet the ever-growing costs of schooling and starting in the first year of secondary school.

Model United Nations Assembly

The MUNA face-to-face event to be held in May was morphed into an Online Assembly moved to July and August with the winners to be announced on 29 August.

May Youth Month Events

On 4 May, members heard from Karin Jones, Project Manager Cycling Australia and also President of the Warragul Cycling Club on the new program called Ride Nation which will encourage more people to enjoy riding a bike through education programs in schools, as a promoter of bike activities and as an advocate for all things cycling. www.ridenation.com.au

At our Rotary meeting on 18 May, members heard from guest speaker Jacqueline Bellars, National Director of The Santos Science Experiment program which is supported by Rotary. The program gives Year 10 secondary school students an opportunity to visit an university and be involved in science activities with university teachers and students as a glimpse of the practical side of university. These programs start in September at Federation University, Churchill and Berwick. Other programs are also available at other Universities. www.scienceexperience.com.au

Unfortunately, **National Youth Science Forum, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards** were each cancelled this year due to COVID 19

I wish to thank all members of the youth committee, Chris Morris, Robert Dunlop and Rob Vermay for their work over the year and wish Geoff Childers, the new youth director, all the best for the 2021/22 Rotary year.

Teresa Mitchell

Director, Youth Service 2020-2021

International Committee - Director: Chris Drenen

Committee Members: Anthea Dacy, Tony Carson, Jenny Kitchen, Colin Brown, Di Carson (ex-officio)

The areas of focus for the International Committee this year replicated those of previous years:

- Rotary International Projects;
- International Projects in an underdeveloped country; and
- Humanitarian Projects in Australia.

Due to the COVID19 Pandemic, International Committee activities were severely restricted.

Abunga Primary School project

However, the Committee was approached by the SHaRM Foundation seeking financial support for an ongoing project at Abunga Primary School, located on South Maewo Island. The overall project aimed to repair damage to both school and community buildings caused by severe tropical Cyclone PAM in March 2015 and further structural damage to the balance of the school buildings through Cyclone Harold in April 2020. The school children were impacted by not having enough school classrooms and the community in not having enough safe places to gather in severe weather events.

Specifically, funding for the project did not provide for classroom fit out, including desks, chairs and blackboards and stationery for 100 students. SHaRM therefore sought the Club's assistance.

With the invaluable assistance of President-Elect Diane Carson, a District Foundation Grant was sourced and with the addition of Club funds, sufficient funds were therefore available to complete the project. The items were purchased in Vanuatu and then shipped to Maewo, therefore further aiding the Vanuatuan economy.

The photo below is of one demolished classroom prior to rebuilding.



MARCH 2021

**ABUNGA PRIMARY SCHOOL, ASANVARI, SOUTH MAEWO,
MAEWO**

**Prepared for ROTARY CLUB OF WARRAGUL and THE UNITING
CHURCH, WARRAGUL & SHaRM FOUNDATION DONORS**



Completed tables and chairs in situ for
commencement of school Term 1 2021

Vanuatuan School Scholarship Projects

The Club also supported two students in the past year by way of scholarships. The students attend Central School, Port Vila in Vanuatu.

The two scholarship recipients in 2020 (Year 13 students) who Lorryson and Florence. They have now both completed their high school studies, and we are awaiting details of their future plans.

In 2021, the recipients of the scholarships are Frank David and Ae-riana Tosiro. Central School contact Steve indicates that both Frank and Ae-riana have good school performance and are in dire need of financial support.

The Club received letters from both Frank and Ae-riana and they were beautifully written and demonstrate that every little bit of assistance provided by the Club is gratefully received.

Perhaps the Club could apply further funding in the years to come!

The Club was supported in this project by the Warragul Uniting Church.

Humanitarian Project in Australia

In previous years, the Committee's Humanitarian Project in Australia was the shipment of a pallet of new shoes, provided by Donations in Kind (DIK), to remote Aboriginal Communities in the Kimberley region of Western Australia.

In 2020/21 the Committee sought to facilitate the project again but unfortunately DIK did not have any suitable stock.

I implore future International Committees to explore the possibility of this very worthwhile project.

International Committee in 2021/22

The Committee plans to hold a fundraising function in spring assuming that any pandemic restrictions are lifted. I implore all Club members to support any International Committee future fundraising activities.

I first joined Rotary in 2000 and this past year was my first on an International Committee. I thank my fellow Committee Members for educating me and I pledge my ongoing support to incoming Director, Tony.

Chris Drenen

Director, International Committee 2020-2021

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

The presentation of Paul Harris Fellow recognition is Rotary's way of expressing its appreciation for a substantial contribution to humanitarian and educational programs.

The Paul Harris Fellow Award is named for Rotary's founder, Paul Harris, a Chicago lawyer who started Rotary International with three business associates in 1905. Rotarians often designate a Paul Harris Fellow as a tribute to a person whose life demonstrates a shared purpose with the objectives of The Rotary Foundation.



For each Paul Harris Fellow Award and Paul Harris Sapphire Pin, a donation of \$1000 US is made to the international arm of Rotary, Rotary Foundation, by the Rotary Club of Warragul. With these funds, The Rotary Foundation is able to carry out an array of programs that achieve beneficial changes in our world: improved living conditions, increased food production, better education, wider availability of treatment and rehabilitation for the sick and disabled, new channels for the flow of international understanding, and brighter hopes for peace. Rotary Foundation gives grants to Rotary clubs to enable these programs to be carried out. You may be aware of the well-known Rotary program, End Polio Now which is an example of one of the programs and has almost eliminated polio across the world.

A contribution to The Rotary Foundation is an investment in the ideal of good will, peace and understanding. That is an ideal held high by Rotarians the world over. Working with such individuals of good will, we believe the ideal will become a reality.

At our Changeover this year, the Rotary Club of Warragul took great pleasure in presenting the emblems of appreciation give to a Paul Harris Fellow: two Paul Harris Fellow Certificates and two pins to two individuals in our club. We were also delighted to be presenting two Paul Harris

Sapphire Pins, a second Paul Harris Award, to two individuals in our club also making four presentations in all.

Paul Harris



Teresa Mitchell: Paul Harris Certificate and Pin

Teresa Mitchell was awarded a PHF for the significant contributions she has made over many years to community and business programs and organisations in West Gippsland.



Rosemary Allica Paul Harris Certificate and Pin

Rosemary Allica was awarded a PHF for taking on many leadership roles in the club and her long-time contribution the Rotary international student exchange program at both a club and district levels.



Peter Dell Paul Harris Sapphire Pin

Peter was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow, Sapphire pin, for his outstanding contribution to the community.

The club recognises and applauds Peter's outstanding commitment to *FarmWorld* and for the many shifts he undertook when others weren't available; his commitment to *Snowfests* – especially in a times that the community needed some fun after so many lockdowns; his amazing trip to Central Australia towing that trailer of aid for *End Trachoma* and having to race back to beat the lockdown; and for supporting Sally so well.

Also for the support Peter gave in packing and organising all of that aid for Vanuatu.

But it is for his ongoing and unwavering support for *Dream Cricket* that enables those youngsters who are struggling with disabilities to enjoy sport that we most applaud. Well done Peter!



Sally Jones Third Paul Harris Sapphire Pin

Sally Dell was awarded a third sapphire pin to her existing PHF for ongoing support at a high level for *End Trachoma*, which is a national Rotary program aimed at ending the main cause of blindness in our indigenous children in the outback. Losing sight would be devastating for anyone, and Sally's efforts to assist in preventing children from going blind have gone way over and above the call of duty. If anyone has ever ventured into Sally's house and seen the tables of toiletries and hygiene packs destined for the desert communities, you would know what we mean!

Sally is only the second person in the Club's 83-year history to achieve three Sapphire Pins.

Christmas Tree Project



Christmas Bbq



Farm World



Stage 3

Rotary Park



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Road to Recovery



Footy Tipping Winner

