



# Rotary Club of Southport

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2019-20

Rotary Club of Southport, although depleted in number of active members, began 2019-20 with great hopes to attract new members. Evolve Networking meetings were held in August, October and December and were well attended. Special guests at these events included DGE Andy Rajapakse and Angie Bell, Federal MP for Moncrieff. Marie Jolanda and Angela Argyrou were excellent MC's at two meetings. Everyone enjoyed the relaxed, informal format and more than ten people indicated they would be interested in learning more about Rotary. Plans to initiate a meeting in February 2020 of prospective members to create a new Satellite Club were thwarted by the global coronavirus pandemic restrictions. When all restrictions are removed and it is once again safe to gather for meetings it is hoped to revive interest in setting up a Satellite Club which, once established, will take over the mantle of Southport Rotary.



*DGE Andy Rajapakse, local Federal MP Angie Bell, President Tony Pritchett and Angela Argyrou at Evolve Meeting, October 2019.*

Guest speakers at meetings in the first half of the Rotary year included Justine Dillon from the Ngarang-Wal Aboriginal Association; Kier Tierney from NBN; and Bart Jones, recipient of the Cronin Engineering Scholarship. Special occasions were the club's 74<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner and the visit of DG Harry Bolton and Shauna. Two worthy candidates were awarded the Hobart Medical Scholarship this year: Larissa Spencer and Matthew Kent. Both made outstanding presentations and we hope they will be able to attend a meeting in coming months to address the club about their career aspirations.

Two students were sponsored to attend NYSF in Canberra in January. Unfortunately this event had to

be cancelled due to a violent storm that damaged the city and disrupted the course.

A candidate was selected for sponsorship to RYLA but this too was cancelled because of COVID-19.

**PROJECTS:** In October Southport Rotaryannes hosted a High Tea at Rivage Royale for residents of local retirement villages. It was a splendid event and the food the ladies prepared was delicious. This project raised more than \$1,140 for **End Polio Now**.



*Rotaryannes preparing to serve High Tea at Rivage Royale*

Over the course of the year Southport Rotaryannes held several working bees to fabricate kits for *Days for Girls*.

Following the devastating bushfires in Victoria and NSW, Southport Rotary and members donated \$3,500 to East Gippsland Rotary Fire Aid Fund.

Southport Rotary funded \$1,160 for the purchase of two sewing machines for Sta. Quiteria Ladies, Baesa, Caloocan City, Philippines, a joint project with Rotary Club of San Francisco Metro. The machines will allow women who have no other income to earn money sewing linen for sale to hotels.



*Opening Day of Sta. Quiteria Ladies Sewing Project*

After fifty-six years in operation the Board resolved to terminate our project, "Empowering Indonesian Children for a Brighter Future." Cyril Richarde initiated this project in 1964. Sadly, Salvation Army, Indonesia can no longer warrant that all our funds will



*Empowering Indonesian Students for a Brighter Future*

be spent on education needs of students. This means the project cannot satisfy its primary aims and objectives and as we cannot allow funds to be absorbed into Salvation Army's general funds we had no other option than to terminate. The project will cease operation as at 30th June 2020. Funds totalling \$15,430 were raised in this financial year.

**ROTARY FOUNDATION:** Southport Rotary members contributed \$2,890 to the Rotary Foundation in year 2019-20. A further \$1,200 is due to be remitted from twelve members for EREY. In addition, \$1,410 (including profit from High Tea) was remitted to Polio Plus.

**SOCIAL:** Several enjoyable social events were held, reinforcing one of the club's principal strengths — fellowship. Members rewarded partners with a sumptuous dinner at *Little Truffle* and a Christmas get-together at *Café Gourmand*. A hearty lunch in October and an Australia Day barbecue were held at Overell's place where everyone shared generous platters of delicious food.



*DG Harry Bolton and Shauna visit Southport Rotary*

The COVID-19 pandemic struck in March and restrictions on gatherings effectively curtailed the possibility of conducting meetings in the normal manner. Recently, Zoom meetings have been held with about nine members linking in to chat and exchange ideas. All other activities and projects have been deferred.



*Cronin Scholar, Bart Jones and Kylie with Derek Cronin*

Declining membership and the aging demographic of retained members is straining the ability of the club to meet its goals and undertake projects. Finding Rotarians willing to nominate for executive positions has been especially challenging and we enter the 2020-21 year with only a minimal Board appointed to carry out the executive functions. This is far from desirable and is barely satisfactory to meet our obligations to RI if we are to continue to function as a fully chartered Rotary Club.



*2019-20 Board*

Membership at 1 July, 2019 was 19. Currently we have 17, a loss of 2 members. Members resolved to discontinue discussions to merge with Rotary Club of Gold Coast.

At a meeting of the club on June 2 members elected executive officers and Board for 2020-21:

- President: Andrew Middleton
- Vice-President: Tony Gardner
- Secretary: Tony Gardner
- Treasurer: Mervyn Powell



*Tony Pritchett, President 2019-20*



## SECRETARY'S REPORT 2019-20

An interesting year. Our 2018-19 President Graeme Hills resigned from that position and our Club in March 2019, Tony Pritchett taking over with a pressing need to find a President and Board Members to go into this year. A difficult task given that five members of that Board chose to leave the Rotary Club of Southport with a then Club Membership of nineteen down from thirty nine plus twenty three Satellite members, a total of sixty two just two years previous.



*Evolve guest speaker, Mark Nuss addresses audience.*

So we began this Rotary year with Tony Pritchett agreeing to continue on as President at our Changeover on the 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019, and managing to get the commitment of enough members to form a skeleton Board and set about the dual task of growing our Club through engagement with the Southport Chamber of Commerce, amalgamating with another Club, become a Passport Club or failing these options, hand in our Charter.



*Southport Rotaryannes lunch at Overells*

Not far into the year it became apparent that the only acceptable option was while stalwartly looking for opportunities to grow our Club, to also explore the opportunity for young professionals and business

people to form a Satellite Club as outlined by President Tony and which he pursued with energy and commitment.

There were two significant District motions that our Club voted on through the year. We voted against the move by Rotary International to consolidate and merge Districts, for us 9640 with 9600 and 9630 and thanks to the hard work of Michael Irving and others in our District we were advised on the 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019 that the RI Board Meeting in October had agreed to exclude 9640 from that merge. Also in February this year we voted in favour of District 9640 Annual Budget review that, as a result of COVID-19, ensuing financial hardship and the cancellation of the 2020 District Conference, the District Dues per member would be reduced from the original \$82 down to \$50 for the year.

Our meeting attendance has generally averaged around eight members perhaps nine with the very welcome Joachim escaping the winter cold of home. As COVID-19 and the associated restrictions hit while President Tony was away, face to face and in fact any form of meeting went into hiatus until his return and he initiated Zoom meetings. As good as these were they proved a poor replacement for our traditional meetings.

*Graham Cooper, Secretary 2019-20*



# TREASURER'S REPORT 2019-20

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Accrual Basis

## Rotary Club of Southport Inc Profit & Loss by Class July 2019 through June 2020

	Carousel	Club	Community	TOTAL
<b>Income</b>				
Control Account				
Evolve	0.00	1,438.50	0.00	1,438.50
Meal Payments Received	0.00	1,187.75	0.00	1,187.75
Raffle Income	0.00	190.00	0.00	190.00
Sergeants Fine	35.00	417.60	0.00	452.60
<b>Total Control Account</b>	<b>35.00</b>	<b>3,233.85</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,268.85</b>
Donations Received				
Bush Fire	0.00	0.00	2,720.00	2,720.00
Cyril's Billy	0.00	0.00	182.55	182.55
Polio Plus	0.00	1,410.00	0.00	1,410.00
<b>Total Donations Received</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,410.00</b>	<b>2,902.55</b>	<b>4,312.55</b>
Fund Raising	0.00	0.00	180.00	180.00
Interest Received	0.74	16.87	259.81	277.42
Subscriptions & Donations				
EREY	0.00	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00
Subscription	0.00	6,080.00	0.00	6,080.00
<b>Total Subscriptions &amp; Donations</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>7,280.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>7,280.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>35.74</b>	<b>11,940.72</b>	<b>3,342.36</b>	<b>15,318.82</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
Advertising	0.00	842.00	0.00	842.00
Audit Fees	0.00	990.00	0.00	990.00
Bad Debts	0.00	320.00	0.00	320.00
Bank Fees & Charges	0.00	21.93	0.00	21.93
Club Runner	0.00	730.46	0.00	730.46
Evolve	0.00	731.69	0.00	731.69
Gifts & Donations				
A.R.F.T.-Annual Program Fund	0.00	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00
A.R.F.T.-Polio Plus	0.00	1,410.00	0.00	1,410.00
Bush Fire Appeal	0.00	0.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Days For Girls	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Indonesian Students	0.00	0.00	330.00	330.00
Meals on Wheels Southport	0.00	0.00	180.00	180.00
Phillipine Project-Sewing Machi	0.00	0.00	1,159.85	1,159.85
<b>Total Gifts &amp; Donations</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,610.00</b>	<b>6,169.85</b>	<b>8,779.85</b>
Meal Expenses				
Club Guests	0.00	247.20	0.00	247.20
Evolve	0.00	1,016.30	0.00	1,016.30
Members & Visitors	0.00	1,116.75	0.00	1,116.75
<b>Total Meal Expenses</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,380.25</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,380.25</b>
Postage	0.00	156.00	0.00	156.00
Raffle Prizes	0.00	183.00	0.00	183.00
Rotary Dues				
District Dues	0.00	1,558.99	608.00	2,166.99
RDU Magazine	0.00	720.00	0.00	720.00
Semi Annual Dues	0.00	2,084.22	0.00	2,084.22
<b>Total Rotary Dues</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>4,363.21</b>	<b>608.00</b>	<b>4,971.21</b>
Sundry Expenses	0.00	56.60	0.00	56.60
Youth Programs				
Cronin Scholarship	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Hobart Bursary	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
NYSF	0.00	0.00	3,300.00	3,300.00
<b>Total Youth Programs</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>6,300.00</b>	<b>6,300.00</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>13,385.14</b>	<b>13,077.85</b>	<b>26,462.99</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>35.74</b>	<b>-1,444.42</b>	<b>-9,735.49</b>	<b>-11,144.17</b>

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Accrual Basis

# Rotary Club of Southport Inc

## Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2020

	Jun 30, 20
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Chequing/Savings</b>	
Cheque/Savings	
BOQ Club Account	5,072.10
BOQ Community Account	8,991.71
BOQ International Websavings	33,126.39
BOQ Youth Websavings Account	14,213.87
<b>Total Cheque/Savings</b>	<b>61,404.07</b>
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<b>Accounts Receivable</b>	
Accounts Receivable	-100.00
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<b>-100.00</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>61,304.07</b>
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<b>LIABILITIES</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>61,304.07</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>	
Opening Bal Equity	99,116.57
Retained Earnings	-26,668.33
Net Income	-11,144.17
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>61,304.07</b>

*Mervyn Powell, Treasurer 2019-20*

