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Fifty-third Annual Report 2020-2021





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Projects	Glenn Tippett
Finance/Fundraising	John White
Fellowship	Val Henry
Membership and Marketing	Peter Dalwood
Immediate Past President	N/A (Resigned from Club)
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1 President's Report



It has been an amazing honour to be the President of the Rotary Club of Boronia. I have enjoyed the year but also note it has been a very different year. A global pandemic causing heartache all over the world. By world standards Australians have been lucky but we have all suffered in various ways. Our community has suffered greatly and as Rotarians we could not do the work we would “normally” have done.

Rotarians by nature are an amazing group of people who come together to assist and support others and the members of the Rotary Club of Boronia are the pinnacle of that ideal. During this difficult year we can hold our heads high, we did not give up, instead we adapted and continued the work of supporting our community.

We met online, we talked over the phone and sometimes met in local parks to get things done. We collaborated on new projects to help the community and still managed to have some fun along the way.

As President it certainly was a journey and one I was not expecting. The goals I wanted us to achieve as a club many of them had to change, but I look back now and I can say how very proud I am of what we all achieved. We stuck together and continued the strong values, the values that started our club 53 years ago.

Firstly, I want to thank all the members of the Club. I am in many respects a new Rotarian and have at times called on all of you for assistance and guidance. Specific thanks to Lance, Doug, and Neville. I said at the start of the year and I reiterate I do not take this journey alone.

I also want to thank Ken Barrett. I know Ken from the insurance world but one day I saw Ken and members of the Rotary Club of Boronia selling raffle tickets at the Knox Festival and I bought a ticket. Ken, my involvement in the Club has been so rewarding and has provided me with a family of friends and a purpose that I will treasure forever.

I also want to thank the partners, family and friends of all us. When we take on the role as Rotarians it is these people that support us that make it happen. They listen, support and encourage us every step of the way and for that we are grateful. A special mention here to my husband Jon for supporting me and our family.

The details of this report provide an insight in what we have done this year as a Club. On paper it looks fantastic but in reality, it was more than that. Whilst we were met with challenges, we did not give up and we continued to the work of supporting our community.

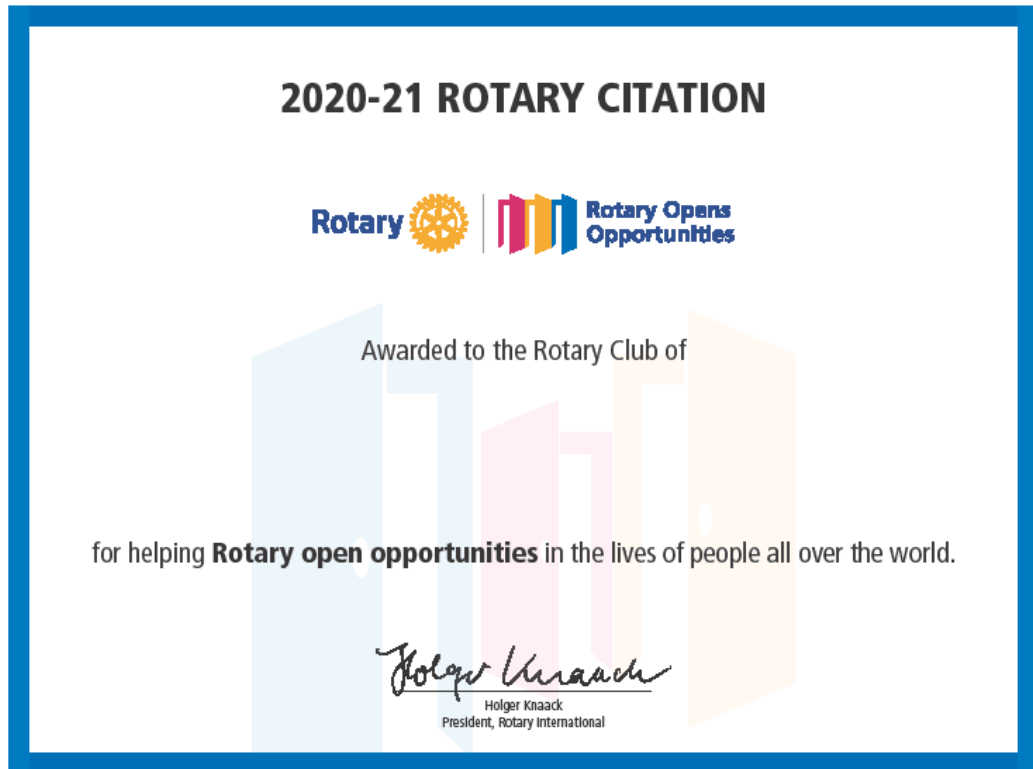
Well done everyone.

Bernadette Vanderwolde
President 2020/2021

2 Awards

2.1 Rotary Citation

This year the Club was awarded a Rotary Citation in recognition of our achievements.



The Rotary Citation is awarded by Rotary International to clubs who set and achieve their goals for the Rotary year. In order to receive the citation, we needed to achieve 13 of the goals set. There were 25 available goals and we set and achieved 15.

The goals were about:

- Membership and engagement;
- Rotary Foundation giving;
- Service;
- Young leaders; and
- Public Image.

As Rotarians and together as the Rotary Club of Boronia, we don't go about our work in order to achieve awards or accolades. We do what we do because we want to support our community, and we have been doing that for the last 53 years with great success. The people and the community we support are our true reward and that will continue to underpin everything that we do. This year we put up our hand up to be recognised by Rotary (both Rotary International and District), for the work we do, and I am pleased to say we achieved them.

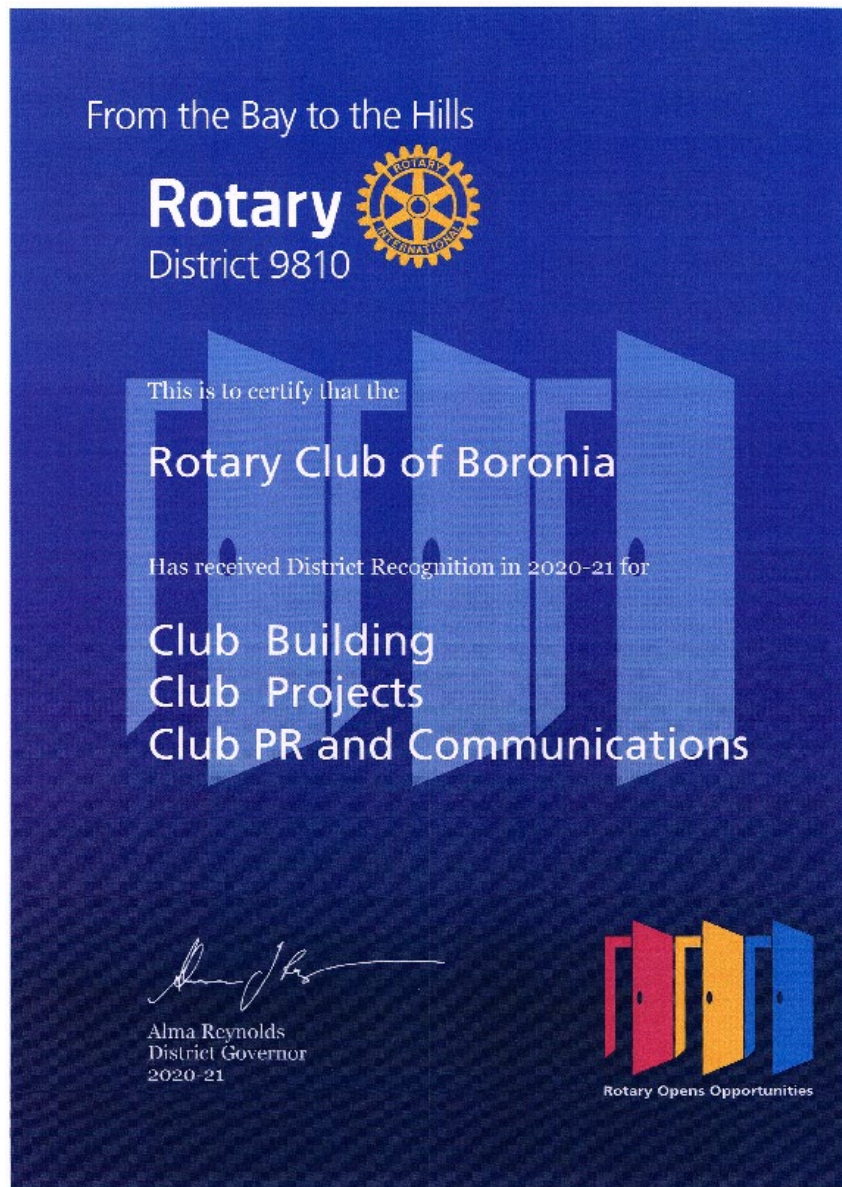
2021/2022 was a very different year for everyone. We stood together as a team and continued the amazing work we do despite the challenges. Well done to every member of the Rotary Club of Boronia.

Bernadette Vanderwolde
President 2020/2021

2.2 District Awards

The Club was awarded the following District award for our outstanding service across all three Rotary District Award area's: Club Building, Club Projects and Club Public Relations and Communications.

Well done to everyone for the hard work and dedication to our community and our Club.



2.3 Club Paul Harris Fellow Awards

The following members were awarded PHF's for their amazing support to our Club.

- **Greg Mossop**

Greg re-joined the Club recently and has worked tirelessly in his new role within the membership/marketing team. This award is presented to Greg for the amazing work on the membership campaign for our Club. His work and ideas have not only inspired us but also the District.



- **Lucille Sly**

Lucille works tirelessly behind the scenes and has done so for many years. This award is presented to Lucille for the extraordinary work she does for us on the accounts and the support she consistently provides to our Treasurer. Her assistance does not go unnoticed and is valued by all of us.



2.4 Corporate Awards

Paul Harris Fellow Awards:

Awards were given to the following companies for their continued support:

- **Gibson Freight**

They have consistently supported our Club projects, particularly our international projects in Fiji. They are always ready to help at a moment's notice and we thank them.



- **Simba**

A true partner and they were instrumental in our linen project. They went above and beyond in helping us to provide support to our communities both locally and internationally.



General Awards:

Spotless and Fort Knox will also be recognised for their support and efforts in the linen project. Without their support the linen project would not have been the success it was.

2.5 Australian Rotary Health Recognition

During the 2020/21 Rotary year, awards were made to two members in recognition of contributions to Australian Rotary Health:

- In February, **Val Henry** received a Ruby Companion Certificate and Pin for her substantial support of Australian Rotary Health over many years; and
- In May, **Gonny Rundell** also received a Companion Award for her long-term support of Australian Rotary Health.



3 Administration

3.1 Secretary's Report

I have enjoyed being Secretary of the Club, for the second full year, in 2020-21. It has been a very different year from 2019-20.

It has been a positive, constructive year in the Club from my perspective, with the Board working together in a friendly, collaborative way.

There have been new initiatives taken to do good in our community, rapidly processed through the Board into action. These are for others to describe but examples that come to mind for me are the local School Support and the Meals programs.

We of course had a Special General Meeting on 8th June, changing our Club's Bylaws to introduce Corporate and Family membership, bringing new opportunities for growth.

Despite the long period of virtual meetings via zoom, the Club stuck together and at times was a lifeline of connection for friends who could not visit each other during the long Melbourne lockdown. It is hard to believe that the beginning of the second lockdown (July-November 2020) was now a year ago.

We have also experienced the beginning of the Strategic Review, and for me it was an eye-opener to learn that members wished for more transparency of Board deliberations. Without the review this would never have occurred to me but on hearing it, I understand that this is something we must address for the future.

I would like to thank everyone on the Board for help and advice whenever I needed it.

Being Secretary of the Rotary Club of Boronia in 2020-21 has been a privilege and a pleasure, and I will continue in 2021-22 and hope to pass on the job in due course in 2022-23 for someone else to take on the involvement, insights, and friendships, as well as the challenges that the job of Secretary brings.

Yours in Rotary.

Janet Windebank
Secretary 2020/2021



3.2 Treasurer's Report

Report:

The role of the Treasurer has dramatically changed over this year. We no longer pay cash for our meals and fines, etc. but have moved into the electronic age with our own EFTPOS machine from the Bendigo Bank for use at our meetings. Members no longer have to worry about cash and, if they want, can just transfer money into Club accounts from their home.

This new situation has made the role of the Treasurer very different with not having to count money after meetings each week and then depositing it into the Bank. It has increased time checking the accounts to see who has paid and for what area they are depositing money. There has been a little confusion as some members have deposited into the wrong account and then money has had to be transferred to the correct account.

Special thanks to Lucille Sly for all her help with the books and the quarterly GST statements.

Thanks also to Alan Jenkins for his work auditing our books each year.

Annette Haworth
Treasurer 2020/2021



Financial Statements:

Audited financial statements for the 2020/21 Rotary year will be presented to the Club at the Annual General Meeting, to be held in November 2021.

Club Donations:

Donations paid out by the Club during the 2020/21 Rotary year are listed in **Table 1**.

**Table 1 Rotary Club of Boronia Incorporated
Donations paid out during the 2020/21 Rotary Year (Unaudited)**

Recipient	Amount
Knox Infolink – Community Meals Project	5,690.00
Australian Rotary Health – Lift the Lid Collection	625.00
Backpacks 4 Kids – Member and Guest Donations	600.00
Boronia Heights Primary School – Student Leadership Conference	1,000.00
Boronia Heights Primary School – Kids Education Support Program	1,250.00
Boronia K-12 College – Kids Education Support Program	1,587.00
Boronia West Primary School – Kids Education Support Program	1,800.00
Power Boards for Disaster Relief	193.00
Backpacks 4 Kids – Golf Day Proceeds	2,500.00
Rebecca Jane Foundation – Golf Day Proceeds	2,500.00
The Rotary Foundation – Annual Giving	3,500.00
The Rotary Foundation – End Polio Now	2,000.00
Total	\$ 23,245.00



4 Projects

4.1 Overview

Committee:

- Glenn Tippett – Chair;
- Paul Cassidy - Community;
- Peter Malden - International;
- Chris Karajas - Vocational;
- Jane Mifsud - Youth;
- Gonny Rundell - Homeless Project;
- Heather Anderson;
- Bruce Crago;
- Jennifer Critchlow;
- Leigh Elsey;
- Doug Gibson;
- Wal Goodwin;
- Judy Jacobs;
- Alan Jenkins;
- Carolynn McManus;
- Maria Thompson;
- Janet Windebank;
- Richard Spinoso-Cattela;
- Greg Mossop (Homeless);
- Stephen Payne (Homeless); and
- Lance Deveson (Homeless).



Report:

This year was a completely different year than any previous. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank all members for their contributions during the year.

Full details of activities undertaken in each avenue of service are reported in the following pages.

One of the highlights for me was the ANZAC Commemoration; to see how this project has grown and continues to grow each year is just fantastic.

With each committee facing its own specific challenges and restrictions due to the COVID pandemic, I feel we have strengthened our position and reputation in the community through being proactive with some terrific contributions and projects.

Finally, I would like to congratulate President Bernadette on a wonderful year; it has been an honour to serve our community under her leadership.

Glenn Tippett
Projects Committee Chair 2020/21

4.2 Community Service

4.2.1 Overview

In spite of the restrictions placed on us as a result of COVID-19, we were still able to contribute to the community in a number of ways.

4.2.2 Drinking Fountain

In recognition of 100 years of Rotary in Australia, a drink fountain is to be installed at Batterham Reserve. This project is being undertaken in conjunction with Knox Council whereby Rotary purchases the stainless-steel drink fountain, complete with a dog bowl below, and Knox Council arranges and pays for the installation and signage. Knox Council will also look after the ongoing maintenance.

4.2.3 Knox Infolink

Our relationship with Knox Infolink continued in a few ways:

- Providing food vouchers for two local restaurants to be issued as required by Infolink (refer **Section 4.2.8** for further details);
- Providing hand sanitiser and other toiletries; and
- Giving in principle support for Boronia's Big Breakfast proposal. This is an idea put forward by Infolink to the State Government's Revitalisation Board for Boronia. This will be a great way to engage with the local community and hopefully the proposal will be accepted and go ahead.



4.2.4 Foothills Community Care



Some of our members already assist Foothills by packing and delivering food hampers to those in need. Along with other Clubs in our cluster we have donated money to Foothills but, wanted to see if a combined effort by the cluster would be more beneficial.

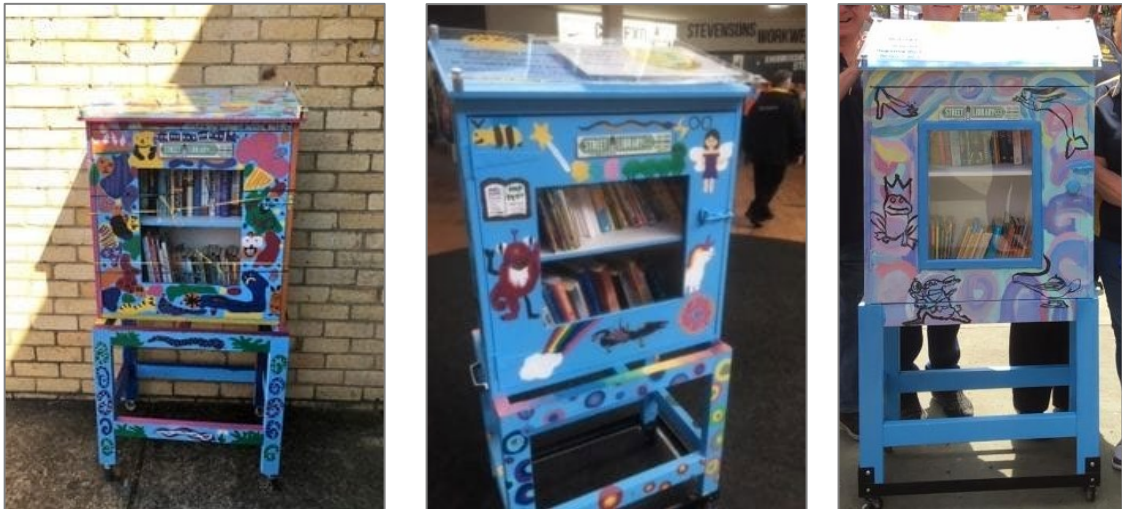
The idea of setting up an Opportunity Shop was investigated and a feasibility study undertaken; however, the cluster agreed that the setup cost, among other things, was very expensive and out of reach of our Clubs. It was decided not to proceed at this stage and continue to look at other ways to provide support.

Paul Cassidy
Community Service Lead

4.2.6 Little Street Libraries

“TAKE a Book, GIVE a Book, SHARE a Book”

The Club continues to support the installation and maintenance of the three Little Street Libraries in Alchester Village, Boronia Mall and Wantirna Mall. These libraries are now well supported by the local communities, and the quality of books placed in each has been excellent over the past year, making Lance’s weekly visits much less important.



Thanks to the ingenuity of Club member Chris Karajas, who has made four additional libraries out of recycled wooden crates and has encouraged member Jenn Critchlow to create another, the Club was able to ask St Bernadette’s Primary School in The Basin to decorate a fourth to be placed outside *Snaks Coffee Shop* in The Basin. However, due to the COVID period of school closures, this library is still to be finished and placed in location. Hopefully this will happen early in the new Rotary Year.

The Club has been approached by St Joseph’s Primary School in Boronia to decorate another of Chris’ libraries and we hope to place this in the Studfield shopping area.

A final highlight of this project for the past Rotary year was that, after an article in the District Newsletter, Lance was asked by the Rotary Club of Glen Waverley to speak at a Club meeting about our Little Libraries as the Club wanted to create them in their area. Like our Club did initially, they are working with a local Men’s Shed on the project.

This report would not be complete without once again thanking Bunnings Bayswater for their continued support of this project by freely supplying paint and brushes for the decoration of each library.

Lance Deveson
Project Coordinator

4.2.7 ANZAC Day Commemoration Service for Knox Schools



21st April 2021; Tim Neville Arboretum

After the unfortunate cancellation of this annual event last year, it was wonderful for the Club to again create and host an ANZAC commemoration service for Knox schools. This year, based on expressed interest, the Club invited twelve local schools to participate in the occasion: BoroniaK-12 College; Boronia Heights Primary School;

St Joseph's College, who again provided the wonderful music for the service; St Joseph's Primary School, whose choir sang; Boronia West Primary School; The Basin Primary School; Knox Park Primary School; The Knox School; Park Ridge Primary School; Wantirna Primary School; St Bernadette's Primary School; and Regency Park Primary School. In total 425 students attended, and each student was presented with a commemoration badge supplied by Boronia RSL. This service was by far the largest the Club has run, and we certainly filled the carpark at the Tim Neville arboretum creating a very intimate service.

The theme this year, suggested by Boronia Heights Primary School, was "*What ANZAC means to me*" and the guest speaker was Boronia local and Vice President of Boronia RSL, Billy Schroeder a young veteran of service in East Timor and Iraq. Billy spoke with passion about the topic and why he became a soldier, and really engaged with the students.



As in past events, the Knox Mayor, Cr Lisa Cooper, welcomed the guests as did Member for Bayswater Jackson Taylor MP. Also in attendance were District Governor Alma Reynolds and Nick Wakeling MP. These guests, together with Club President Bernadette Vanderwolde, all laid wreaths as part of the service, as did representatives from all schools.



This event cannot be undertaken without support from a number of organisations, schools and Club members. In saying thanks, we must thank the District Grant committee for their funding support of this event, and hope that this committee will continue to fund similar services; Bronwyn Dean and students of St Joseph's College, Ferntree Gully, who again provided wonderful music for the service; Gayle Ashdown and the choir from St Joseph's Primary School, who again sang two appropriate

ANZAC themed songs; and Knox Council staff for their support both with their service approvals and assistance on the day. (It is worth noting that the documentation for the event, created by Glenn Tippett, is used as an exemplar by Knox Council on how to run such a service.)



Finally, without support from Club Members the event would not happen, so Glenn and I would like to thank all Club members who attended to assist on the day to ensure we ran a COVID-safe event and hopefully we can continue to run this Service in the coming Rotary year.

Lance Deveson and Glenn Tippett
Event Coordinators

4.2.8 Community Meals Project



In conjunction with Knox Infolink, we donated about \$5,600 worth of \$30 and \$50 dinner vouchers that Knox Infolink could distribute to those in the local community that were unemployed or finding it hard to put food on their table.

Two restaurants in Boronia were chosen to supply the meals on presentation of a voucher by the local recipient. On a monthly basis the restaurants would claim the voucher value at Infolink who would then reimburse the restaurants the cost of the meals supplied.

I would like to sincerely thank the many members who put their hand into their own pocket to donate the bulk of the funds needed to make this project a great success.

I would also like to thank Lance Deveson who, because we were unable to run the Anzac Day ceremony at the Arboretum in 2020, was able to redirect the already allocated \$1,500 District Grant to use for the Food Voucher project instead.

John White
Project Coordinator

Rotary International, the world's largest service organisation.

Their objectives are to make a difference by providing humanitarian service & advancing good will and peace in our local community & around the world.

Rotary Club of Boronia wanted to support local businesses who had been affected by the lockdowns last year as well as supporting our clients by providing takeaway meal vouchers from **Siam Terrace Thai Restaurant & Flame Trees Burger Bar.**

Thank you for your support with the vouchers that many of our clients have enjoyed.

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Thank you

Rotary Club of Boronia | **Knox Infolink**
An Information Resource Centre for the Community

Extract from Knox Infolink Facebook page.

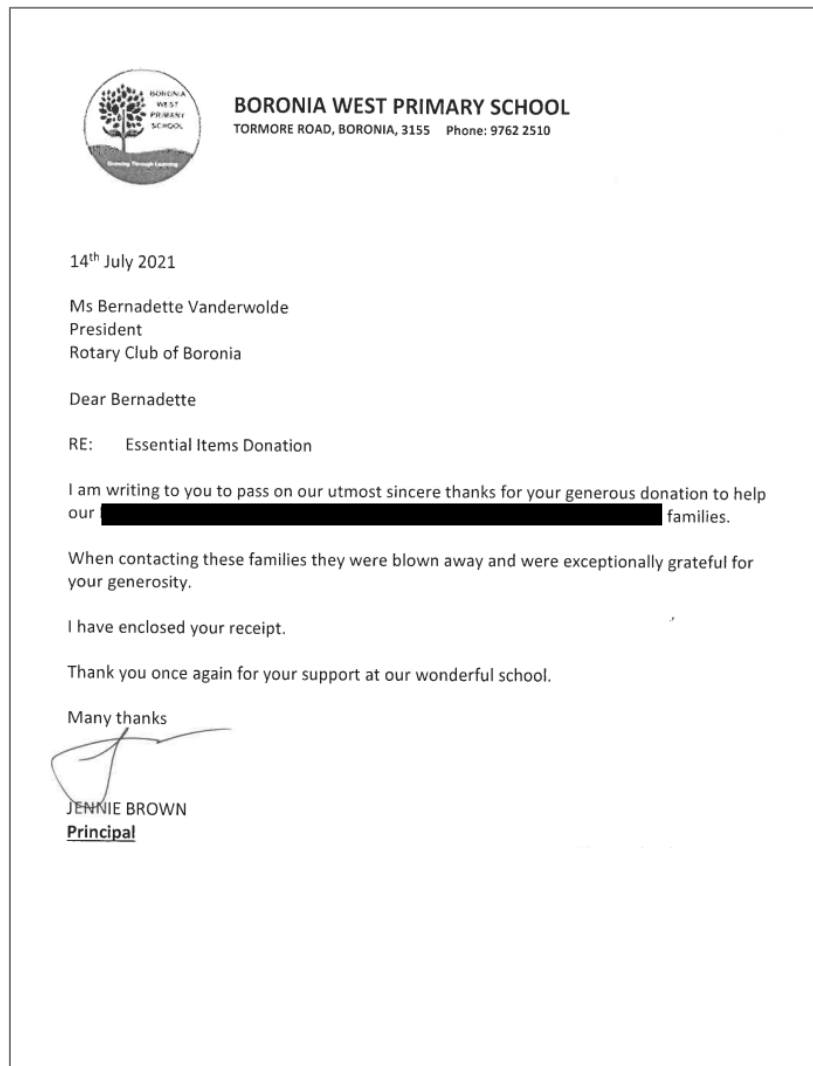
4.2.9 Kid's Education Support Program

The Rotary Club of Boronia Education Support Fund was a new fund created to help support local students with their education.

Our goal is to support primary students and families in the local area of Boronia and hopefully extend this to other schools within the Knox area over time. The schools initially involved were Boronia K-12 Primary School, Boronia West Primary School and Boronia Heights Primary School.

The details of the children/family are confidential; however, we supported and assisted the following schools:

▪ Boronia Heights Primary School	5 students	\$1,250
▪ Boronia K-12 Primary School	8 students	\$1,587
▪ Boronia West Primary School	6 students	\$1,800
▪ Total		\$4,637



4.2.10 Homeless Accommodation



This Rotary year it was our aim to present a feasible and exciting proposal for a Homeless Pods Project and, continuing from that, to obtain approval from our Club and Board to accept the Homeless Pods as a project for the Club.

With that view in mind, we set about working on three separate aspects of the project, the first being the design of the Pods. Although we had the initial design it required adjustment to meet with Victorian standards and the specific needs of Melbourne climate and conditions. Lance with the assistance and knowledge of Carolynn, contacted a local design company who volunteered to produce an amended design for us. This company has had many dealings with Knox City Town Planning and have a good understanding of the local and State planning requirements. We are awaiting to see what design they can produce for us.

In the conjunction with this, Lance also contacted Swinburne TAFE, Wantirna with a view to involve design students by building prototypes of the newly designed Pods to be used for display. This we deemed an integral part of exhibiting, marketing, and fundraising later in the project. It also provides an excellent opportunity to further build relationships and partnerships with the TAFE. Lance's proposal was very well received, and they look forward to working with us in the future.

The second aspect we needed to work on involved the patent and copyright of the initial Pod design, which originated in the UK. We are fortunate to have Neville in our Club, as with his invaluable knowledge and experience in Patent and Copyright law, he was able to guide and advice our committee in relation to using the UK Pod design. Armed with this knowledge, Stephen was then tasked with job of securing the required permission from the original design company and Amazing Grace the builder of the Pods.



To obtain approval for our project from Knox City Council, many requirements need to be met, and this was the third aspect we worked on. As a starting point we needed to map and scope the 'rough sleepers' in the Knox municipality. So, in conjunction with Harrison House and Knox Infolink and using their vast their experience with the homeless, a questionnaire was developed. The aims of this questionnaire were threefold. Firstly, to determine if a lack of a safe covered sleeping environment is of concern for rough sleepers. Secondly, to determine if rough sleepers would in fact use the Pods to sleep in. Thirdly, to provide statistical data, information, and credibility to the study, as per Knox Council Town Planning requirements.

Unfortunately, the survey stalled in latter half of 2020 because of the COVID lockdown. Volunteers could not be assigned to approach the homeless and rough sleepers with a view to complete the questionnaires, and they were not available in the community to be interviewed. Fortunately for them, they were all relocated into hotels and not subject to COVID and a cold winter on the streets.



We are now at a stage where the project has been further delayed as we have not received returned correspondence from the UK. Without patent and copyright permission the committee can see no way to continue as we need to be secure in the knowledge that all legal requirements have been met and dealt with. We have unfortunately decided to put the project **On Hold**.

In the meantime, we are now exploring options for a new project to assist the lives of the Homeless.

Gonny Rundell
Project Coordinator

4.2.11 Other Community Support

Overview:

During 2020/21, financial support was provided to two non-for-profit/charitable organisations in our community. Both were recipients of part of the proceeds of our annual Charity Golf Day, which was conducted in April 2021 (refer **Section 5.2**).

Some proceeds from the Golf Day were also donated to the Kids Education Support Program implemented by the Club (refer **Section 4.2.9**).

Backpacks 4 Kids:



Backpacks 4 Kids is a registered not-for-profit organisation, the purpose of which is to aid displaced children by providing the essentials needed most urgently, long before any arrangements have been made to further support them.

A donation of \$2,500 was made to support the work of Backpacks 4 Kids.

Rebecca Jane Foundation:



In October, Robyn O'Connell talked to the Club about the work of the Rebecca Jane Foundation, a registered charity with the sole purpose of helping families who otherwise would not be able to afford a beautiful farewell for their angel baby. Robyn started the

Foundation in honour of her daughter who died before she was 10 months old, and in recognition of the support provided by her local Church in funding the funeral.

A donation of \$2,500 was made to support the work of the Rebecca Jane Foundation.

Dandenong Ranges Storm Recovery:

The Club provided support in response to the major storm damage that occurred in the Dandenong Ranges in mid-June 2020. This comprised the purchase and donation of a number of power boards to support the relief effort. These were used for a shower and power station.



4.3 International Service

4.3.1 Overview

This report seeks to present what International Service projects the Rotary Club of Boronia has been involved in during the past Rotary year.

For those new to our annual report, a Sister Club relationship was created with the Rotary Club of Taveuni Island following the visit to Taveuni Island, Fiji by Eddie and Michele Post and Peter and Jan Malden in 2010. They visited the island as part of a District 9810 work team to assist with the construction of a girl's dormitory at the Buca Levu Secondary School.

The following is a combined report as our projects and our relationship with the Rotary Club of Taveuni Island are as joined and as strong as ever.

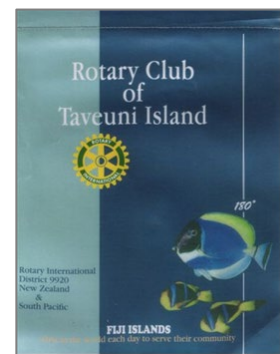
4.3.2 Our Sister Club – the Rotary Club of Taveuni Island

Club Officers 2020/2021:

- President: Paul Purvis;
- Secretary: Helen Brown;
- Treasurer: Michael Prasad; and
- IP President. Bob Goddess.

Club Officers 2021/2022:

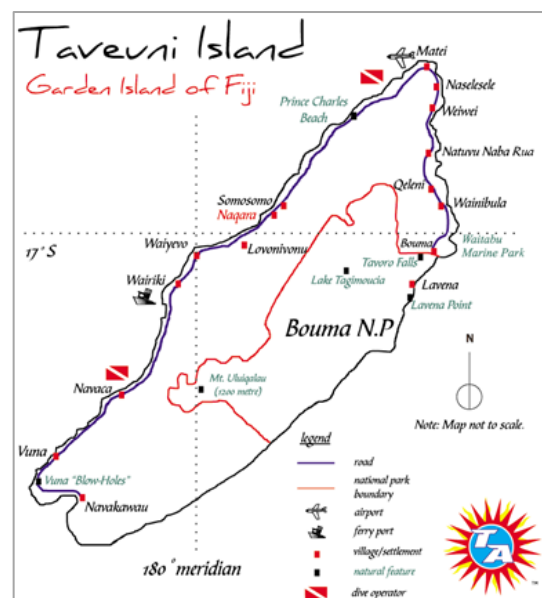
- President: Paul Purvis;
- Secretary: Helen Brown;
- Treasurer: Michael Prasad; and
- IP President. n/a.



The Club currently has 15 members.



Fiji Group of Islands



4.3.3 Taveuni Eye Project 2020/21/22

The primary goal of the Taveuni Eye Project is to give sight to children and adults from the more remote and rural areas of Fiji.

The 14th annual Taveuni Eye Project (TEP) 2019 was successfully funded and fully approved thanks to the help of many donors from Australia, New Zealand and from across the World. Fiji donations of labour, food and vehicles make a huge difference to the project. This is fully reported in last year's Annual Report and at: www.rotaryeyesfiji.com.



Thanks to lots of great work, the formal application for the 2020/21 Rotary Taveuni Eye Project Global Grant has now been finalised, received by The Rotary Foundation and has been approved. We were thus successful in getting a grant for the 15th Annual TEP and it is now fully funded but on hold due to COVID.

The funding from Victoria is the same as it was for the 2019 project:

- Rotary Club of Boronia \$5,000 USD;
- Rotary District 9810 \$5,000 USD (District Designated Funds (DDF));
- Rotary Club of Geelong Central \$1,000 USD; and
- Rotary District 9780 \$1,000 USD (District Designated Funds (DDF)).

By adding the Rotary Foundation matching, this resulted in a total contribution to the project of \$17,500 USD.

Then COVID-19 hit and upset the plans of many groups including Rotary Clubs worldwide. Not only were their meetings upset but their fund-raising activities basically curtailed. Many clubs indicated they no longer had the funds to fully support the next TEP, with many reductions occurring.

Following on-going discussions, it was decided to re-schedule the 2020 project to become the 15th Annual Project, which will now commence in May or September of 2022. The timing is of course dependent on the lifting of travel restrictions, but the team is confident that the date will be available.

4.3.4 Container of Goods for Schools and Hospital

We were in the fortunate position to receive:

- a fully working floor mounted dental chair, light and accessories for the Taveuni Hospital;
- 95 double student desks;
- 190 student chairs; and
- Miscellaneous IT equipment for the Eye Project and schools.

The items were all packed in a 20-foot container that we purchased here in Melbourne. The container will be sold on Taveuni, and the proceeds used in support of the School Assistance Project.

Worldwide shortages for containers and shipping space presented difficulties. but with the help of all our great contacts at Gibson Freight here we were successful.

The container is currently in the Gibson freight yard in Suva and will be, restrictions allowing of course, transported via Goundar Shipping to Taveuni and the goods distributed by the Rotary Club of Taveuni Island.



Thanks go to:

- Rotary Club of Nunawading and their members for the Dental Chair.
- **Donations in Kind (DIK)** for sourcing and storing the container plus logistic support.
- St Joseph's Primary School, Boronia for donation of the desks and chairs.
- Simba Global for storing the dental chair and providing towels for the hospital.
- Gibson Freight (Michelle Camilleri) in Melbourne for organising the sea freight and logistics.
- Gibson Freight in Suva for logistics and storage of the container.

4.3.5 School Assistance Project

With the three cyclones destroying food and cash crops, and the lack of tourists going to Fiji due to COVID causing resorts to lay off their workers increasing unemployment, we in Rotary recognised the need to provide more assistance to children going to Secondary School.

The usual Annual Taveuni Scholarship project to support students assisted some 100 students on average. This year we raised more money and have thus far signed up 250 students for the project.

The Rotary Club of Wandin led a project to raise monies and applied for a District 9810 Grant. Rotary Boronia raised \$1,500 and Rotary Wandin raised \$1,500, with a District Grant giving a further \$3,000 to make a combined total of \$6,000 towards the project.

COVID has led to the schools currently being closed and we have placed the funds on hold to assist the children as the year progresses and the needs arise.

The total project costs will be some \$64,000 FJD by the end of the year.

The “School Assisted Learning Packages” is the name we in Australia must use when funds go via Rotary Australia World Community Services (RAWCS), due to Australian Taxation Office rulings for charitable donations.

4.3.6 Training for Fiji Society for the Blind Volunteers

(Funded by the Rotary Club of Forest Hill in Melbourne)

This is a project to equip and train Fiji Society for the Blind (FSB) volunteers. These volunteers go out to remote communities and screen people for eye conditions to allow us to make informed decisions and decide who can attend the next Taveuni Eye Project.

The aim here is to get a more consistent result from their remote village work, thereby reducing the number of people being selected who cannot be operated on, which wastes valuable time and money.

The kits were put together here in Melbourne and freighted to Taveuni by Gibson Freight. They are safely stored in Rotary facilities on Taveuni.

The COVID situation in Fiji is dire at the moment. The country is in lockdown and no inter-island travel is possible. We are awaiting the opening up of Fiji local travel to allow the volunteers to travel to attend the workshop sessions.

We are securely holding the funds ready to proceed with this project at the first opportunity. Thank you to the Rotary Club of Forest Hill.



4.3.7 Internal Refurbishment of Buca Levu Girls Dormitory

In 2010 the Rotary Club of Knox led a District 9810 project to construct a new dormitory for 40 girls at the Buca Levu Secondary School.

Over the past 11 years, some internal wear and tear has occurred due to both the harsh climate and the number of girls who have used the facility every school day and night. The facility is named “Paradise” by the girls who use it.

A project has been created and funded to cover internal work such as repainting and furniture refurbishment. The funds are reserved awaiting COVID restrictions being relaxed to enable the supply of essential materials to Taveuni.

4.3.8 Donors who assisted us with Fiji Project Funding in 2020/2021

Australian Donors	School Assistance Project	FSB Training Project	Dental Chair Project	School Cyclone Rebuilding Project	Buca Levu Dormitory Project
D9810	Y				
Marrich Equity	Y				Y
Rotary Club of Canberra				Y	
Rotary Club of MASH	Y				
Rotary Club of Cheltenham	Y				
Rotary Club of Forest Hill		Y			
Rotary Club of Oakleigh	Y				
Rotary Club of Nunawading			Y		
Rotary Club of Wandin	Y				
Dr H Amarapala			Y		
D Gibson	Y				
P Dalwood	Y				
G Wood	Y				
C Stalk	Y				
L Brear	Y				

4.3.9 Rotary Club of Taveuni Island President's Report

The Rotary Club of Taveuni Island President's Report for the 2020/2021 Rotary year is replicated on the following pages.

Peter Malden
International Service Lead



Rotary Club of Taveuni Island

Rotary International District 9920

Club Id : 57167

President's Report 2020-2021

We all understand this has been the most difficult imaginable for the whole world. Taveuni is but a small dot on the world map and we as the people of an island have survived remarkably well. As at the time of writing this report, there are no active cases of Covid 19 on the island.

This is not to say we have escaped unscathed. Unemployment is everywhere on the island. Sales of our primary products are severely diminished. There has been little or no tourist activity.

Nevertheless, The Rotary Club of Taveuni has marched on, doing great work, helping our local community and advancing the wellbeing of all Taveunians.

We have taken advantage of the slower pace of life to refresh our membership by only including active and financial members in the list we provide to Rotary International. We have done this to reduce our overhead expenses and to recognise those members who have participated in our activities in the Rotary year. Our financial obligations are considerably reduced, and this means current members will not have to bear the burden of inactive and unfinancial members.

DISSAPOINTMENTS

- We have managed to increase our active membership only slightly this year. We need to do more but understand the difficulties imposed by the pandemic.
- The much hyped 'studio in a box' project has not completed. We now understand where the problem with funding lies and we are pressing ahead to make it a reality in the coming year.
- We have not been able to meet regularly and enjoy each other's company. This is a huge loss and takes so much away from Rotary. Our occasional Zoom meetings have worked but are not really suited to those who live in the more remote parts of Taveuni.

SUCCESSSES

- Construction of the building at Vuna. Thanks to the good work of Peter and his band of volunteers, the hall at Vuna is now well under way. Yes, some issues with supply due to the Viti Levu restrictions but generally on track to be completed later this year.
- Beach clean-up. Earlier in this Rotary year a group of volunteers made a great job of cleaning up Prince Charles beach and nearby areas. This was a wonderful result and an excellent example of good fellowship.
- Our two websites have worked well this year, welcoming more than 3000 visitors to learn of our activities – in particular the eye project. Many enquiries have been made by visitors asking how they can help to support our projects. A reminder that these two sites are:
 - rotaryeyesfiji.com
 - taveunirotary.com
- The club were able to sell a lot of the linen supplied to us as a donation. This has added to our coffers and the income has been used to support membership of the club.

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District Governor: Craig Horrocks



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- School scholarship program. This is by far the most significant program we have and changes the lives of all those that live on Taveuni. Guided and managed by Michael, we thank him for the enormous effort he puts into this project and congratulate him on the wonderful outcome.
- The club has embarked on a new target this year – the reconstruction of the school at Dreketi on Qamea. We do this with the support of the local community, with funding provided by the Laucala resort and the Government of Fiji. This ongoing project is well into the planning stage and construction will be completed in this coming Rotary year.

COMPLIMENTS

I want to make special reference to our hard working secretary Helene. Without her focus all that we do would be of no benefit. Her extensive understanding of the way Rotary works, her personal contact with all of our members and her resilience in the face all that Covid has thrown at us is to be highly commended!

I want also to commend Peter for his ongoing impact, management and control of the Vuna project. This is another example of construction of a facility that would not have gone ahead without the input from Rotary.

Treasurer Michael is Mr. Scholarship! I am absolutely confident that his influence in this project is paramount. Raising funds, interviewing students, liaising with schools – all done by Michael. Well Done!

THE FUTURE

2021-2022 will be a difficult year. The executive team of President, Secretary and Treasurer have all agreed to continue in their positions for another term (with your approval) As a group we are disappointed that we have not been able to do more. In particular I miss the interaction with you all. If I had to be anywhere else but Taveuni then Australia is my next choice and fortunately I was in Australia when this health disaster stuck us. But I do so want to be back among all my friends on Taveuni. Perhaps this year.....

Vina'a Va'a Levu

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4.4 Vocational Service

Apprentice of the Year Award:

At the time of writing the 2019/20 Annual Report, the apprentice awards at the Swinburne University of Technology scheduled for 4th June 2020 had been cancelled due to the COVID situation, but in the hope that the presentations could be made on 27th August 2020. This later date was also unfortunately cancelled, and there was no further action during the 2020/21 Rotary year.



Citizenship Awards:

This long-running Vocational Service initiative was undertaken as a Youth Service project this year (refer **Section 4.5**).

Vocational Visits:

This year we were unable to make any Vocational visits due to the ongoing COVID restrictions.

Prepared on behalf of ...

Chris Karajas

Vocational Service Lead

4.5 Youth Service

What a year 2020 was! As a first year Rotarian, I had lots to learn and adjust to to keep our sponsorship with our local schools going.

Citizenship Awards:

Awards were presented at seven schools which the Rotary Club of Boronia continues to support each year:

- Park Ridge Primary School;
- Knox Park Primary School;
- The Basin Primary School;
- Knox Central Primary School;
- Boronia Heights Primary School;
- Boronia K12 College – Primary; and
- Boronia K12 College – Secondary.



We presented a nominated student from each school with a wristwatch, and a certificate.

Presentation was a little challenging during December 2020 as COVID restrictions meant no one could attend the presentation except the teachers and students. Annette Haworth and I recorded each presentation on a USB so that the schools would play the recording on their special day. It was lots of fun regardless!



Jane Mifsud and Annette Haworth having fun recording all the Presentations

Books in Homes:

What is Books in Homes Australia? Books in Homes Australia provides books-of-choice to families and children living in remote and low socioeconomic circumstances, ensuring crucial early literacy engagement and the development of reading skills needed for lifelong success. Books are chosen from Preview Packs of which 25% of titles are written or illustrated by Indigenous creators. These Packs are ultimately donated to the host organisation for the entire community to access.



Headed by Past District Governor Shia Smart and with the help from the Rotary District 9810 Clubs, this project was a great success. Even with COVID restrictions, we all found a way to deliver the books.

This year:

- a total of 1,754 students collectively received 3,508 Books-of-Choice;
- 24 school libraries collectively received 1,152 books;
- 290 Caught Being Good Books and Certificates were delivered, courtesy of Books in Homes; and
- the total number of books distributed under the ROTARY DISTRICT 9810 BOOKS FOR KIDS PROJECT during Term 1, 2021 was 4,950 books.

The three recipient schools from our district were Bayswater Primary School, Boronia K-12 College and Boronia West Primary School. Here are two photos captured on the day of the school presentations.



Bayswater Primary School
Jane Mifsud and Shia Smart chatting to the excited students receiving their Book-in-Homes package

Boronia West Primary School
Being presented with their Book-in-Homes package



Rotaract:

I had the pleasure to be involved with Knox Rotaract, led by Nidhi Wadhwa, on their Zoom meetings from mid this year, taking over from Peter Dalwood who had been wearing too many hats this year. 😊



These young adults come together for support and empower each other to create a positive and lasting change in themselves, their local community and around the world.

They hosted “The Biggest Morning Tea” on 27th July, unfortunately on Zoom as COVID restrictions made it difficult to organise at a venue. The event provided three hours of fun with quizzes, cupcake decoration competition, raffles, and auction. Money raised will go towards the Cancer Council, a well-deserved cause.

Boronia Heights Primary School Leadership Conference Participation:



In early 2021, Boronia Heights Primary School requested financial assistance to enable all Grade 6 students to participate in a leadership conference. Our Club provided \$1,000 in support of those students that would not otherwise have had the opportunity to attend.

The GRIP Student Leadership Conference is aimed at upper primary students and promotes the philosophy that all upper primary students play a leadership role in the school. It focuses on topics including integrity, new ideas and teamwork as they relate to leadership and striving to do things better than they have been done before.

Other Youth Programs:



Due to pandemic situation, all other youth programs remained on hold during the 2020/21 Rotary year.

Overall, we had a fun year of challenges but our commitment to support our community made it worthwhile.

Jane Mifsud
Youth Service Lead

5 Finance & Fundraising

5.1 Committee Report

Committee:

- John White – Chair;
- Annette Haworth (ex officio);
- Lillian Daff;
- Michael Jacobs; and
- Neville Windebank.



Report:

The fundraising content of this report has been made difficult because of the pandemic that has caused many of our planned opportunities to be postponed or cancelled. For instance, we would normally have up to five Bunnings BBQ's over the year which net us a total of about \$8,000 to \$9,000; however, this year, because of lockdowns, we could only manage two BBQ's on 6 December 2020 and 4 April 2021. Both were successful considering the circumstances we had to deal with.



I would like to thank the many members who gave up part of their weekends to assist with the BBQ's that helped make them a great success.



There are another couple of fundraising projects that are still in the planning stage. A 100th year of Rotary in Australia Cookbook, and a monthly Farmer's Market in the carpark of the Knox Club have both been held up because of the pandemic. It is hoped that they will both come to fruition within the next six months or so.

Our Annual Charity Golf Day was again a tremendous success. A separate report on this event follows (refer **Section 5.2**).

As regards to the Finance Report, I must mention the very successful Food Voucher project, details of which are reported separately (refer **Section 4.2.8**).

Lastly, I would also like to thank my committee for their support in what has been a very difficult year for us all.

John White
Chair, Finance and Fundraising Committee 2020/21

5.2 Charity Golf Day

This year our annual Charity Golf Day was held at Eastwood Golf Club in Kilsyth on Monday 12th April.

76 players hit off at 8:00 am in the traditional shotgun start. The weather did not look too good at the start but improved as the morning proceeded.



Once again, our principal sponsor on the day was Barry Plant Real Estate. Due to Covet restrictions which applied throughout the 2020/21 year, the total number of hole sponsors was slightly down but overall numbers attending on the day remained steady.

Thanks to the efforts of the Committee plus Club members who helped on the day and our generous product sponsors, the funds raised on the raffle and lucky envelopes was very strong.

In total, this year's Golf Day raised \$9,580.

The majority of the funds raised on the day have been allocated to be donated to three organisations:

- Backpacks 4 Kids, who provide backpacks and nappy bags for children entering foster care and emergency accommodation;
- Rebecca Jane Foundation which provides beautiful farewells to Angel Babies where parents cannot afford to do so; and
- Rotary Club of Boronia Education Support Fund, a program that supports needy students with their education (refer Section 4.2.9).



Donated raffle prizes

Our next Golf Day will be held on Monday, 28th February 2022.

Ken Barrett and John White
Golf Day Project Coordinators

6 Fellowship

Committee:

- Val Henry – Chair;
- Eddie Post;
- Ken Barrett; and
- Stephen Spiers.



Report:

Whilst COVID lockdowns restricted many of Committee's plans, we were able to organise a number of activities for members and partners.

I take this opportunity of thanking Committee members, Eddie Post, Ken Barrett and Stephen Spiers who all contributed in making the events undertaken a great success.



Drinks, Nibbles and Laughs – This event was held on 12th and 13th September via Zoom.

Thanks go to Peter & Pam Dalwood, Stephen & Jane Spiers, Lance & Liz Deveson and Eddie & Michele Post for hosting each gathering of members and partners who joined in either for afternoon or evening drinks.



Christmas 2020 Breakup Lunch

– Held at the Arboretum on 13th December, this was a great opportunity for members and partners to actually get together in person.



A perfect summer day under the trees with BYO lunch/drinks during which each member was given an indigenous plant as a Christmas gift from President Bernadette.

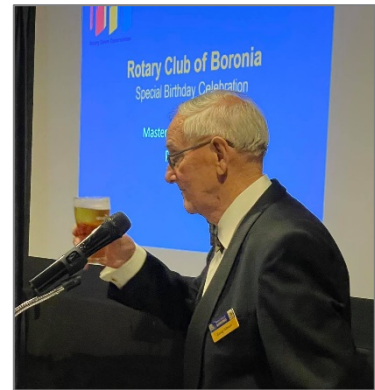


We also held a raffle and congratulations to the winners on the day.

Picnic in the Park – Unfortunately our first “informal” meeting for the 2021 year scheduled for 5th January at The Basin Triangle was cancelled due to inclement weather.

100th Birthday Celebrations – The Club held a very successful celebration at the Knox Club on 27th April. This was a great occasion for members, partners and guests to celebrate Rotary Australia’s 100th Birthday, our very own Wal Goodwin’s 100th Birthday and the Club’s Charter Anniversary.

Distinguished guests included District Governor Alma Reynolds and partner Greg King and Rotarian Ken Miller. Ken was our guest speaker on the night; he spoke about “100 Years of Rotary in Australia”.



DG Alma presented Wal with a letter from RI President Holger Knaack and a card signed by members and partners.

The Inner Wheel Club of Boronia assisted with providing individual birthday cupcakes for everyone to enjoy. This was a great opportunity to also support Inner Wheel with a fundraising project for their Club.



Decorations included “100” balloons and potted plants as table decorations which were lucky prizes.



Special thanks to Jim Sly for chairing this event, the Inner Wheel Club of Boronia for the cupcakes and Teaghan Spiers for coordinating the plants.



2021/2022 Changeover – Held at the Chateau Wyuna on Sunday, 27th June, this was a celebration of President Bernadette’s year and the commencement of President Elect Peter’s 2021/22 year.

Special guests included MP Jackson Taylor and his partner Tash and District Governor Elect Daryl Moran and Jenny.

Members, partners and special guests enjoyed this luncheon during which we had the opportunity of hearing various presentations including highlights of Bernadette’s year, Peter’s plans for the Club’s 2021/2022 year, DGE Daryl’s acknowledgement of our Club’s achievements and Paul Harris Awards to Greg Mossop and Lucille Sly.

Special mention was also made of Charter Member Wal Goodwin’s attendance at every Club Changeover.

A raffle was drawn at various times during the afternoon. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets and congratulations to the winners of the many prizes on offer.

Special thanks to Stephen Spiers for chairing the Changeover.



On closing, I wish the incoming Committee all the very best for the year ahead.

Val Henry
Fellowship Committee Chair 2020/21

7 Club Service



7.1 Club Service Report

In Rotary we channel our commitment to service through five Avenues of Service: *Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, International Service* and *Youth Service*. **Club Service** focuses on activities that make and keep our Club strong, including:

- Making our meetings interesting, engaging and well controlled;
- Ensuring our members are and remain informed and involved;
- Nurturing membership and ensuring we are representative of the community we serve;
- Ensuring our Club is known for what it does within the community and conforms with Rotary International public image guidelines; and
- Overseeing our engagement with the broader Rotary organisation.

This is a wide scope of activity so, to better achieve the aims, we share the responsibility across several portfolios. In the 2020/21 year these were:

- The **Sergeant-at-Arms**, who had the task of organising and keeping meetings in order, as well as finding interesting and innovative ways of extracting fines from members at weekly meetings,
- The **Program Chair**, who was responsible for engaging interesting speakers for our meetings,
- The **Bulletin Editor**, who pulled together an attractive and informative weekly newsletter to keep our members and friends in touch with what the club was up to,
- The **Membership and Marketing** committee, who looked after our public relations activities, as well as recruiting and member engagement programs, and
- The **Fellowship** committee, who were responsible for organising fun events and special occasions outside our normal meeting program.

The President-Elect has traditionally held the position of Club Service chair with responsibility for ensuring all the above functions are well looked after. In 2020/21, as well as being President-Elect, I was also chair of the Membership and Marketing committee, a task which kept me occupied. I was fortunate and grateful that the members of the Club Service team were all able to perform their tasks capably without much supervision or intervention from me!



While we were in lockdown, we all learned a lot about Zoom and online meetings. When we resumed meeting in person, we decided to continue offering the option for members, guests and speakers to attend online. And so we ventured into the realm of hybrid meetings, where those who can attend in person do so and those who cannot be there physically may attend online. The Board approved purchase of a new laptop computer and other equipment to facilitate this. We are still

refining our processes, but hybrid meetings seem to be here to stay.

Individual articles covering all aspects of Club Service may be found in the following sections of this annual report.

Two other functions traditionally undertaken by the President-Elect are organisation of the Club's attendances at **District Conference** and **District Assembly**.

This year all the Victorian and Tasmanian Districts combined to run a **Multi-District Conference**. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 situation the conference was restricted to being online only, with no in-person component. So, I had very little organising to do other than encouraging members to register.



Likewise, the **District Assembly** was also an online-only event. We were fortunate in having John White and Ken Barrett make a presentation about how we run our Golf Days to the Fundraising Case Studies session; Bernie Vanderwolde chaired a session on Community Service; and I ran a workshop on Hybrid Meetings.

Peter Dalwood
President Elect 2020/21 and Club Service Chair

7.2 “R100” – Celebrating 100 years of Rotary in Australia



7.2.1 Community Publicity

Throughout 2021, Rotary has been celebrating its Australian Centenary.

In considering how our Club would mark the centenary in a meaningful way, suggestions were put forward to the Board that we instigate a community project dedicated to the Centenary. Following these discussions, it was decided that we would look into a Cluster Project producing signs to be placed throughout the Knox area in prominent roadside positions. Each sign would list the five Rotary Clubs in the Knox area (Bayswater, Boronia, Ferntree Gully, Knox and Rowville-Lysterfield) and highlighting the Centenary.

Following discussions with the other Clubs in the Cluster, four signs were produced and installed in Ferntree Gully, Bayswater, Rowville and Wantirna South. When in place, these signs clearly displayed the Rotary Wheel and the Centenary Logo; they were viewed by many passing motorists and pedestrians.

With approval from Knox Council, these signs were installed in late May and will remain in place until late August.



Ken Barrett
R100 Coordinator

7.2.2 Other R100 Activities

Other activities undertaken by the Club in acknowledgment of 100 years of Rotary in Australia included:

- the **Drinking Fountain Project** (refer **Section 4.2.2**); and
- the **100th Birthday Celebration** event (refer **Section 6**).

7.3 Foundation

Every Rotarian Every Year (formerly Centurion Club):



As in previous years the Club members have continued their strong support of the annual giving to Foundation with sixteen (16) members giving \$A100 or more per annum to The Rotary Foundation. This year, as we were not meeting often, weekly contributions to save the amount over the year were not as possible. However, it is now possible for members to arrange either monthly, quarterly or annual direct debits to Foundation as another convenient method of donation.

Foundation is a great selling point for Rotary as all administration costs are met from the income of the invested donations and therefore 100% of the donations are used on Rotary Projects.

District Grants:

The Club was again successful in obtaining a District Grant of \$2,000 to assist with the cost of bus transport for the school students to our annual Anzac Day Ceremony.

A District Grant of \$1,500 was also obtained to support the Taveuni School Student Support Project.

Annual Foundation Giving:



The Club contributed the sum of A\$3,500 (US\$2,713.18) to The Rotary Foundation as its annual giving. These funds return to our District in three years' time and are used to fund District Grants.

An additional A\$2,000 (US\$1,550.39) was donated to Polio Plus.

Our contributions to Global Grants totalled of A\$6,932.66 (US\$5,023.67). With third party and member donations, a total of US\$15,237.94 was contributed in the name of the Club this year.

Our Club is a major contributor in our District to Foundation and we continue to be strong supporters both on an individual and Club level.

Paul Harris Fellowships:



Paul Harris Fellows were awarded this year to Lucille Sly and Greg Mossop (refer **Section 2.3**).

Neville Windebank
Foundation Chair

7.4 Membership and Marketing

Committee:

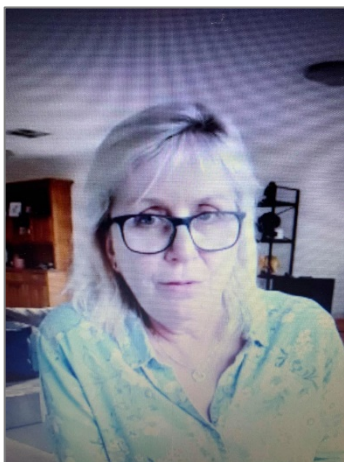
- Peter Dalwood (Chair);
- Greg Mossop;
- Jim Sly (Webmaster);
- Peter Van Zeyl;
- ⊕ Lance Deveson
(assisted as and when available);
- ⊕ Glenn Tippett
(as Facebook page administrator, assisted when needed).



Report:

Membership:

At the start of this Rotary year, we had 33 active and 1 honorary member.



Maria Thompson was our first new member for the year and found us through our website. Maria came to us while we were in lockdown, met us online and joined before we were able to resume in-person meetings. Since joining Maria has actively participated in our activities and we are very happy she decided to join us. Welcome Maria!

On re-joining the Club last year, Greg Mossop brought with him his prior business experience and knowledge as a recruiter. We listened eagerly to his advice and adopted a recruiting campaign which has proved to be very

successful. Over the course of 2020/21, despite several periods of lockdown when we were only able to meet online, we have managed to induct three new members (with another waiting induction), have several candidates who are interested but not yet committed to joining and a list of about 10-12 others who have responded favourably to our approaches. Apart from Maria, our other new members are Monique and Mark Smith. We welcome all of you and hope you enjoy our Club.



While our recruiting has been successful, we are aware that the other side of the membership coin is retention of members. We need to ensure all members understand what it means to be a Rotarian and continue to enjoy fellowship and gain fulfilment from their membership.



We have not lost any members this year, but Judy Jacobs' declining health meant she had to step back from active membership. Judy has accepted our offer to remain an honorary member of the Club. We have one other honorary member, Jane Zunneberg, who has had a long association with this Club both as a past member and as Manager of the Boronia Bendigo Bank branch. Recently Jane moved on to a new position at the bank but will continue as an honorary member of the Club.

At the time of writing our membership count is 35 active and 2 honorary members, with another two members to be inducted soon. Applications have been accepted from Jarom Deeks and John Poke, and both will be inducted at the earliest opportunity in the new Rotary year.

Apart from the new members mentioned above, in our recruiting efforts we contacted one person who turned out to be President of the Knox Lions Branch Club! Geraint attended one of our meetings and we had a very fruitful discussion. We are hopeful that this chance occurrence may lead to a fruitful inter-club relationship in future.

Our recruiting campaign also brought up some possibilities for different forms of membership, including corporate members, family memberships and forming satellite clubs. These new forms of membership required some changes to our by-laws, which were approved by members at a Special General Meeting in June. The Membership team is already looking for candidates in these new categories.

Marketing:

The public image of our Club is evident in everything we do, whether it be a Bunnings sausage sizzle, an article in the paper, a sign in a public place, even the clothes we wear and the behaviour we exhibit at our public events. We must always be on our guard to ensure the image we project is attractive, appropriate and conforms to Rotary guidelines.

Two of our primary marketing tools are our website and Facebook page. Throughout this year both have been kept interesting and current by their respective administrators (Jim Sly for the website and Glenn Tippett for Facebook), with frequent turn-over of new material to make them attractive. Glenn has done particularly well with the Facebook page, attracting over 500 likes and with many items posted on our page being repeated by other Rotary Clubs, both locally and around the world.



As well as our online marketing we had some success with press publicity this year. We managed to get several articles and advertisements for our projects published in both our local papers, "*Boronia and The Basin Community News*" and "*Studfield Wantirna Community News*", as well as getting two items published in the February edition of "*Rotary Down Under*".

Finally, as part of our contribution to the R100 celebration of 100 years of Rotary in Australia, in collaboration with our sister Rotary Clubs in the Knox cluster we produced, negotiated Council approval and erected four conspicuous banner signs in high-traffic locations around Knox.

Peter Dalwood
Membership and Marketing Chair 2020/21

Our Club Membership at a Glance:

- Members Lost During 2020/2021:
 - Nil.
- New Members During 2020/2021:
 - Maria Thompson;
 - Mark Smith;
 - Monique Smith.
- Honorary Members 2020/2021:
 - Judy Jacobs;
 - Jayne Zunneberg.
- Total Membership:

Our total membership increased slightly to a total of thirty-seven (37) members, comprising:

 - 35 Financial; and
 - 2 Honorary.



A list of our members as of 30 June 2021 is presented in **Appendix B**.

7.5 Bulletin

It's been my pleasure to prepare the weekly Club Bulletin again this year.

Hopefully it has provided members with the necessary information regarding both Club and District activities.

I endeavoured to also include interesting articles on the work undertaken by Rotary with regard to celebrating the Rotary International designated months of service.

After several years as Editor, it is now time to hand over the reins and I'm sure Monique Smith is going to do an outstanding job in the role.

Val Henry
Bulletin Editor 2020/21



7.6 Program

Well, what a year it has been, more zoom meetings than face to face meetings.

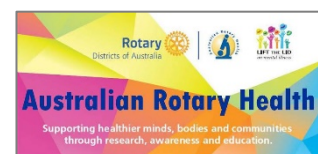
I remember speaking to our Club President Bernie at the start of this new role, stating that I have no idea of what I am supposed to do, or how I go about doing it. Just organise speakers was decided, so that is what I went about doing, not knowing who to approach or even how to approach them. On top of that, little did I know, but I also had to schedule committee meetings, Club assembly's, Board meetings and other miscellaneous events as they popped up, in consultation with our Club President.



Looking back now, though a challenge, we did alright with thanks to my fellow Rotarians within this magnificent Club.

Let's start by listing the program from July 2020:

- **JULY 2020:**
 - Week 1 Speaker – Club Assembly with Guest Speaker from Orana Neighbourhood House (Lisa Thomas).
 - Week 2 No speaker – Committee meetings.
 - Week 3 Speaker – Rotarian Behind the Badge (Jennifer Critchlow – Boronia Rotary).
 - Week 4 Speaker – Rotarian Behind the Badge (Peter Malden – Boronia Rotary); District Governor Elect Daryl Moran also spoke.
- **AUGUST 2020:**
 - Week 1 Speaker – Blaze Aid (Christine Male).
 - Week 2 No speaker – Committee meetings.
 - Week 3 Speaker – Empowered Living (Sarah O'Donnell).
 - Week 4 Speaker – Starting and Running an Opportunity Shop (Sandy Kemp).
- **SEPTEMBER 2020:**
 - Week 1 Joint Zoom Meeting with Rotary Club of Rowville/Lysterfield; Guest Speaker Past President Rotary International (Ian Riseley).
 - Week 2 No speaker – Committee meetings.
 - Week 3 Speaker – Australian Rotary Health (Glenn Tippett – Boronia Rotary).
 - Week 4 Speaker – Rescue Girls From India (Colin Lambert).
- **OCTOBER 2020:**
 - Week 1 No Speaker – Club Assembly & District Governor Visit.
 - Week 2 No speaker – Committee meetings.
 - Week 3 Speaker – Dinner on the Table (Rachel Golding).
 - Week 4 Speaker – Rebecca Jane Foundation (Robyn O'Connell).



■ NOVEMBER 2020:

- Week 1 No Meeting – Public Holiday.
- Week 2 No speaker – Committee meetings.
- Week 3 Speaker – Bridge Builders (Beck Mitchell) speaking about her ‘Marathon Experience’ (seven marathons, seven continents in seven days).
- Week 4 Speaker – Rotarian Behind the Badge (Graeme Aspinall – Rotary Ferntree Gully).

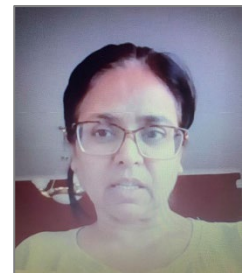


■ DECEMBER 2020:

- Week 1 Speaker – Rotarian Behind the Badge (Maria Thompson – Boronia Rotary).
- Week 2 – No speaker – Committee meetings.
- Week 3 Speaker/Last Meeting of the Year – Rotarian Behind the Badge (Stephen Spiers – Boronia Rotary).

■ JANUARY 2021:

- Week 1 No Speaker – 1st Meeting Back – Fellowship/Club Assembly.
- Week 2 No Speaker – Fellowship/Club Assembly.
- Week 3 Speaker – Rotarian Behind the Badge (Anita Wadhwa – Rotary Rowville /Lysterfield) – Computer Science and being a role model for her daughter.
- Week 4 No Meeting – Public Holiday.



■ FEBRUARY 2021:

- Week 1 Speaker – Mercy Ships (Tammy Shepherd).
- Week 2 No speaker – Committee meetings.
- Week 3 Speaker – Knox Infolink (Denise Budge).
- Week 4 Speaker – Back Packs 4 Kids (Sally Beard).



■ MARCH 2021:

- Week 1 Speaker – Unicef (Libby Hodgson).
- Week 2 No speaker – Committee meetings.
- Week 3 Speaker – Rotarian Behind the Badge (Peter Dalwood – Boronia Rotary).
- Week 4 Speaker – Australian Rotary Health (Bridget Reagan).
- Week 5 Speaker – Boronia West Primary School (Jennie Brown).



■ APRIL 2021:

- Week 1 – Speaker – Stroke Safe (Gideon Meltzer).
- Week 2 – No speaker – Committee meetings.
- Week 3 – Speaker – Vietnam Veterans (Stephen Shortis).
- Week 4 – 100 Year Celebration of Rotary in Australia – Guest Speaker Ken Miller (Partners Night).



- MAY 2021:
 - Week 1 No Speaker – Strategic Review – Boronia Rotary.
 - Week 2 No Speaker – Committee Meetings.
 - Week 3 Speaker –Knox Rotaract (Nidhi Wadhwa).
 - Week 4 No Speaker – Club Assembly.
- JUNE 2021:
 - Week 1 Speaker – Rotarian Behind the Badge (Steve Payne – Boronia Rotary).
 - Week 2 No Speaker – Committee Meetings.
 - Week 3 Speaker – The life and times of some of Australia’s famous people (Robyn O’Connell).
 - Week 4 Speaker – The Sixth Child (Jamie Ramos) Speaking about Disadvantaged Children and how he set up a Foundation to assist.



Though it has been a difficult and challenging year, I believe our Club has been rewarded with some wonderful and inspirational speakers.

The task of engaging speakers was not helped when engaged speakers pull out at the last moment with little time to organise alternative speakers, but this is offset by our members who step up and present behind the badge. Myself, and in discussions with other members, the behind the badge concept is so good, because you learn a lot about your fellow members.

As I am the Program Chair once again for the 2021/2022 year, some of the up and coming guest speakers organised (some yet to confirm) are as follows:

Club Strategic Review; Mick Quinn’ (Vietnam Veteran); Alan Tudge (Local Federal MP); Hush Foundation; Richard Spinoso-Cattela (Rotary Boronia); Malcolm Chiverton (D9810 Youth Service Chair); Animals Australia; Jackson Taylor (Local State MP); Probus; Knox Police; Joan Smith (Polio Survivor); Each; Toastmasters; and many others.

Regards and best wishes always.

Steve Payne
Program Coordinator 2021/22

7.7 Sergeant-at-Arms

\$4,000



raised by our Members from the Sergeants Session.

A challenging year for Rotary and our Members with the on again – off again lockdowns which meant only a hand full of meetings were held face to face at the Knox Club.

The Zoom meetings provided an opportunity to keep in touch and let the Sergeant to be a little more creative with the weekly fine session.

I was staggered to hear that the generous contributions of members was over \$4000; no doubt we have all become accustomed to online banking.

A big thank you to you all for digging deep and easing your conscience by paying your fines.

The fine session offers a light-hearted banter to extract a dollar or two or 20, and the regular fine for your birthday, anniversary, a misdemeanour and Happy Dollars and Cross Fines add to the story.

Please continue your support as Val Henry takes over, and again thank you for your support and generosity.

Peter Van Zeyl
Sergeant-at-Arms 2020/21



8 Australian Rotary Health – Ride for Medical Research



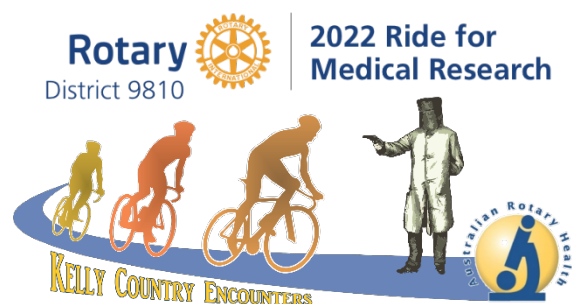
As many would be aware, the traditional “Ride for Medical Research” was cancelled due to COVID-19. In its place, the Ride Committee ran an online event, the “**Mad March Cycle Challenge**”, during the month of March.

For a first attempt it was outstanding success. Attracting 27 participants from around Australia, as well as one from India and one from Indonesia, the event raised \$24,381.00 for Australian Rotary Health. Many of the participants were not from the usual group who normally would go on the ride, so this was in itself was great.

Thanks to Glenn Tippett for his suggestion and Peter Dalwood for all his work getting the website for the event up and running smoothly.

Looking forward to 2022, we are planning to run the “Mad March Cycle Challenge” again in March 2022, and we are hoping for a greater response, given a longer lead up time to the event. So please put it in your calendars as a reminder. Hopefully we will be able to attract a larger number of participants to join in the fundraising for Australian Rotary Health.

We are also planning to return with the traditional “Ride for Medical Research”, at this stage with a ride planned for 6 to 11 March 2022. This will run in conjunction with the “Mad March Cycle Challenge” (being the replacement for the old virtual rider option we had attached to our regular ride). So for those who missed the great fellowship that the ride provides, next year the ride will be centred around the town of Wangaratta, Victoria. “**Kelly Country Encounters**” will take in the area sights including a day of painted silos, and a visit to Beechworth and the King Valley amongst the places we will travel.



Stephen Spiers
On behalf of the “Ride for Medical Research” Committee

Appendix A Club Photograph



Rotary Club of Boronia
Members captured on camera through the 2020/21 Rotary year

Appendix B Club Members as at 30 June 2021

Member	Classification	Partner
ANDERSON Heather	Community Development	Lawrie
BARRETT Ken	Insurance General	Miriam
CASSIDY Paul	Engineering General	Gaye
CRAGO Bruce	Local Government Management	Margaret
CRITCHLOW Jennifer	Upholstery Designer	
DAFF Lillian	Travel Agent	Stephen
DALWOOD Peter	Retired	Pam
DEVESON Lance	Information Services	Liz
ELSEY Leigh	Manufacturing	Betty
GIBSON Doug	Menswear Retail	Ellen
GOODWIN Wal	Cattle Grazing	
HAWORTH Annette	Pre-School Teaching	
HENRY Valerie	Retired	
JACOBS Judy	Honorary	Ken
JACOBS Michael	Law - General Practice	Julianne
JENKINS Alan	Business Consultant	Val
KARAJAS Chris	Public Service	Karen
MALDEN Peter	Telecommunications	Jan
McMANUS Carolynn	Draughting Services	
Mifsud Jane	Massage Therapy	David
MOSSOP Greg	Occupational Rehabilitation	Janine
PAYNE Stephen	Insurance Assessor	Lillian
POST Eddie	Tanning	Michele
RUNDELL Gonny	Commercial Property Management	John
SLY Jim	Environmental Engineering	Lucille
SMITH Mark	Business Solutions/Stationary	Monique
SMITH Monique	Business Solutions/Stationary	Mark
SPIERS Stephen	Commercial Refrigeration	Jane
SPINOSA-CATTELA Richard	Consultancy	Anne-Maree
THOMPSON Maria	Clinical Counselling (Psychology)	
TIPPETT Glenn	Printing Sales Management	Shereen
VANDERWOLDE Bernadette	Insurance	Jon
VAN ZEYL Peter	Business Development	Helen
WHITE John	Retail Consultancy	Gail
WINDEBANK Janet	Locum Lawyer	Neville
WINDEBANK Neville	Law - General Practice	Janet
ZUNNEBERG Jayne	Honorary	Sean

Appendix C 2020/21 Committee Membership

Projects:

- Glenn Tippet – Chair
- Paul Cassidy - Community
 - Peter Malden - International
 - Chris Karajas - Vocational
 - Jane Mifsud – Youth
 - Gonny Rundell - Homeless Project

Heather Anderson

Bruce Crago

Jennifer Critchlow

Leigh Elsey

Doug Gibson

Wal Goodwin

Judy Jacobs

Alan Jenkins

Carolynn McManus

Maria Thompson

Janet Windebank

Richard Spinosa-Cattela

Greg Mossop (Homeless)

Stephen Payne (Homeless)

Lance Deveson (Homeless)

Club Service:

Peter Dalwood

Bulletin:

Val Henry

Club Welfare:

Lance Deveson

Historian:

Lance Deveson/Jim Sly

Australian Rotary Health:

Glenn Tippet

Probus:

Bruce Crago

Website:

Jim Sly

R100:¹

Ken Barrett

Finance and Fundraising:

John White – Chair

Annette Haworth – ex officio

Lillian Daff

Michael Jacobs

Neville Windebank

Fellowship:

Val Henry – Chair

Eddie Post

Ken Barrett

Stephen Spiers

Membership/Marketing:

Peter Dalwood – Chair

Greg Mossop

Jim Sly

Lance Deveson

Peter Van Zeyl

Attendance:

John White

Protection Officer:

Bernadette Vanderwolde

On-to-Conference:

Peter Dalwood

Foundation:

Neville Windebank

Rotaract:

Peter Dalwood

Environment:

Jennifer Critchlow

¹ R100 – Celebrating 100 years of Rotary Service in Australia

D.2 Golf Day Sponsors



- **Barry Plant Real Estate – Boronia**
 - Mark Schroeder and staff
- **Tasty Trucks – Ferntree Gully**
 - Colin Lear and staff
- **Ballard’s Solicitors – Wantirna**
 - Neville Windebank and staff
- **Bendigo Bank – Boronia**
 - Jane Zunneberg and staff
- **Robyn’s Soap House – Knoxfield**
 - Robyn & Penry Green
- **Eastern Strut Recharge – Croydon**
 - Murray Gibson and staff
- **Pro Quip International – Bayswater**
 - Stuart Broadley and staff
- **L J Hooker Real Estate – Boronia**
 - Julien Karolos and staff
- **Knox Travel – Wantirna South**
 - Lillian Daff and staff
- **ASA Financial Advisors – Croydon**
 - John Tatterson and staff
- **LMP Accountants – Croydon**
 - Darren Haycraft and staff
- **Mackinnon Jacobs Lawyers – Boronia**
 - Michael Jacobs and staff
- **Morcraft Kitchens – Bayswater**
 - Matt Wallace and staff
- **Simba Global – Bayswater North**
 - Corrine Rico
- **The Knox Club – Wantirna**
 - Ryan Clayton

D.3 Friends of Rotary 2020/21



- **Razer Graphix – Wantirna**
 - Alan Rye, Glenn Tippett and staff
- **Meyer Cookware Australia – Croydon South**
- **Mr Yogesh Punja – Fijian High Commissioner to Australia**
- **Mr Reg Hodgson – Honorary Consul for Fiji**
- **Knox Infolink**
 - Denise Budge and staff
- **Knox Community Christmas Support**
 - Julie Hanman, Lori Dudley and team
- **The Knox Club**
 - Jo Woods and staff
- **St Joseph’s Primary School – Boronia**
 - Gayle Ashdowne
- **St Joseph’s College**
 - Bronwyn Dean
- **Knox Central Primary School**
 - Damien Kitch and staff
- **Boronia RSL**
 - Rod Canobie and members
- **Bunnings Warehouse – Bayswater**
 - Karen MacDonald and Em Barker
- **Country Women’s Association (CWA) – Boronia Branch**
- **Lightwavez Design – Bayswater**
 - Les Marton
- **Days for Girls – Ferntree Gully Chapter**
 - Michelle Gates and colleagues
- **University Law School**
 - Fiona MacDowall and Robin Gardner
- **Fort Knox Self Storage – Scoresby**

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