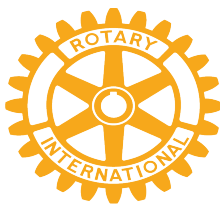


# Rotary

Club of North Ryde



The Red Rumped Parrot

# 2019-20 Annual Report



Rotary Opens Opportunities

## ANNUAL CELEBRATION DINNER PROGRAM 24 OCTOBER 2020

<b>6.30 – 7.00</b>	<b>Registration</b>  <b>Pre-dinner drinks</b> at the table
<b>7.00 – 7.15</b>	<b>Welcome</b> – Mandy Van JP (President 2020-2021)  <b>Introduce MC</b> - Stephen Sim (Honorary Member)  <b>Rotary thanks</b> – Mandy Van: <i>For good food, good fellowship and the opportunity of service through Rotary, we give thanks.</i>  <b>Toast</b> to Australia and its people – Mandy Van
<b>7.15 – 7.30</b>	<b>Year in Review</b> 2019-2020 – Mak Khalil  <b>Toast to Rotary International</b> – Rob Wilkinson  <b>Response</b> – DG David Clark
<b>7.30</b>	<b>Dinner Service</b> – Main Course
<b>8.00 – 8.20</b>	<b>Presentation of Paul Harris Award</b> – Rob Wilkinson (Introduction) and DG David Clark
<b>8.20 – 8.35</b>	<b>Why I joined Rotary</b> – Bernie Mason
<b>8.35</b>	<b>Dinner Service</b> - Dessert - Tea and coffee can be ordered from wait staff at own expense
<b>8:35 – 8:40</b>	<b>Raffle tickets and money collection</b>
<b>8.40 – 8:50</b>	<b>Presentation of donations</b> (Photos & Messages)
<b>8:50 – 9:00</b>	<b>Community Service Award</b> – Pat Perrin, Annette Billington, David Martin assisted by DG David Clark
<b>9.00 – 9.15</b>	<b>Thanks to 2019-20 Board</b> – Mak Khalil  <b>Presentation of the New Board 2020-21</b> – Mandy Van  <b>Incoming President's year ahead</b> – Mandy Van
<b>9.15 – 9.30</b>	<b>Raffle prizes</b> draw – DG David Clark, assisted by Pam Wood, Juliet Chen, Garry Maloney, Victoria Crawford, David Martin
<b>9.30</b>	<b>Thanks, close and statement</b> Advance Australia – Mandy Van

## The President's Year in Review - Mak Khalil

The Rotary Club of North Ryde is a small club with 19 members and 1 Honorary member. The 2019 -20 Rotary year was one of major challenges with drought, bushfires and COVID-19, however our major activities included:

- *Meetings with informative speakers at Dunmore Lang College.*
- *Enjoyable social functions.*
- *The North Ryde Fun Run for Youth Mental Health.*
- *The Tree of Joy at Cox's Road Mall.*
- *Carols on the Common in partnership with the Rotary Club of Macquarie Park.*
- *Hosting French exchange student Palmyre Desmarez.*
- *BBQ and Book stall at Cox's Road Mall in February.*
- *Trivia Night in March to support Youth Programs and the RAWCS Bushfire appeal.*
- *Amending the club Constitution and By- Laws which now include Corporate Membership.*

Our main charity fundraising and giving was directed to: ROMAC (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children); Australian Rotary Health; Macquarie University Centre for Emotional Health; our local schools; the Rotary drought relief and bushfire appeals; Riding for the Disabled; North Ryde Community Aid and Information Centre; Shelterbox; the Smith Family; New Horizons; Macquarie Hospital; St Michael's Mission and St Vincent De Paul.

The COVID-19 global pandemic has been a major challenge to the world and our club. We had to cancel face -to-face activities as of March 13 including a speech by Palmyre on her year in Australia and meeting her visiting parents. The only exception was a social meeting at Blenheim Park in North Ryde. President Elect Mandy Van hosted a number of Zoom meetings.

Many thanks to the following:

- *Our sponsors, friends and volunteers.*
- *DG Kalma McLellan and ADG Julie Thorp.*
- *Board members: PP Pam Wood, PE Mandy Van Secretary - club photographer and host of ZOOM meetings, Treasurer Sandeep Rath, Directors David Martin, Garry Maloney, Victoria Crawford, Pat Perrin and Brian Powell.*
- *All club members for their hard work and dedication to serve.*
- *PP Rob Wilkinson, former Chairman of ROMAC.*
- *Honorary Member, Stephen Sim for acting as MC at the Fun Run, Carols on the Common and Quiz master for the Trivia Night and his ongoing support of the club.*
- *Past members and partners supporting the Rotary Club of North Ryde including Past Presidents Liane Corbett and Maggie Alexander, Mike Hetherington, Gwen Martin, Carolin Wilkinson, Ian Crawford,*
- *Ian Van, Steve Perrin, Terrie and Mark McConnell, Helen Crouch, Julie Stone, Gita Sankaran and Rajesh Maheshwari.*
- *Our guest speakers who enlightened our mornings with valuable knowledge.*
- *The Rotary Clubs of Macquarie Park, Ryde and Eastwood- Gladesville; Ryde City Council; the Hon. John Alexander MP, OAM; The Hon. Victor Dominello MP; Macquarie University Centre for Emotional Health and Dunmore Lang College.*

Whilst we have a small membership, our club has worked hard to have a strong and positive profile in the local community. Our Community Service Director, Pat Perrin has enthusiastically and tirelessly driven the many activities over many years, particularly the Tree of Joy and the Christmas Lunch for the clients of North Ryde Community Aid. She has built very strong links with the local community and is well-respected among the local businesses. We regret that PP Pat Perrin who served at both club and district levels will retire as of 1 July, we wish her well and hope she'll be able to attend some of our future functions. We believe Pat has set the bar very high for future Directors and we hope we have built on the foundations she has established.

## Community Service - Pat Perrin and Annette Billington

Our Community Service Program 2019-20 commenced with the North Ryde Fun Run for Youth Mental Health which was held on Sunday 25 August 2019 at the Macquarie University Sports Grounds. The Fun Run was held in partnership with Macquarie University Sports, Macquarie University Colleges and the Centre for Emotional Health. Sponsorship was gained from local businesses in North Ryde and Macquarie Park.

North Ryde RSL sponsored a school prize to encourage local schools to participate in the event. A grant for \$5000 was also received from the NSW Ministry for Health.

Prior to the event the Centre for Emotional Health provided two seminars focusing on Youth Mental Health. Club members assisted with the promotion of the seminars, introduced the guest speakers and provided supper for attendees whilst also promoting the Fun Run.

Over 50 Volunteers assisted on the day. They included members from other local Rotary Clubs including Ryde, Macquarie Park and Eastwood-Gladesville Clubs as well as North Ryde members and friends; Rotary Youth Exchange Host families and exchange students; East Ryde Scouts; Rotaract members and Medical and Physiotherapy students from Macquarie University. The Hon. John Alexander MP. OAM attended and opened the event, along with CEH Ambassador Michael Wells from the Waratahs Rugby Team. Honorary member, Stephen Sim was the MC for the event

This year the Fun Run raised \$15000 with approximately 200 participants from the local area including university students and local school families. Of this amount Australian Rotary Health received \$8000 and the Centre for Emotional Health \$4000. A further \$950 was given to North Ryde Public School for a Wellbeing Program for Stage 3 students. Funds were also set aside to sponsor a candidate for the RYLA and RYPEN programs and a team from Ryde Secondary College to participate in MUNA.



The Club also provides a donation to 5 local Primary schools of \$500 each and \$1000 to Ryde Secondary School to support programs for the students. The Principals or teacher representatives from Truscott Street PS, Kent Road PS, North Ryde PS, Ryde East PS, Holy Spirit Primary School North Ryde and Ryde Secondary College attended a club breakfast meeting at Dunmore Lang College where they were presented with the cheques and gave our members an overview of their school's activities and programs that we support.



Throughout this Rotary year, the club has been building a relationship with Riding for the Disabled at Marsfield. The club worked with the Rotary Club of Macquarie Park to enable the construction of a mobile mounting ramp for the centre. Our club provided a donation of \$2000 towards the ramp. We also held our club Christmas party at the Centre and provided another donation of \$500 to help purchase feed for the horses following the effects of catastrophic bushfires and drought on the cost of feed.

Following the Fun Run, club members worked with the Rotary Club of Macquarie Park to plan and deliver the Annual Carols on the Common in December. Months of planning with both clubs culminated in raising \$7000 from the sale of glow sticks etc and the bucket collection throughout the night to support the Rotary Bushfire Appeal. Of this money, approx \$1700 went towards the purchase of 6x P3 full face respirator masks for the Warringah Rural Fire Service. The remainder of funds raised was donated to the RAWCS south coast appeal for the Bega, Merimbula and Pambula areas.

The Carols are supported by local community members, groups and businesses; Ryde Council; The Hon. John Alexander MP. OAM and The Hon. Victor Dominello MP. Stephen Sim once again, was MC for the event.

Throughout November and December, the Rotary Club of North Ryde set up the Tree of Joy at Cox's Road Mall. Donations and gifts from the Tree of Joy were donated to North Ryde Community Aid and Information Centre Inc., the Smith Family, St Vincent De Paul, Macquarie Hospital and New Horizons Aged Care. This year over 8000 gifts were donated.

Bendigo Bank donated \$1000 towards the purchase of gifts and Cox's Road Mall Management provided storage for the gifts as they came in throughout the month. Businesses in the Mall also provided support for the Tree of Joy including Ritchies IGA Super Market, North Ryde Pharmacy, Caffè InContro and Cox's Road Fruit Market.

On Thursday 6 December the club sponsored the annual Christmas Party for the clients of North Ryde Community Aid and Information Centre Inc. The club applied for a \$2000 Community grant from Ryde Council which covered the cost of food and drink and transport for the clients. Seven members of the club helped serve the food prepared by North Ryde RSL and worked with other volunteers from local Corporate Companies to set up, serve drinks and clean up.

In February 2020 we held a BBQ and Book Stall at Cox's Road Mall. Some of the funds raised from the BBQ and Book stall also went towards the Rotary Bushfire appeal.

We were delighted to be awarded a District 9685 Community Service Award 2019-20 for a small club.





## Youth - Pam Bennett

The year started well as we welcomed our new exchange student, Palmyre Desmarez, from France. Palmyre was a very popular student and we thank our host families for hosting her. Maria and Everard Vaz, Jenn and James Nowiczewski and Sharon and Robert Sullivan. The Balian family were due to host Palmyre but due to the pandemic, Palmyre returned home with her parents. Palmyre's parents arrived for a holiday just prior to lockdown so Palmyre was able to travel with them before they decided to take her back to France with them because of the difficulty in getting flights.



Sadly, a lot of the activities for the students had to be cancelled due to the pandemic and they did not get to go on their Safari trip around Australia.

In January we welcomed back our outbound student Abby Balian, from a very successful year in Germany. Abby was ready to go back immediately but Mum. Lisa said HSC first! We hope Abby will still be able to give a presentation on her year when things get back to normal.

In January, we also said farewell to our outbound student Jared Sullivan, going to spend a year in Sweden. Unfortunately, the pandemic affected our outbound students too. Although Jared was given the opportunity to return to Australia like all the other outbound students, he decided to stay in lockdown in his host country.



We agreed to sponsor Ryan Van to attend RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) for a week in January, however, he was unable to attend due to his study course commitment.

We sponsored Aiden Petersen to attend RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) weekend in early February. Unfortunately, this was cut short due to flooding at Narrabeen Lake and the students had to leave before the course was completed.

We agreed to sponsor a team from Ryde Secondary College at the MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly) in June but this too was also cancelled. The club has retained sufficient funds to support these Youth program in 2020-21.

Sadly, the Rotaract Club of Macquarie-Ryde folded this year due to lack of membership. A new group of students are hoping to start up a new Rotaract Club of Macquarie University when possible, in the near future. Epping Club have taken over sponsorship of this club. We will continue to support the club in any way we can once it has been formed.

Each year we provide a scholarship to the value of \$1000 to a student at Dunmore Lang College. The recipient this year was Jonathan Chamberlain. The students are always very grateful for this assistance from the club. Altogether a sad and disappointing year for our Youth Programs, but hopefully next year will be better.

## **International - Garry Maloney**

The club continued with our strong support for ROMAC (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children). This was mainly due to the ongoing support, that ex International Director, Liane Corbett, gives to children and families from overseas, attending medical treatment here in Sydney.

Liane assisted Mona, a burns victim from Indonesia, who ROMAC brought to Australia when she was 2, she is now 18, but requires ongoing treatment, in the form of skin grafts, as she grows.

Liane also assisted Christella, from Vanuatu, who ROMAC brought to Australia in 2014 when she was 2, with severely burned legs and feet. The doctors who treated her at Westmead Hospital had the chance to visit her in Vanuatu a couple of years back and found that she needed to come back to Australia for further surgery on one foot.

Due to the impact of COVID 19, both are now still waiting for Australia's borders to be reopened to continue their treatment.

This year the money that the club raises for ROMAC, through a significant donation at the Christmas Carols on The Common each year, was generously, after being suggested by ROMAC, donated to the NSW Bushfire Relief Fund. The club gave a donation of \$2,500 to ROMAC, from our end of year disbursements. We also contributed \$15 to ROMAC, on behalf of each guest speaker we had during the year.

Our club has always been a strong supporter of ROMAC through our club members being involved in management and support roles within ROMAC. We would also like to acknowledge our club member Rob Wilkinson, who has recently stepped down as the Chairman of the Board for ROMAC. All the roles within ROMAC are voluntary.

We have, as a club, always had a strong interest in helping countries that have been engulfed in natural disasters, as and when they arise. This year we have been able to donate \$1,000 for one Shelter Box.

The Shelter Box is sent to areas where homes have been destroyed, by natural disaster, and contains a tent for up to 10 people, all the equipment a family would need to cook and purify water, and books and pencils etc. for children.

## **Vocational Service - Pam Wood and Mandy Van**

Our main vocational activity is our IT Week in May. Unfortunately, due to the global pandemic and lockdown we were unable to proceed with this project this year. In cooperation with the Rotary Clubs of Inverell, Forbes and Temora, we bring students to Sydney from four different rural schools (Ashford Central, West Wyalong, Temora and Forbes High Schools) and provide them with a concentrated program of learning about IT training and careers at twelve different locations.

The technology based companies that the students are taken to range from the true IT company like Microsoft, Facebook, Oracle, Google, IBM and Cisco to companies like Optus, Cochlear, Canon, Sydney Observatory and Coles that are extensive users of technology, and to learning institutions like Macquarie University and UTS which get the students involved in designing, making and programming robots.

We have maintained contact with the schools, Rotary clubs and businesses we work with, in the hope to continue the project in 2020-21.

Once a month we continued to invite guest speakers to come to breakfast meetings at Dunmore Lang College to speak about their vocations and work/life. These presentations were always interesting and informative. From time to time club members also spoke about their work/life experiences.

## Club Service - David Martin and Garry Maloney

The club continued to enjoy the breakfast meeting venue at Dunmore Lang College and the hospitality provided by them. The venue is convenient for members, has good parking and the friendly assistance provided by Dunmore Lang personnel is greatly appreciated.

Regular breakfast meetings are held on the first, second and third Friday morning of each month and social events are usually held in the evenings, on the fourth Friday. Our meetings bring the Club together to discuss and learn about important topics, through guest speakers, as well as to have a bit of fun and get to know each other. A fourth morning meeting in the month is set aside for the club's monthly board meeting.

Guest speakers have been arranged this year by Garry Maloney and Mak Khalil with wide ranging and entertaining topics. In the medical area we have learned about the importance of remembering together as we age. We also heard about how Macquarie Hospital and MQ Health more broadly is taking an integrated approach to health care. We heard about the problems being faced by farmers in NSW, from the NSW Farmers Federation and new approaches to biodiversity and environmental management from a research scientist at Lucas Heights. We also had an entertaining talk from long time Rotarian John Wakefield about his career in the police force.

We again had the pleasure of hosting our local school principals and heard all of their news and education initiatives. Often our most interesting speakers come from our own club members and exchange students. Our two newest members, Bernie and Peter Mason, on separate mornings told us about their interesting lives and work. It is a great way to get to know our own members. We also heard from other members about the youth exchange program (Pam Bennett) and Mandy Van about her travels in Vietnam and her challenging fundraising trek in the outback, for Shelter Box.

Our social events were constrained by a very busy activities calendar in the first half of the year. We did manage to fit in an enjoyable night out at Grill'd in the Macquarie Shopping Centre at the end of September. Our Christmas party at the beginning of December was held at the Riding for the Disabled headquarters on Culloden Road in Marsfield. It was a well-attended, lively and enjoyable evening in a great venue.

We started off the new calendar year with our usual breakfast meeting at Seb's Caffe InContro at the Cox's Road Mall. It is always a great way to start the year in an informal manner catching up with everyone after the break.

No sooner than we had settled into the new year, Covid-19 came along and put everything on hold. Normal meetings were put on hold and Zoom meetings became the normal.





## Treasurer - Sandeep Rathi

### Fund Raising

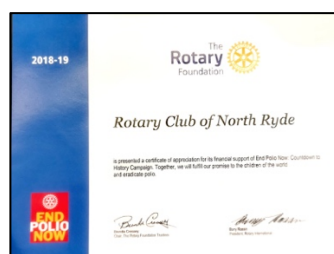
Our accounts are not finalised but here is a preliminary result.

With a huge thank you to the generosity of local families and businesses, the majority of our net charitable income was derived from:

Proceeds from the North Ryde Fun Run for Youth Mental Health	\$15,067
Proceeds from Christmas Carols on the Common	\$ 8,533
Sundry Donations and miscellaneous activities	\$ 4,870
Funds carried over from previous year	\$ 4,090
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$32,560</b>

### Donations:

Rotary Programs (Australian Rotary Health, Shelter Box, Rotary Foundation Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children)	\$11,940
Youth Programs (Rotary Exchange students, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards)	\$ 1,965
Local Education Institutions (5 Local Primary schools, Local Secondary School, Dunmore Lang College Scholarship)	\$ 9,000
Community Donations (Centre for Emotional Health, North Ryde Community Aid, New Horizons Aged Care, Greatfulness Program, Riding for Disabled Association St Michael's Mission and The Smith Family)	\$ 9,655
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$32,560</b>



## 2019-20 SPONSORS

Thank you to our Sponsors for your ongoing support throughout 2019-20:

Kennards at Gladesville, Macquarie University Sports, Macquarie University Village, Bendigo Bank North Ryde, Ray White North Ryde-Macquarie Park, Robert Menzies College, North Ryde Golf Club, North Ryde RSL, The Ranch Hotel, Konica Minolta, Vision Personal Training North Ryde, Group Travel Management, North Ryde Community Aid and Information Centre, Cox's Road Mall, Ritchies IGA Supa Market, North Ryde Pharmacy, Caffe InContro and Cox's Road Fruit Market.

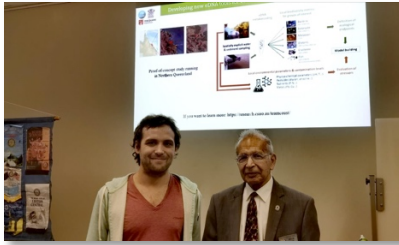
Strike Bowling Macquarie Centre, Telstra Macquarie Centre, Timezone Macquarie Centre, Elegant Hair, Officeworks North Ryde, Rebel Macquarie Centre, Grill'd Macquarie Centre, Bondi Pizza Macquarie Centre, Endota Spa Macquarie Centre, Harry Hartog Macquarie Centre, Elegant Hair, North Ryde Family Physiotherapy, The Weekly Times, 2RRR, Harris Farm Markets, Modpod Podiatry and Physiotherapy, Kinetic Sports Chiropractic.



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Rotary is a worldwide organization of more than 1.2 million business, professional and community leaders. Members of Rotary clubs known as Rotarians provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

There are 34000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Clubs are non-political, non-religious and open to all cultures, races and creeds. As signified by the motto "Service above self". Rotary's main objective is service – in the community, in the workplace and throughout the world.

## **OBJECT OF ROTARY**

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and in particular, to encourage and foster:

- FIRST:** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- SECOND:** High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of worthiness of all useful occupations and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- THIRD:** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal business and community life;
- FOURTH:** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

## **THE FOUR-WAY TEST**

Of the things we think, say and do:

1. *Is it the truth?*
2. *Is it fair to all concerned?*
3. *Will it build goodwill and better friendships?*
4. *Will it be beneficial to all concerned?*

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