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Australia

## **ROTARY CLUB OF WARRAGUL ANNUAL REPORT** **2018 ~ 2019**

**Club Chartered 13/7/1938, our 80<sup>th</sup> YEAR**



*Rotary Club of Warragul 80<sup>th</sup> Year Board of Management 2018 ~ 2019.*

**Board members; Left to Right back row;**

**President Ross Dawson, Community Services Director Ian Holdsworth, IPP Vaughan Fox, Youth Services Director Chris Morris, Treasurer Andrew Lewis, Publicity Director Richard Habgood, Club Administration Director PE Rosemary Allica,**

**Front Row;**

**Secretary Lyn Bennet Cols, International Director Diane Carson, and Vocational Director Andrea Klindworth.**

## **Rotary Club of Warragul President's Report 2018 ~ 2019**

### **Board Members 2018 ~ 2019 Rotary Year.**

Vaughan Fox Immediate Past President  
Rosemary Allica Club Administration Director & President Elect  
Lyn Bennett-Colls Secretary  
Andrew Lewis Treasurer  
Ian Holdsworth Club Community Services Director  
Chris Morris Youth Director  
Andrea Klindworth Vocational Director  
Diane Carson International Director  
Richard Habgood Publicity / Social Media Person.

It was with much pleasure and great enthusiasm on 7th July 2018, I took the gong, gavel, along with the collar of office from Immediate Past President, Vaughan Fox.

I shall take this opportunity to thank Vaughan for his wise council and the times that we shared together discussing circumstances and looking to achieve better outcomes on behalf of our club.

Vaughan had done a wonderful role of managing the Club during his term 2017 ~ 2018.

At the start of my President Elect (PE) year, 2017 / 2018, my role and aim were to absorb as much information about how Rotary functions; and it soon became evident that there was much to learn.

I structured my presidential effort into guiding the club in the direction that the members wanted to go and not have any set agenda for myself; this was my role to support my Secretary, Treasurer and the club Directors.

Early on in my year I made the statement that I believed the club members were tired and that although they managed the work extremely well, I did not observe too many enjoying themselves socially.

On the changeover evening, and in my Change Over preamble, I announced that I would take it upon myself to organise several social outings, and took step to arrange some interclub visits with our neighbouring Rotary Clubs.

The Club visits that we arranged were to were Drouin, then the Moe club and finally we went to the Morwell club.

On our social agenda, we visited the Ripplebrook Winery, thus having a pleasant Sunday afternoon, a little later in the year we attended the movies and saw "Bohemian Rhapsody" and the third social outing was a car drive and adventure outing, on this occasion the day concluded at the Darnum Hotel for a nice meal, and presentation of social outing winners.

As I hand over the club's charter certificate, collar of office, and the original Presidents pin and official badge, to incoming President, Rosemary Allica, I know that Rosemary has some plans to take the club forward into the next phase of club's development. I believe that our club is ready for some changes and gear ourselves for a new format that may endear us to the Warragul community.

To my Board this past year, you have all contributed and have worked well with the sub committees under your Directorships, I thank you all.

I would like to congratulate you on being prepared to accept the changed business format and have the reporting procedure altered to ensure we gave sufficient time to the important general business portion of the agenda.

Another decision that we made as a board was that each position on the Board was to spend some time and do a duties statement that can be used by future board members should they wish they can refer to what we as a Board found helpful and give guidance for them as they wish.

I therefore submit my duties statement for future Presidents and I trust that they find my experience helpful to them in their year as the leader of our Rotary Club of Warragul.

With the support from my Board and the Club members, I have enjoyed my year and although there have been challenges, I would recommend to any member to set aside a year or two and serve on the board and if given the opportunity to be the Club President then take the step forward.

I have been proud to have served the Rotary Club of Warragul as its 80th President.

There are many people to thank from our board to some energetic individual Rotarians. To my Board, Directors and sub committees, I thank you all for the work that you have done on behalf of the club.

To our growing list of the Friends of Rotary (FOR), thank you for your continued support of our Club.

I shall leave some of the thanks for our Change Over afternoon on Sunday the 30<sup>th</sup> June.

In closing a special Thank you for the pleasure of being Rotary Club of Warragul President 2018 / 2019, in the Clubs 80<sup>th</sup> year, (Chartered 13/7/1938).

### ***ROTARY CLUB of WARRAGUL PRESIDENT DUTIES STATEMENT 2018 / 2019.***

Before I started my year as Rotary Club President, I gave a lot of thought as to where I believed the Club was at. I came to the realization that we as a club worked so hard on all our projects and most gave their all; but the fun factor was not there.

I did not have a "President's project as some have had in past years , and I focused on supporting my Directors in whatever they wanted to do.

The Directors who are the power engines of our club have a big influence on the direction the club takes in each year.

So, what did I do, and what were my duties as the Club President?

Firstly, give all my support to each of my Directors; attend where appropriate all subcommittee meetings.

To chair all weekly meetings; and to chair all board meeting.

To ensure that a meeting place for the board meeting has been arranged in advance.

To attend the district conference and other district functions including the district AGM.

Represent the Club at District Cluster meetings as arranged by our Assist Governors (AGs).

And to attend all District and Multi district training avenues and all special daily training seminars.

To represent the club at functions as invited as example Probus AGM meetings, Inner wheel functions, information sessions at the shire offices, and other, that required our club to be represented.

I continued the established practice to write a Presidents message for our weekly journal, assist the Editor with information concerning what our program committee had set for future meetings.

I took it upon myself to contact the local newspaper and submit a "RC Warragul Monthly club notes" segment.

I also acted as Club catering liaison person, between the Warragul Country Club taking apologies and ensuring the venue (Warragul Country Club) were aware of how many were attending and what dietary requirements were expected; this also entailed selecting the menu choices.

I marked up the attendance sheet and passed onto PP Geoff Chilver for printing and delivering to our meeting place each week; Geoff then would ensure that our roster persons had a list of who was attending so that appropriate number checking was recorded and then entered on the Rotary website.

I attempted to manage the roster for Meet and Greet and Duty person for collecting dinner payments.

The meeting flags, banners, and other Rotary items are displayed for the meeting (assisted in this role by Jim Harper & Roger Cols) and then placed into the equipment storage box, for the WCC staff to store in their equipment storage room.

To ensure that all members were given the opportunity to be fully informed I started an information folder, that was circulated around the club dinner tables at each meeting; I kept the folder up to date with all International, District and letters to and from our club to important organisations.

I cannot stress that importance in working with your board and I have been most fortunate with my Directors, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Thank you all, the role is one I would recommend to any aspiring Rotarian, the effort is well rewarded in seeing that the club maintains its position and standard within the community.

**I shall take this opportunity to offer my thoughts for the Club into the future:**

Presently the club meets weekly with only the 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month being a non meeting date.

Some considerations have been spoken about and I would suggest a trial be put to the club, that we meet formally only twice a month being weeks 1 and 3, that we maintain the 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday as a non-meeting circumstance.

That the Bulletin be only produced after the formal meeting evenings; that a Social Director be appointed as a board position and that Interclub Visits, and at least 2 other social events be conducted each Rotary year., these events should not necessarily be with a Rotary flavour.

Finally, that the club have an evening where the only business is about membership and the plan developed, and the plan, have people nominated and mentors allocated to carry out the process of Gathering new members or even re engaging older members.

Vale:

*Neville Pellitt, PHF, Long serving, and distinguished Rotary Club of Warragul Member.*



Neville was Born Parramatta NSW 15/6/1927, he Lived at Dural on the family farm till aged 15, his First Job was as a Messenger at AWA Beam Wireless Service, Then as a Service Clerk, followed by then as a telegraphist at Beam Wireless. His first Commercial Broadcasting job at 2MO Gunnedah, NSW, he was promoted to 2TM Tamworth, he did a Breakfast Session with Bob Rogers. On the 14/10/1947 Neville married his beloved Lillian, and on the employment journey, he later became news editor and chief news reader 2TM. 1945 back to 2MO for 2 months. 1946 became evening announcer and copy writer at 2LT Lithgow, NSW; 1948 Went to 4BU Bundaberg as Breakfast announcer and live artist programmes. 1950 Went to 2GZ Orange as Programme Manager, and Country Music programme; on 2GZ & 2KA Katoomba –heard all over Sydney and suburbs and as far west as Tibbouburra ,started doing live artist concerts in district. In 1955 he transferred to 3SR Shepparton as Chief Announcer, later Studio Manager and started “Harmony Trail” country music programme broadcast on 25 stations in Australia, 2 in New Zealand & 2 in USA each week. Later started International Revue on 4 stations in Australia and broadcast locally in many other countries of the world, Other countries started similar programmes in Canada & USA. 1961 Started in TV at GMV6 Shepparton as news reader and doing comedy in Children’s session with Nancy Cato. 1963 Joined GMV6 full time as Sales Manager and relief news reader. In 1970 Warragul was fortunate that Neville took up position as Manager 3UL Warragul; on the 28/1/1971 Neville was proposed as a member to the Rotary club of Warragul by PP PHF Ivan Lawson, . Took early retirement in 1984 and formed NSL Advertising for radio and TV stations; In NSW, Victoria and South Australia. A foundation member of 3BBR Drouin, Meanwhile recorded a programme for Radio Australia each week and received mail from all around the world. Did this for 4 years. Same time read news on Vision Australia Radio, Warragul, 2005 Finally retired . Neville was an enthusiastic member that would love to be given challenges, he ran his beloved Chanel 13 until the plug was pulled and then he dedicated himself to educating us all with past events that RC Warragul had had on our

**journey. Neville was a loyal and respected member of Warragul for 46 years and 4 months. Well done and thank you Neville for your friendship. *This history has been with wonderful assistance from Club Historian Don Cumming. PP PHF.***

*Yours in Rotary, Ross C Dawson,*

## **REPORTS FROM DIRECTORS 2018 ~ 2019**

### **International Services – Annual Report**

#### ***Submitted by Director Diane Carson***

During the 2018-2019 year the International Committee has once again busy with its efforts in Vanuatu.

After successfully applying for a District Grant, and with the generous assistance of a corporate donation, we were able to fund sending a container of medical and educational assistance to Vanuatu through Donations in Kind.

As a result, Port Vila Central Hospital received an examination table, which had been donated by the Latrobe Regional Hospital, and a much-needed maternity delivery bed, along with bassinets, drip stands, linen, stethoscopes and various consumable medical goods (bandages, dressings and the like). In addition, the Warragul Uniting Church donated baby clothes and knitted care bears.

The Rongdal School at Eton was the recipient of 70 primary school desks and chairs and other educational equipment – books, stationery etc.

Diane Carson and Anthea Dacy, along with President Ross Dawson and Tony Carson travelled to Port Vila during August along with members from the Warragul Uniting Church, they were joined by members of the Rotary Club of Port Vila and some of the Nivan Seasonal workers who had returned home. In an enormous collective effort over the period of four weeks, the group scrubbed, and painted the entire paediatric ward at Port Vila Central Hospital. Once the painting was complete, we placed colourful decals and bed numbers on the walls and replaced the curtains in the treatment room. In a surprise visit, sailors from an Australian Navy Patrol boat that was visiting Port Vila, arrived and helped us by reorganising the play room.

The paint for the project was donated by AusAid, as we were unable to arrange the paint to be shipped from Australia due to concerns that it would rupture inside the container and spoil the other contents, this was a considerable cost saving to the project.

Although the container arrived while we were in country, it was a much more difficult exercise to have it released than it was with the one that we had sent the year before. Instead of one customs exemption we had to secure customs exemptions for each item, which meant that the Department of Education had to sign off what it considered to be educational supplies and the Department of Health had to sign off the medical contents. In the end, some items were not approved by either department (eg. basketballs and hoops were not considered to be educational) and so we paid customs duty on the rest – but this was quite minimal.



We enjoyed considerable press coverage in Vanuatu – Port Vila Rotary submitted stories to the newspaper and Anthea was interviewed on local radio. As we took breaks and had coffee in town, often in our paint covered clothes, people stopped and thanked us. It was a humbling experience.



### **Top LHS**

A social gathering of the Rotary Club of Port Villa and Warragul clubs, discussions about the best way forward for future joint ventures being, one of the topics of interest.

### **Top RHS**

Warragul Uniting church volunteer member, Noel McKenzie adding her touches to the children's ward.

**Club Assembly evening, International committee discussing future plans.**



**Photograph Left to right: Alan Tatlow, Anthea Dacy, and long serving member Frank Beavis.**

## Youth Services – Annual Report

**Submitted by Director Chris Morris**

### **Youth Exchange:**

July 2018 saw the departure of our 2017/2018 exchange student Charlotte Nagel. Charlotte made a lot of friends here in Warragul and it was sad to see her leave. BUT WAIT there's more Charlotte, with her Mum Silke and Dad Michael, came back to visit in April this year. She did her school work experience with Gippsland Travel and the Community House.

Because of State Government regulations and new compliance and audit issues the exchange program was suspended for the year 2018/2019.

The 2019/2020 year will see Martina Navarria from Northern Italy arrive in early July. At the time of writing nearly all the paper work has been completed to allow her year long stay. Two possible outbound students for the 2020 year have already been interviewed.



Charlotte arriving home

### **National Youth Science Forum:**

In May 2018 Warragul Regional College year 11 student Kelsey Lubberink was nominated by the R C Warragul to participate in the National Youth Science Forum program held in February 2019.



The program is open to students with an interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.

Kelsey's nomination was successful after District interviews and she attended the Brisbane University Campus in January 2019 for the 12 day program. Kelsey related her exciting experiences to the club in a wonderful presentation in April.

### **Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA):**



Two students from Drouin Secondary College were sponsored to take part in MUNA 2019. Emily Little and Taylah Cunningham travelled to Phillip Island for the assembly on the 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019. The program sets up “delegations” that are involved in discussions, motions and debates about world issues on exactly the same format as the United Nations.

#### **Year 10/11 Bursaries:**

Once again, the Rotary Club of Warragul awarded student bursaries to a student from each of the three Warragul based secondary schools.

The award is given to a student that the club’s youth director and the year 10/11 school coordinator think has not only been a conscientious student, but one who has taken an active role in the school community or the broader community.

The recipients this year were; Georgia Bransgrove from the Regional College and Flynn Lockett from Marist Sion.

#### **White Ribbon Day:**

The Rotary Club of Warragul supported the Baw Baw Shire and Victorian Police initiative which is an active campaign against violence against women and children. Several speakers gave presentations at the Arts Centre. Our club supplied a BBQ for the participants, in support of the initiative.

#### **Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN):**

Warragul actively seeks candidates for this excellent Rotary program. Unfortunately, we could not find a suitable student who was willing to attend. It is, however, an ongoing program that is supported by the Rotary Club of Warragul

#### **Graffiti Arts Project:**

Through Teresa Mitchell we have been investigating support for the creation of one or more graffiti walls in the town precincts of Warragul. This is an ongoing project that may get off the ground in the 2019/2020 year.

## **Community Services Directors report – Annual Report**

***Submitted by Director Ian Holdsworth***

#### **Xmas Tree Project.**

This was again our Clubs main income earner for the year. This year we saw 980 Trees harvested, with a gross income of \$40750.00 and expenses of \$10500.00, the expenses which includes, Sprays, Rent \$2000, Purchase of seedlings, fertiliser; cost of having contractor for cutting, Warragul secondary school, and Scouts, for Planting and harvesting, Hanna Farnham for sales at BP Service Station in Brandy Creek Rd.

This year we purchased a New Electric Chainsaw at a Cost of \$300.00, this was half the retail price from VC Traders. We have approx. 500 trees left at Landsborough Rd Site; the remainder of the site has been cleared , and sown down.

John and Gloria Castle (Jana contractors), came in at No Cost to our club, Removed stumps, and prepared the site for sowing of grass seed, which they supplied. We purchased a Xmas Hamper for them in Appreciation.

Rotarian Chris Wilkinson was a great help again this year with his Excavator and Levelling machine removing the old stumps, this year Chris was assisted by Gippy Tree Services, Luke and Kelly Sheppard.

Rob Tylee also helped us restack and sort out the Burning of the big piles of stumps that were too big to burn this enabled us to carry out the burn according to the burning regulations.

**Christmas Tree harvest time, oh! Look who got into the spirit of the harvest activity!**



A note for future burns are that the piles are now to be no bigger than 3 meters square, contain no green material, no smoke to go onto roadways or neighbouring properties; and the CFA to be notified on 1800668511 to register burn.

No Burning on fire restrictions days. We planted 1000 more trees at Gulwarra Heights site this year. All of our trees will be Grown at Gulwarra site now. After we harvest the remaining trees at Landsborough Rd in 2020.

Special Thankyou to John Gallienne, Richard Habgood, Frank Bevis, for their Professional, Guidance and management in this important project.

The Warragul Rotary Club members were very Keen at the working Bees throughout the year.

## Rotary Art Show Sub Committee

Job Well Done Art Show. This is our most Glamorous event of the Year, Bringing together Local Business , Artists , and General Public, the committee have gained support from local and Melbourne as well as International areas.

We Held this years Art Show In the Exhibition Buildings at the Show Grounds in Warragul. We had good entries again this year with Approx. 300 works of Art & Craft, which was Hung with the Art Alliance of Gippsland artist experience and expertise.

The main art prize going to a Chinese Artist. with many local winners as well; the Catering was done by locals again, with Absolutely Fabulous Food, and Press Cellars, who do a wonderful job, supplying and serving from the temporary bar.

This year \$21500 was collected from local Business for Sponsorships and donations; the raffle raised \$6500' with the Warragul Specialist school being the recipient of the raffle proceeds.

## Our 2018 Rotary Art Show Committee



**Photograph from LHS to right are Andrew Lewis, Bob Lewis Chairperson, Lyn Bennet Cols, Roger Cols, Ian Snape, Anita \*\*\*, and Pat O'Brien.**

This year 35 Paintings were sold at our show, making the proceeds from the Art and Craft was \$17000.

This years Art Show saw Bob Lewis as Chairman Bob has been sub committee chairperson for many years and has continued to guide his team, we thank him for his wonderful work with the Art Show, Bob has had a great team among them Richard Willis Treasurer, Ian Snape, Andrew Lewis, Lyn and Roger Colls, and Pat O'Brien, you have all done a Ter-rific Job managing with the change in venue, while the Art Centre was in redevelopment.

In regard to the Art Centre development, we remain in contact with them, and on good terms, and our club have Donated \$5000 to the redevelopment of the Centre. We have the naming rights to an upstairs Area of the newly developed centre. One day we may return



to the Art Centre for our Show. Our Rotary Club was very much involved in the show with sponsors and the Raffle, which puts us out there.

We had ongoing involvement from Scouts and Warragul Regional College, and the Art Alliance.

### **Probus Project**

Probus is still very strong in this area, with 3 very active Clubs in Warragul, all with waiting lists, and many activities happening all the time; they include, Caravan groups, Gardening, Walking, share trading, day trips and the list goes on. The Probus Clubs look after themselves with meetings once a month. This Probus outreach is an ongoing tribute to Rotarian Bob Lewis.

### **Breathometer Project.**

The club have 4 machines which we own, from a grant from Vic Roads, \$24000 Approx., These machines break down on average, once a year. And now have become a breakeven situation.

My suggestion is to look at ways to get out of this project. We still have 5 machines which we still do in partnership with Breathometer, which make \$100 per year which we share 50/50 with them. Farm World, we had 4 days at Farm World this year, involving 8 shifts, of 7 Rotarians and Inner Wheel personal per shift. We had 4 perfect Days of sunshine. Raised \$5300 for the project, Was a big commitment from Rotary and InnerWheel. It is busy at times and a good project to get exposure for our club, A good experience of how business is run from the Big end of town, Farm World had 60000 people at the 4 days, with the carparks full, Exhibitors at record levels. Thank you to Ross Dawson for doing the Roster, and all who attended the event. School Breakfast Club. This was to be a 3 x month a year project, but became a full year project now with a new Chaplain in charge, the new Chaplain has now left, and some new people have been helping out. We will be stopping that project from now, because we can't get volunteers for 7-30 am start. That is my opinion until it is discussed at board level. Ian Holdsworth.

### **Spirit of Warragul Steam Engine.**

Because of all the works going on with the Level crossings and station upgrades, the Steam engine, coming to Warragul is too difficult to organize. Will be happening when the work finishes in the next year or so.

### **Snow Fest.**

Was a huge success with 10000 people attending this year. Thanks to Peter Dell, Suzie Warenycia Teresa Mitchell, and their team of Rotarians and Committee from Warragul, There were many food stands, Toboggan rides, Snow activities, for all to enjoy. Community garden Light Parade winter fest. Was held in June, we had our BBQ fired up, 1000 or more people turned up for a Bon Fire which we Built. And light parade around the Oval at Eastern Park.

### **White Ribbon Day at Civic Park,**

In November, and in partnership with Vic Police and Baw Baw Shire. We held a sausage sizzle on a cold wet day. Was moved indoors with several guest speakers and stalls with give aways. Was well attended. Bandstand Civic park. This Infrastructure was built and donated to the Community by Warragul Rotary Club about 10 years ago, was getting a bit tired looking this year, when a member of the community saw fit to let a stolen car run down the hill from the top of civic garden, Un manned, The car ran through the Bandstand up the steps through the floor, and took out the rear post which was repaired and replaced, We negotiated with the Shire, and the whole area has now been repainted and restored to its new condition.

## **Landsborough Street Pine Plantation Rehabilitation**

The final harvest of pine trees from this site will occur in December 2020. Ownership of the land resides with the Baw Baw Shire Council, and the Club has approached council with a proposal to form a partnership for redevelopment of the site. The club discussed and endorsed the potential for the site to be developed for passive community recreation. A project scope was presented to council and a budget submission made.

### **End Trachoma by 2020.**

Initiated by the Rotary Club of Melbourne, the goal to End Trachoma by 2020, aims to unite Rotary clubs across Australia, inworking towards eliminating trachoma by preventing the spread of infection that causes avoidable blindness in indigenous communities. Our district has been very generous in donations towards face washers for each child at school, mirrors placed in homes, community laundries, safe housing, health programs etc. I have visited Orbost, Traralgon Central Dandenong, Casey, Korumburra, Drouin, Hazelwood, Bairnsdale, Bairnsdale Sunrise, Traralgon, Langwarrin, Peninsula Rotaract, Seaford -Carrum Downs, Morwell, District Assemblies and Avenues of Service. Attended a Close the Gap for Vision conference in Alice Springs-have made some important connections to continue not only the Trachoma project but there are other opportunities for our Rotary district to do worthwhile projects.

**Sally J.**

***District Champion.***

***End Trachoma by 200.***

**Director Ian Holdsworth.**

## **Club Administration – Annual Report**

**Submitted by Director : Rosemary Allica**

The Club Administration team has worked closely together to ensure that the club operates effectively and efficiently during the 2018 – 2019 year.

The Membership team has worked on developing members understanding of activity working on membership. Several of the team attended a District membership forum and then held several workshops with the club, a draft membership plan with three objectives was developed. The plan included inviting non-Rotary people to get to know what Rotary is about, to have at least 5 new members each year and to retain current members. A number of actions under each objective were agreed and implemented begun. Several of the actions have already been implemented and our goal is to increase our overall membership.





**An evening with our Lady Rotarians**



**Photograph from left:  
New member Tony Carson , Di Carson, President Ross and Mentor Ormond  
Pearson.**

The Program team, led by Sunil Bhatt, has been very diligent and ensured that we had a variety of activities and speakers throughout the year. The program has been planned several months in advance with flexibility for change if needed. The Rotary Club of Warragul members have been very active this year in District activities too. Included in our activities was attendance at a number of District activities: The Multidistrict Conference, the Membership Forum, Leadership Training Program and the District Avenues of Service.

Thanks to Ross Dawson, the club members had a number of opportunities to take part in some social occasions. Included in the activities was a visit to Ripplebrook winery, a joint evening with Drouin Rotary, a movie outing and a car rally. The events gave members time to relax and enjoy each other's company.

Richard Habgood ensured that the communication both within the club and between the club and the public increased over the year. Thanks to Richard, the Communication Plan was developed and implemented. This year, there have been more posts on Facebook, an increase in the number of press releases and some regular club notes published in the Warragul Gazette and our website was renewed too. Separate social media for our Art Show and Christmas Trees has also helped to get the word out into the public.

Secretary Lyn competently kept all records organised and accessible this year. Lyn had a busy year, covering all Board meeting agendas and minutes, implementing follow up actions, recording and reporting on all incoming and outgoing correspondence and ensuring that our records were kept up to date.

Treasurer Andrew was very efficient and ensured that our banking, financial transactions and records were on track each month and across the whole year.

Sergeant Jenny Kitchen did a great job as sergeant and delivered some fun fine sessions.

Our weekly bulletin was competently and regularly produced each week by Robert Dunlop, ensuring that club members had a written reference to our schedule and some reflections on our activities.

The front desk roster and welcome continues to be a lovely way to make members and guests welcome each week.

My thanks to all the members of the Administration team for your commitment and diligent organization to ensure that our club members have fun, have variety and enjoy learning about Rotary.



**Foundation Guest speaker PDG Charlie Spiers**





***Special Social evenings; Christmas Meeting 2018***



***Special Rotary Mental Health, evening May 2019, a Congo Line of hat exhibits, preparing for the hat judgement presentation.***



**Photograph from left:  
Guest speaker WGA Manager Rob Robson, and evening chairperson Chris Major.**



**Club Rotary Focus and member “Job talk” session.**

Rotarian Chris Drenen, delivers his job talk and enables club members to have an appreciation of his life and Rotary journey thus far.

***Director Rosemary Allica***

## **Vocational Services**

**Submitted by Director Andrea Klindworth**

### **Vocational Services**

Throughout the year members shared their vocations, through inter club visits, new member talks, an awards night and a fund-raising dinner.

### **Inter Club Visits**

Throughout the year the Warragul Rotary Club shared fellowship with other clubs in District 9820. The Drouin, Morwell and Moe Clubs welcomed our members to their meetings.

### **New Members**

Ormond Pearson sponsored Tony Carson into the Club. He was inducted into the club on 28 August with the classification of counsellor.

Tony has broad vocational experience working his way through the ranks in the Victorian Tram Network before moving into counselling. Working for local government he assisted people to find accommodation before employment as a corrections officer in the prison system.

Tony has a passion for trains, in particular, steam trains. He has many anecdotes to share from epic train travels in Africa to reviving local historic train trips. Tony was the general manager of the Walhalla Railway for seven years.

### **Annual Business Fund Raising Dinner**

In April, the successful business dinner raised funds to support the Neerim District Health Services.

Almost one hundred people attended the dinner, a joint meeting with the Warragul Business Group. Guest speakers Victoria Chantra, and Allan Klindworth of AECOM spoke on building business resilience to weather related incidents such as extreme heat, storms, fires and floods.

Many thanks to Gippsland Travel and Susie's Fine Jewellery for donating door prizes.

### **Excellence in Small Business Awards**

The award night held in June enabled members to acknowledge local small businesses that they believe demonstrate outstanding examples of their vocation.

This year the following businesses were nominated.

- Chris Ayres Plumbing
- Baw Baw Food Relief
- Body Evolution Personal Training
- First National Real Estate Warragul
- Peter Thomson Master Builder
- RACV Warragul
- The Plaza Café
- Warragul Computer Repair
- Warragul Hire and Drive'





***Mark Schramm, acting CEO of the Victorian Small Business Commission, spoke on the night before certificates of recognition were presented.***



***Our 2019 Business Excellence group photo of our most valuable local businesses, missing is Chris Ayres Plumbing being unavailable for the presentation photograph.***

Many thanks to the members of the Vocational Service team, Andrea.

## Public Relations

***Submitted by Publicity Rotarian, Richard Habgood PP***

The club continues to get good coverage of club activities with regular articles and photos in our local newspaper the Warragul Gazette. A new initiative of the president Ross Dawson has been to regularly update our community with a monthly contribution of club activities in the *Club Notes* section of 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.

Richard Habgood



**Social evenings: Club visit with Rotary Club of Drouin, football being the meeting closest the AFL finals:**





**Our club traditional meeting with Warragul Scouting Group:**

Always a most enjoyable and friendly meeting held at the scout group headquarters in Bowen street.

## Treasurers Report 2018 ~ 2019

Rotary Club of Warragul Annual Financial report 2018 ~ 2019 Financial Year Ending.

### Rotary Club of Warragul inc. Financial Statements

For the Period 01/07/2018 to 30/06/2019

			Balance	Total
<b>Opening Balance (as per ledger) 01 July 2018</b>				
Project Account			\$ 8,525.15	
General Account			\$ 6,355.36	
Cash Management Account			\$ 26,189.40	
Art Show Account			\$ 504.12	\$ 41,574.03
<i>Project Account</i>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expense</b>		
Donations Received/Given	\$ 6,344.00	-\$ 52,168.46		
Pine Trees	\$ 44,144.50	-\$ 6,848.87		
Breathometer Project	\$ 1,630.00	-\$ 1,845.00		
Farm World Project	\$ 4,480.00	-\$ 580.00		
Youth Exchange				
Business Dinner	\$ 5,170.00	-\$ 3,767.36		
Other	\$ 1,292.58	-\$ 3,730.90		
<b>Total Project Account</b>	<b>\$ 63,061.08</b>	<b>-\$ 68,940.59</b>		<b>-\$ 5,879.51</b>
<i>General Account</i>				
Membership Subscriptions	\$ 12,223.00			
Meals	\$ 27,248.00	-\$ 26,751.76		
Rotary District & International Fees		-\$ 9,790.94		
Other	\$ 2,125.26	-\$ 4,802.38		
<b>Total General Account</b>	<b>\$ 41,596.26</b>	<b>-\$ 41,345.08</b>		<b>\$ 251.18</b>
<i>Art Show Account</i>				
Art Sales	\$ 22,448.15	-\$ 17,173.75		
Sponsorship	\$ 21,760.00			
Raffle	\$ 6,655.90	-\$ 140.00		
Prize Money	\$ 50.00	-\$ 6,550.00		
Venue Hire	\$ 600.00	-\$ 6,554.27		
Printing		-\$ 3,546.27		
Advertising		-\$ 1,463.57		
Artist Entry	\$ 4,305.00			
Admission Fees	\$ 2,435.00			
Other	\$ 556.02	-\$ 988.52		
<b>Total Art Show Account</b>	<b>\$ 58,810.07</b>	<b>-\$ 36,416.38</b>		<b>\$ 22,393.69</b>
<b>Closing balance (as per ledger) 30 June 2019</b>				
Project Account			\$ 4,756.57	
General Account			\$ 6,606.54	
Cash Management Account			\$ 46,078.47	
Art Show Account			\$ 897.81	<b>\$ 58,339.39</b>

## Statement of Club Donations for 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

### DONATIONS - 2018/19

Vanuatu community support project	\$7,124
Warragul & District Special School (18/19 art show raffle proceeds)	\$6,500
Rotary International - Foundation (1)	\$5,184
President's Future Fund - 18/19	\$5,000
West Gipps Art Centre (16/17 art show raffle proceeds)	\$5,000
Neerim District Hospital - (business dinner proceeds)	\$3,000
Rotary Relief Fund - District 9820 (3)	\$2,000
Warragul Cemetery Trust	\$2,000
National Youth Science Forum - student sponsorship (2)	\$1,500
Warragul Scout Group	\$1,500
Baw Baw Community Churches Food Relief	\$1,000
End Trachoma by 2020 (2)	\$1,000
Gippsland Rotary Centenary House Inc (3)	\$1,000
Rotary International - Polio Plus (1)	\$1,000
Vanuatu School student scholarships	\$1,000
Warragul Regional College - World Challenge student support	\$1,000
Model United Nations Assembly - student sponsorship (3)	\$780
Rotarians Against Malaria (1)	\$750
Baw Baw L2P Program	\$580
Australian Rotary Health (2)	\$500
Berry Street Gippsland	\$500
Breast Cancer Comfort Cushions	\$500
Lift Lid on Mental Health (2)	\$500
Olivia's Place	\$500
Operation Cleft (2)	\$500
Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (2)	\$500
West Gippsland Music & Drama Eisteddfod sponsorship	\$500
Variety the Children's Charity - David Bloomfield sponsorship	\$400
Variety the Children's Charity - David Hobbs sponsorship	\$400
Marist Sion College - student award	\$200
St Pauls AGS - student award	\$200
Warragul Regional College - student award	\$200
<b>TOTAL CLUB DONATIONS</b>	<b>\$52,318</b>

Rotary Club

***Treasurer Andrew Lewis***



### Club Members at June 2019

Allica, Rosemary PN	Kitchen, Jenny PP PHF
Beavis, Frank PP PHF	Klindworth, Andrea
Bhatt, Sunil	Lewis, Andrew PP PHF <b>Treasurer</b>
Bennet-Colls, Lyn <b>Secretary</b>	Lewis, Bob PP PHF
Brown, Colin PP PHF	Major, Chris PP PHF SP
Carson, Diane	Mitchell, Teresa
Carson Anthony	Morgan, John PHF
Chilver, Geoff PP PHF	Morris, Chris PHF
Colls, Roger	O'Brien, Pat PP PHF
Cumming, Don PP PHF SP	Pearson, Ormond
Dacy, Anthea	Sahhar, Cleo PHF
Dawson, Ross PE	Snape, Ian PHF
Dell, Peter IPP	Spiteri, Frank PP
Dell, Sally PAG PP PHF	Tatlow, Alan
Dunlop, Robert PP	Turner, Jacquy PP PHF
Emslie, Bill PP PHF	Turner, Warren PAG PP PHF
Drenen, Chris PP PHF SP	Vermay, Rob
Farnham, George PP PHF SP	Warenycia, Susie
Fox, Vaughan <b>President</b>	Wilkinson, Chris PHF
Gadd, Trevor	Willis, Richard PHF
Gardner, Ron	
Gallienne, John PHF	
Habgood, Richard PP PHF	
Harper, Jim PAG PP PHF	
Holdsworth, Ian PP PHF	

<b>Rotary Club of Warragul "Friends of Rotary Members"</b>	
Bill Emslie	Barrie Baker
John Cheeseman	Lorna Coutts
Frank Beavis	Vaughan Fox

## 2018 ~ 2019 Club Program / Activities.

Tue 10 Jul 2018	Change Over VF to RCD special evening; MC Rob Vermay
Saturday 14/07/2018	Club Celebrates our RC Warragul 80 <sup>th</sup> Birthday; MC Chris Major
Tue 17 Jul 2018	Club Discussion on Program Options Chair; Teresa Mitchell
Tue 24 Jul 2018	WGH CEO The future direction of our Hospital; Chair Chris Morris
Tue 31 Jul 2018	No Meeting scheduled 5 <sup>th</sup> Tues Rule
Tue 7 Aug 2018	Club Assembly, Directors Reports.
Tue 14 Aug 2018	Club Quiz Night; Partners evening; Chair Peter Dell
Tue 21 Aug 2018	Member Talk, Chris Drenen; Chair Rosemary Allica
Sunday 26 Aug	Club Social Outing Ripplebrook Winery / Cafe
Tue 28 Aug 2018	Membership discussions, Membership Inducted New Member Tony Carson
Tue 4 Sep 2018	Vanuatu Project Report; Chair Di Carson
Tue 11 Sep 2018	Club Assembly, Directors Reports.
Tue 18 Sep 2018	David Rock, Speaker Variety Bash and the Variety outreach to Children.
Tue 25 sept 2018	Visitation to Rotary Club of Drouin, Football Pres. Merv. Deppeler
Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct 2018	Community College Gippsland, Speaker Helen Uliando; Chair Sunil
Tue 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2018	CLUB AGM meeting, District Foundation Speaker PDG Charlie Spiers
Thur. 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2018	Rotary Art Show, Chair Bob Lewis and Committee.
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct 2018	DG Janne Spiers Official Club Visit to RC Warragul
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2018	Warragul Club visit to Rotary Club of Moe (22 Members attend)
Tue 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2018	Melbourne Cup theme Chair Sunil Bhatt
Tue 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2018	Club Assembly Directors Reports
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2018	Social outing "Bohemian Rhapsody" Movie at Warragul
Tue 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2018	WGAC Report by CEO Rob Robson, an Open meeting to public.
Tue 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2018	Club member talk delivered by Tony Carson, Chair Chris Morris
Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2018	Guest speaker Bill Westhead on PTSD within the Australian Armed services.
Tue 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2018	Guest speaker ROMAC Colin Byron
Tue 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2018	Christmas meeting Invite Inner Wheel Club, Chair Ross & Diane Blackwood
Tue 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2019	BBQ moved from Civic Park to Rotary Park Warragul

Tue 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2019	BBQ Gulwarra Cemetery Guest Trust Chair Graham Perkins
Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan 2019	BBQ social at Rotary park
Tue 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2019	Club Assembly Directors report
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2019	Bob Lewis Rotary Focus and Club Assembly.
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2019	Guest speaker Britney Kimmitt on Communities that Care (CTC).
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2019	Reports on, Multi-district Conference, Landsborough project.
Tue 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2019	PDG Charlie Spiers talking on Rotary Foundation Chair Peter Dell.
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2019	Club Assembly & Vanuatu Report
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2019	Guest speaker Britney Kimmitt for Communities that Care (CTC).
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2019	Club Report on Multi District Conference
Tue 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2019	Reports Teresa Mitchel on 7 women, Chris Major on Farmworld.
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Apl 2019	Business Dinner for Neerim District Hospital as recipient of profits.
Tue 9 <sup>th</sup> Apl 2019	Guest Speakers speaking on Fairview the future,
Tue 16 <sup>th</sup> Apl 2019	Club Reports Farmworld, Excellence in Business information.
Tue 23 <sup>rd</sup> Apl 2019	Rotarian Jenny Kitchen delivers her job talk "The Kimberlys"
Tue 30 <sup>th</sup> Apl 2019	5 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday Rule no meeting.
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Club report on Avenues of Service held at Maris Sion
Tue 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Volunteers Guest Speaker, Rosemary Joiner
Tue 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2019	Meeting at Warragul Scouts hall Club discussions.
Tue 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Mental Health Guest Speaker Ilonka Maughan.
Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Breakfast meeting at WCC 7 am start More social than Business
Tue 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Evening with Speaker Vision Australia Ms ???
<b>Sun 16<sup>th</sup> June 2019</b>	<b>Social event car drive quiz, and Darnum Pub (Fireside) dinner</b>
Tue 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Business Excellence meeting 26 non Rotarian attending
Tue 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	The year ahead, an evening PE Rosemary Allica
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Club Change Over Pres Rosemary Allica Afternoon Meeting

## ***This concludes the Rotary Club of Warragul Annual Report 2018 ~ 2019***

Ross C Dawson  
President 2018 ~ 2019.