



ANNUAL REPORT

2021-2022



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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Changeover 2021



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President's Report 2021/2022 - Diane Carson

As I accepted the role of President of this club last year I said that it was an honour, and it has been an absolute honour to serve in this capacity. At that time, I also questioned what our club is really about and reflected on the “old wisdom” of the club that has served this community for so many years. It is this “old wisdom” that has supported me so well this last year and I would particularly like to thank all of the directors of our various avenues of service, and our committee chairs for their hard work often under difficult circumstances. These groups ran seamlessly without my interference and are testament to the commitment of the individual Rotary members to the Warragul community.

Like all organisations, we were affected by the covid lockdowns – one of which occurred very soon after last year's changeover. We reverted to continuing our meetings by zoom, which demonstrated to me the resilience of the club as so many of us had to learn how to join into, and how to present, at the meetings – screen sharing still fills me with trepidation! Nevertheless we maintained our connections and hosted some interesting speakers. Zoom has now become a regular meeting mode for some of our committees especially during these cold winter months.

Finding a permanent venue for our meetings was quite stressful, as after lockdowns, our previous venue could no longer host us. We met in Drouin a few times – and I thank *Middels* for accommodating us at often short notice. The Rotary Club of Drouin graciously allowed us to join their meeting on one occasion and we had a most enjoyable evening with them. Finally we found a “home” at *Shed 28* where Galina and Nick were wonderful hosts and where we enjoyed very different cuisine. The wood fire provided wonderful ambience and our Christmas Party was particularly memorable – especially with Peter Dell and Jenny Kitchen auctioning the assorted objects that club members donated. I suspect some family members received “unusual” Christmas gifts last year.

Sadly *Shed 28* fell victim to the covid closures and once again we were homeless. However I am delighted that the Railway Hotel in Warragul has adopted us and has now become our permanent home.

On an organisational level, after much consideration, we were also able to finalise the updating of our club's by-laws.

I was particularly pleased that the theme of my year's presidency was “**serve to change lives**” and now, at the end of my year I wonder how effective we have been in doing that?

What have we done? Among our many and varied activities (which are outlined more fully in the various portfolio reports) we have expended much energy in our fundraising efforts and made donations to worthy causes – not the least of which was running a film night “The Duke” that raised over \$1,000 for *End Polio Now* (a recent outbreak in London has illustrated the importance of this work). I would like to thank Gary Scanlon and the Rotary Club of Drouin for supporting us so well in that endeavour.

We also contributed to Rotary International's fund to provide much need aid to Ukrainian refugees in Europe and beyond, and held a vigil at Harmony Park to remember those young boys that our community hosted some 30 years ago after the Chernobyl Disaster, and pondered, with sadness their fate.

Finally last year I said I wanted to let the community know what Rotary is about. Although we still have a way to go we have made moves in the right direction: we welcomed back businesses after lockdown, held our annual *Excellence in Small Business Awards*, have welcomed a range of speakers, organised the first ever stand at Farm World for the District to promote our collective activities, and supported the Baw Baw Arts Alliance art sale.

After a very moving presentation via Zoom from the Past President of the Rotary Club of Healesville, Sam Halim, about his journey in co-founding the *Victorian Aboriginal Remembrance Service*, a small group of us were honoured to be part of the service at the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne to pay our respects to our fallen indigenous servicemen and women. I hope that this involvement will become an annual event for the club.

I must also acknowledge the enormous amount of work that has gone into our Centenary of Rotary project – *Rotary Park Stage 3*. In this project we are not only building a park but we are creating links with our indigenous people and acknowledging their incredible stewardship over this land for tens of thousands of years. We thank them for their generosity in giving time and talents to this ongoing project, and look forward to joining with the wider community over the coming months to share in its development together.

Finally I would like to congratulate Teresa Mitchell on her appointment as President 2022-2023 and wish her and her board all the best for the coming year.

Diane Carson
President 2021-2022

Financial Report Treasurer - Andrew Lewis.

Rotary Club of Warragul inc. Financial Statements

For the Period 01/07/2021 to 30/06/2022

			Balance	Total
Opening Balance (as per ledger) 01 July 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
<i>Project Account</i>	Income	Expense		
Donations Received/Given	\$7,258.53	-\$18,798.49		
Pine Trees	\$18,325.00	-\$8,897.86		
Rotary Park Stage 3	\$84,864.90	-\$22,316.05		
Farm World Project	\$5,000.00			
Flavorite BBQ	\$5,686.34	-\$3,796.46		
Business Dinner				
Other	\$2,100.54	-\$2,802.42		
Total Project Account	\$123,235.31	-\$56,611.28		\$66,624.03
<i>General Account</i>				
Membership Subscriptions	\$9,880.00			
Meals	\$3,275.00	-\$3,518.32		
Rotary District & International Fees		-\$10,373.06		
Other	\$3,810.00	-\$3,940.75		
Total General Account	\$16,965.00	-\$17,832.13		-\$867.13
<i>Art Show Account</i>				
Other	\$400.00	\$0		
Total Art Show Account	\$400.00	\$0,		\$400.00
Closing balance (as per ledger) 30 June 2022				
Project Account			\$39,325.55	
General Account			\$5,925.71	
Cash Management Account			\$73,293.16	
Art Show Account			\$600.00	\$119,144.42

Donations 2020/2021

Donations Given 2021-2022		
Recipient	Details	Amount
Baw Food Relief Inc	Donation	\$750.00
Scouts Association	Xmas Tree Donation	\$200.00
SHaRM Foundation	Donation	\$2,520.00
Marist Sion College	Scholarship	\$1,000.00
Warragul Regional College	Scholarship	\$1,000.00
D. Carson	Business Welcome Packs	\$127.51
S.L Jones	End Trachoma Donation	\$663.08
Warragul Cemetery Trust	Land Lease	\$1,000.00
The Rotary Foundation	Disaster Response	\$1,000.00
The Rotary Foundation	Film Night & Member Donation	\$1,037.90
E. Harrison	Art Acquisition	\$5,000.00
Warragul Cemetery Trust	Land Lease	\$1,000.00
The Rotary Foundation	President's Pledge	\$3,500.00
Total donations		\$18,798.49

Andrew Lewis
Treasurer 2020-2021

Public Image 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 specifically and Rotary more generally. 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 club also has a *WhatsApp* presence for internal communication between members.

Richard Habgood
Public Image Director 2021-2022

Community Service Report - Chris Major

The COVID-19 pandemic continued to have a significant impact on our way of life, family connections, work, and our Rotary Club. Our fund-raising ventures once more were reduced during the Rotary year with a significant reduction in the number of pine trees that we were able to sell to the public and with the COVID risks and impact on the Businesses in Warragul the Art Show was cancelled again.

However as usual the Club and its members make the best of any situation we are confronted with, and we were still able to generate funds to support some of our ongoing projects.

Christmas Tree Project.

The Christmas Tree harvesting season kicked off with the Warragul Business Group's initiative of a "Christmas Wonderland of Rotary Christmas Trees" for the second year. Held at the Cenotaph area in the Warragul CBD on the first a Friday evening in December, another successful event with a good number of trees being sold. The BP Service Station at Warragul North continued to support our project along with Rowe's 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.

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 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 appreciated.

Flavorite BBQ.

Sometimes opportunities pop up for the Club to make some additional funds as was the case with the December BBQ's at Flavorite. They went extremely well with Di, Sally and Peter ably assisted by other Rotarians all pitching in to produce quality food at a reasonable price for the Flavorite Xmas BBQ'S for some 450 plus staff over 3 days. A lot of time and effort was put in behind the scenes to ensure the success of this project. Well done to all members who were able to assist.

Easter Art Sale.

We continued to partner with the Baw Baw Art Alliance for support and the Art Sale was held over 10 days during the Easter period at the Exhibition Building in Warragul. The group's president Anita and Secretary Prue were a driving force behind the event. Bob Lewis continued to act as the main liaison person with the Arts Alliance group and with Bob's efforts, as always helped to make the show even more successful than the previous year. Well done, Anita, Prue and Bob.

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.

Probus.

Bob Lewis again led the charge with the Probus Club Project, although COVID reduced their ability to hold some 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 2022 and as in the previous year our role took on a different format due to COVID restrictions that required the organisers of Farm World to undertake COVID Safe measures to enable them to still conduct the event. Our focus was to check the vaccination status of Exhibitors and the public upon entry. Some early mornings were needed to fulfil the role and our commitment numbers were increased. All participating Club members, Inner Wheel ladies, Baw Baw Arts Alliance members, some friends of Rotary and my neighbour helped to fill all the rostered duties. An interesting change of duties again that differed from the previous year. The joint effort produced funds of \$5,000 to be shared equitably based on participation from each Club. The CEO Craig Debnam was again very appreciative of our support and hopes our assistance continues in the future. A big thankyou to all the club and Inner wheel members and others who were able to assist.

Snow Fest.

The Snow Fest Festival in 2021 was again cancelled due to the COVID pandemic. The Warragul Business Group are hopeful of conducting the Snow Fest Festival in July 2022 that hopefully should not have COVID restrictions. The WBG are seeking our support again for this fantastic Community event.

Chris Major

Community Services Director 2021-2022

End Trachoma – Sally Dell

This past year our team has met monthly with team members from all states of Australia.

The *End Trachoma* program has concentrated on hygiene bags for 2,000 children in the Northern Territory. This past year 3,660 bags were distributed to 47 schools. We have received a wonderful response from the schoolteachers, parents and students and are continuing this program. An amount of \$37,000 has been raised in four years by selling used stamps, with funds being distributed to various programs. A fifth water trailer has been constructed in Alice Springs and delivered to the Kimberley region in W.A.

At the time of writing, Peter and I are finalising travel arrangements to go back to Alice Springs in July. We intend to visit Purple House and take blankets knitted by Fairview Knitting group. The maternity and paediatric units at Alice Springs will be given quilts, toiletries and baby clothing. *Olivia's Place* in Warragul has donated items to be taken to WOSSCA (Women's Safety Services of Central Australia).

On the way we are visiting Imanpa, a small indigenous community, 200kms south of Alice Springs. Visiting maternal child and family health centre, school and community members.

Meeting with Senior Project and Policy Officer of NT Trachoma program and the Clinical Nurse Manager – these are opportunities that can only help us understand what is needed to assist indigenous people to have better health outcomes.

The End Trachoma program has highlighted so many issues that indigenous families encounter and this has encouraged District Champions to ask Rotary clubs to be involved.

A success story to share: Last year a teacher moved to Yarralin to take up a teaching position and he brought with him a variety of bikes – the children who had never owned a bike rode them, morning, recess, lunch and afternoon – they soon fell into disrepair quite quickly and then he realised the school needed new bikes. As a result an email was sent out across Australia asking for donations, and in December three crates full of bikes, helmets etc were sent to the school. The police have joined in riding with the kids, and they do time trials and have done a 15 kilometre ride out into the country. Country is culture, and the bikes give the students access into the country - Aboriginal history is evident everywhere.

The bikes have transformed an entire community and have had a profound effect on the students who now come to school regularly.

The *End Trachoma* program paid for the transport of the bikes to this remote community in the Northern Territory and we were delighted to see such a positive result.



Thank you to the Rotary Club of Warragul for supporting the *End Trachoma* program over the past 5 years. The club has given me many opportunities to give service during the past 21 years and the Trachoma program has certainly enriched my life and I will continue to participate in this program.

Sally Dell.
District Champion End Trachoma 9820

Environment - Andrea Klindworth

Supporting the Environment has become Rotary International's 7th area of focus and this year the Rotary Club of Warragul formed an Environment Committee.

Members of the Committee include Rosemary Allica, Geoff Chilver, John Gallienne, Andrea Klindworth (Chair) and Teresa Mitchell (President Elect).

The goal of the Committee is to encourage Rotarians to support the planet by taking action to protect and enhance our natural and built environment.

The committee represents the Club at a range of meetings held by District 9820 and by the Oceania Chapter of the Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group (ESRAG). A quarterly Climate and Peace Forum has presented excellent talks from many speakers to help understand the transition process to a renewable energy economy and the threats to

global security and peace from not taking action. The monthly ESRAG Oceania meetings also present information on actions that Clubs might take, such as, Citizen Science Projects and using the Club Carbon Calculator to reduce Club carbon emissions from meetings and projects. Reports are submitted to the board.

The Committee has prepared and distributed a survey to collate information about actions our members are already taking to support the environment. The survey also seeks member input to actions for the Club to pursue in the future for example participating in Clean Up Days and habitat restoration along the Hazel Creek. This information will be integrated into the strategic plan for 2022 - 2023.

To reduce environmental impact, the Club has purchased reusable water bottles for use as gifts to our guest speakers.

Sourcing plants for the borders to the paths in the Rotary Park Indigenous Art Garden is a major focus of the committee. Funding applications have been unsuccessful and so options are being investigated to engage with others in the community to grow the plants required.

Thousands of black, white and orange grasses are required to represent the design along the pathways. Several training organisations are interested in working with the Club on the project and a proposal for a project **100 for 50** is exploring greater community involvement by seeking commitment from one hundred volunteers to each grow 50 black mondo plants.

**Andrea Klindworth,
Environment Committee 2021-2022**

International Committee – Tony Carson

Vanuatu Scholarships

Last year's Port Vila Central School's scholarship students were successful in completing their Year 13. The last report from the school advised they were both on target to achieve their goals post-secondary school with one going on to his placement with the ANZ Bank in Port Vila as an accountancy trainee and the other to pursue a career in hospitality on her home island.

This year has been difficult in Vanuatu with COVID-19 locking the country down for an extended period, thus preventing regular communication with the school. However, last reports indicated that due to a change in government funding of schools, there was a surplus being carried over to this year to assist students accordingly. Therefore, a review is now being undertaken on other options for Warragul Rotary to pursue in the education field in Vanuatu.

Vanuatu Schools

Last year the Rotary Club of Warragul had discussions with the SHaRM Ecole Pikini Foundation regarding a schools rebuilding project they had completed at Sulua Primary School and Ngota Primary School on the island of Maewo in Vanuatu. Both schools had been destroyed by Cyclones Pam and Harold but were rebuilt as cyclone proof structures to be used as primary schools, community meeting places and community refuges during future cyclones. The schools also had water storage, toilet blocks and hand washing facilities installed.

SHaRM sought funds to assist in the fit out of classrooms at these schools to accommodate up to 100 primary aged children. The problem faced in Vanuatu was the supply of materials, as these were becoming more expensive due to supply and transport issues relating to COVID.

Following assistance from the Rotary Club of Warragul, Warragul Uniting Church, RAWCS and the Rotary Foundation District Grants, funding enabled the sourcing of local materials where local tradespeople constructed chairs, desks, and blackboards for these schools.

Fortunately, the supplier withheld the materials ordered until payment arrived thus enabling the fit out to be completed in time for the new school year.

Photos attached to this report show the furniture and the method of distribution to the island. Maewo Island is quite isolated and has limited options for the transport of people and materials.



More recently, we have been approached by the SHaRM Foundation seeking assistance to fund another school project, this time on Lelepa Island. SHaRM has secured funding to repair and upgrade the school on Lelepa Island, which has included a water supply to villagers, an additional water tank at the school, and two computers and a printer for the school library. Additional to this will be the supply of chairs and desks for the children who have been unable to attend school due to the lack of chairs.

However, SHaRM has a funding shortfall of \$AU3,700 to cover the costs of shipping, materials and construction of the computer desks, paint, and materials for the refurbishment.

Following discussions with Warragul Uniting Church, there is a plan for them to donate \$2,000 to the Rotary Club of Warragul and we will apply for a matching District grant to cover the sum being sought for this project.

Tony Carson
International Director 2021-2022

Membership Report - Suzie Warenycia

After an unpredictable last six months of 2021, the first half of 2022 has been more positive. We are now back to face-to-face weekly meetings with great speakers and more fellowship amongst our Rotary Club of Warragul.

Unfortunately, we have lost a few of our Rotary members. Chris Morris has been granted **status under the 85 rule**. Peter and Sally Dell have moved to Woodend where they will engage with the local Rotary Club but we will maintain contact with them through their involvement with *End Trachoma* and *Dream Cricket*. We are very sorry to have accepted the resignations of Ross Dawson and Anthea Dacy, who although ceasing their membership, will remain as “friends of Rotary” and we look forward to seeing them at our various functions.

These Rotarians were long time members, and an integral part of our club and they will be greatly missed.

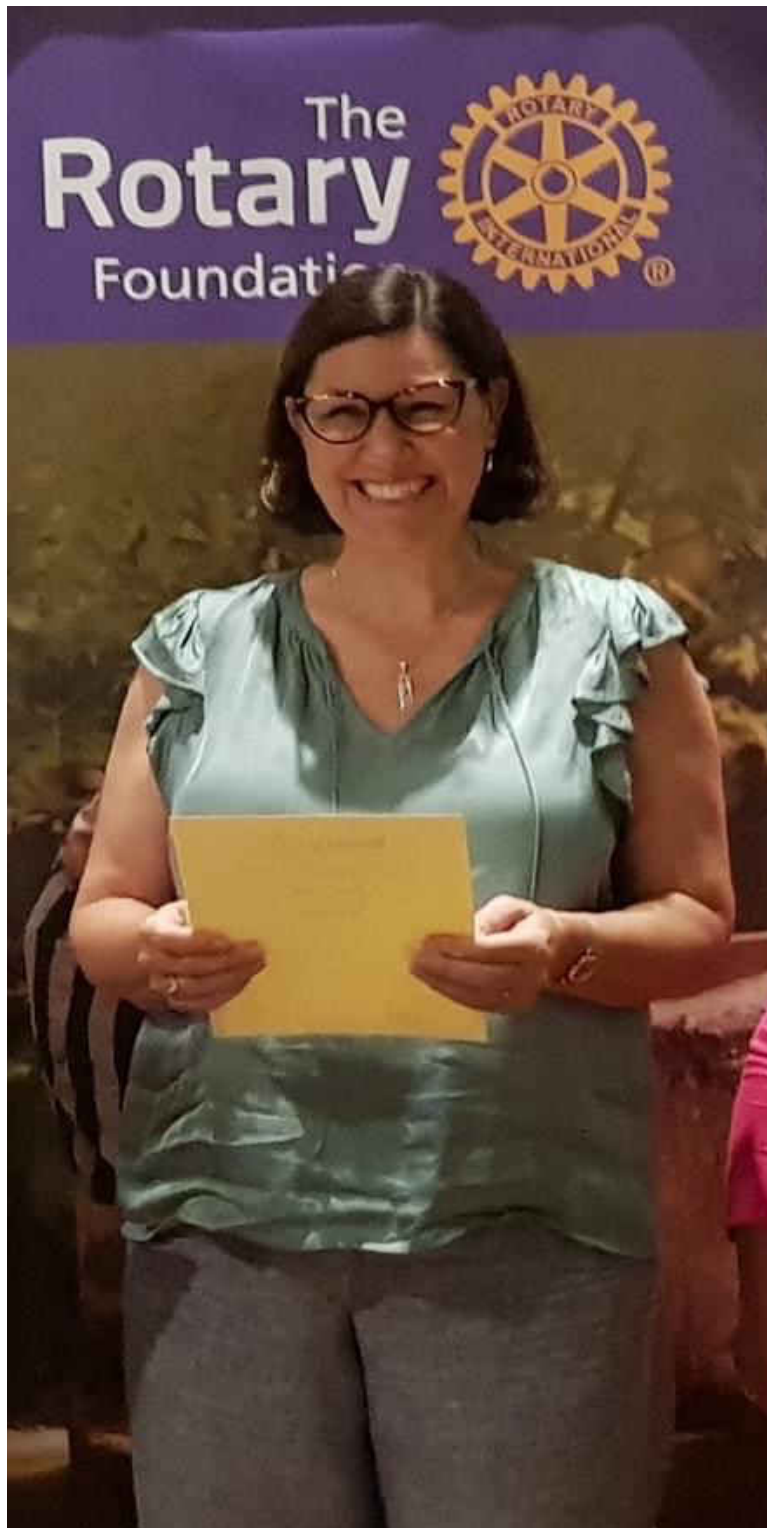
We were delighted to induct a new member earlier in this year. Fleur Craig is a local Solicitor with strong family links to Rotary and we warmly welcome her to our club.

We are looking forward to finally being able to host a potential new member meeting later in the year; unfortunately it was postponed late last year to covid lockdowns. It will be a special meeting and get together to introduce potential new members to our Rotary club.

We are looking forward to a brighter 2022-2023 Rotary Year and the chance of inducting more members to our club.

Suzie Warenycia
Membership Director 2021-2022

Welcome Fleur our newest member!



New Generations (Youth) - Geoff Chilver

Unfortunately, the 'New Generations' avenue of Rotary service was once again affected by the Covid-19 pandemic in the 2021-2022 year. The following report is a reminder of the programs that the Rotary Club of Warragul has traditionally supported and what we can expect for the coming year.

RYPEN –Program for Youth aged 14-17

The Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment is a 3-day camp is typically held in March each year.

The camp: builds confidence, increases self-awareness, teaches decision-making skills, develops leadership, and allows the participants to create friendships.

Rotary sponsors participants to attend.

RYPEN was on hiatus this year in District 9820 and looking to return in 2023.



RYLA – Program for Youth aged 18-30

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards is a conference.

It focuses on personal development, leadership, and teamwork.

There are both in-classroom theory activities and outdoor practical activities.

Rotary sponsors participants to attend.

RYLA was originally scheduled for January 2022. The conference was postponed due to Covid-19 and rescheduled for June 2022. Unfortunately, the candidate selected by the Rotary club of Warragul was unable to commit to the changed dates.



Rotary Youth Exchange Program – Program for Youth aged 15-18

The Rotary Youth Exchange Program gives students the experience of a lifetime.

Students get to experience foreign cultures by living in another country for a year.

They stay with host families, go to school with the host family's kids, and do activities with other people on exchange from all around the world.

Rotary supports outbound students to go but essentially students pay their own way. Inbound students live with host families.

The Youth Exchange Program is currently not accepting any new students due to travel restrictions from the COVID-19 pandemic. The situation will be monitored by District and recommenced when appropriate.



MUNA - High school students

The purpose of the **Rotary Model United Nations Assembly** is to encourage

young people to learn about other countries and to develop an understanding of the workings of the United Nations. Delegates will also develop debating skills, gain self-confidence in public speaking and leadership skills. In many cases, long-term friendships are also made through MUNA.

The next MUNA will be held at Nossal High School on 20 August 2022. The Rotary Club of Warragul is pleased to be able to sponsor a delegation from Marist Sion College.



National Youth Science Forum - year 11 & 12 Students

A conference for students with a passion for science.
2-week camp in Canberra in January.

They learn from science professionals, tour university facilities, visit laboratories, and meet industry leading S.T.E.M. companies.

Rotary financially supports you to attend.

The NYSF in January 2022 was held online due to Covid-19. It is anticipated to return to an in-person event in 2023



Educational Scholarships - High school students

In addition to the programs mentioned above, the Rotary Club of Warragul was successful in obtaining a Rotary Foundation \$500 Scholarship grant via District 9820.

The club contributed a further \$1500, which enabled financially disadvantaged students from Regional and Marist Sion College to more fully participate in the normal school curriculum.

The club recently had Regional College chaplain Oscar Correa speak on the challenges and rewards of the Student Wellbeing department. It was pleasing to see the club rally to support the 'Breakfast Club' once again. Two Rotarians have assisted each Friday morning for the past two months, which has been very much appreciated by the college.

Many thanks to; Rotarian Chris Morris for his knowledge and assistance in this portfolio, to past youth director Teresa Mitchell for tips along the way and to President Diane for her constant interest and support.



Geoff Chilver
New Generations Director 2021-2022

Rotary Park Indigenous Art Garden- Andrea Klindworth

The hard work of previous years set the foundation to progress the park project. A design for the gardens was ready to be implemented and the Club had gained approval and funding to initiate the project. A budget of \$122,000 was allocated comprising \$25,000 of Club funds and \$97,000 from the Baw Baw Shire.

Working In partnership with the Baw Baw Shire, the goal for this year was to construct the paths, inner circle and install lighting. Before any sod was turned at the park, engineering drawings and a Deed of Agreement were required and this turned out to be a very lengthy process. Thanks go to ex shire engineer Chris Duff for his design work and to President Di Carson for her attention to detail and persistence in the finalization of the Deed of Agreement.

While these hurdles to commencing construction work were overcome, the steering group continued to work hard to progress the project. Grant applications were written and submitted but were unsuccessful. Fonterra donated timber from their plantation to be used for the totems and this was harvested. Options for growing plants for the borders to the paths were investigated.

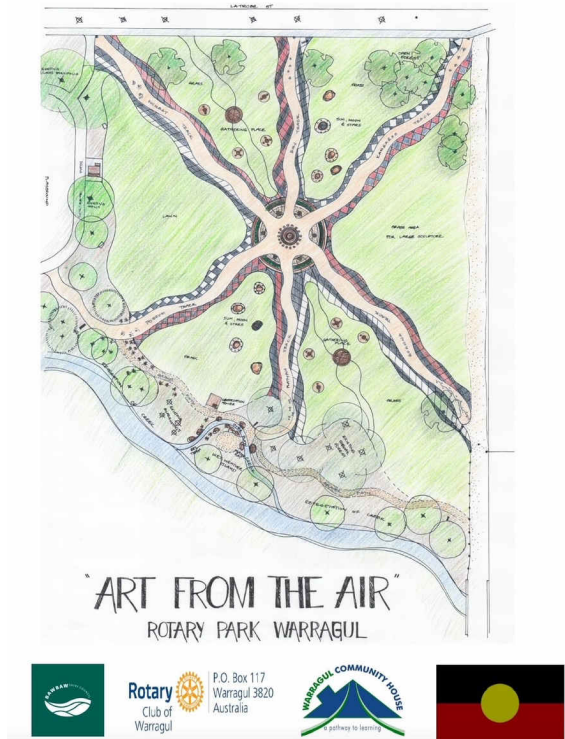
Our local Kurnai community continue to support the project. Thanks go to local indigenous artist Dr Aunty Eileen Harrison and her family for their ongoing participation. Also to Tony Carson and Wulgunggo Ngalu Learning Place. A steering group visit helped initiate a training project that will see young aboriginal men learn their traditional skills of wood burning as they decorate the totems for the park. Thanks also to Rosemary Allica and the Warragul Community House for organizing our Community Conversations where the local Kurnai community come together to discuss matters related to the project and to provide input.

As the time approached for construction to begin at the park, we engaged in a burst of communications activities. Properties near the park received an information leaflet hand delivered to their letterbox. A joint Baw Baw Shire / Club media release was distributed and interviews were given to Gippsland publications. A new page is added to the web site and Facebook posts will keep the community informed.

June saw the excavation and concreting of the central circle and the erection of a safety fence with signage. Thanks to Chris Major, Chris Wilkinson, Andrew Lewis and Peter Dell for making it happen. Excavation and construction of paths will follow as weather permits. The paths will be lit with bollard lights and the totems by uplights. The lighting will be powered by a solar array installed nearby.

Andrea Klindworth
Chair, Rotary Park Committee

Landscape Design of Rotary Park:







Vocational Services - Sunil Bhatt

Due to government-imposed Covid restrictions the Vocational Committee have been unable to arrange the usual workplace visits and associated activities. However we were delighted once lockdown was lifted to be able to thank local businesses for their service to our community. Members visited the Warragul CBD businesses to present them with a “Welcome Back pack” – a coffee sachet with chocolates inviting them to “have a coffee on us”, and giving them some information about Rotary. We were also hosted by Chris Millis on a visit to Flavorite Hydroponic Tomatoes where we had a very interesting tour of the glasshouses.



We were also relieved to be able to conduct the *Excellence in Small Business Awards*. Nomination forms were placed in Suzy’s Fine Jewellery and at Advantage Pharmacy. The public were invited to nominate businesses through classified notice and article in *The Warragul and Drouin Gazette*, and Rotarians by announcements at club meetings.

A number of impressive nominations were submitted. All were judged worthy of recognition and certificates were awarded at the club meeting on 21st June 2022 to:
Choo Choo’s Coffee, Gifts and Glamour , Rowe’s Nursery and The Press Cellars.



2022 recipients of the *Excellence in Small Business Awards*.

Thanks are due to Colin Brown for the design and printing of the nomination forms and certificates, Richard Habgood for media and other assistance, President Di, and of course, members of the Vocational Committee. It is hoped that the easing of covid restrictions can lead to restoration of the usual range of activities conducted by this committee in the next Rotary year.

Alan Tatlow

on behalf of Sunil Bhatt, Director, Vocational Services 2021-2022

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

The presentation of Paul Harris Fellow Recognition is Rotary's way of expressing its appreciation for a person who has displayed conspicuous service to the community over a period of time, and/or a most significant contribution to a Rotary project or to the community at some specific time, supported by a wider general involvement over a period of time.

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 \$US1,000 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 a variety of programs to 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.

The Rotary Foundation gives grants to Rotary clubs to enable these programs to be carried out. One of the best known is *End Polio Now* that 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, which is an ideal held high by Rotarians the world over. In 2022, donations have been made to European Rotary Clubs, to alleviate the suffering of Ukrainian refugees. Working with such individuals of good will, we believe the ideal will become a reality.

In August Paul Harris Fellow Recognition was presented to Rob Robson for his service to the Warragul Community for the promotion of the arts.



Rob Robson and his team with President Di and PP Sunil

Paul Harris Fellow's Recognitions were also presented to:

Andrea Klindworth for her unwavering support for the preservation of our environment. Andrea has devoted much of her life to environmental issues, in particular, but not only waste management. Most recently she has taken on the role of Director of Environment and has been tireless in promoting environmental protection to the members of this club. She is our club's "environmental conscience!" Andrea is our representative on the Oceania Chapter of the Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group (ESRAG) and attends the Rotary Peace & Climate forums on our behalf. She has been steering the Rotary Park project and worked hard to secure funding from Baw Baw Shire to bring the project to fruition.

Alan Tatlow for his long service to the club in the area of vocational service – in particular the *Excellence in Small Business Awards* even during the difficulties presented by the covid lockdowns, but also for his service to the community in the selfless sharing of his musical talent, particularly with the aged care community, and for his many years of service to the CFA, RSL and Legacy.

Susie Warenycia for her tremendous support of the club - she is generous with her time and resources to promote many of the club's activities to the wider community. Susie has been an active and encouraging member of the Warragul Business Group helping to organise Snowfest and the Christmas Wonderland of Rotary Christmas Trees.

Sapphire Pins were presented to:

Andrew Lewis – for his tireless work as treasurer of our club for seven consecutive years!.

Chris Wilkinson – for his efforts in helping to establish the Rotary Park but also for his generosity in the use of his equipment in the maintenance of our major fundraiser – the Christmas trees, that allow the club to support many community and international activities through the funds raised.

Second Sapphire Pins were presented to:

Chris Major for his enormous effort in supporting the club this year – Christmas trees, the huge job of organising FarmWorld and for his support for, and connections with the Kurnai people that has made Rotary Park possible and for his hard manual labour in establishing the beginnings of the infrastructure.

Don Cumming – for his tireless work in documenting the history of this club over decades that will leave an incredible legacy for future generations to enjoy.

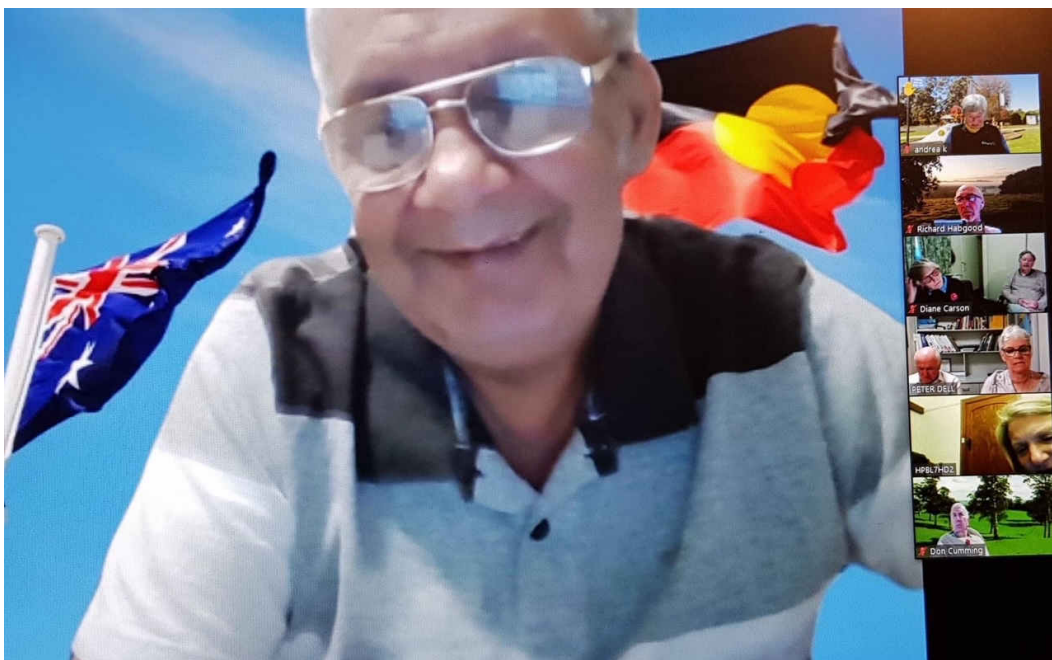
We express our appreciation to all recipients and thank them for their service.

A snapshot of the club 2021-2022

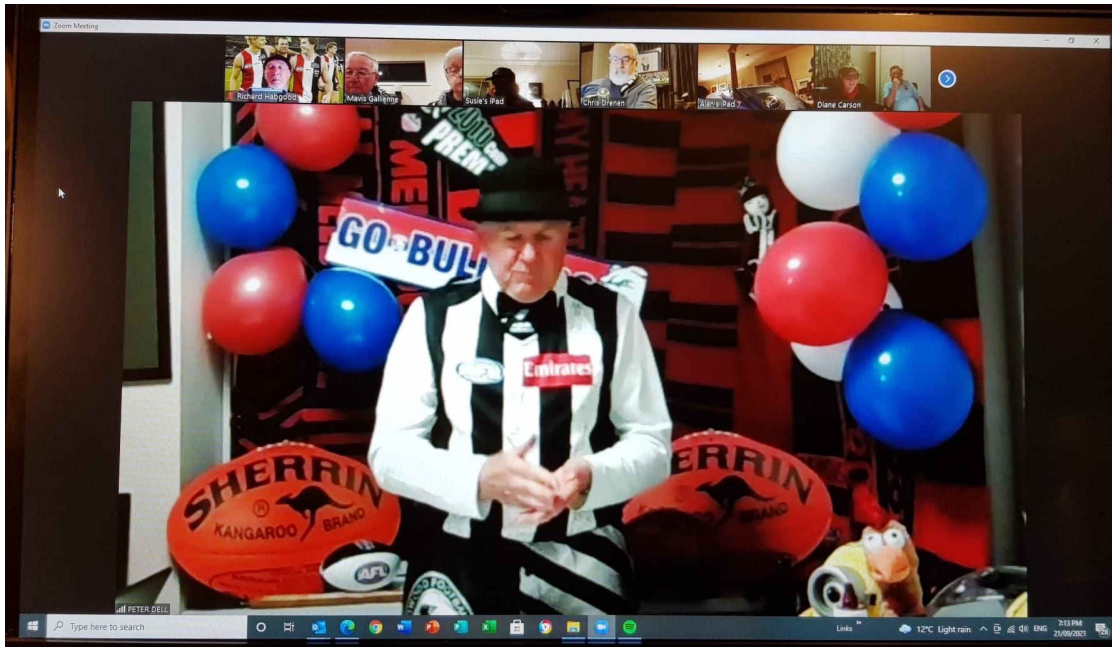
We met via Zoom



Speaker Sam Halim, PP Rotary Club of Healesville and co-founder of Victorian Aboriginal Remembrance Service



Zoom didn't stop our annual Footy Night – thanks Pete!



**Great to be back meeting face to face – thanks for the great talk Krista -
PP Sunil loved Shelby!**



Flavorite BBQ preparation



Christmas Party



Christmas Trees



Thank you Warragul Scouts



Christmas Wonderland



ROCAN passed through Gippsland raising funds for cancer research



We stand for Peace - Ukraine

