



ANNUAL REPORT 2019 - 2020

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Introduction:

My fellow Rotarians

I thank you for the honour of serving as your President for the past year. It has been a year of major upheavals to our country and our lives, with the devastating bushfires followed by a global pandemic that we are slowly coming out of.

We as Australians with good leadership and with a disciplined approach have managed to avoid the major health problems experienced worldwide. This is a significant achievement for Australians that has saved lives and brought communities together.

The Board:

I would like to thank the board and the current directors for all the support they have given throughout the year.

Thanks to:

Lynne Newton	Vice President
Charles Waterton	President Elect
David Barton	Treasurer, Membership and Foundation
Ralph Newton	Secretary
Jacquie Heron	International
Janice Pounder	New Generations
Vikki Baldwin	Community
Reza Jafari and David Porter	Vocational

I would like to thank the following who have given me fantastic support during the year:

Murray Meaton	Sergeant
Ian Williams	Corporal
Marilyn Barton	Newsletter editor
Kareena Ballard	Markets and events
Ali Telling	Programme and Events
Margaret Waterton	Social event organiser and coordinator

I would also like to thank David Porter who took over as Assistant District Governor due to Leslie Coomb's illness. David has worked tirelessly for the district and has provided me with great support during the year.

Thank you to all members of the Rotary Club of Melville for your individual contribution throughout the year.

We have welcomed into the club the following members Phillip Draber and Michael Schwikkard and the following members have said goodbye for business and family commitments to Terry Newby and Kumar Vadivale.

Our club has honoured past members and friends of the club by making them honorary members.

Last year the following were so honoured:

Gordon Cargeeg
Mike Beech-Jones
Dale Archer

At a recent board meeting their honorary status was again confirmed for 2020/21 and joining them I am delighted to announce that Charles Goodridge has been made an honorary member. On a sad note, during this last year past president Murray Edinger passed away after a long illness.

Let me now provide you with a few highlights from our year...

July 2019 and August 2019

Whilst Sue and I were away in the UK visiting family and friends past president Lynne extended her presidency for a further five weeks. Thanks Lynne as usual a brilliant job, much appreciated.

In August 2019 the club had a very enjoyable visit to the *Supreme Court* and a "mock trial" was enacted with Marilyn Kench being sentenced to 8 years for manslaughter. Thanks to Pete Smith for organising the visit.

September 2019

Thirteen Rotarians attended a cluster meeting at the *South Perth Community Centre* which was well attended by the four participating clubs. Each club set out their programme for the year. In addition, David Wee from the Perth Rotary Club spoke on *Greenbatch* and the container deposit scheme starting in WA shortly.

October 2019

This month saw one of our major fundraising events take place, held at All St College. *Craig Challen*, joint Australian of the Year, gave of his time to tell of the successful rescue of the 12 Thai boys and their soccer coach from a cave in Thailand. A story we were all very aware of but to hear it told firsthand from Craig was inspiring for all who attended. Thanks to Kareena for her Herculean effort in organising this event, the club raised \$3,500 for Youth Focus, the youth suicide charity.

November 2019

What a night we had celebrating our *60th Anniversary!*
Thanks to all who were involved who were many, including Ian Williams (chairman), Dale Archer, Pete Smith (MC) and Murray Meaton (Historian). We had 17 past presidents in the room on the night - It was a great night!





Our club has served our community for the past 60 years and since the markets started 35 years ago, we raise on average **between \$90,000 and \$100,000 every year** that we distribute to support the local and world communities and make a difference to people's lives. This club should be rightly proud of this ongoing achievement.



January 2020

The GYE students from *All Saints College* again visited Austin Texas. Thanks to Doug Minchin and Marilyn Kench for their efforts including sorting the last-minute hitches!

Sadly, over this time we had the ferocious ***bushfires on the East Coast*** that deeply shocked us and the rest of the world.

Immediately we decided we would help and so we dedicated our market takings, spinners and we took buckets for donations at the markets. With Hawaiian's assistance organised by Kareena we set up a special bushfire spinner at the Melville Plaza shopping centre. All proceeds went directly to the Rotary clubs of Lakes Entrance in East Gippsland and Batemans Bay in NSW. ***We raised close to \$12,500.00*** and it was sent straight away to these two clubs to provide immediate assistance.

Numerous Rotarians were involved, and I thank them all. A brilliant club effort.



March 2020

Covid 19 arrived and our markets and face to face meetings were suspended. The Rotary club unanimously agreed to continue to pay our employees Glen and Rob until the markets re-opened.

Since that time, we have been meeting via *Zoom* including ***a joint meetup*** with the ***Rotary Club of Canggu, Bali***, who we earlier assisted at the outbreak of Covid, with a **donation of \$2,500**, to assist with food supply to the Balinese locals. A special thanks to David Barton for hosting the zoom meetings during this lockdown period.

Since the lockdown was eased, we had our first social gathering - a breakfast hosted by Charles and Margaret Waterton. **We raised a further \$1,300** for the Rotary Club of Canggu. A great effort and again thanks to them and to everyone who attended and donated.

A number of Rotarians also assisted at ***Foodbank*** with hamper packing for the needy. Also, members donated goods to ***Melville Cares*** and provided assistance. In addition, we have provided items to the Haven for re-sale in their store.

During the closedown we unfortunately had to postpone the Art Show, normally held in June at Booragoon Shopping Centre. This very ably organised event, run by David and Pam Porter and James and Tas Morris, had to be postponed until later in the year.

A further event that had to be postponed was the 50 Hole golf challenge at Royal Perth Golf Club in support of Fight MND a charity I wished to support in memory of my sister Tricia who passed away 5 years ago of this dreadful disease. It was to have taken place on April 5 2020 however it will now hopefully take place in September 2020.

Doug Minchin, my brother Peter and I together with 17 members of Royal Perth Golf Club have to date raised over \$14,000 and hope to raise in the region of \$20,000 for this worthwhile charity.

Other events that the club wished to support this year were the *Tree program* run by Bruce Ivers and a fundraiser for *Dementia and Alzheimer's*. We hope to assist these worthwhile programs during the ensuing year.

As mentioned in the Directors reports, funding for all programs ceased when the pandemic arrived, and the Melville Markets closed in March 2020. However, with the markets starting last Sunday it is hoped that they continue, and the club now has the finances to support programs within our community.

I would also like to thank Kareena Ballard and Ali Telling for putting on a brilliant programme of speakers throughout this year. We have had some outstanding speakers.

A special thanks to Marilyn Barton who as you know puts together our newsletter. Every fortnight I get a reminder from Marilyn for my content...thanks

Thanks go also to the *Greenbatch Team* led by Charles Waterton and Colin Delane. Keep that enthusiasm up despite the hurdles you encounter.

I also must thank Ed McKinnon for his council throughout this year and for preparing the history for the 60th anniversary dinner.

Finally, I wish to thank Kareena for her work in overseeing our main source of fundraising the Melville Markets. Kareena spends unseen hours on organising, rosters, attending Facebook matters, liaising with *Hawaiian Group* and the employees and generally taking care of our income. Whilst doing this she also took on organising special events during the year especially the Craig Challen event. Brilliant job Kareena. Thanks also to Mike Rainsford for the assistance he provides at the markets which goes unseen.

In October 2018 the Rotary Club of Melville submitted to the official secretary of the Governor General of Australia our letter supporting the consideration of the Order of Australia for Sara David CEO of *Living Child*.

On *Australia Day 2020* much to our delight Sara was awarded **A MEMBER(AM)** in the general division of the Order of Australia "FOR SIGNIFICANT SERVICE TO INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN HEALTH PROGRAMMES". The club has supported *Living Child in PNG* for the past three years with David Feinberg being the champion for this very worthwhile project.

Thanks also to Murray Meaton and Leigh Smith for championing projects in Thailand and the Philippines.

Finally, but definitely not last, thanks to Lynne Newton for her help throughout the year I could not have asked for a better Vice President who has assisted unwaveringly when I have asked for her help.

I apologise if I have missed anybody however to finish, I would like to thank and wish the incoming club officers with Charles as President every success. Charles, as an engineer and a train enthusiast is now the engine driver of our Melville train who will lead our club into 2020/21 with passion and with a “full head of steam”.

Thank you again for allowing me to be your president for 2019/20. We have certainly utilised this year’s theme of ***ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD*** especially with our new Zoom meetings that have opened new connections to the world.

David Hewitt
President 2019/20

The actual deficit for the year to date with budgets now complete are estimated based on the above. Actual deficit **\$12,142.**

The budgeted club administration income was \$21,300.

Budgeted club expenses were \$21,040. Hence the budgeted club administration surplus was **\$260.**

Actual club income to date is \$30,191.

Actual expenses to date are \$30,211. 2019-20

Club surplus as at 5th June is **\$20.**

PDG David Barton
Treasurer 2019-2020

COMMITTEES (DIRECTORS)

Vocational:

Director: Reza Jafari

Committee Members: Mohammad Aleia, Ross Ballard, Massimo Cau, Laura Porrato, Ameneh Nematjamshid, Mohammad Rajabifar, Paul Stott, Lyn Ware.

The chair was assisted by PDG Marilyn Barton and PP David Porter during various periods of the year.

Meetings

The committee met several times to establish a budget that was approved by the Board. Subsequent meetings were difficult to arrange and the advent of the Covid - 19 virus restrictions made communications even more difficult. The meeting process will need to be addressed by the Board.

Budget

Gender equality in the workplace stage 2.	\$5000
Pride in Work Awards.	\$300
Small companies networking.	\$500
Guest lunches.	\$200

Projects:

There were few champions for projects and only the Pride in Work Award was completed from the budgeted items.

A pride in work award was presented to Vladimir Lederhaus at his Bunnings workplace by Rtn Mohammad Aleia.

Dear Mr Alaei

I have received the plaque from the Rotary Club of Melville, and I am very pleased with it.

It is a pleasure to be honoured by your wonderful organisation and I hope we keep in the touch in the future.

Kind Regards Vladimir Lederhaus



The major expenditure item was replaced by a District Grant the club received for funding a scholarship for an indigenous law student. The District contributed \$3000 and the Club contributed \$3000. The funds were paid to the Aboriginal Women's legal Education Trust. The 2020 scholarship was awarded to UWA student Sophie Dann. PDG Ed Mckinnon and Rtn Bob Benton assisted with the grant and AWLET liaison.

During the Covid - 19 lockdown Rtn Laura Poratto championed an initiative to "call a person in isolation". The aim was to contact fellow club members and residents of aged care facilities where visitors were banned. She had to achieve police clearance, character reference checks and specialist training before being able to assist.

Vocational Visits

The club did carry out two vocational visits.

The first at Sir Edmund Burt Law Courts arranged by PP Peter Smith. 30 members and friends attended

The second at Foodbank to help pack food for distribution to isolated person in need. 14 members and friends attended.

Reza Jafair Director
David Porter Assisting

Community:

Director: Vikki Baldwin

Committee Members: Colin Delane, Charles Goodridge, Debra Lilleyman, Howard MacCallum, John Mackay, James Morris, Ben Morton, David Porter, Alison Telling, Charles Waterton, Graham Wheeler, Rob Willis.

We had a big team this year which meant trying to get everyone together in one place at one time - was one of the challenges. But here's a snapshot of what we've been up to.

The committee met just after handover last year to work out the direction for the 2019/2020 year. We decided that we would continue to fund 'the regulars' but would continue to look for new and innovative local community projects - a strategy that had been introduced in the 2018/2019 year. As with many of our Rotary projects around the world too - Covid 19 made its presence felt, so what we have achieved this year has been a fraction of what could have been. With a reduced budget we managed to achieve a lot in seven months. It has been an extraordinary year - that's for sure...

Projects:

Australian Rotary Health - Scholarship and donation \$4,000

Royal Flying Doctors \$2,500

Sadly Covid 19 claimed some of our projects this year.

Cruising Butterflies fell victim to Covid as did our Art show. And the \$1000 usually given to the Fremantle Men's Shed has been returned to the club Treasurer along with the \$1500 allocated for Cruising Butterflies as the club tries to consolidate funds and preserve cash while we wait the reopening of the Markets.

The Art show though will return in 2021. There was some discussion about staging it later this year however members were not keen to do this.

New projects:

Pilbara short film festival - project funding (Champion - David Porter) \$5,000

'My Town in the Pilbara' (MTIP) is a short film project to celebrate young people from regional WA sharing their stories, inspired by the people and places around them.

2 short film ideas inspired by 'My Town in the Pilbara' will be produced collaboratively between Karratha Senior High School (KSHS) Students and a West Australian film crew, then screened at the Red Earth Arts Festival, one of Australia's biggest regional Arts Festivals.

Kate Trimboli was guest speaker at our club. The committee is keen to fund other such film projects, so the hunt is currently on.



P2S Rugby Works - seed funding (Champion: James Morris) \$2,850

Inspired by Dallaglio RugbyWorks in the UK and founded in 2017, P2S RUGBYWORKS engages teenagers who have been, or are at risk of being excluded from mainstream education. This target population come from chaotic backgrounds with high levels of social risk factors such as troubled families, criminality and unemployment. They have much lower success rates in education and employment compared to pupils from mainstream schools.

P2S RUGBYWORKS is designed to help these young people onto a positive pathway to achieve sustained education, employment or training with a particular focus on exposing them to various vocational opportunities.' Data shows that the number of young people aged between 10 and 17 years in detention is increasing. The economic impact of these individuals being detained is \$40m per annum. (Source: WA Corrective Services TOMS Data System)



The Committee provided a seed grant to P2S which enabled them to get their first program underway.

And it was with great excitement that we learned of another P2S program about to start this time at Melville Senior High. Then Covid 19.

With the program closing several of the organisations sponsors also withdraw their funds so the community committee felt it was necessary to bend the rules a little and present P2S with a further \$1000, to enable the next stage of their program to go ahead. By last reports the new program is up and going and is very popular with the students at Melville Senior High. Staff are saying that they have seen huge changes in the kids that are participating in the program - and its only week three. We can be very proud of the work we do in the community through programs like P2S. We help kids stay out of trouble and steer them onto more successful paths through engaging them in sport.

We are keen to explore more opportunities for the club to expand this program- A challenge I set down for the incoming Chair, Ian.

Even Keel for Bipolar (Champion: Col Delane) \$462

About Even Keel: (EK)

Even Keel are a WA based organisation who carry out informal and friendly Peer Lead Mental Health Support groups through the Perth Metropolitan & Peel Region for people who suffer from a Mental Health Condition.

EK's self-help group-based services help individuals to identify and develop new skills and personal resilience to build a satisfying life despite having a Mental Health Condition. (Source: <https://www.evenkeel.net.au/>)

This was an unusual request as the committee was asked to sponsor the organisation through a promotional message on the main sail of a yacht. The yacht, based at south of Perth Yacht Club, and owned by one of our club members, regularly sails the Swan River, and displays the club's logo and the message that the Rotary club of Melville supports Even Keel.



Other Projects:

RAAFA - museum (Champion: Rob Willis)



This is an ongoing project as Covid 19 closed the museum for several months. It is good to see that as of July 1 the museum will be opening again. This project involves working with the museum volunteers to help fund a computerised flight simulator program to enhance the visitor experience of the exhibition.

The Rotary Club of Bali Canggü

Breaking new ground and leading the way via e-meetings was the hugely successful international 'e-meet up' with the rotary club of Canggü. Our club has donated funds for medical supplies, and recently sent \$1200 - the proceeds of a member hosted breakfast to Canggü to help them cover the costs of supplying food parcels to the most desperate people of Bali.

Food Bank

Club members also answered the call when Food bank sent an SOS as the first fingers of Covid 19 were starting to reach out. The call out was oversubscribed with 14 people needed and 25 raising their hands offering to help this organisation. With enough food parcels being packed in a single afternoon the team worked themselves out of a job in no time so that families in need had food on their tables that night.

(Source: <https://www.foodbank.org.au/hunger-in-australia/the-facts/?state=wa>)



Melville Men's Shed : (Champion: Rob Willis)

Much discussion has taken place regarding the location of the Melville Men's Shed. Discussions were also delayed by council elections; however, we are pleased to share that meetings have resumed, and the project is moving forward. A steering committee now needs to be formed then start focusing on developing the location and use plan. A working committee will also be looking into funding options and securing equipment for the shed.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the community committee for their ongoing 'tolerance', understanding and support. The last few months has been 'interesting' for me as Director due to my outside of Rotary responsibilities, and my apology to my committee members for not being able to meet regularly.

Being in the 'hot seat' over the last two years has been enjoyable and an honor. The committee has focused on identifying new community projects that need our support and help and we have broken some new ground too. I believe we have achieved much.

Several projects specifically stand out for me; cycling without age, the Pilbara short film festival, P2S and of course, Greenbatch. The Greenbatch project is a most exciting project as it not only has the potential to do great things for our environment, but it can be an alternate source of income for this club.

Again, thank you to my committee for your input, your passion and your efforts over the last two years. Thank you for sharing the wonderful journey with me.

Vikki Baldwin, Director of Community

International:

Director: Jacquie Heron

Committee Members: Janice Tapp, Margaret Waterton, David Fienberg, Leigh Smith, Ruth Thorn, Kumar Vadivale, Mike Rainsford, Murray Meaton, Ian Williams & Jacquie Heron

The year started with a committee enthusiastic to carry on the tradition of many worthwhile international projects. Many projects have been postponed or cancelled for obvious reasons.

Projects:

PNG Living Child **\$15,000**

This was the 3rd year our Club had committed to supporting the Living Child Project in PNG to help their work in saving the lives of mothers and babies through evidence-based training and support for families and healthcare providers. The \$15,000 from the International Committee was matched with \$15,000 from the Club.

In January Julie Baleu a PNG nurse volunteering for Living Child who lives in Perth spoke at our club giving a real picture of the improvements our funds have provided. Julie has led several outreach teams and she plays a significant role in program development, translating materials into Tok Pisin, and cultural understanding of the areas Living Child are working in.

This project was introduced to our club by Sara David who was awarded The Order of Australia (AM) on Australia Day for significant service to International Humanitarian Health programs. The Rotary Club of Melville was proud to have provided a submission for this award.

Cosmos Health - Education in PNG **\$5,000** **Postponed**

Several meetings were held with Jason James from Cosmos Health who was introduced to the committee through Sara David. Cosmos Health had started to do training programs for Community Health Worker in the same area that Living Child were working. We had planned to provide funds for basic health measuring equipment.

Cosmos Health - Cervical Screening and Treatment **Planned**

Discussions started about applying for a Foundation Global Grant to develop a Cervical Screening and Treatment program in the in East Sepik, Wewak region of PNG. Cervical Cancer is a disease that affects many thousands of ladies in PNG every year. Sadly over 1,500 ladies die from this form of cancer in PNG every year. The effects of this cancer have a huge impact on families and on the wider community.

Thailand Borderless Friends **\$5,000** **Postponed**

Through RAWCS (Rotary Australia World Community Service) this program supports Doctor Lorel Mayberry and her committee to provide for hill tribe children in their care who would otherwise be stateless, have a safe place to live, with food and clothing, and access to health care and education.

These children otherwise are at risk of living a life of poverty and being sold to the sex trade in the Thai Myanmar region with little or no hope for the future. Through education these young children have progressed to a point of attending higher education and assisting their own communities with sustainable development. This has been ably championed by Murray Meaton.

Also last December PP Lynne and Ralph Newton visited and have reported very favorably of the work done and their achievements.

Some club members assisted Thailand Borderless Friends stall at the Jacaranda Festival in November to help raise further funds.

RAWCS - RAFIKI & SAFINA

Two Tanzanian projects, RAFIKI and SAFINA, that our club has supported for many years with the Australian Tanzanian Society through RAWCS were closed as the ATS had obtained their own DGR status.

Memorial for Johari Kishegena **\$1,000**



In March 2017 we sponsored a Vocation Training Team of 6 Tanzanian Midwives to further their training and return to Tanzania to train others. One of the leaders Johari was tragically killed in a bus accident the following year while returning from her country home after her father's funeral.

In memory of Johari the committee allocated funds for a scholarship for a Midwifery student in Tanzania. \$579 was remaining fund from the Global Grant. The student is Aluseta Asseri and she has started her 4 years of study.

Ambulance

Through the Australian Tanzanian Society ambulances from St John's Ambulance have been donated to Tanzania and one has engraved on the side "In Memory of Johari Kishegena".



Sister City with Rotary Club of Cebu Metro (Philippines) \$2,000 Cancelled

Bali Club of Canggu \$2,520

The committee had allocated \$2,000 for contingency.

When COVID-19 started we had a request from the Rotary Club of Canggu for support to purchase of protective equipment for 2 hospitals in Bali. The Rotary Club of Melville provides funds and Margaret and Charles Waterton hosted a fund-raising breakfast for the Rotary Club of Canggu raising \$1,300.

Thank you to all this year's committee members and welcome to next year's committee.

Jacque Heron , Director of International

Youth:

Director: Janice Pounder

Committee Members: Marilyn Barton, (Deputy), Bob Benton, Carolyn Cook, Angela Gaffney, Marilyn Kench, Doug Minchin, Terry Newby, Peter Smith, Bruce Thomas

Projects:

Group Youth Exchange - Doug Minchin (Champion assisted by Marilyn Kench)



The GYE team arrived from Texas in July 2019, then journeyed on to Kalgoorlie by train. They returned to Perth and were met by their host families in Perth and commenced a variety of activities. The group were taken to a Dockers Game, lunch at Government House followed by a trip to Kings Park in the afternoon. They commenced at All Saints school on the Tuesday where they attended

normal school studies with the students of All Saints for the rest of the week. The following Monday they travelled to Cloverbrook in the country to plant trees with Bruce Ivers and Trees for Change.

There were to be five students to travel to Texas from Perth, unfortunately two were unable to go for personal reasons and three (Rosin Burke, Luca Gatti and Imogen Petridis) flew out ready to spend Christmas 2019 in Texas. The outbound students planned their presentation for Texas and presented it at the RCM meeting on the 9th December 2019. The students had a great time with their host families in Texas but were disappointed by the Rotary Club who did not do much for the students. After their trip the students were due to give another presentation about their experiences in Texas but due to Covid-19 that has been put on hold.



Despite all the work that was carried out here and in Texas in previous years the Rotary Club of Austin have decided to close the program due to the difficulty of getting interested student's and also Rotarians prepared to do the work. A subcommittee was suggested to plan for future Group Youth Exchange Programs.

UN Youth

We received a request from a volunteer of UN Youth WA for funding to help with a trip to Queensland. She was asked to be an adjudicator for the National Speaking Competition for UN Youth in October 2019. The committee decided to fund her but request she come and speak to the RCM about the competition when she returned. Unfortunately, this did not happen because of Covid-19. At our last meeting there was a suggestion she adjudicate at one our Rotary Speaking Competitions in 2021.

Squash (Champion: Dough Minchin)

Doug proposed a program to get young people involved in the game of squash, which has many physical benefits but appears to be a sport with fewer and fewer players. Doug had sourced information, costs and availability of courts. Squash WA will assist with the coaching. The courts have been organized and with Melville SHS students will run from 9.45 - 11.15 on Friday mornings in October 2019 for 10 - 20 students from Years 8 and 9. Three sessions were completed in Term Four and the last session was cancelled as it became too busy towards the end Term. The next sessions were to commence in Term One 2020 but were cancelled due to Covid-19. Doug is pursuing the school for commencement in late 2020.

Rob Porter Award

The Rotary Club of Melville supports an annual award at All Saints College for an outstanding all-round participant in the college sport Program. The award is a memorial award for the former college student and part of a Rotary family. Doug Minchin and Marilyn Kench attended the presentation.

NYSF (Champion: Marilyn Barton)

The RCM sponsored Ruby La Rocca from Perth College to attend this forum. The student attended an interview to see if she was suitable and was accepted to go to Canberra in January 2020. Ruby arrived in Canberra to be confronted by the bush fires on the east coast. The Committee for the NYSF had to cancel the forum due to smoke in the area causing dangers to participators. Ruby La Rocca came and spoke to the RCM about her experience even though it was cut short. Due to Covid -19 she was not able to complete the forum this semester.

RYLA (Champion: Janice Pounder)



Janice was able to source two candidates David Mugisha and Dauda Janneh refugees from the Congo who were interested in attending this camp. The committee was also approached by mail from Violet Anthony who asked to attend. The three applications were submitted to the RYLA committee and accepted for the camp in January 2020. They attended the camp and were prepared to come and speak to the RCM about what they learned from the camp. Due to Covid-19 this has not happened. We are hoping to have them come and talk latter in the 2020.

LEEWIN SAIL TRAINING (CHAMPIONS: BRUCE THOMPSON AND JANICE POUNDER)



Students go on a voyage and it helps build their self-esteem and confidence. Bruce Thomas investigated several schools but did not hear back. Janice Pounder went to the Leeuwin office in Fremantle to meet the staff and offer our clubs services to a suitable candidate. The secretary Carol from Leeuwin found a suitable candidate for our club. The candidate attended a voyage from Bunbury to Fremantle in January 2020. She was unable to speak at the RCM lunchtime meetings but sent a lovely thank you letter to the club.

RWADE (Champion: Peter Smith)

The Driver Education program was held on 10th December at Claremont Showgrounds from 8.30 - 2.30pm. It follows on from the "Keys for Life" a year 11 program. There were 180 students who took part from Melville SHS. Eight volunteers from the club assisted Peter Smith to run the program. The lunches were

provided by RRT part of the Presbyterian Church. Dixie Smith provided a fantastic morning tea. The students paid \$5.00 which help fund cost. Thanks to Peter for all his organisation.

North Lake Senior Campus Chaplaincy (Champion: Janice Pounder)

The Chaplain from the Senior Campus requested assistance with their early morning breakfast program and school ball fees. The school is a government school for students from a variety of backgrounds that do not fit into a normal Year 11 and 12 high school. The school also has an Intensive English Program for students who have just arrived in the country from a variety of backgrounds including refugees. We sponsored the breakfast club for Term One but the ball was cancelled due to Covid - 19. The committee looks forward to supporting the school next year.

It has been a very productive year for the Youth Committee with a variety of avenues to support our youth in Western Australia. The committee has been very supportive and enthusiastic with ideas and attending our fun Meetings. Our meetings have been held once a month at different committee members homes with tasty meals cooked for us by Marilyn Kench.

I would like to say a big thankyou to all the Champions of the different programs that they supported. A very special thank you to Marilyn Barton who has been my deputy and mentor over the last 12 months of chairing this committee.

Janice Pounder (Director of Youth)

Melville Markets:



It gives me pleasure to submit the Market report this year, although it is tinged with some regret that we had to close our markets when Covid 19 Restrictions were announced in February.

This year our 2 trusty helpers Glenn and Robert continued their duties with regularity which is a blessing to us all. Glenn seems to take a pride of ownership and I am sure a lot of our success is due to his friendly attitude to all participants. Glenn puts

in more than his allotted hours for us. Robert his assistant is always punctual and quietly does the cleanup at the end of the morning shift.

Each week different charity recipients have “manned” the lower spinner and I can report we have assisted in the raising of **\$6644.65** in total for local community groups.

The Upper Spinner which is manned each week by Rotarians has brought in **\$12,440.60** including our special bushfire fundraising effort when Rotarians went around the markets shaking cans!!

Melville Plaza kindly agreed to allow us to have a spinner in the shopping centre for 6 weeks and another **\$5539.40** was raised towards the Bushfire appeal. We were grateful for their support.

I am pleased to report that following a new marketing program ALL signage and receipt pads have been updated with our new LOGO.



The spinners have had new Green bases purchased to brighten up the receptacles and attract a little more interest - thanks extended to Ian Williams for his work in replacing the locking mechanism on each spinner and repairs to the trailer- which had rust removed and repainting done.

We have a total of 4 spinners with one always kept for special fundraising occasions and stored at Mike Rainsford's property for safekeeping.

Mike Rainsford has been a great backup for me when little jobs need doing that are more easily done by men like the trailer repairs, extra banking after emptying the shopping centre spinner and many more little jobs which are all part of his role in helping me.

Special mention and thanks to James Morris who has assisted me with updating our Facebook page He beats me to it - lot of the time answering the many queries we receive each week via the Facebook page.

Financial Report Abbreviated

After all expenses which include

Wages

Audit fees

Public liability insurance

Advertising and promotion including T shirts, printing, stationary

Workers Comp Insurance

Trailer license

Waste disposal

The markets returned a net profit of **\$66,863.82**

I wish to extend a special thank you to all the Rotarians who kindly gave up their Sunday morning to work to a rostered time and “man the markets”. Although it’s always hard to get out of bed so early most Rotarians find it a great fellowship opportunity and a means of giving their personal best to charity.

Thank you all for assisting me with updating rosters by responding to my call when I ask what dates you are NOT available. This is making it much easier for me to document.

Thank you also to our president David Hewitt who has been a great support to me during the year.

As I write this report, we are still in Covid 19” recess “with no date yet for recommencement in sight.

Kareena Ballard (Market Manager)



MEMBERSHIP:

Another active year, and considerable activities in the Membership Committee for the Rotary Club of Melville year 2019- 2020.

Our successful objective was to Consolidate the membership in President David's year and welcome 2 new Philip Draber and Michael Schwikkard members to the club.

Membership recruitment has been severely hampered by the Covid-19 Pandemic with one induction via Zoom.

There has also been a small membership loss, some members have sought extended leave to explore new horizons and others left for varying personal reasons. There is currently a strong membership base of 50 members

The Membership Committee have also continued to record details of member attendance at events primarily for insurance purposes however this has also assisted us in following up members, so they don't fall off between the cracks

The Covid-19 Pandemic saw us revert to e meetings via zoom and it has been great to see out attendance at meetings jump over 25%.

Rotary Information Session: A Rotary information evening was held to enable newer members to the club to have the opportunity to be aware of the various avenues of Rotary and the purposes of the hierarchal system and how they could contribute.

Corporate Membership: The Membership Committee are looking at methods in which Corporate Membership can complement the Rotary Club of Melville, enabling any corporate partners wishing to contribute back to their local, state, national and international communities by membership of Rotary Melville.

Membership of Rotary Club of Melville remains strong and is rewarding for the members and to our community, both locally, and internationally.

PDG, PP David Barton PHF

SOCIAL REPORT:

Despite the recent restrictions we have experienced we have managed to have a very full, diverse and entertaining social calendar for the 2019-2020 year.

The social calendar included our usual four couples dinner/lunch event and the occasional breakfast meeting. The notable highlights were the evening with Craig Challen, Australian of the Year and our 60th anniversary celebrations:

Our monthly social events were:

July

GYE dinner at the Dome Applecross where members were entertained by the inbound Texan and Canadian students.

August

Supreme Court visit and mock trial at Sir Francis Burt Law. Many thanks to Peter Smith for organising this event.

September

Cluster meeting which was held at the John McGrath Centre in South Perth. This was a wonderful opportunity to hear from cluster clubs about their major focus for the year and also for all to hear more extensively about Greenbatch which has become a major focus for all Rotary Clubs in Western Australia.

October- (a very busy month)

Melbourne Cup night at Peter and Dixie Smith's home. Another fantastic night of fun, frivolity, laughs and great food. As usual this popular event was very well attended.

District Governor dinner is an annual opportunity for club members to meet and hear from the current District Governor.

Dr Craig Challen, Australian of the Year. What an experience this was. Hearing from Craig about the rescue of the Thai soccer team. Craig must have told this story many times but still managed to tell it as if for the first time. He was generous with his time and answered all the questions the attendees threw at him. Listening to the story again made us realise what an amazing achievement it was to bring all the children and coach out alive. We opened this event to nearby clubs and spread the message to friends and family which meant we nearly filled the theatre at All Saints College.

Many thanks to Kareena for this initiative and for all the behind the scenes work required for this event to be the success it was.

November

60th birthday dinner

This was a wonderful evening at the South of Perth Yacht Club and one filled with a little bit of nostalgia and lots of great stories of deeds done over the past 60 years. The room and tables were beautifully decorated thanks going to Dale Archer. The food was delicious especially the 60th anniversary cake.



Many thanks for Ian Williams and his organising committee for giving the club such a memorable night.

December

Christmas function

Another fantastic evening which was well attended just like all previous social events. We decided to support a local restaurant so went to Milano's Pizzeria at the Melville Plaza who went out of their way to accommodate us. To add a bit of frivolity and mayhem to the night we were entertained by Peter Smith and myself as we tried, despite a very noisy environment, to play our Secret Santa game. It definitely was fun if somewhat chaotic.

February

Paella evening

at Marilyn and David's on Paul Harris's birthday on 23rd February 2020. Many thanks to the Barton's for hosting the evening which was well attended and an opportunity for members to catch up after the Christmas break.

June

Breakfast at the Waterton's

After our joint Zoom meeting with the Rotary Club of Canggu Charles and I hosted a breakfast to help raise funds to assist Canggu in providing food parcels for Balinese in need due to the Covid-19 and the lack of tourists. It was a lovely breakfast and, after not being able to see our Rotary friends face to face for quite a while well attended. The event raised over \$1200 which we are sure was well received in Canggu. Many thanks to fellow Rotarians for their never-ending generosity.

Margaret Waterton, Social Coordinator