July 2021 – June 2022 Review

Summary:

The Club was again involved in a wide range of activities. Gary Davis was president, in a continuing difficult period due to Covid restrictions.

Our Achievements

Community Service

- Donated \$1000 to Australian Rotary Health research (especially in mental health) including \$180 raised from the hat day fundraiser
- Participated in a food collection with St Johns Care Reid, and also donated clothing and other items
- Propagated seedlings for future tree plantings, and planted trees with Greening Australia
- Managed Community Markets at SHOUT and planned further markets through 2022

International Service

- Donated \$1,000 to ShelterBox, which was then matched by an anonymous corporate donor
- Received a Bronze Champion Award from ShelterBox in recognition of our ongoing support
- Raised \$3025 via a mango fundraiser, donated to the Rotarians Against Malaria program
- Provided \$721 in Kiva microloans and then reinvested that amount when initial loans repaid.
- Donated \$500 to an Educational Uplift Program in East Sri Lanka, supporting an initiative of RC Canberra Weston Creek
- Facilitated participation of students from St Marys Primary School Hay in an Australia wide Rotary Peace Essay Competition, and provided prizes for the two best essays from the school
- Facilitated participation of the Hay Primary School in folding peace cranes to be sent to the Children's Memorial in Hiroshima
- Participated in, and provided volunteers for the Canberra Peace Walks

Rotary Foundation

• Donated to the work of the Rotary Foundation through Members participation

- in the Centurion program and a Club donation of \$1000
- Donated \$100 towards the eradication of Polio
- Arranged presentation of award of Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) for David Houston of Hay who set up the Dunera Museum
- Presented PHF to Sanjay and Sunita Kumar who run the Daana Restaurant in Curtin and who help organisations including our Rotary club raise funds through their Karma Kitchen dinners.

Vocational Service

- Vocational talks by members
- Donated \$500 to assist a young filmmaker study at a prestigious film school in the UK

Club Service

- Held meetings via Zoom due to restrictions on physical contact due to Covid Lockdown, and then resumed face to face meetings at the SHOUT premises in Pearce
- An informative and entertaining Bulletin
- A successful Rotary Alumni meeting was attended by participants who have benefitted from a wide range of Rotary programs
- Held social meetings for members
- We share Bulletins with three Rotary Clubs: Orange, Orange Daybreak, and Wollundry Wagga Wagga from the old D9700
- We totalled some 2000 service hours for the Rotary year
- Planning for a celebration of 20 years of our Club in 2022, to be held at the Southern Cross Club Woden on 6 August 2022
- A new Club badge was developed and introduced for current and new club members.

Youth

- Supported a participant for the Jan 2022 National Science Youth Forum (NYSF)
- Reviewed and refocussed our Barry Bourke Awards scheme. In 2021, provided Award funding of \$1000 to Alfred Deakin High to help fund a vocational building and construction course for students from Alfred Deakin, Melrose and Mt Stromlo High schools. Also worked with the Rotary Club of Canberra Weston Creek in progressing this project

Fund Raising

- To raise funds for Projects and activities we:
- Held a mango fund raiser to support Rotarians Against Malaria
- Continued to collect foreign coins via Rotary boxes located at agreed locations in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Hornsby
- Ran BBQs at Bunnings Tuggeranong raising \$3,261
- Held Community Markets at Shout Pearce
- Ran some Bring and Buy stalls at SHOUT Pearce
- Held a fund raising dinner at Daana resulting in \$3,307 for local ACT not for profit organisation - Abilities Unlimited Australia

Membership

- Three new members joined, and three resigned due to a range of personal circumstances. Our Club continued to seek new members from diverse age groups and backgrounds.
- Members participated in running the Club in a variety of ways including participation in the Board and Committees, and tasks associated with our breakfast meetings
- Active Club members have Working With Vulnerable People checks, and we get relevant members cleared for suitability of working with children
- Involved a Japanese Rotary District Grant scholar as a temporary member whilst doing a PhD at University of Canberra

Public Relations

• We maintained a web site and Facebook page

Leadership

- A Club member led the District Operation Cleft Committee
- A member participated in the District Global Scholar committee
- A member participated in the District ShelterBox committee
- We are represented on the global Rotary Action Group Against Slavery (RAGAS)
- We are represented on the global Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group (ESRAG)
- Members attended many District and Rotary events via zoom and physical attendance
- Some members participated in the Rotary Regional Reference Group which is reviewing options for Zone 8 organisation

Partnerships

Our Club regularly cooperates with other Rotary clubs, and has also focussed on local relationships with:

- Melrose High School
- Alfred Deakin High School
- Canberra College
- Greening Australia
- SHOUT at Pearce

Administration

- Monthly Board meetings to steer strategic direction, governance, and management
- Club Planning meeting held
- Club committees planned activities for the year
- Club (Annual) General Meeting held Nov 2021
- Risk Management Plans developed for events
- Club running costs reviewed