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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES



“Serve to Change Lives”
Rotary International Theme
2021/2022

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1 President's Report



COVID lockdowns at the start of this year meant we met online via Zoom. On returning to in-person meetings we kept the online option available, running our meetings in hybrid mode so members unable to be physically present could still attend online. The hybrid format also means we can now welcome guests from anywhere, opening opportunities to recruit quality speakers who cannot join us in person.

So, despite lockdowns we carried on and were able to collaborate on developing projects. Our growing familiarity with Zoom also meant we embraced holding Board meetings online. It gave us more options and helped to improve our efficiency.

RI President Shekhar Mehta's theme for this year was **"Serve to Change Lives"**. He urged us to become involved in undertaking service projects, so that was a theme I sought to develop by establishing 'hands-on' projects in our local community. This desire was met when Infolink offered an opportunity to get involved in their Boronia Community Breakfast project. Members and partners willingly volunteered to spend one or more mornings per week cooking up hot breakfasts for the homeless and otherwise disadvantaged members of our local community. It has been a great experience and I wish to thank those who have participated and continue to do so.

Apart from strengthening our connection with Infolink, we also established another community-based relationship with the autism peer-support group Different Journeys. So far, our participation has been limited to helping with catering at their monthly family swim events but I'm sure we will develop our collaboration further over time.

Last year we made some changes to our By-laws allowing us to offer more flexible forms of membership. As a result, we recruited one corporate member and now have three family memberships. Indeed, our ongoing recruitment program has been quite successful, and we have welcomed a total of ten new members to the Club since the start of this year. And we have developed a mentoring scheme to help members understand Rotary better and get the most fulfilment and value from their membership.

This year our PR efforts have largely been focussed on the Facebook page. Glenn has done a great job of reporting on our weekly meetings and community events and keeping other Rotary-related material rolling through the site. We are being noticed widely and our posts shared by other Rotary Clubs – a great tribute.

Our key fund-raising events were augmented by a new endeavour this year – our first Business Breakfast with guest speaker Julian Burnside, which raised some funds for Different Journeys. We also had a very successful wine auction. Well done to those involved in running these events.

We held our annual ANZAC Day service for local primary school students early this year, due to the timing of school holidays. It continues to grow every year and we had about 440 students from 13 schools, plus teachers and VIP guests in attendance. Once again, thanks to all who helped make this a great day.

Lockdowns and rules for mass gatherings have curtailed a lot of the District youth programs in recent years. This year Districts 9810 and 9820 ran a combined RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) program. We were able to sponsor one participant plus a leader to attend this event.

I've touched on some highlights. Elsewhere in this report you will find more details. I would like to thank all members, partners and friends of the Club for making this a great year!

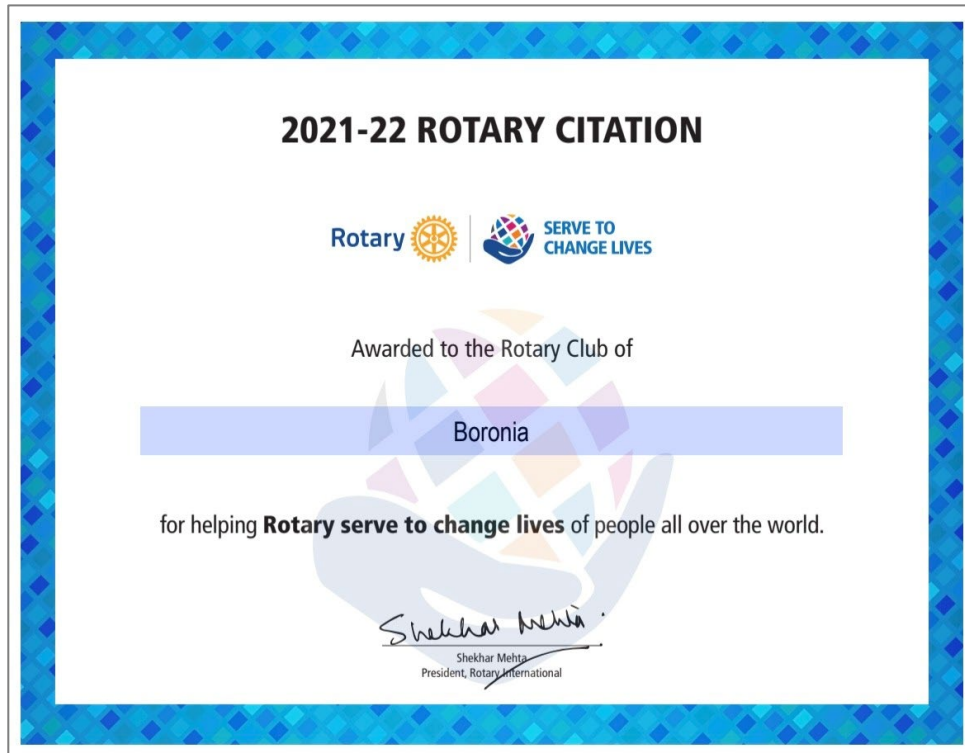
Finally, I would like to acknowledge and express our appreciation to those members who extend their commitment to service beyond our Club by undertaking roles in the Rotary District and other local community organisations. Thank you all..

Peter Dalwood
President 2021/2022

2 Awards

2.1 Rotary Citation

This year the Club was again 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. We set 16 goals and achieved 14 (13 needed to receive a citation).

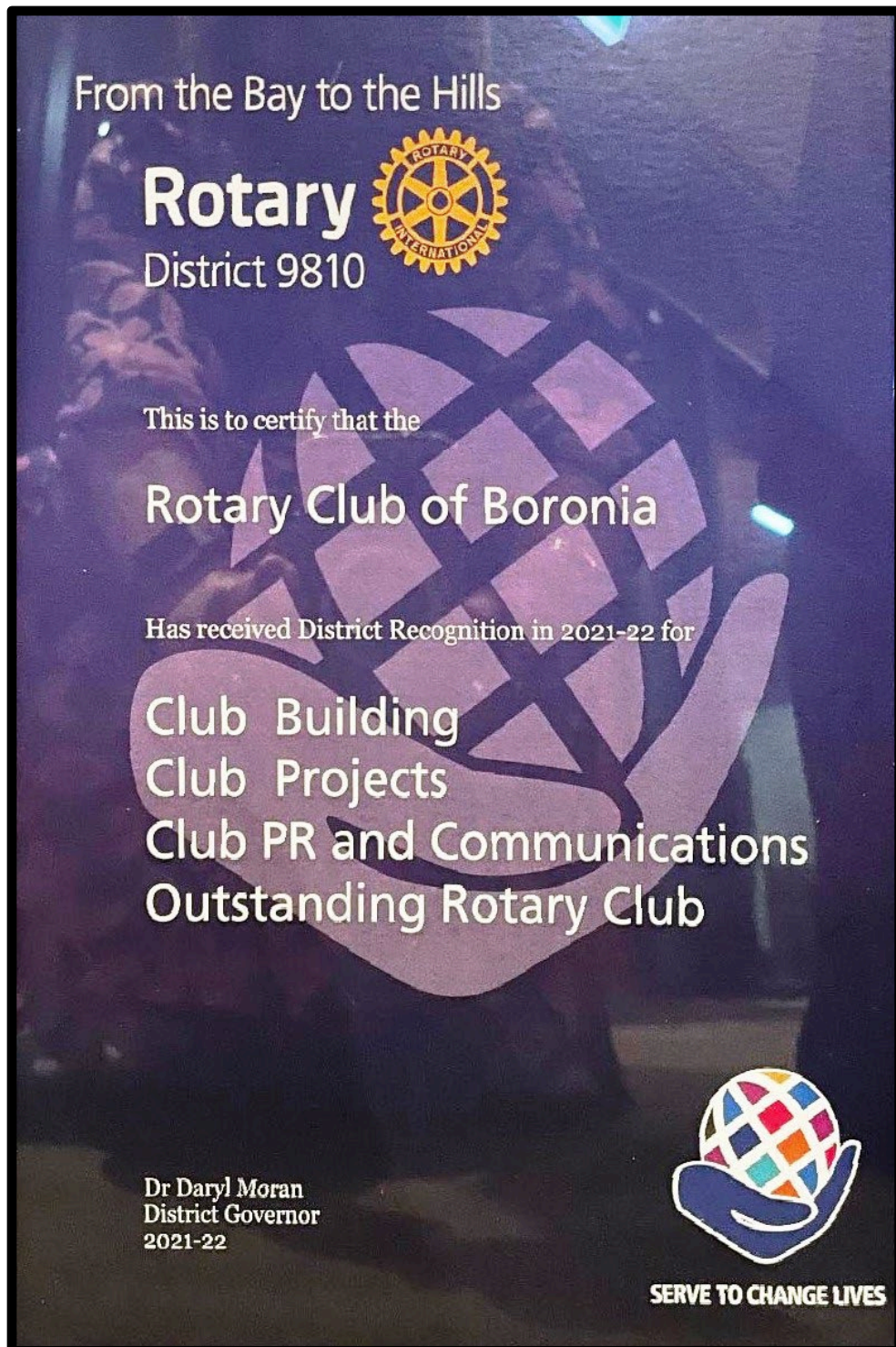
The goals were about:

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

The Rotary Club of Boronia can be proud of its achievement.

2.2 District Awards

The Club was one of two clubs 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.



2.3 Club Paul Harris Fellow Awards

As is tradition in our Club, it was again the privilege of the President to present Paul Harris Fellows to members and others who have made significant contributions to the Club's activities at our annual Changeover. The following were acknowledged by the presentation of PHFs and/or sapphires:



- **Bernadette Vanderwolde** joined the club just 6 years ago and quickly became an invaluable contributor. She stepped up as President and steered the club through a difficult time last year (2020/21) and has now moved on to chairing a District committee!
- **Mark and Monique Smith** are two members who only joined last year (2020/21) but have already both been great contributors to our Club. Apart from volunteering at our public events, they have rolled up their sleeves and stepped straight into key positions.
- In recognition of the wonderful job done by **Doug Gibson** as welfare officer he was presented with a 4th sapphire on his PHF.
- **Glenn Tippett** is another member who is always ready to step up, both within our Club and in the wider Rotary community. Glenn's current PHF was replaced with one bearing 4 sapphires. Apart from his usual 'no probs' response to any request for printing or other support, Glenn has done a magnificent job this year with our Facebook page.
- The last two PHFs were awarded to two members retiring from the Board – **Secretary Janet Windebank** and **Treasurer Annette Haworth**. Annette is retiring to the back bench after nearly 20 years on the Board in various roles. On the other hand, Janet seems to think she hasn't done enough yet and will be back in a different capacity next Rotary year! Both ladies have given magnificent service.



3 Administration

3.1 Secretary's Report

Wondering why the last six months of 2021 seem like a blur in my memory, I got out my diary to see that we were in and out of lockdowns throughout that period, events were cancelled, birthday parties were 'Parkies' and meetings were via zoom. I have highlighted in my diary 'Opening up day' on 5th November 2021.

Our Club was resilient and grew stronger during that time.

As secretary to President Peter, I learned and benefitted from the introduction of a 'Consent Agenda' for Board meetings, replacing the previous Board practice of each Board member talking about events concerning each committee, which sometimes in the past became very long and difficult for the Secretary to record.

The Consent Agenda meant that each Board member put in a written report each month, circulated via email to all other members. Unless any Board member requested that an issue from any report be discussed, the reports were accepted 'As read'. If discussion was requested, those issues were listed on a Discussion Agenda, which normally contained four or five issues.

This methodology greatly simplified the agenda setting and minute taking roles of the Secretary and shortened the meeting time. I remain very grateful to President Peter for its introduction.

Another innovation, which came from the detailed member survey conducted by Jim Sly, was the introduction of the 'Report from the Board' appearing in the Bulletin each month. This was kept to one page in length. It was aimed to create greater transparency about the role of the Board and the decisions emanating from the Board. I was glad to do this as I value openness and transparency in decision making.

2021/22 was the last year for me of a three and a quarter year role as Club Secretary which covered a few months of Annette's Presidency, Robert Hillier's Presidency, Bernadette's Presidency and Peter's Presidency. It has been a process that changed me, making me feel far more comfortable as a part of the Club, and giving me insights into the working of our Club and of Rotary generally.

I have always been very proud to sign off my correspondence as 'Secretary, Rotary Club of Boronia'.

It has been a great privilege.

Janet Windebank
Secretary 2021/2022



3.2 Treasurer's Report

Report:

The electronic age with the EFTPOS machine at meetings has changed some of the roles of the Treasurer. Except for some events and special meetings, we do not have to bank cash each week which makes the role easier. Members no longer need to worry about cash and can transfer money to accounts from home.

Rotary Club of Boronia runs two accounts:

- **Administration account** – deals with incoming funds from members for meetings, membership dues, and fines.

Outgoing funds from the Administration account cover Rotary International dues, District 9810 dues, cost of meals each week, every day running of Club such as website costs, Zoom costs, and badges and equipment for members.

- **Committee account** – deals with income from fundraising events such as the Golf Day, Bunnings BBQs, raffles and any other events.

Outgoing funds from the Committee account cover donations to designated charities and each year school awards and various community groups (refer *Club Donations* section below).

We also have two other accounts: one the Eye project in Fiji and another for the School Music project. These must be kept separate as donations for these come (in part) from grants and we must be accountable for their distribution.

Special thanks to Lucille Sly for her help with the books and the end of quarter GST statements. Thanks also to Alan Jenkins for his work auditing our books each year.

I wish Peter Dalwood all the best for the coming year in his role as Treasurer.

Annette Haworth
Treasurer 2021/2022



Financial Statements:

Audited financial statements for the 2021/22 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 2021/22 Rotary year are listed in **Table 1**.

**Table 1 Rotary Club of Boronia Incorporated
Donations paid out during the 2021/22 Rotary Year (Unaudited)**

Recipient	Amount
Dandenong Ranges Storm Recovery Appeal	1,000.00
End Trachoma Project	890.34
Knox Infolink – Breakfast aprons	429.00
RYLA Sponsorship (1 participant and 1 leader)	1,898.00
Youth Music Project (set aside in holding account)	2,510.00
Citizenship Awards	659.69
Australian Rotary Health – Lift the Lid Collection	196.70
Boronia CWA – grounds maintenance support	130.00
Knox Infolink – COVID test kits for staff and clients	1,100.00
Knox Infolink – Breakfast vouchers	230.00
Different Journeys	3,000.00
Days for Girls (DG's partner's project)	1,250.00
The Rotary Foundation – Annual Giving	4,000.00
Little Libraries Project	291.50
Total	\$ 17,585.23



4 Community and International Service

4.1 Overview



Committee:

- Paul Cassidy – Chair
- Eddie Post
- Heather Anderson
- Jarom Deeks
- Ray Siegersma
- Susan Hanger
- Jennifer Critchlow (Environment)
- Gonny Rundell (Homeless Project)
- Peter Malden (Taveuni Projects Liaison)
- Lance Deveson (Knox Council Liaison).

Introduction:

The main focus of the committee this year has been on our local community rather than international projects. We have, however, continued to support ongoing Fiji projects undertaken in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Taveuni Island.

Paul Cassidy
Community and International Service Chair 2021/22

4.2 Community Service

4.2.1 Drinking Fountain

In recognition of 100 years of Rotary in Australia, a drink fountain has been installed at Batterham Reserve. This project was undertaken in conjunction with Knox Council whereby Rotary purchased the stainless-steel drink fountain, complete with a dog bowl and appropriate artwork, and Knox Council arranged and paid for the installation and the cost of ongoing maintenance.



4.2.2 Different Journeys



Different Journeys is an Autism Peer Support group that provides social events for autistic teens and young adults. These events help participants to integrate within the community, form friendships and reinforce their self-worth.

Rotarians assisted with the swim events on the first Sunday of the month at Knox Leisureworks helping to cook and serve food for the night. Some of the autistic participants helped with the BBQ and food service and we were able to pass on these life skills gained from many Bunnings BBQs.



4.2.3 Knox Infolink

We have maintained a strong relationship with Knox Infolink this year and have been involved in the following projects:



- ***Boronia Community Breakfast***

Knox Infolink was able to secure State Government funding for the Community Breakfast program via the Revitalisation of Boronia scheme. This allows Infolink to provide a nourishing breakfast to those in need, five mornings a week.



Eight Rotarians, along with other volunteers, have provided their culinary skills and, from a slow start, the breakfast now averages about 30 customers. As well as good food, the breakfast offers social contact and interaction. To see the regulars enjoying the food and the banter is most rewarding.

We are now in the process of setting up a voucher system with a local café to provide breakfast on weekends and public holidays.

- ***Storage, Shower and Laundry Facilities***

As an extension of the Community Breakfast program, Infolink is looking to provide secure lockers, shower and laundry facilities to those in need.

Showers are now possible through an arrangement with Knox Leisureworks. Although the Knox Council has some locker and laundry facilities available at the Rowville Community Centre, Infolink is pursuing other opportunities in Boronia itself. We have indicated to Infolink our willingness to assist.



- ***Community Garden***



Infolink is seeking approval from Knox Council to establish a community garden outside its Boronia premises. The intention is to have a vegetable garden tendered to by those in need with the produce available to them. Again, we have offered help with this.

- ***Knox Community Christmas Support (KCCS)***

A certificate of appreciation for Rotary's involvement was received from KCCS for our work in collecting donated goods from various businesses. Over 1,000 gifts were distributed among 381 children aged 0-16.

Paul Cassidy
Community Chair 2021/22

4.2.4 Little Street Libraries

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

The Basin – see 17th August 2021 Bulletin and 2nd November 2021 Bulletin

After delays due to the COVID pandemic, the Club’s fourth Little Library was placed in front of Svaks Café in The Basin Shopping Centre on 7th September 2021. Due to the restrained community activity at the time, a formal opening was not held; the library “snuck in relatively unannounced”!

This library is extra special as it was made using recycled materials by Club member Chris Karajas. Chris has constructed another three libraries for installation at other planned locations.



The library was decorated by students at St Bernadette’s Primary School in The Basin. The result was a well presented, colourful library.



The Club continues to support the maintenance of our first three Little Street Libraries, which are located in Alchester Village, Boronia Mall and Wantirna Mall. These libraries continue to be well supported by the local communities, and the quality of books placed in each has been excellent over the past year. This makes weekly visits by attendants Lance Deveson (Alchester Village and Boronia Mall) and Annette Haworth (Wantirna Mall) much less important.

Lance Deveson
Project Coordinator

4.2.5 ANZAC Day Commemoration Service for Knox Primary Schools



Tim Neville Arboretum, 7th April 2022

The Rotary Club of Boronia, with financial support from Knox Council through a community grant, again provided an ANZAC Service for Knox Primary schools at the Cenotaph at the Tim Neville Arboretum.

This was the 6th year that the Club had organised the Service, which was attended by over 440 students and teachers from local schools. Also in attendance were Deputy Mayor Nicole Seymour, who welcomed everyone of behalf of the Council; representatives of Alan Tudge MHR, Member for Aston; Jackson Taylor MLA, Member for Bayswater; Rotary District Governor Dr Daryl Moran and wife Jenny; Rotary Club of Boronia President Peter Dalwood and wife Pam; Mount Evelyn RSL President Matt Crymble; and Guest Speaker Anthony McAleer OAM, an Author and War Historian.



The theme for this year's service was "*Youth who went to war*" and with this in mind Anthony McAleer spoke to the students about a young 16-year-old boy, Earnest Pearson who put up his age to 18 so he could enlist to go to World War 1. He was made a Messenger and Bugler and, during a battle in France whilst delivering a message to another unit, he dropped his bugle on the Battlefield. He was wounded and later trained as a Medical Orderly and then Pilot, but his bugle happened to be found by a British serviceman and kept in their family for 90 years.

Although born in Ascot Vale, after the war Earnest settled in Mount Evelyn and opened a shop trading there for many years. About 10 years ago, the great grandson of the soldier who found the bugle noted the name and unit scratched into it and with some research returned it to the Mount Evelyn RSL where it now resides. Unfortunately, Earnest had passed away before it was returned.

Anthony's telling of the story had the students captivated, but he then produced the bugle and proceeded to show the students, which made the story so much more real.



The service concluded with the reciting of the ODE by Mount Evelyn RSL President Matt Crymble and playing of the Last Post and Reveille. Wreath laying by all the guests and school representatives followed, accompanied by music and choral items provided by St Joseph's College Concert Band, Ferntree Gully and St Joseph's Primary School Choir, Boronia.



Schools attending this years' service were The Basin Primary School, St Bernadette's Primary School, Boronia Heights Primary School, Boronia K-12 College Primary, Boronia West Primary School, Wantirna Primary School, Park Ridge Primary School, Ferntree Gully North Primary School, Regency Park Primary School, Knox Central Primary School and The Knox School as well as St Joseph's Primary School and St Joseph's College.



Lance Deveson and Glenn Tippett
Event Coordinators

4.3 International Service

4.3.1 Overview

This report presents the international projects we have been able to achieve in the 2021/22 Rotary year. COVID has put a huge dent in our capability to conduct projects and to raise money for them.

The relationship with our Sister Club, the Rotary Club of Taveuni Island, remains strong. Their President's annual report is included later in this report for members information.

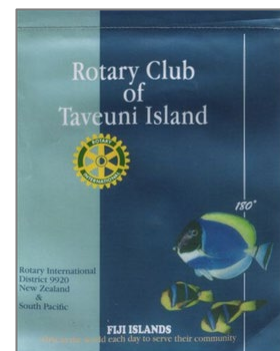
4.3.2 Our Sister Club – the Rotary Club of Taveuni Island

Club Officers 2021/2022:

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

Club Officers 2022/2023:

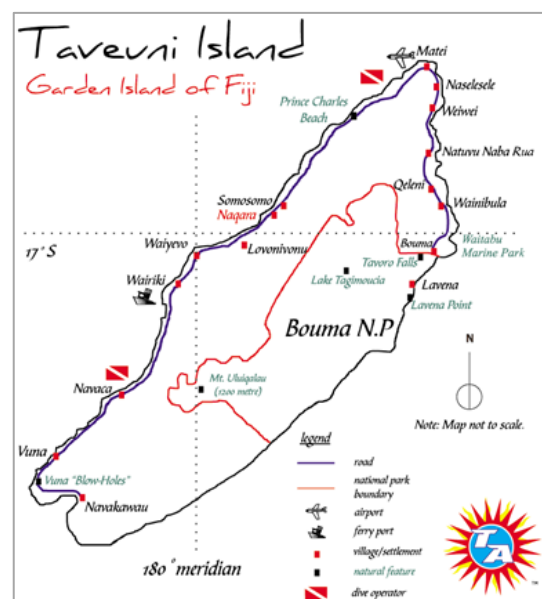
- President: Alan Petersen;
- Secretary: Paula Gonebeci;
- Treasurer: Helene Brown; and
- IP President. Paul Purvis.



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.

Taveuni Eye Project 2020/21/22 has now been launched following delays due to COVID. It has, as was reported last year, been renamed **Taveuni Eye Project 15**.

The Global Grant has been fully approved and Rotary Foundation/International is keen for us to progress the project. Travel restrictions and general timing means we have scheduled Project 15 to commence in late June 2023, not in September 2022 as was planned.



We are still in need of financial help at the local Fiji level.



This mighty project involves providing transport and accommodation for hundreds of Fijians as they move to Taveuni from other islands for their surgery. We have raised money wherever we can, but local Rotarians and residents are being asked to help with donations of food and services during the two weeks of the project. Without this assistance the project cannot be a success.

The medical equipment is being inspected as I write this report and the medical supplies and goods will be fully checked in October before we order the new stock.

All going well the project will see over 200 eyes corrected in the 10 days of operations.

Details of the project moving forward can be watched at: www.rotaryeyesfiji.com.

4.3.4 Container of Goods for Schools and Hospital

Last year we reported on a full container of school desks and chairs, a dental chair and IT equipment that was loaded and dispatched to Fiji in June 2021. I can report that it was received and that all the items have been delivered to their worthy recipients.



4.3.5 School Assistance Project

“Rotary Saves the Day for 40 Students”

This project involved sending A\$6000 to the Rotary Club of Taveuni to disburse via their existing Secondary School Student Scholarship project to supply school supplies to needy students whose families were experiencing financial hardship as a result of Cyclone Yasa (December 2020) and Cyclone Anna (January 2021) and more recently the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Rotary Clubs of Wandin and Boronia applied for and were approved for a Foundation Grant to cover half the cost of this project. Rotary Wandin and Rotary Boronia each supplied one quarter of the monies necessary.

The money from Rotary Wandin was raised via a film night screening the latest James Bond film – a great night enjoyed by the many Rotarians and Friends attending. Rotary Boronia sought a number of public donations (Marrich Trust assisted) and conducted Club events to raise the money.



Forty (40) families were chosen as beneficiaries of this part of the overall project. Each family had to complete an application form, attend an in-person interview, supply evidence of past school achievements and basically agree to support their child in the coming year of study. The child agreed to attend school and do their very best to make the Rotary contribution worthwhile.

The local school Head Teachers and staff provided the Taveuni Rotary Club with general information about students and family needs. The most needy were identified by their local schools and reported to the Rotary Club for consideration for assistance.

It is recognised, by many worldwide relief and support organisations, that EDUCATION is the only sustainable way to overcome and escape poverty in third world countries with their very rural subsistence living conditions. The benefits of this project are that 40 children will receive a secondary year of education in 2022 and thus commence and continue their path to a better future.

Cyclone Yasa (December 2020) and Cyclone Anna (January 2021) devastated the food and Kava crops on Taveuni Island. The income of the farming families was thus reduced to ZERO. The selling of food and Kava returns cash to the island, and this provides families with the ability to live and send their children to school.

Of particular note is that for Secondary Schools, uniforms and materials must be provided by the families or the student cannot attend.

A small amount of cash continued to come into the island from family members working in hospitality roles on the main island, Viti Levu.





Following on the heel of the cyclones, COVID struck the islands. As a result, Fiji closed their borders and hospitality ceased needing any working people. The family members from the outer islands were consequently out of work and the only way to survive was to quickly return to Taveuni Island and live with their families; again, no cash was coming into the families.

The next shock was schools closing for the best part of 2021.

Many of the larger schools were converted

into quarantine facilities for those returning to Taveuni. As a result, 2021 was a year from hell for school children on Taveuni; no facilities exist for remote learning and the year passed with little to no ability to facilitate student learning.



The project was delayed whilst Rotary ensured that once learning recommenced, the right students had the assistance they needed to be able to continue. The good news is that on 11 April 2022 all schools on Taveuni commenced their 2022 year. Rotary was then able to finalise the project and 40 recipients have returned to school as planned, albeit some 12 months later that we would have liked.

COVID did delay the project, but the expected results have now been fully achieved.

Each child selected as beneficiaries of the project received:

QTY	Description	Unit Price (\$)	Amount (\$)
2	School Uniform	37.90	75.80
1	School Sandal	39.00	39.00
7	A4 200 pages	2.50	17.50
7	A4 100 pages	1.30	9.10
7	Manila Folders with Clips	0.25	1.75
1	School Bag	29.00	29.00
1	Mathematical set	6.95	6.95
1	Lunch Box	5.00	5.00
1	School Sports Uniform	25.00	25.00
1	Umbrella	9.00	9.00
2	White School Vest	5.00	10.00
1	Calculator	17.00	17.00
1	Stationery	5.00	5.00
Total value of goods per student			\$250.10

Note: The above photographs show very happy students receiving some of their materials for the new school year.

As well as the District Grant Project, in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Wandin we managed to send additional funds to Taveuni to allow some 50 extra students to attend Secondary School in 2023.

A big thankyou goes to the Marrich Equity Trust for their invaluable support of school-based projects.

4.3.6 Small Parcels

A number of small parcels have been sent to Taveuni. One contained rugby balls and coloured pencils all for a needy school. These items were kindly donated to our projects.

Two others contained parts to repair patient transport vehicles.

4.3.7 Rotary Club of Taveuni Island President's Report

The Rotary Club of Taveuni Island President's Report for the 2021/2022 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 2021-2022

It was a full six months after changeover 2021 before we were able to see some relief from Covid. Fiji coped very well with the pandemic and Taveuni has survived remarkably well. As at the time of writing this report, there are no active cases of Covid 19 on the island.

I don't pretend to understand the economics of Covid and do wonder how we all managed to get by. No one seemed hungry, our farming communities got on with their valuable work and although the tourism industry struggled, they appear to have come out stronger than ever. At the time of writing this report the resorts are all doing well, and employment is back to its previous strength.

I returned from my enforced lockdown in Australia in early March 2022. Soon afterwards aircraft capacity was reached and the business community on the island were smiling again.

We were deeply saddened by the passing of foundation member and Past President of our club, Bob Goddess. His loss to his family, friends and members of our club is immense. Club members farewelled Bob on his final journey from Matei airport.

DISSAPOINTMENTS

- In last year's report I referred to several disappointments, and I am pleased to say that we have conquered much of that negativity.
- Our world-famous eye project did not go ahead this year, due entirely to the limitations of Covid. I am pleased to announce that the 15th Rotary Eyes Fiji project will go ahead in June 2023. Finance is complete and the appointment of a medical team and other staff is well under way.

SUCCESSSES



- Construction and completion of the building at Vuna. This was a massive undertaking, and the success of the project was entirely due to the good work of Peter and his band of volunteers. The hall was completed within budget and our heartfelt thanks goes to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (NZ) for much of the finance. And a special thanks to other donors, including Bluescope Steel and Water for Rotary Pacific Water for Life Foundation. The day of the opening of the hall will never be forgotten by all those that attended. Colourful, full of formality, lots of dancing and unforgettable food! We thank Her Excellency the High Commissioner to Fiji from New Zealand, Ms Charlotte Darlow for attending.
- Our two websites have worked well this year, welcoming more than 5000 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

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Rotary Club of Taveuni Island

Rotary International District 9920

Club ID: 57167

- The club were able to sell a lot of the goods supplied to us as a donation. This has added to our coffers and the income has been used to support membership of the club.
- We have managed to sell the two, now empty, containers that the club had stored, and this has added to the financial target for the rebuilding of the school at Dreketi.
- The studio in a box program has now come to fruition and the valuable equipment will soon be in use in several local high schools.
- School scholarship program. This is one of the most significant programs 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, swept away by a landslide in 2016. The club management team believe we are within reach of our financial target. The club is putting together a video to showcase our club to all of the clubs in district 9920 and the 'show' will be screened for the first time at the District Conference in a few weeks' time.
- We had two visits from district governor Steve Chaney. One was a virtual visit via Zoom in December and then unexpectedly, but happily, his visit to us in June for the opening of the Vuna hall.

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 our members and her resilience in the face of 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 Prasad has worked diligently through the year to the support the scholarship program. We must also thank honorary member Peter Malden for his fund-raising activity in Australia in support of the scholarship program and Rotary Eyes Fiji.

THE FUTURE

This time last year I suggested that the future did not look too bright. How wrong I was! We have three great new and active members, we have, since March, met regularly every two weeks, often with 100% attendance. We have all enjoyed meals together and I cannot thank enough Pamela, my talented and beautiful wife, for preparing such wonderful food. This is my farewell to you as president after two somewhat difficult years. I feel I am leaving the club in a strong position and with a proud record of service to the people of Taveuni. I know that incoming president Alan Petersen will lead us all to higher ideals in Rotary.

Vina'a Va'a Levu

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President 2020-2022

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5 Youth and Vocational Service

5.1 Overview

Committee:

- Jane Mifsud – Chair
- Chris Karajas
- Mel Karajas
- Maria Thompson
- Julien Karolos
- Mark Smith
- Bruce Crago

Introduction:

The year 2021 saw us transition from face-to-face meetings, then back on Zoom at times.

We still had unsettling moments, but we managed to pull through and deliver the fabulous services we annually support schools and other Youth and Vocational Service activities.

Jane Mifsud
Youth and Vocational Service Chair 2021/22

5.2 Youth and Vocational Programs

5.2.1 School Citizenship Awards

After having to present via pre-recorded presentations in 2020, the annual Citizenship Awards were presented in person this year. The schools supported and the respective awardees were as follows:

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|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| ▪ Park Ridge Primary School | Jaiden Williams |
| ▪ Knox Park Primary School | Lydia Thomas |
| ▪ The Basin Primary School | James Collard |
| ▪ Knox Central Primary School | Mitchell Barclay |
| ▪ Boronia Heights Primary School | Ella Baum |
| ▪ Boronia K12 College Primary School | Cailey Forman |
| ▪ Boronia K12 College Secondary | Heer Patel |



BORONIA HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Ella Baum with her teachers; Ella was presented with her certificate and a beautiful watch.

PARK RIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Jaiden Williams was presented with his certificate and a beautiful watch by his teacher.





BORONIA K12 COLLEGE PRIMARY SCHOOL
Rotarian Glenn Tippett presenting Cailey Forman with her certificate and gorgeous watch.



KNOX CENTRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL
Ms Bree Fewson presenting Mitchell Barclay his certificate and handsome watch.



KNOX PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
Rotarian Bruce Crago presenting Lydia Thomas with her certificate and beautiful watch.



THE BASIN PRIMARY SCHOOL
Rotarian Val Henry presenting James Collard his certificate and handsome watch.

5.2.2 Rotaract

I have had the pleasure to continue supporting our youth in Knox Rotaract led by Nidhi Wadhwa and her team. Their fortnightly Zoom meetings are best suited as they have various jobs and studies in their lives.



They organised The Biggest Morning Breakfast on Sunday, 26th June 2022 at the Ferntree Gully Girl Guide Hall. The finger food, which was prepared by many volunteers, was displayed the with style. The event was an absolute success, raising \$1,500 for the Cancer Council. What a great effort; well done all!

They also had a joint “Paint n Sip” event with Monash Rotaract at the Hughesdale Community Centre on 4th June 2022. It was loads of fun painting on canvas guided by the talented Trisha from Knox Rotaract. Funds raised amounted to \$1,800; this went toward Headspace Centres. Another fabulous event!

★ Event Highlights ★



5.2.3 RYLA – Rotary Districts 9810 & 9820



Rotary Club of Boronia finally had the pleasure to sponsor Paris Hindby, a 22-year-old young lady, to this year's RYLA Seminar. Paris was an excellent candidate to sponsor as she is headed towards becoming a counsellor in the future to assist young people who have had a traumatic up bringing similar to hers.

The six-day seminar needed to be rescheduled from January 2022 to the end of June 2022, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but the team organisers led by Trish Carr, Les Marton and Nigel Cousins worked tirelessly to bring together the whole program. This involved a range of tasks such as organising the Leaders and speakers for the program; booking of the camp site and accommodation; sending a multitude of emails to all candidates, and Rotarians who were invited to visit on Wednesday, 29th June; and so much more. We certainly are indebted to them for their hard work and sleepless nights.

The Seminar was held at Rawson Village Camp site surrounded by Mount Baw Baw and lots of fresh air.

The unfortunate did happen when the camp had a breakout of COVID, which brought the seminar to a halt on the third day of the program. But the upside was that they did continue the rest of the program as a hybrid meeting on Zoom, thus enabling the participants to be awarded with the RYLA Leadership Award certificate.

So, what is RYLA?

RYLA stands for **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards**. It is a week-long seminar that includes guest speakers, workshops, hands on learning experiences and opportunities to explore one's passions. RYLA is about engaging and building a network of like-minded people in a fun environment. The week-long seminar was designed and developed by the RYLA team over the last twelve months to create a space centred around the key principle of "challenge by choice", whereby participants have the power and are encouraged to find their own way of creating learning opportunities throughout the program. 'RYLarians' are provided with a smorgasbord of opportunities to push one's boundaries, learn and grow.

RYLA is a Rotary Youth Program, which means Rotary Cubs fundraise throughout the year to cover the cost of each participant.

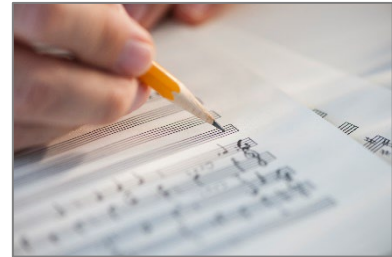
Paris Hindby was presented with her RYLA Youth Leadership Award by RYLA Committee Co-chair Trish Carr.



5.2.4 Youth Music Project

Planning commenced for a Youth Music Therapy project proposed by Mark Smith. This initiative is aimed at supporting the mental health of youth through music; at-risk youth will be engaged and supported in expressing themselves through music. This may include learning an instrument, starting a band, song writing and more.

This project is underway, but due to some unavoidable delays it is not yet complete. Funding has been secured and hopefully we will see the pilot program finished in Term 3 of 2022. Depending on how that works out, we may repeat the program next year.



6 Finance & Fundraising

6.1 Committee Report

Committee:

- John White – Chair;
- Annette Haworth – Vice Chair (Treasurer);
- Ken Barrett;
- Michael Jacobs;
- Monique Smith; and
- Ryan O’Shea.



Report:

Club fundraising for the last year has slowly improved as the threat of the pandemic reduced, allowing us to run more events thus improving the amount we raised.

This year we ran four BBQs at Bunnings Bayswater, November 20th, January 2nd, February 13th and April 17th. This was twice the number compared to the previous year. I would like to thank the many members who gave up part of their weekends to assist with the BBQ’s helping to make each of them a great success.

Another fundraiser that was a huge success was the Wine Raffle that Michael Jacobs ran in the last couple of months of the Rotary year. A total of 125 tickets at \$25 each sold very quickly. I am sure that we will run a similar raffle next year.

Details of this year’s Charity Golf Day, our major fundraiser for the year, are reported in the following **Section 6.2**.

The total of all funds raised this year from BBQ’s, Wine Raffle and Golf Day amounted to the very pleasing figure of nearly **\$20,000**.

Lastly, I would also like to thank my committee for their support throughout the year.



John White
Chair, Finance and Fundraising Committee 2021/22

6.2 Charity Golf Day

Our annual Charity Golf Day was this year run on Monday, 28th February 2022 at the Eastwood Golf Club, and was again a great success.

This year nearly 90 players hit off at 8:00am in the traditional shotgun start with the weather perfect on the day.

This day is our Club's biggest fundraiser of the year and our many sponsors again not only had a great day, they helped us raise what we believe to be a record amount for the golf day.



I would like to sincerely thank Ken for the incredible amount of work that he put in over many months getting all the teams that played on the day rounded up.

Thank you to those Club members who helped set up the raffle prizes in the club house and sold raffle tickets later over lunch. Also, to Eddie and Peter for distributing the sponsor signs around the course at 6:30am and collecting them after play ended.



The majority of the funds raised on the day were distributed to:

- **Knox Rocks Music Project**, to support local secondary students;
- **Different Journeys**, a local autistic peer support group; and
- **Rotary Club of Boronia Education Support Fund**, a program that supports needy primary school students with their education.

Our next Golf Day will be held on Monday, 20th February 2023.



7 Membership and Fellowship

7.1 Overview

Committee:

- Greg Mossop – Chair;
- Val Henry;
- Peter Van Zeyl;
- Stephen Spiers;
- Leigh Elsey;
- Lillian Daff;
- Doug Gibson; and
- John Poke.



Introduction:

What a year! Firstly, let me say that without the assistance of my wonderful committee we would not have achieved half the things we did. The team of Val Henry, Peter Van Zeyl, Stephen Spiers, Leigh Elsey, Lillian Daff, Doug Gibson and John Poke have worked exceptionally hard to achieve excellent results under some extreme conditions.

Greg Mossop
Membership and Fellowship Committee Chair 2021/22

7.2 Fellowship

Let's start with Fellowship. The start of the year was considerably restricted with COVID rearing its ugly head. Many proposed activities had to be delayed or cancelled as a result. We did, however, recommence the idea of birthday cards being sent to members; a great job Leigh.



The breakfast meeting was in its embryotic stage and was proposed to be held in February 2022. COVID was in full swing and having adverse effects on member's morale, so the concept of "phone a member" was started and was very successful in at least having members speak to each other in very difficult times. Not to be out done by COVID and now getting used to Zoom meetings we had "guess who is coming to zoom drinks and nibbles".

Our Christmas celebration was this year held at the Garfield Hotel and the event was well organised and enjoyable, thanks to Peter and the team. We even managed to induct a new member to the Club, Mel Karajas at the function and I believe created a first for the Club with her and Chris forming a father/daughter team.



The New Year saw somewhat of a lift in COVID restrictions, and the committee got to work with preparations for a new non-Zoom "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner"; a job well done thanks to Stephen and the rest of the team. As well, Val organised a visit to The Basin Theatre for a very funny and enjoyable afternoon culminating in dinner.



The month of May saw the results of the efforts mentioned above baring fruit, with the "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" being a great success and the "Business Breakfast meeting" being held. Both provided additional funds to the Club.

It would be remiss of me not to mention the incredible effort put in by Doug as the Club's welfare officer. As well as having to support members through the pandemic and the effects that had on all our emotions, Doug had to advise the Club of the struggles and final passing of three of our members. Doug was awarded a well-deserved Paul Harris Fellow award at our changeover for his efforts.

7.3 Membership

At the time of writing this report, I understand our Club is the leader in District 9810 in both overall and percentage growth for the year which is an excellent result by any standard. The program we commenced almost two years ago continues to yield excellent results.



New members this year are:

- Jarom Deeks;
- John Poke;
- Ray Siegersma;
- Geraint Gardner;
- Susan Hanger;
- Mel Karajas;
- Julien Karolos;
- Ryan O'Shea;
- Dushan Perera; and
- Jackson Taylor.

At the time of compiling this report we have 14 people on our pending list as well as 40 who have indicated that they are interested in joining sometime in the future ranging from a few weeks to six years.

These results have been the envy of a number of clubs and the process we employ has been shared at both District and Zone level.

With this level of new members joining the Club a revamped mentoring program has been established, and we now have 18 established members who have offered to support new members in a revamped and systematic mentoring program.

My thanks go to all of the Club members who have in anyway contributed to our success this year and look forward to continuing our growth in forthcoming years.

7.4 Welfare

While our Club has continued strongly over the past year together with membership growth despite the continuation of COVID, sadly we have lost three of our valued members to conditions not related to the COVID outbreak.

We also had other members who have or are experiencing significant health issues. Some members suffered through accidents during this Rotary year, however, most are fully recovered or are undergoing treatment.



It was with a great deal of sadness we experienced the loss of the following members:

- Rotarian Judy Jacobs 28th October 2021
- Rotarian Wal Goodwin (Charter Member) 15th December 2021
- Rotarian Carolynn McManus (Past President) 13th April 2022

Welfare Officer

Doug Gibson
Welfare Officer 2021/22

7.5 Business Breakfast

On Thursday, 5th May 2022 we held an inaugural Business Breakfast, which was aimed at promoting the Club to the local business community as well as raising funds for one of our projects. The event, which was held at the Kilsyth Club, was well attended with 32 guests who enjoyed a hearty breakfast.

Guest speaker, Julien Burnside QC provided a thought-provoking address on climate change, which prompted many questions and lively discussion from the audience. We were also entertained by talented local musician, Damien Cappy.



The feedback was that it was a great event with the potential to grow. Well done to all who were involved; hopefully, we can pursue this type of event again.

8 Club Service



8.1 Club Service Report

Club Service focuses on the effective functioning of the Club. It involves a range of activities, including (for example):

- maintaining our membership;
- ensuring that our members remain informed and involved;
- ensuring that our weekly meetings are interesting, engaging and well controlled; and
- overseeing our engagement with the broader Rotary organisation, including our contributions to The Rotary Foundation.

Our Club continued to operate effectively during the 2021/2022 Rotary year and we continued to make some great contributions.

Some points of note are as follows:

- **COVID Pandemic:**

The COVID-19 pandemic continued to impact the Club's operation, primarily by preventing in-person meetings for a large part of the year. It was necessary to return to online meetings for much of July through to early November 2021 and again for the early part of 2022.

Project activities continued to be restrained during these periods; however, we were able to return to relative normality in the later part of the Rotary year. For example, we were able to proceed with our Golf Day in February 2022 (refer **Section 6.2**) and were pleased to be able to return our annual ANZAC Day commemoration for local schools in April 2022 (refer **Section 4.2.5**).

- **Hybrid Meetings:**



Following the return to in-person meetings, it was decided to provide the facility for members/guests to attend online. The concept of “hybrid meetings” was introduced, with President Peter Dalwood leading the charge both for our Club and more broadly at District level. The required IT equipment was assembled, and we were soon accredited as a “Hybrid Meeting Club”.

- **Program:**

Notwithstanding his move to Benalla mid-year, Program Chair Stephen Payne continued to provide a program of very interesting guest speakers and/or activities for our meetings throughout the year. Our speakers have both educated us and inspired us to continue our work in the community.

Details of our meeting program during 2021/2022 are presented in **Section 8.6**.

- **Bulletin:**

New to the role this year, Bulletin Editor Monique Smith produced a high quality and informative weekly Bulletin throughout the year, bringing her own finesse to this important publication. The Bulletin remains the primary mechanism (apart from attendance at Club meetings) for ensuring that our members are appropriately informed.

- **Sergeant-at-Arms:**

As well as keeping meetings to order, our Sergeant-at-Arms, Val Henry again kept us well entertained during her weekly sessions. It can be an arduous task to continually identify interesting and innovative ways to extract fines from members; however, Val managed to present a fun and informative session each week.

- **Public Relations:**

Glenn Tippett has continued to maintain our Facebook page, posting regular updates about our meetings and other Club activities, and other related items of interest. Our following has grown both locally and internationally and now total almost 450 people.



Our Club website continued to present items of interest when made available. All members are encouraged to provide details of our activities and upcoming events so that relevant information can be incorporated.

- **District Conference:**

District Conference this year was a hybrid event, with online sessions on Friday night, 25th March and in-person sessions at the Caulfield Racecourse on Saturday, 26th March. A Gala Dinner was held on the Saturday night.

Unfortunately, our Club had minimal representation with only President Peter Dalwood and one other member attending.



- **Foundation:**

As detailed in **Section 8.2**, our Club again provided strong support to The Rotary Foundation. We were also able to derive some benefit (by way of a District Grant) from our ongoing contributions.

Prepared on behalf of ...

John Poke

President Elect 2021/22 and Club Service Chair

8.2 Foundation

Annual Foundation Giving:



This year the Club contributed the sum of A\$4,000 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.

Centurion Club (Every Rotarian Every Year):



As in previous years, Club members have continued their strong support of the annual giving program with fifteen (15) members giving \$A100 or more per annum to The Rotary Foundation.

Contributions can be made at our weekly meetings to accumulate this amount over the year. Alternatively, members can arrange either monthly, quarterly or annual direct debits to the Foundation as another convenient method of donation.

Paul Harris Society:

Additionally, five (5) Club members continued their support of The Rotary Foundation through membership of the Paul Harris Society, which requires an annual contribution of US \$1,000 per annum.



District Grants:

The Club was again successful in obtaining a District Grant of \$2,000, this time in support of the "Knox Rocks" Youth Music Project (refer **Section 5.2.4**). The benefits of this grant have been carried through to the 2021/22 Rotary year when the project will be fully implemented.

Paul Harris Fellowships:



This year, Paul Harris Fellows (PHFs) were awarded to Bernadette Vanderwolde, Mark Smith, Monique Smith, Doug Gibson, Glenn Tippett, Janet Windebank and Annette Haworth in recognition of the significant contributions each have made to the Club's activities (refer **Section 2.3**). Each PHF is reflective of a donation of US\$1,000 having been made to The Rotary Foundation in the name of the recipient.

John White and Jim Sly also received further PHFs in recognition of their self-contributions to The Rotary Foundation through the Centurion Club.

Prepared on behalf of ...

Bernadette Vanderwolde
Foundation Chair

8.3 Public Relations



This year has been a great one for the Club in many ways and it has been an honour to be part of such a vibrant and energetic Club.

The public relations committee members this year were, Glenn Tippett, Jim Sly, Lance Deveson and Richard Spinosa-Cattela. We have individually and collectively promoted the Club and its projects very

successfully; congratulations to each member on the work they have done over the year:

- Jim Sly has worked tirelessly on our website to keep it updated and current, with promotional articles on major events throughout the year.
- Lance Deveson is the committee wordsmith and has written several media releases and articles for the local newspapers and social media sites, with several being copied into other community sites.
- Richard Spinosa-Cattela produced several large banners which were placed at key areas in Knox Council promoting Rotary's Centenary in Australia. He also created a slide show of the projects and events that the Club undertook during the year, which was run on a continuous rotation at District Conference. He also produced a smaller and quicker version for our Facebook page.
- Glenn Tippett managed the Facebook page; our page continues to grow with an audience at the time of this report of seven hundred and ten followers worldwide and ninety-eight people in the private member's group. This gives us an estimated audience of between seventeen and twenty thousand views around the world to each post.



Our efforts culminated in our Club being recognised with a District award for Public Relations and Communications.

The best form of public relations is to be seen by our community actively doing things that aren't necessarily trying to raise money for the Club, but just showing that we as a Club care. The list of events and projects that the Club has run during the year is extensive and I am sure have been covered throughout this Annual Report.

Congratulations to President Peter Dalwood on your year; it was an honour and pleasure to be part of your year.

Glenn Tippett
Public Relations Chair

8.4 Bulletin



I Joined the Rotary Club of Boronia in May 2021. Mark and I attended the Changeover, and I was talked into becoming the new Bulletin Editor.

I agreed, but was a little nervous, as I was very new to the “Rotary world”. I had big shoes to fill; Val Henry already produced a wonderful bulletin. She made the transition for me very easy, with loads of info and support to get me going. Thank you Val.

Hopefully you welcomed the new bulletin format, and that I provided members with all the necessary information regarding both Club and District activities. It was a very fast learning curve for me, but a great way to learn all things Rotary.

I received wonderful positive feedback from members and from DG Daryl Moran in regards to our bulletin. It was a pleasure to work on it weekly. Thank you to all for your contribution and support to me, to be able to create an interesting bulletin for you each week.

I really enjoyed getting to know you all as Bulletin Editor, and now time to learn more about Rotary as Secretary for the 2022-2023 year. Mel Karajas will be taking on the role as Bulletin Editor; I am sure she will do a wonderful job.

Monique Smith
Bulletin Editor 2021/22

8.5 Program

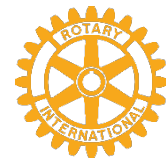
The 2021/22 Rotary year again featured a varied program of guest speakers and Club focussed activities at our weekly meetings. Program Chair, Stephen Payne continued this challenging role following his move to Benalla mid-year.

A summary listing of the year's meeting program is as follows:

- July 2021:
 - 6th Club Assembly/Committee Meetings.
 - 13th Strategic Review workshop.
 - 20th Speaker – Mick Quinn, Vietnam Veterans Advocate.
 - 27th Speaker – Joan Smith, Polio Survivor and Author (*The Calliper Kids*).
- August 2021:
 - 3rd Speaker – Amy Maddision, Hush Foundation.
 - 10th Committee meetings.
 - 17th Speaker – Richard Spinosa-Cattela, Rotary Club of Boronia – Rotarian Behind the Badge.
 - 24th Speaker – Past District Governor, Malcolm Chiverton – Youth Services.
 - 31st Speaker – Jenny Boymal and Noirin Mosley, Project Optimism, and Victor Perton, Centre for Optimism – Optimism.
- September 2021:
 - 7th Speaker – Jackson Taylor, State Member for Bayswater.
 - 14th Committee meetings.
 - 21st Speaker – Saskia Adams, Forever Friends Animal Rescue.
 - 28th Presentation of draft Club Strategic Plan.
- October 2021:
 - 5th Speaker – Harold Sharp, Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC) – presentation on the work of ROMAC.
 - 12th Committee meetings.
 - 19th District Governor, Daryl Moran – Official Visit.
 - 26th Emily McKie, Leisure Networks – Online Seminar: Mental Health Awareness.



- November 2021:
 - 2nd No Meeting – Public Holiday.
 - 9th Committee meetings.
 - 16th Speaker – Alan Tudge, Federal Member for Aston.
 - 23rd Speaker – Linda Black, Insighting Peace – Mental and Emotional Stress.
 - 30th Annual General Meeting.
- December 2021:
 - 7th Speaker – Mel Spencer and Emily Dive, Different Journeys – Autism Support Group.
 - 14th Committee meetings.
 - 21st Informal meeting at the Knox Club.
- January 2022:
 - 11th Informal Fellowship Meeting – Picnic at Knox Arboretum [cancelled due to COVID].
 - 18th Committee Meetings.
 - 25th Club Assembly.
- February 2022:
 - 1st Speaker – Fiona Demark – Inspirational speaker and resilience coach.
 - 8th Committee meetings.
 - 15th Speaker – Brian Negus, District 9810 Membership Committee – Engaging our members.
 - 22nd Speaker – Stephen Spiers, Rotary Club of Boronia – Ride for Medical Research.
- March 2022:
 - 1st Speaker – Mary McGowan, Children’s Cancer Foundation.
 - 8th Committee meetings.
 - 15th Speaker – Val Henry, Rotary Club of Boronia – Rotarian Behind the Badge.
 - 22nd Speaker – Cherie Ramsay, Disaster Aid Australia.
 - 29th Speaker – John Faulkner, Knox Community Gardens.
- April 2022:
 - 5th Fellowship night – Boronia Bowling Club.
 - 12th Committee meetings.
 - 19th Club Assembly – President Elect John Poke plans for next Rotary year.
 - 26th Speaker – Marlene Sinclair, Toastmasters (and Rotary Club of Croydon/Montrose) – Toastmasters and the benefits it offers.



- May 2022:
 - 3rd Speaker – Geoff Parkes, Nasho Fair Go – Plight of Vietnam Veterans.
 - 10th Committee Meetings.
 - 17th Speaker – Ray Siegersma, Rotary Club of Boronia – Rotarian Behind the Badge.
 - 24th Speaker – Councillor Susan Laukens – Mayor, City of Knox.
 - 31st Speaker – James Grima, MANonline – Mens Health.
- June 2022:
 - 7th Speaker – Lyn Hollingworth, Croydon Park Probus Club.
 - 14th Committee Meetings.
 - 21st No meeting (in lieu of Club Changeover on 19th June).
 - 28th Fellowship night – Hard Road Brewing.



Although it has been another challenging year with a combination of both online and in-person meetings, the Club has again been provided with an excellent meeting program.

Prepared on behalf of ...

Steve Payne

Program Coordinator 2021/22

8.6 Sergeant-at-Arms

It's been my pleasure to be the Sergeant of Arms and extract money from Club members through the fines session at our weekly Knox Club meetings.

Of course, the majority of members are "perfect" although they are also a little nervous when they see me approaching. At times it has been difficult to find a story which is always done with a bit of fun and no malice on my part or through member's cross fines.

I'd like to thank the members for their good spirit and paying up their \$1 (or more) to boost our Club's fundraising efforts.

Val Henry
Sergeant-at-Arms 2021/22



8.7 Membership at a Glance

Details of our Club membership and associated activities are presented in **Section 7.3**.

Club Membership at a Glance is as follows:

- Members Lost During 2021/2022:
 - Judy Jacobs (passed away 28 October 2021);
 - Wal Goodwin (passed away 15 December 2021);
 - Carolynn McManus (passed away 13 April 2022).
- New Members During 2021/2022:
 - Jarom Deeks (6 July 2021);
 - John Poke (20 July 2021);
 - Ray Siegersma (19 October 2021);
 - Jackson Taylor (19 October 2021).
 - LJ Hooker Boronia (Corporate member), represented by Julien Karolos (19 October 2021);
 - Mel Karajas (19 December 2021);
 - Ryan O'Shea (18 January 2022);
 - Dushan Perera (25 January 2022); and
 - Susan Hanger (15 March 2022);
 - Geraint Gardner (28 June 2022);
- Honorary Members 2021/2022:
 - Stephen Payne;
 - Jayne Zunneberg.
- Total Membership:

During 2021/22, our total membership increased from thirty-seven (37) to a total of forty-four (44) members, comprising:

 - 42 Financial; and
 - 2 Honorary.



A list of our members as of 30 June 2022 is presented in **Appendix B**.

9 Australian Rotary Health – Ride for Medical Research



BENALLA TO VIOLET TOWN



Kelly Country Encounters, the 2022 Rotary Ride for Medical Research, was the 35th annual ride.

A great time was had by everyone, both riders and support crew, touring around the Wangaratta area in Victoria's Northeast. The weather was kind to us with perhaps the exception of the high wind on the first day. The injection of funds into the local area's economy was much appreciated, with one business opening on a day of normal closure to provide lunch to the team. The painted silos from Tungamah to Gooramah were certainly spectacular, as was the diverse scenery we rode through to complete the 580km

challenge, including the King Valley, Rutherglen, Beechworth and Eldorado.

In excess of a third of the participants this year were non-Rotarians. This number seems to be growing with each ride, and some of these people have become some of our largest fundraisers. Great new friendships were formed and many renewed; the camaraderie was terrific.

The profile of Rotary and Australian Rotary Health was lifted as we progressed, with many of the non-Rotarians ramping up their fund raising on return from the ride, once an understanding of what we are about was gained.

Along with the **Mad March Cycle Challenge**, this year we raised \$33,028.00 for Australian Rotary Health, bringing the total raised to **\$1,243,528.00**.





Much enthusiasm for another ride next year has already been expressed by the participants this year. Basing the ride in a single location, although a challenge to organise, was much appreciated, so we are looking at doing something similar around Bendigo in 2023. Keep an eye out for details when they become available.

The 2023 ride will be the last as part of District 9810, before joining with 9820 to become District 9815. We hope it will be a well subscribed and supported ride; expressions of interest are already being received.

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

2022 Committee:

Stephen Spiers, David Brown, Karen Brown, Gonny Rundell, Nicole Osner, Eddie Post, Will Mckeown, Peter Dalwood, Glenn Tippett, Ken Barrett and John White.

10 In Memoriam

Vale Judy Jacobs

(Passed 28 October 2021)

Judy joined the Rotary Club of Boronia on 26 June 2012, along with four other members of the former Rotary Club of Wantirna when that Club handed back its Charter. Judy had been a member of the Rotary Club of Wantirna from November 2003 until June 2012.

Judy was a quiet but determined person, who has been described as an “active foot soldier” that supported the activities of both the Wantirna and Boronia Clubs. Judy did not accept more senior roles, such as a Board member; such positions did not suit either her style or personality.



Some specific examples of Judy’s involvement include:

- Supporting regular sausage sizzles run by the Wantirna Club at the Wantirna Shopping Mall;
- Behind the scenes support of other Club activities; and
- Support of and involvement in Club social activities.

In June 2004, the Rotary Club of Wantirna formed the Wantirna Heights Probus Club. Judy was one of several Rotarians that joined the new Probus Club to help in its establishment.

Judy’s involvement in Rotary was always strongly supported and assisted by her husband, Ken. Although not a Rotarian, Ken may well have been given the high level of support he provided to the work of both the Wantirna and Boronia Clubs. Ken’s role in the world of cricket led to the Rotary Club of Wantirna’s most significant funding event, at which Ken spoke of his role in organising managing the 2008 World Cup Cricket Tournament in the West Indies.

Judy is remembered by her fellow Rotarians as a loyal and involved member of the Rotary Club of Boronia, and previously the Rotary Club of Wantirna.

Vale Walter (Wal) Goodwin

(29 April 1921 to 15 December 2021)

Walter (“Wal” or “Wally) Goodwin was one of the 25 Charter Members of the Club when it was chartered on 25th April 1968. When he passed on 15th December 2021, he had ‘clocked up’ more than 53½ years of *Service above Self*.



During these 50-plus years, Wal served on each of the Club’s Avenue of Service committees (Community, International, Vocational and Youth/New Generations) numerous times, in most cases as a member rather than a committee lead.

This was reflective of Wal’s involvement as a “quiet achiever”, an attribute to which our longer serving members will readily attest. When undertaking any project, you would generally find Wal working quietly in the background, whether it be (for example):



- on traffic management “point duty” during the Christmas Parade and Charity Day in 1983 (and the many other years that this event was run), or
- a regular sight as a collector of gold coin entry donations at the monthly Farmer’s Markets that we ran in the early 2000’s.

There were some specific highlights to Wal’s Rotary involvement:

- He was Club Treasurer for the 1971/72 year, the Club’s fourth year of operation.
- As Publicity Officer in 1980/81, he was responsible for producing a “Rotary in Action” double page spread in the local Knox News, a project that was recognised with special mention in Rotary District Circles.
- As Vocational Service Chair in 1981/82, he organised a number of activities, including (for example):
 - a visit the Rotary Club of Hastings, which was combined with a guided tour of the Lysaght Complex; and
 - a small business forum with high profile speakers that was held at the Knox Club; this was the forerunner to similar events conducted periodically over subsequent years.
- Wal took on the role of Time Vault Chairman, managing the records of those who chose to place an envelope in the Rotary Club of Boronia Time Vault which was interred as part of the opening of the Knox Arboretum, during the Australian Bicentennial Celebrations in 1988.
- In 1992/93, he chaired the Club’s Rotary International Convention Committee, which managed the Club’s involvement in the Home Hosting Program during this Melbourne event.
- He either chaired or was a member of the Club History Committee over several years leading to publication of the Club’s 30-year history in 1998.

Wal was a multiple Paul Harris Fellow. His service through Rotary was recognised by the original award in May 1998 and subsequently with three sapphires, which in each case acknowledged a contribution of \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation in his name.

It was with honour that the Club was able to acknowledge Wal's 100th Birthday on the night that we also celebrated 100 years of Rotary in Australia on 27th April 2021, two days short of his actual birthday. Not too many Clubs can claim to have a centenarian as an active member!

As demonstration of his commitment to Rotary, Wal was still driving himself to Rotary until attendance at our meeting venue was curtailed due to COVID; there were offers to collect him and return him home, but he remained independent until the end. Many of us have fond memories of Wal, wearing his blue blazer sitting in his usual seat next to fellow Charter Member, Doug Gibson with a small beer in reach.



Wal did not participate in the online meetings during the time that they became the norm. Unfortunately, he didn't get to make our most recent return to face-to-face meetings; our newer members are all the poorer for not having had the opportunity to meet him.

All members that knew him will continue to hold very fond memories of Wal Goodwin; a true gentleman who was respected by all.

ValeCarolynn McManus

(Passed 12 April 2022)

After lots of questions and careful consideration (she was a busy lady), Carolynn joined the Rotary Club of Boronia on 20 March 2001.

Carolynn quickly became involved, having many roles on several Club committees. She was chair of the Fellowship Committee within two years of joining our Club, and then moved on to chair the Vocational Service Committee.

Carolynn served as the fortieth President of our Club in 2007/08, just six years after joining. More importantly, she was the first woman to hold the Presidential role in our Club. Carolynn's motivation, energy and ability ensured that her wish list of projects had all been completed by year end.

In subsequent years Carolynn served as Program Chair, which involved arranging an interesting and varied program of speakers; Community Service Chair; International Service Chair; and Sergeant-at-Arms, a role in which she provided leadership and humour whilst she enjoyed extracting fines from Club members.

Some specific Club activities in which Carolynn was involved include:

- 2006 Commonwealth Games accommodation cleaning project;
- Melbourne Marathon support team;
- Member of the RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) organising committee; and
- Hosting of inbound Youth Exchange Students.

Carolynn's service to Rotary was recognised by the award of a Paul Harris Fellowship in 2008/09 and the addition of a Sapphire in 2017/18.

Carolynn is remembered as an active and committed Rotarian; she was considered a "dear friend" and "an energetic, positive, fun loving, inspirational member of the Club". She is sadly missed.



Appendix A Club Photograph



Rotary Club of Boronia
Members present at Club meeting – 26th July 2022

Appendix B Club Members as at 30 June 2022

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	IT Systems Analyst (Retired)	Pam
DEEKS Jarom	Cattery Operator	Erin
DEVESON Lance	Information Services	Liz
ELSEY Leigh	Manufacturing	Betty
GARDNER Geraint	Real Estate Agency	Nicole
GIBSON Doug	Menswear Retail	Ellen
HANGER Susan	Counselling Service	Brian
HAWORTH Annette	Pre-School Teaching	
HENRY Valerie	Retired	
JACOBS Michael	Law - General Practice	Julianne
JENKINS Alan	Business Consultant	Val
KARAJAS Chris	Public Service (Retired)	Karen
KARAJAS Melanie		
LJ HOOKER Boronia represented by KAROLOS Julien	Real Estate Agency	
MALDEN Peter	Telecommunications	Jan
MIFSUD Jane	Massage Therapy	David
MOSSOP Greg	Occupational Rehabilitation	Janine
O'SHEA Ryan	Tax and Audit Accountant	Marcia
PAYNE Stephen	Honorary	Lillian
PERERA Dushan	Refrigeration Equipment Import and Export	Niranjala
POKE John	Fundraiser	Mary
POST Eddie	Tanning	Michele
RUNDELL Gonny	Commercial Property Management	John
SIEGERSMA Ray		Annette
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
TAYLOR Jackson	Member of Parliament	
THOMPSON Maria	Clinical Counselling (Psychology)	

Member	Classification	Partner
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 2021/22 Committee Membership

Community and International Service:

Paul Cassidy – Chair
Eddie Post
Heather Anderson
Jarom Deeks
Ray Siegersma
Susan Hanger
Jennifer Critchlow (Environment)
Gonny Rundell (Homeless Project)
Peter Malden (Taveuni Projects Liaison)
Lance Deveson (Knox Council Liaison)

Youth and Vocational Service:

Jane Mifsud – Chair
Chris Karajas
Mel Karajas
Maria Thompson
Julien Karolos
Mark Smith
Bruce Crago

Public Image:

Glenn Tippett – Chair (Facebook/Printing)
Jim Sly (Website)
Lance Deveson
Richard Spinosa-Cattela (Signage)
Jackson Taylor

Club Service:

John Poke – Chair/President Elect
Janet Windebank – Vice Chair (Secretary)

Bulletin Editor:

Monique Smith

Sergeant-at-Arms:

Val Henry

Club Welfare:

Doug Gibson

Club History and Archives:

Jim Sly
Lance Deveson

Facebook Administrators:

Glenn Tippett
Peter Dalwood

Membership and Fellowship:

Greg Mossop – Chair
Stephen Spiers
Peter Van Zeyl
Val Henry
Leigh Elsey
John Poke
Lillian Daff
Doug Gibson (Club Welfare Officer)

Finance and Fundraising:

John White – Chair
Annette Haworth – Vice Chair (Treasurer)
Ken Barrett
Michael Jacobs
Monique Smith
Ryan O'Shea

Foundation:

Bernadette Vanderwolde – Chair/IPP
Neville Windebank
Peter Malden

Attendance/Knox Club Liaison:

John White

Technology Support:

Peter Dalwood
Jim Sly

Club Photographer:

Glenn Tippett

Club Protection/Risk Management Officer:

Bernadette Vanderwolde

Website Administrator:

Jim Sly

Project Working Groups/Lead Roles:

Business Breakfasts:

Ryan O'Shea – Chair
Jane Mifsud
Monique Smith
Glenn Tippett
Greg Mossop
Mel Karajas
John Poke

Youth Music Project:

Mark Smith – Chair
Maria Thompson
Lance Deveson
Jane Mifsud

Annual Golf Day:

John White
Ken Barrett

Little Street Libraries:

Lance Deveson

Knox Infolink – Boronia Breakfasts Project:

Paul Cassidy

District Committee Membership:

Community Service Committee:

Bernadette Vanderwolde – Chair

District Legal Advisor:

Michael Jacobs

PROBUS Committee:

Bruce Crago – Deputy Chair

Water and Sanitation Committee:

Jim Sly

Australian Rotary Health (ARH) Committee:

Maria Thompson – Chair
Val Henry
Lance Deveson

Homeless Support Project:

Gonny Rundell – Chair
Greg Mossop
Lance Deveson
Lillian Daff
Stephen Payne

ANZAC Day Commemoration for Schools:

Lance Deveson
Glenn Tippett

Bunnings Liaison:

Glenn Tippett
John White

Knox Infolink – Food Voucher Project:

John White

Different Journeys Liaison:

Paul Cassidy

D9810 Project Funds Ltd:

Neville Windebank – Company Secretary

Membership Committee:

Greg Mossop

Technology Committee:

Peter Dalwood

Ride for Medical Research Committee:

Stephen Spiers – Co-Chair
Peter Dalwood
John White
Ken Barrett
Gonny Rundell
Lance Deveson
Eddie Post

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 2021/22



- **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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