

Rotary Stanthorpe



68th ANNUAL REPORT 2020 – 2021



*"Rotary isn't just a club to join, but rather an invitation to endless opportunities."
Holger Knaack, Rotary International President 20-21.*

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Rotary Club of Stanthorpe Members 2020-2021

Name			Position
Jim	Barnes		Vocational Service & Facebook Media, President Nominee
Jim	Baxter		Membership & President Elect
Julie	Beddow		Club Service Director
Josephine	Bell	Satellite	Satellite Chair Elect & Chair 2021
Janelle	Bell	Satellite	Satellite Chair 2020
Bill	Bonner		
Paola	Cabezas Bono	Satellite	
Nicole	Clark	Satellite	Youth Service
Malcolm	Durre	Satellite	Interact Advisor 2021
Karl	Foskett	Satellite	
Leeanne	Gangemi	Satellite	Autumn Race Day Chair
David	Hambly		
Julia	Hassall		President & Website
Robyn	Henderson	Satellite	
Fran	Hodgson		Executive Secretary, Immediate Past President, Drought & Fire Relief
Bill	Humble		Honorary member
Helen	Jones		Honorary member
Kylie	Linton	Satellite	Treasurer
Belinda	Lister	Satellite	
Geoff	Marsden		Club Community Service Director
Melissa	Pascoe		Bulletin & Rotary Foundation
Ann	Richardson	Satellite	Secretary, Immediate Past Chair, Interact Advisor 2020
Ros	Sutton	Satellite	
Stephen	Tancred		Youth Protection & District Project
Kim	Thorburn		Secretary
Jaqui	Unold	Satellite	
John	Vichie		Treasurer
Peter	Watters		Boards & Banners
Leeanne	Wilkinson	Satellite	Youth Counsellor

As at June 2021 we have 15 Monday night members and 14 Satellite members



Presidents' Report

Julia Hassall

As President of the Rotary Club of Stanthorpe, the focus has been on four Leadership Goals:

- Club Culture
- Projects – Rotarians are People of Action
- Membership growth and retention
- Meetings with purpose

The Rotary International theme this year has been Rotary Opens Opportunities. I have enjoyed my year as President it has been a learning experience and not without challenges. The membership of the Rotary Club of Stanthorpe is growing which is what Jim Baxter and his Membership Committee planned for. Our two groups are referred to as the Monday Club and the Satellite Club, both groups will continue to grow. Our members are supportive, focussed and fun to be with. Forward planning for both groups is inclusive of one another, and the points of difference in the two groups are complimentary. This Club continues to meet the needs of the members and the community. This is a Club to be proud of and it is worthy of growth. Together we can make a difference. COVID lingers, and this continues to disrupt planning and fundraising activities, however, when I look at the list of Activities and Events our Club has been involved in over the past twelve months, I know we are People of Action.

The Rotary Club of Stanthorpe team which includes all members can be proud of their achievement. Our numbers are not high, therefore organisational tasks and the administration workload is heavy, but when we all do our share, goals are achieved. Thanks to our Treasurer John Vichie for taking care of the funds. Thanks to Kim Thorburn for being Secretary this year, and all the typing, emails and recording. Your experience is valued. A big thankyou to Melissa Pascoe for assembling this 68th Annual Report. Thanks Melissa for promoting Rotary Foundation and the production of the Club Bulletin. Thank you to all members for your commitment and becoming involved in Rotary Activities.



Our Administrative Club Service Director Julie Beddow kept us aware of Rotary focus, Rotary themes and the Avenues of Service. This educational aspect of Rotary was supported with a Guest Speaker, program rosters, attendance, social and fellowship events. As Vice President, Julie has been a rock and always goes above and beyond to support her fellow members.

Thanks to Geoff Marsden and his Club Service Committee we have managed to be supportive in the community again this year. We have fed the hungry and raised some funds for local charities. Geoff and his team managed to complete a project that has lingered since 2017 – the Granite Rock Seat at Quart Pot Creek. It proudly takes its place alongside many Rotary Projects along the Quart Pot Creek. Thanks also to Stephen Tancred for organising some larger Granite Belt Grower group BBQ's which has helped us balance the books.

What fun we had at the Races without Horses. Leeanne Gangemi's idea. Thanks to the Autumn Race Day Committee and all the members who helped realise this new event for our Club, after not being able to go ahead with the plans last May because of COVID. Thank you Leeanne and Ballandean Estate Wines for hosting this new Rotary event that we plan to grow each year.



Jo Bell's Satellite Club has a new "Waste Not Pantry Project" making use of food which would otherwise be discarded. This group is thriving with fresh new innovative ideas, fun spot at dinner meetings and four new members. We welcome our new members Jaqui Unold, Malcolm Durre, Robyn Henderson, and Paola Cabezas Bono. Thanks to Ann Richardson for doing the paperwork to obtain the SDRC grant for new equipment for the project. Thanks to Janelle Bell for her leadership as chair in 2020. Together we travelled the road to the coast for "new beginnings" training. Fran Hodgson and I attended Conference and it was a proud moment for our Club to hear and watch Youth Exchange student Anna Henderson carrying the Italian flag.



Jim Barnes has stepped up to the plate this year and taken on the challenge of President Elect. Jim has kept our External Publicity alive with Facebook. He obtained a grant to develop this Community into a Dementia Friendly town. As Vocational Chair, he organised another successful year of worthy projects for the Junior Craft Awards and promoted and organised the annual Pride of Workmanship Awards evening. Thanks Jim for your Service to Rotary.



Thanks to Nicole Clark our Youth Chair, who has again this year, demonstrated her commitment to promoting Rotary Youth Leadership. Nicole drove the Students to Camp and was given some insight into how attending Camp promotes personal growth which she said is visible immediately after a camp. The Youth came back with positive information to encourage more peers to take on the leadership opportunities. Word of mouth continues to be the best promotor. We welcomed home from Italy Anna Henderson our Rotary Exchange Student who must be the first Student we've sent overseas that has not had a day in a classroom. Italy was in lockdown, all school work was online, but when you listen to Anna talk about her Rotary Exchange experience, she wouldn't have missed it for all the world. Our RYTS and RYLA students gave enthusiastic reports on return from their Camps to both Monday and Satellite groups

Thanks to Past President Fran Hodgson, who continues with ongoing drought and fire relief projects and as her report shows, there has been assistance to schools and local community groups and there are other projects where funds have been allocated still to be actioned.



Our Young Ambassador Karma O'Reilly has organised a committee and plans are underway for the financial commitment to the Community Biannual Apple and Grape Festival Event. Karma has taken on the responsibility of the Snowflakes Activities on behalf of Rotary.

Engagement through Service brings us together. Keeps us keen. It gives us a sense of purpose. Giving of our time, helping with Meals on Wheels, BBQ's, Pantry Project, GBWR, Community Service and Fellowship all contribute to membership growth and retention. We get to know each other through communication with one another. Our families are all busy, but there is nothing more rewarding than giving and letting each other know we are valued. Learning about each other and utilising the skills and talents of our members. A successful vibrant club is only possible if it is a team effort. Members Family Life, Health and Wellbeing is vital, sometimes we have to stop and take time to reflect and heal ourselves.



The Rotary Club of Stanthorpe is evolving. Change is always inevitable and our Club members continue to embrace change. The Monday Club was meeting every Monday night. It will now meet on the second and fourth Monday each month for a dinner meeting at the International Club. This year the Satellite Club met for one dinner meeting on a Wednesday and one Zoom Business meeting. Our Aim for both Monday and Satellite Club Meetings is to always be purposeful, always enjoyable with fun and fellowship. July 2021 brings us a new Rotary International theme Serve to Change Lives. Thank you members for all your work for our Club, our community, and our membership satisfaction. We are the Rotary Club of Stanthorpe, moving from our 68th to our 69th Year. This year we are celebrating 100 years of Rotary in Australia and New Zealand. One of our members Peter Watters has been in Rotary 50 years. We have a lot to celebrate. Best wishes to our incoming President Jim Baxter, the Club's future is in safe hands. Serve to Change Lives. A special thankyou to past members of our Club PDG Tony and Dianne Heading for representing District 9640 at our changeover dinner.



Treasurer's Report

John Vichie

The following figures are a draft financial statement, as of 30th June 2021, of the club's major fundraising activities and donations for the financial year.

2020 - 2021 Fundraising Activities

Activity	\$	Notes
Autumn Race Day Fundraiser	3760	
"Bird" at Club Meetings	328	
Black Dog	183	
Catering at Various Activities	2231	Australia Day, Amiens School Centenary, Baronio Christmas Party
Centurion Towers	600	Member Donations
Dementia Friendly	4863	Grant and Fundraising Activities – Supporting Dementia Friendly Stanthorpe Project
Domestic Violence Awareness	359	
Ham Wheel	1088	
Happy Coins at Club Meetings	193	
Jam Sales	590	Fundraising Initiative by Satellite Club
Op Shop Ball	845	Satellite Club – Youth Programmes
Polio Plus	593	
Purple Pinkies for Polio	70	Interact Club
James Lister MP	2100	TAC MED kits for Local Police Officers
Satellite Club Grant	5000	SDRC Grant for Pantry Project (for the purchase of project equipment)
NET FUNDRAISING TOTAL	22803	

Bank Balances as of June 30th 2021

Account	Opening Balance 1 July 2020	Closing Balance 30 June 2021	Notes
General	\$5,996	\$5235	
Community Service	\$52,228 (\$14,228 +\$38,000)	46410	This figure includes approximately \$29,500 dedicated to ongoing specified drought relief programs at the beginning of 2020.
Opera / Other Events	\$5830	\$10553	Carried over for Event 2022 costs.
Project	\$28,355	\$28363	

The Board has left additional funds in the Community Service Account to match this year's possible District grants, the continuing Dominos project, and the continuing Demetia Friendly Stanthorpe Project.



2020 – 2021 Donations

Applethorpe State School	100	Lecturette Competition
Black Dog Institute	250	Donation
Community Development Services	320	Cuts for Kids – From Drought Relief Fund
Community Neighbourhood Centre	359	Domestic Violence Awareness
Granite Belt Cleaning	1000	Shop Local Community Gift Cards – Drought Relief
Leukaemia Foundation	200	In Memory of Millie Marsden
Malaria Research Project	521	Donation
MS Qld	250	In Memory of Terran Hassall
Old Dog Drinking Water	290	Drinking Water – Drought Affected
Rotary Foundation	2675	Club's \$100 USD per member
Rotary Park	717	Repaint Rotary archway at park in Railway St
Rotary Foundation Polio Plus	1264	Club's Donation, Centurion Towers
St Joseph's High School	1000	Drought Relief Funding
Stanthorpe State High School	1000	Drought Relief Funding
TAC MED	2015	TAC MED kits to all local Police Officers
Satellite Club	5321	Pantry Project Grant Acquittal, Jam Making Equipment
TOTAL DONATIONS	17282	



Granite Belt Neighbourhood Centre



Club Administration Report

Julie Beddow

ATTENDANCE: I have not been recording the attendance on the website, it is no longer a requirement of Rotary and we no longer add it to the Annual report. We still take the attendance at a meeting, more for payment reasons.

BULLETINS: I cannot thank Julia and Melissa enough for the job they have done on the bulletins this year. Congratulations and a BIG THANK YOU!

PROGRAMS: The year has gone by as a blur! So much was cancelled because of Covid19. July saw our Changeover, August saw the start of this year's Zoom meetings with Fran still helping Julia through these times. We also had Franco Arcidiacono tell us all about the Murals he and Morwenna had painted. September (Basic Education and Literacy month) we asked Justin Kuskie S.S.H.S Principal to explain how the pandemic was affecting education.

We had a joint meeting with Lions and welcomed the Mayor Vic Pennisi to talk with us, during our Economic and Community Development month. Jim Barnes also did a wonderful program on Images of the Past during October.

Our Junior Craft Awards made it through, with St Joseph's students doing a great job, Thank you Jim Barnes. Margot Tesch came and filled us in on the Emu Swamp Dam Project. And December was a successful Ham Wheel and a wonderful Christmas Party at the Ballandean Hall.



We started the new year with a Street Art Tour with Jim Barnes and a talk on Essential Tremors with Paul & Elizabeth Drake. Australia Day was quiet and finished the month off with a breakfast meeting with Warwick Sunrise.



We welcomed Anna Henderson home and enjoyed a wonderful night listening to her adventures. The youth of our area told us about all their experiences YEP, RYTS & RYLA.

The Rotary Says NO to Domestic Violence Baton came to town and we had Josephine Yuile to talk on this subject. The baton made a big hit abseiling down Donnelly's Castle, attending the Meals on Wheels Luncheon as well as other places and finally being handed over to Allora Club.

Autumn Race Day was a very popular event and should improve year on year. Congratulations to the organizers – you did a fantastic job!

Our Welcome to Stanthorpe night finally went ahead on the 10th May. Great night had by all. We finally got to listen to Tony Hassall on his literary experiences – go buy a book! Good casual night, thank you Tony for your insights.

We had two students representing the SDRC Youth Committee; Pride of Workmanship and finished the year off with getting to know our new committees for the coming year and Changeover night.

MEALS: WELL DONE INTERNATIONAL CLUB CATERERS! Thanks to Chris and Tamara Reedy and Sam Marino (World's Best Baked Ham) for everything they do for us. Very much appreciated!

JOB ROSTER has taken over the **SERGEANT AT ARMS: HAPPY COINS: BIRD: TOAST: VOTE OF THANKS** etc Roles. We had some great joys and marvellous stories in our happy coins sessions. Enjoyed hearing all the happy and not so happy news. Thanks for your small change!



MEALS ON WHEELS: THANK YOU TO ALL YOU WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS!

Meals on Wheels is a stalwart of our club. In all the years it has been running it has been supported by our members. Congratulations to Fran Hodgson for her year as President of Meals on Wheels. We couldn't fill the roster without our Friends of Rotary family and to everyone who helps out THANK YOU.



HERE'S TO LOOKING FORWARD TO A HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS 2021/2022



People of Action

Presentations, Activities, Service

Jul 06, 2020	New Exec Board Meeting	Jan 11, 2021	Street Art Tour with Jim Barnes & BBQ
Jul 08, 2020	Satellite Changeover	Jan 13, 2021	Satellite Business Meeting
Jul 13, 2020	Club Assembly	Jan 26, 2021	Australia Day BBQ
Jul 15, 2020	Event Planning Committee Meeting	Jan 29, 2021	Warwick Sunrise Club Breakfast
Jul 20, 2020	Club Changeover	Jan-Feb 2021	BBQ Roster at GBWR
Jul 21, 2020	Breakfast with DGAndy	Feb 01, 2021	Board Meeting
Jul 27, 2020	Fun and Fellowship evening	Feb 08, 2021	Youth Exchange Anna Henderson
Aug 03, 2020	Board Meeting	Feb 10, 2021	Satellite Business Meeting
Aug 10, 2020	Franco Arcidiacono's Murals	Feb 11, 2021	Interact Meeting
Aug 12, 2020	Satellite Meeting	Feb 15, 2021	Member Club Assembly
Aug 17, 2020	Event Planning on Zoom	Feb 22, 2021	Josephine Yuile GBNC
Aug 24, 2020	Trivia Evening with Julie	Feb 24, 2021	Satellite Business Meeting on Zoom
Aug 26, 2020	Satellite Business Meeting on Zoom	Mar 01, 2021	Membership Committee Meeting
Sep 14, 2020	Guest Speaker SSHS Justin Kuskie	Mar 01, 2021	Board Meeting
Sep 21, 2020	Zoom meeting 6.30pm	Mar 05, 2021	ARD Committee Zoom
Sep 21, 2020	Meals on Wheels Week,	Mar 08, 2021	Water & Sanitation SDRC Lalji Rihod
Sep 28, 2020	Fun and Fellowship evening	Mar 10, 2021	Satellite Business Meeting
Oct 05, 2020	Board Zoom Meeting	Mar 15, 2021	BBQ at Country Caravan Park
Oct 12, 2020	Guest Speaker Mayor Vic Pennisi	Mar 22, 2021	Anna Henderson & RYTS, RYLA
Oct 14, 2020	Satellite Fun & Fellowship Meeting	Mar 24, 2021	Satellite Meeting on Zoom
Oct 14, 2020	Breakfast Meeting	Mar 28, 2021	BBQ Amiens Centenary
Oct 15, 2020	Mental Health Odd Socks Day	Mar 29, 2021	Welcome to Stanthorpe
Oct 19, 2020	Phil Fairweather on Zoom	Apr 12, 2021	Autumn Race Day Planning & Board
Oct 24, 2020	Polio Stand	Apr 14, 2021	Satellite Business Meeting Zoom
Oct 26, 2020	Granite Belt History with Jim Barnes	Apr 17, 2021	Op Shop Formal Dinner
Oct-Dec 2020	Saturday BBQ Roster at GBWR	Apr 19, 2021	Breakfast Meeting
Nov 01, 2020	World Interact Week	Apr 28, 2021	Satellite Meeting
Nov 02, 2020	Board Meeting	May 01, 2021	Preparation for Autumn Race Day
Nov 09, 2020	GBW with Margot Tesch	May 02, 2021	Autumn Race Day
Nov 09, 2020	Meals on Wheels Week	May 10, 2021	Welcome to Stanthorpe
Nov 11, 2020	Satellite Business Meeting	May 12, 2021	Satellite Dinner Meeting
Nov 16, 2020	Zoom Meeting	May 15, 2021	District 9640 Conference
Nov 19, 2020	Interact Meeting	May 17, 2021	Guest Speaker - Author Tony Hassall
Nov 23, 2020	AGM for all members	May 24, 2021	SDRC Youth Committee
Nov 23, 2020	Meals on Wheels Week	May 26, 2021	Satellite Business Meeting Zoom
Nov 25, 2020	Satellite Zoom Business Meeting	May 28, 2021	Ukelele Club BBQ Catering
Nov 30, 2020	Social at Summit Coffee	May 30, 2021	Satellite Club Jam Making
Dec 02, 2020	Satellite Business Meeting	May 31, 2021	Pride of Workmanship QCWT
Dec 03, 2020	Interact Xmas Meeting	May 31, 2021	Meals on Wheels Week
Dec 03, 2020	Growers BBQ	Jun 07, 2021	Report Preparation no meeting
Dec 05, 2020	Ham Wheel	Jun 09, 2021	Satellite Dinner Meeting
Dec 07, 2020	Board Meeting	Jun 14, 2021	Club Assembly
Dec 12, 2020	Combined Christmas Dinner	Jun 15, 2021	Granite Rock seat placement
Dec 14, 2020	DG 9640 Andy Rajapakse's Visit	Jun 18, 2021	Rural Minds/Fire at Ballandean - BBQ
Dec 21, 2020	Meals on Wheels Week	Jun 24, 2021	Granite Belt Growers BBQ



Community Service Report

Geoff Marsden

We have had a busy year starting with a BBQ every Saturday morning for Granite Belt Water Relief to supply breakfast for the people who come to collect drinking water and water for their stock as we entered the second year of severe drought in our shire.

As we do so many BBQs we investigated getting a purpose-built catering trailer but because of COVID 19 and not knowing what the future would be like we have postponed this project.

We spoke with council about the possibility of cleaning some of the neglected graves at the Stanthorpe Cemetery and they advised that because of Public Liability issues, this would not be possible.



We also sought permission to install a granite rock seat adjacent to the weir near the Rotary BBQ below the tourist information building. The rock seat was to be installed on 09/06/2021 but due to bad weather, it was installed Tuesday 15/06/2021. Already a popular spot!



We have also spoken with council about doing a project at the Sentimental Rocks to clean up the area of overgrown weeds, undergrowth and nuisance plants. A meeting was held with a council officer on site and council will advise us when funding becomes available.

Another project we looked at was cleaning up the area near the Red Bridge and we have found that the Southern Downs Industry Education Association can apply for funding, and we may be able to be involved in a joint project.

The Project we had hoped to be involved in this year was the rejuvenation of Stanthorpe's 1956 Rotary Park in Railway Street. We were not successful in obtaining the District Grant. The sign has been painted thanks to Julie Beddow and Rob Lawson. The Netball Courts upgrade is happening thanks to a SDRC Grant to the Netball Association. The Rotary restoration project will remain pending.



On the catering side we held a staff BBQ for 130 people prior to Christmas for Eastern Colour Farms, Australia Day BBQ in Weeroona Park, BBQ for Amiens school centenary, BBQ at the Autumn Race Day, a sausage sizzle at the High School and numerous other BBQs.

Prior to Christmas we conducted a very successful Christmas Ham Wheel selling 2000 tickets in the main street.



Rotary Australia & New Zealand



Celebrating 100 Years 1921–2021

2021 a special year for Australia and New Zealand. We celebrate the 100 years of Rotary Service. The first Rotary Clubs in Australia were formed in Melbourne in April 1921 and Sydney in May 1921. Today Australia has over 1000 Rotary clubs in every city and town connecting 25,000 members. We have come together from different cultures, backgrounds, professions, and corners of the country to create a common legacy. Think about the impact we made in 100 years!

The Rotary 100 Baton relay will run for 100 days across all our 57 clubs in Northern NSW and South East Queensland ending on 15 May at the Rotary International District Conference in Twin Towns in Tweed Heads. This baton relay demonstrates Rotary's unity and diversity. *It's a relay with a cause* that will engage with many in our community. A cause Australia connects with. *In this 100th year "Rotary says No to Domestic Violence."* So, let's make an impact and join our communities to promote safe families in Australia.

The R100 Baton relay came to Stanthorpe and was circulated to various events to promote Say No to Domestic Violence a District 9640 initiative. A BBQ and raffle was held to raise funds to support this cause.



Drought and Bushfire Relief

Fran Hodgson

The drought continued relentlessly during 2020 and many Granite Belt residents were and are still coping with the effects of the 2019 bushfires. It was only in April when Storm King Dam filled up and the water trucks stopped coming from Warwick that we all felt a sense of relief. However, the effects of the drought, particularly, continue on.

Our club continued through July 2020 to June 2021 supporting the community with funds generously donated during the drought crisis. We continued to use our funds through:

- Club members providing a sausage sizzle at the Granite Belt Water Relief program each Saturday morning until March 2021.
- Distribution of Water for tanks and water for community members
- Support for the local businesses and schools through the purchase and distribution of the local Community Cards to all 16 schools in the district.
- Funds for the Stanthorpe State High School Breakfast Club
- Support to the 'Needy Fund' programs at Stanthorpe State High School and St. Joseph's School which will help some families to provide the educational materials needed, particularly for practical subjects.
- Provisions for the Rural Minds Seminar at the Ballandean Hall
- The *Hair Cuts for Kids* program through the Granite Belt Neighbourhood Centre with payment for Hall rental in Dalveen, Ballandean and at Hilton St. Stanthorpe.
- Laundry vouchers – which have now been discontinued.
- Further funds have been requested and will be targeted for the purchase and installation of tanks at the International Club and at a small school.
- Hopefully a Business Women's Dinner will be held at some stage after COVID.



Once again a big thank you to all the Rotary Clubs, schools, clubs, businesses and individuals who have supported us since 2019 through their generous donations.

Suggestions to support local community needs with drought and water relief are always welcome.



Storm King Dam in 2020



Mayor Vic welcoming the full dam in Late March 2021!

Rotary Foundation Report

Melissa Pascoe

○ District Foundation Grants

The club unsuccessfully applied for a district Rotary Foundation grant this year:

A\$5000 for the rejuvenation of Stanthorpe's 1956 Rotary Park in Railway Street – near the Netball Courts.

○ World Polio Day 24 October 2020

We had a stand and raffle down town promoting Polio Awareness.



○ Rotary Foundation Events

Phil Fairweather did a Rotary Foundation Presentation via Zoom and provided us with further information about the foundations roles in todays world including COVID.

I did regular bulletin educational reports focusing on each month's theme.

Centurion Towers were distributed to members throughout the year as required.



○ Foundation Cakes and Puddings

Rotary Foundation cakes/puddings were again purchased by members. The club distributed some to drought/fire victims for Christmas via the Granite Belt Water Relief BBQs. Rotarian Widows and Widowers also received a cake or pudding just in time for Christmas. Even though we made a loss of approx. \$150 on this venture, our club continues to support our community and widows. We plan to offer any leftover cakes and puddings for sale at the upcoming Satellite Club's Xmas in Winter dinner on Saturday 21st August 2021.

○ 2020-21 Club Foundation Goals

This year, the club set a goal of US\$2,000 to the **Annual Fund**. The **PolioPlus Fund** donations was set at A\$1264.

Paul Harris Fellows

- Ann Richardson
- Jeanene Chapman
- Peter Watters

All recipients are very worthy and a reflection of our resilient, resourceful and hardworking community.

The Club made its usual healthy donation to the Rotary Foundation and our several generous members made individual significant donations. All of these help fund the Foundations local, national and global good works and give us 'recognition points' to allow us to recognize our own local heroes and high achievers.

Vocational Service Report

Jim Barnes

In the Past.....

Pride of Workmanship.

A successful Pride of Workmanship Awards Presentation was held at QCWT on 31st May. Six nominees from a variety of vocations received awards. The venue was maintained as for previous years as Stanthorpe SHS Hospitality students were able to use this event as a training activity to offset an increase in cost to attendees. Students under supervision of Melissa Pascoe did an excellent job and I recommend, if possible, that the same procedure be undertaken in future years. The change in seeking nominations, by Rotarians approaching businesses and organisations, was also successful and I suggest that the method be continued. It reduces the cost of running the event as advertising costs are eliminated and gives Rotarians an opportunity to interact with business. It is important that a good mix of vocations are represented in the awards.

Dementia –Friendly Stanthorpe project

With assistance of Stanthorpe Rotary and the Men's Shed a street awareness BBQ by the Dementia Friendly Stanthorpe alliance was held on Friday 19th March. It was held outside the Amcal chemist (Thanks to Hamish Head). This was a success with a number of persons enquiring about dementia and the dementia friendly alliance. This was a successful collaboration with the Men's Shed and hopefully we can involve them in future activities.



In the Future.....

Pride of Workmanship.

Tentative date 2022 May 23 or 30 Sponsorship will again be sought from SDRC and Bendigo-Stanthorpe Community Bank.

Junior Crafts award St Joseph's School

Proposed for late November- 22 or 29?

Lift the Lid -Mental Health Charity Breakfast. RSL is booked for breakfast Wednesday 13th October in Qld mental health week. Cost to participants \$25 (Breakfast cost \$20) Guest Speaker to be advised.

Dementia Friendly Stanthorpe

Another free **awareness BBQ** is proposed. Funds are available. Date to be decided.

A **series of sessions-Ageing Well-** are proposed. This will take the form of a free morning tea with entertainment for seniors. It will also include a short information session relevant to seniors. Funds are available through the

Community Engagement Grant from Dementia Australia. It is envisaged that these will occur bimonthly on a set day (Friday if possible given availability of venue). To commence in July -date to be decided.

Acquittal of Community Engagement Grant from Dementia Australia due June 30. An extension will be sought given the impact of Covid

A **movie night** is proposed as an awareness activity and a fundraiser. Choice of movie is the award winning The Father. Date to be decided.

Millie Marsden Memorial.

As discussed at Board and Dinner meetings a plaque is to be placed in the sheltered area in Heritage Park. The plaque is similar in type as the ones already present.

A date for the “unveiling” is to be decided (possibly a Saturday in July?) A sausage sizzle on site could be undertaken (gold coin donation or fixed cost?)

Car Rally to Boonah (work in progress)

As discussed at Board and Dinner meetings a **car rally to Boonah** as a fun activity and an opportunity to connect with our fellow Rotarian Bill Bonner and other Stanthorpians at Fassifern Aged Care and Boonah Rotarians is proposed. Boonah Rotary has been contacted seeking their involvement but this needs to be followed-up. My intention is to attend, with Bill, a dinner meeting of Boonah Rotary next month. Date is yet to be decided for car rally.

Maybe there is a possibility of having a fundraising car rally-closer to home- in the upcoming year?

150th Anniversary of Stanthorpe -2022

Is the club intending to undertake a project or activity as part of the anniversary celebration? If so, suggestion required.

Quick note on Publicity

A number of items have been posted on **Rotary Club of Stanthorpe** Facebook page and then posted to **Stanthorpe on Facebook** page. These included posts about Autumn Race Day-pre and post event, Welcome to Stanthorpe evening, Dementia Awareness BBQ, A&G Ambassador, OP Shop Formal and Pride of Workmanship.



Satellite & Youth Report

Jo Bell

Report – March to June 2021

Actions and Achievements

1. Membership:

New members welcomed to the Satellite Club:

Jaqui Unold, Paola Cabezas-Bono, Robyn Henderson, Malcolm Durre . Each new member has been assigned a mentor.



Visitors following the Welcome Evening were: Linda Hodson, Nathan Grayson, Luke Jordan. Nathan has agreed to join the Rotary club and has received the Membership EOI to submit. Nathan has joined the Spooky Committee. His partner Luke is a regular attendee as a Friend of Rotary for now. Linda assisted at the Pantry Cook up and has asked to be a Friend of Rotary for now (She is concerned re: financial commitment level).

Total Rotary Satellite Club members = 14 (including Janelle on leave)

2. Club development:

- a. Face to Face monthly meeting is permanently at the Stanthorpe High Café with the Hospitality Students catering for a 2-course meal for \$15. It has been an outstanding success with their supervisors reporting that there is a waiting list amongst students to participate in this training. Our meals are restaurant standard and a surprise depending on their coursework at the time.
- b. Zoom meetings are constructive as a business meeting. Attendance is not always high.
- c. Members are taking on specific roles to help with organization of the club's activities e.g. Leanne Wilkinson is the Meals Liaison and Kylie Linton is the Satellite Treasurer, we have rotating roles for greeter, fun spot, 4 way test close.
- d. Forward planning: A calendar of activities has been drafted, including events for Karma (A&G Ambassador). The plan demonstrates where we are committed to Youth, community service, fellowship, fun and assisting Karma.
- e. Member Communication is expanding to include a Facebook closed page rather than Messenger.
- f. Our name: Business Arising from previous assembly minutes: Changing Bi-Laws to remove 'Flexitime'.
- g. The Club has decided to have an Honour Board recognising Satellite Chair and Secretary similar to the Monday Club. This will be positioned next to the Monday President Honour Boards.



3. Community Service:

Fundraising events:

- a. Op Shop formal was not well attended but was fun and raised over \$800. Interactions with the host, Heritage Estate Wines was difficult especially re: advertising and understanding of who's event it was. We plan to do it again, but at a different venue.
- b. Heritage Wines BBQ – assisted with BBQ for 55 guests.

Waste Not! Pantry project:

- This project is a community service that is not dependent on having guests attend. It is cost effective as much of the raw ingredients are donated. It is a sustainable project that is environmentally sound.
- Received a \$5000 SDRC grant for equipment that will benefit the project and other Club activities: Food prep equipment, Freezer, printer.
- Nearly 1000 jars have been produced of which about 700 have gone to the Food Support Scheme. The remainder were used to establish a seed fund of approx. \$1900, for raffle prizes and for school Breakfast clubs.
- The products are popular at the Food Support Scheme.



Police Trauma Kits:

Guest Speaker Paramedic Andrew Bell discussed the need for Trauma Kits as personal equipment for our local police. As a result of that presentation, Satellite member Belinda Lister contacted husband and Local Member, James Lister who agreed to provide the funds to pay for the 15 Trauma Kits. The requested Letter was provided and the funds given to the Rotary Club of Stanthorpe to buy the kits, as detailed by Andrew Bell. The kits have been ordered and paid for. They will be presented to the Police as soon as they arrive.



4. Youth

- Rotary Camps: It is still difficult to find scholarship participants. We have reviewed our methods of recruitment to try in the 2022 round of camps. A video of testimonials is being planned for a marketing tool.
- Interact: Malcolm Durre has accepted the role of Interact Advisor. However, he is on a work contract out of town so Interact is on hold until the Community Club has been planned.
- A dedicated meeting is planned to discuss Youth support beyond camp scholarships, including Alumni connections.
- Spooky Walk 2021:
 - A Committee is formed and have met.

Options are being researched: Drive-In (IT people are no longer available), Spooky Ball on Saturday night, Walk around the showground areas as similar to the park.



Membership

Jim Baxter

Membership for the Monday night Club has been quiet with no new members for 2019-2020. The Satellite Club has been 'zooming ahead with four new members. We welcome to Rotary Stanthorpe: Paola Cabezas Bono, Robyn Henderson, Jaqui Unold and Malcom Durre. We hope all our new members are finding their feet and enjoying Rotary.

Technically, Dave Hambly joined the year before as did Karl Foskett and Ros Sutton (Satellite Club) but they have proven to be valuable assets to the Club.

A big thank you goes to the Membership committee for the organisation needed to run the 'Welcome to Stanthorpe' event. It finally got off the ground after some COVID related hiccups! It proved to be a good night, with many new faces to meet and introduce to Rotary.

Recruitment for new members is every member's responsibility. If you see a suitable candidate, please ask them to come along and give us a go.



Autumn Race Day

Leeanne Gangemi

After a bumpy start (cancellation in 2020 due to COVID) we were able to pull together a great event on May 2.

The numbers in attendance were not as high as the committee was hoping for but we decided to hold the event anyway and get it off the ground. Local businesses supported the event by way of donations and sponsorships of races - thank you Ann for your work with the sponsors.

As usual, most of our fabulous members attended the set up and running of the day, which was certainly a lot easier than we did with Opera and the consensus was that a day event like this was a good move to replace the Opera event. Thank you to all Rotarians and helpers who assisted.



We held a debrief on Monday after clean up and discussed what went well, what we could do better and what we would not do again. A big thank you to Ian Henderson for MC'ing the afternoon, it was a real bonus to have his enthusiasm for the races. Thanks also to PDG Ross Smith for MC'ing in the marquee.

The final report regarding the finances is pending.

We were unsuccessful in a grant application through SRDC which would have confirmed the event for 2022.

We will be forming another ARD committee shortly where we will decide if the event will be going ahead in 2022. If you would like to join the committee please let me know.



2020-2021 Youth Protection Report

Blue Cards remain an important part of our youth protection protocols. Members are accredited for three years and the renewal process is managed by the Club's Youth Protection Officer (Stephen Tancred). Members who have an elevated role (Exchangee hosts, counsellors, youth directors) also complete a Volunteer Declaration which involves an element of reference seeking.

One change that has been implemented is that Blue cards will need to be issued (not just applied for) before Youth Activities can be engaged in (called the No Card, No Start law).



FUN 😊 FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY SERVICE

Stanthorpe Interact is currently under the guidance of Rotary mentor Malcom Durre. We have approximately 5 members but COVID has affected how often we meet and our activities.

While we are in recess, we are working towards converting the current Interact Club from a school based club to a community club.



2021 - 2022 Rotary Year

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Shekhar Mehta, RI International President 21-22, adopted the guiding philosophy that 'Service is the rent I pay for the space I occupy on this earth, and I want to be a good tenant of this earth.'"

