

THE ROTARY CLUB OF NUMURKAH Inc.



ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2020 - 2021

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***Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens
can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.***

2020 – 2021 Board Members

President	Jennifer Rodger
President Elect & Membership	Gary Phillips
Past President	Lorraine Greenwood
Secretary	Sally Rose
Treasurer	Jeff Buzza
Club Service	Gary Phillips
Public Relations	Lou Hamon OAM
Community Service	Julie Andrew
Foundation & International	Stephen Mills
Youth Services	Chris Hardham
Vocational Service	John Watson AM



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International Director	Kate Hodge
Club Service	Rex Shields
Youth / New Generations Director	
Vocational Service Director	Chris Hardham

CHANGEOVER PROGRAM

June 28th 2021

6:30pm Call to Order	Squish Davis
Acknowledgement of Country	Sally Rose
Welcome	Jennifer Rodger
Rotary Toast & Grace	Stephen Mills
Rotary International Toast	Kate Hodge
Apologies	Ivan Routley
President's Address Annual Report 2020 -2021	Jennifer Rodger
Community Service Award	Julie Andrew/Duncan McPherson Community Service Director
Vocational Service Award	John Watson/Debby O'Callaghan Vocational Service Director
Message from AG Martin Wilmshurst	Chris Sutton
Presentation of Paul Harris Fellows	District Governor Nominee - David McPherson
Induction of 2021-2022 President	District Governor Nominee - David McPherson
Incoming President's Address	Gary Phillips
Introduction of 2021-22 Board	Gary Phillips
Sergeant Session	Squish Davis
Close of Meeting - 4 Way Test	Gary Phillips

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Thank you for providing me the opportunity to be President of this great Club for the year 2020-2021.

It has been a year like no-other.

I expected a challenge but there were quite a few times when I had to take a deep breath & consider how I was going to tackle a situation - but the majority of situations have been rewarding & it has been a positive experience & one that I would recommend.

Whilst we adjusted to life in lockdown, we held our meetings virtually via zoom until September, when the Golf Club opened especially for us utilising the outdoor area, until we were able to resume our meetings indoors. A big thank you to Kevin & Ravi for making the effort to accommodate us throughout the year.

Meeting in person & enjoying our social events have become all the more special, after being denied contact with one another during restrictions. I have appreciated the continuous support of members to adapt to change, as sometimes we had to “think outside the box” to remain one step ahead of the ever-changing restrictions.

I recommend that everyone read the Annual Report that is being circulated as Directors have individually written reports for the 5 avenues of service of Community, Vocation, Foundation/International, Club & Youth. There are also the financial reports included to 31/05/21 prepared by our Treasurer plus some other reports & information.

This year’s motto was “Rotary opens Opportunity” & whilst we were limited on some of our regular projects, we were able to embrace new opportunities for service in our community as follows.

We accepted responsibility for providing volunteers to prepare breakfast to the students of Numurkah Primary School 5 days/week. This has required the involvement of 10 volunteers/week plus some emergency fill ins making a regular commitment for almost half of our members.

The project has proven to be very positive for students, teachers & the volunteers have developed a wonderful rapport with the children.

We joined a trial program with NCN Health & Chef, Adam Drust for the Community Table. We delivered 400 free pre-cooked nutritional meals to locals in need, whilst providing some income for the hospitality businesses that participated. This program was funded by \$1,000 from our Club & community donations for the remainder.

We provided marshals for the initial trial period of the weekly Parkrun, plus St Joseph's annual fun run.

In February, we resumed our monthly Saturday sausage sizzles in Newman Square, plus catering with the barbeque trailer at various sales, which generates revenue for our administration account.

The Drought Relief Program in conjunction with the Rotary Clubs of Balwyn & North Balwyn was finalised in March with 785 vouchers redeemed, injecting \$39,000.00 into local businesses which stimulates the entire community. Thanks to Lorraine for continuing to be the contact for this project & attending zoom meetings on our behalf. These 2 Melbourne Clubs, who like to refer to us as their "country cousins", also donated 4 large boxes of new clothing for free distribution, which was appreciated by many in need. We are formulating ideas for future events to continue our partnership for drought relief.

The 41st Art Show was a great success & a reflection of a well organised team led by Lou. We managed to equal the sales record achieved in 2019. The profit of \$10,000 enables us to continue with our support of local schools with annual awards, funding for youth camps & advancement programs, plus with the sponsorship of children overseas & grants & donations that we provide to other organisations & individuals.

We were able to proceed with our annual 4WD weekend which historically is another fundraiser, but this year the format was changed for a purely social weekend, which was still very enjoyable - but plans are in place to incorporate a fundraising component again for next year.

After 3 failed attempts, we hosted an event for Samuel Johnson & Love Your Sister which was a resounding success & a personal highlight for my year. As a result of the generosity of our Club, NCN Health, local businesses & NSC hospitality students preparing the snack boxes; we were able to donate 100% of money raised through the sale of admission tickets & raffle tickets of \$8,011.50. Add to that merchandise sales of \$2,700.00, the event raised \$10,711.50. Many guests took the opportunity to pledge \$10/month to assist Samuel's goal of \$1,000,000/month for cancer research.

Our results this year have exceeded expectations & are reflective of a combined effort & couldn't have been achieved without the involvement of each & every member, & for that, you all have my eternal appreciation & gratitude. I would like to acknowledge the contribution made by the Board of Lorraine Greenwood, Gary Phillips, Sally Rose, Jeff Buzza, John Watson, Steve Mills, Julie Andrew & Chris Hardham & thank them for their efforts in being Directors.

At our last Board meeting, which was a combination of the outgoing & incoming Boards, we provided grants & donations in excess of \$16,000.00 to local organisations such as

the Toy Library, Historical Society, House Tides, Fishing Club, Men's Shed, Baulkamaugh Scouts, Numurkah Primary School, Numurkah Singers, plus the Umoja Orphanage in Kenya.

This year celebrates Rotary's 100th year in Australia & New Zealand & if our Club resembles a typical club, we can be confident that Rotary will be around beyond the next century.

After reading a book on Club Service, a paragraph suggested that incoming President's often run their Club like a sprint – bursting out of the gates & then collapsing as they cross the finishing line. Instead it should be viewed as a relay. As one year approaches the end, we pass the baton to the next leader who is set to go, assuring continuity & a smooth transition to the next leader thereafter. A healthy club should be able to anticipate for life beyond each year with a succession plan for the future.

This is an approach we are adopting, & I now pass the baton onto Gary Phillips for his incoming year as President, & I offer him my full support & commitment to strive for continued success for this Club.

Jennifer Rodger
President 2020-2021



MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE REPORT

Despite interruptions due to COVID-19 restrictions the average attendance for the year was 69.9%.

Four members were still able to reach 100% attendances, being Lou Hamon, Gary Phillips, Jennifer Rodger and Chris Sutton.

We also had 12 members who averaged above 70% attendance.

Ivan Routley



ROTARY GUEST SPEAKERS 2020-2021

Thank you to all our members for putting in a diligent effort to source a wide variety of Guest Speakers throughout our past year. We had a zoom fancy dress night, plus a virtual visit to Werribee Zoo, & a few trivia quiz evenings which were very enjoyable. Some Guest Speakers have attended via zoom whilst the majority have appeared in person.

A summary of our Guest Speakers are listed below:

- **Bernadette Steward** – Secretary Numurkah & Wunghnu Cemetery Trust
- **Paul Quinnane** – Ride for Down Syndrome
- **Nicole Wells** – NCN Health Community Development Office
- **DG Bruce Anderson**
- **Trudi Pratt** – Emergency Manager City of Greater Shepparton & Moira Shire
- **Alice Glachen** – Albury Hilltop Accommodation Centre
- **Josh West** – Australian Paralympic Team - Basketball
- **Leah Farnham** – Headspace
- **Jenny Green** – Rock it Foundation
- **John Brear** – Australian Border Force
- **Colleen O'Hara** – St Jude School Tanzania
- **Cathy Booth** – Umoja Orphanage Kenya
- **Sonia Strahan** – Prostate Cancer Specialist Nurse
- **Robyn Sprunt & Catherine Church** – NCN Health
- **Bernadette Steward** – Cemetery Walk
- **Jeff Blackley** – Numurkah Historical Society
- **Wilow Hoskin** – Rotary Exchange Student Finland
- **Geoff Limner & Bruce McEwan** – Rotary Box Hill Central
- **Peter Heard** – The World's Longest Taxi Ride
- **Lesley Hills** – The Laughter Lady
- **Dale Wright** – Men's Health
- **Malcolm Watt** – RYPEN Chair
- **Judy McDonald, Chris Hardham & Squish Davis**
- **Garry McNamara**
- **Jacque Phillips** – NCN Health
- **Numurkah Ukele Club**
- **Kellie King** – House Tides



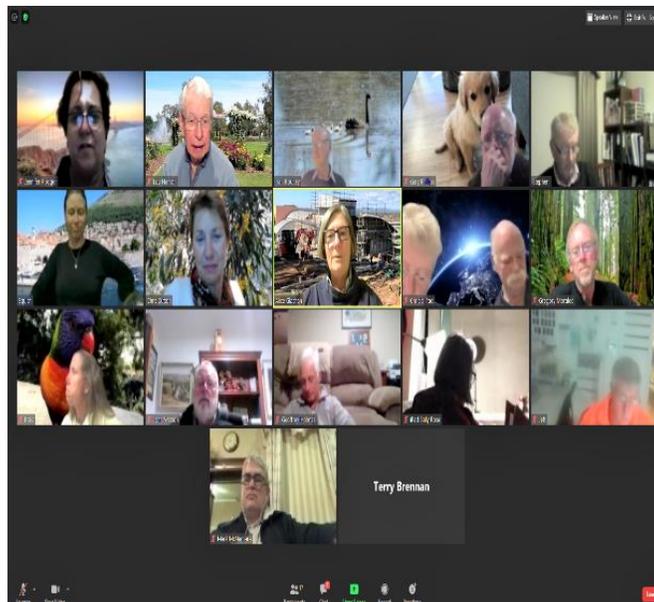
CLUB SERVICE REPORT

“Club Service works to strengthen fellowship of members through training and hospitably. Clubs have serious topics to work toward, so having various social events that bring members and their guest informally and for fun, contributes to genuine fellowship.”

In the year that we have just gone through the idea expressed above was not an easy thing to do. Our club did its best to maintain the standards established over a great number of years. But all of us know it has been a difficult challenge to ensure the involvement of members, to maintain contact and to just simply, “get out there”. For meeting that challenge we have the tireless work done by our president, Jennifer, to thank. We maintained our meeting schedule through the use of the Zoom platform, and while that facility served its purpose, it was not the same. Really, to tell the truth not all that comfortable either. But we are still here.

Even though this last year has not been the best we have had some highlights. Not the least of which has been the welcoming of Garry McNamara into the Club. Garry is already making a great contribution and we look forward too many years of contributions into the future. Of course, the resumption of meetings at the golf club have been welcomed and has allowed us to establish (maybe re-establish) that camaraderie we have previously enjoyed so much. The Numurkah Ukulele Club evening, the Club Assembly and the vocations night focusing upon a few of our members are just a small sample of the informative Monday evening gatherings we have been able to spend together once again. We have taken small steps in the challenge of getting back onto our feet, to continue to be a purposeful and active group in our community.

Gary Phillips



PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

Thanks to the valuable support from the Numurkah Leader, the Rotary Club has enjoyed considerable success in having press releases, stories, articles, reports and photos submitted published in the Leader throughout the year, all publicising our activities to the community. Thankyou Numurkah Leader.

Our website www.numurkahrotary.org provides a wonderful window on our club to the public, where office-bearers, up-coming events, stories on activities as well as a photo album section full of photos depicting the club in action on its various activities. Annual reports and the weekly bulletin can also be viewed by the public. The stories on the home page are updated weekly.

Members have also, through the website, access to the club directory of our membership and members profiles, and the ability to email to all or some of our members. It is pleasing to see more and more members avail themselves off his email service.

The website is used for tracking attendances, and can give a snapshot of the club membership by gender, age, length of service etc.

The weekly bulletin is emailed to each member, reporting on the weekly meeting, and advising of coming events and members responsibilities.

It has been a challenging year with COVID-19 restrictions, congratulations to President Jennifer Rodger for keeping the momentum going with Zoom meetings, and when permitted face to face meetings and social functions ensuring the continued life of the club.

A Facebook page where weekly posts can be viewed, is building a wide following. The number of page “likes” is growing, and each post receives “likes”.

This is another medium in which our club presents itself favourably to the public.

An Instagram account was activated to spread our story to another audience.

Lou Hamon

PR Director/webmaster/bulletin editor

41ST ANNUAL ART & CRAFT EXHIBITION

The 41st Annual Art & Craft Exhibition was officially opened by Rotary District Governor Bruce Anderson, who congratulated the Rotary Club of Numurkah for staging an excellent exhibition.

The art judge, Geoff Paynter, commented on the diversity, creativity and the technical abilities displayed by the artists.

Geoff announced the winners in each section he had selected with comments on the artwork.

- Best in Show was awarded to Tim Redfern from Mulwala, “Jukaliatas”
- Runner Up was “Impression” by Sally Sidebottom from Tallygaroopna
- Best Watercolour awarded to Be Gosler with “Fun in the Sun”
- Best Oil was “Tranquil Autumn” by Do Noble from Doveton
- Best Pastel awarded to Linda Finch from Donvale with “Waiting for a Friend”
- Best Acrylic was “summer Waratahs” by Melanie Jamieson from Finley
- Best Pencil was awarded to “Leucadendron” by Louise Adams from Temora
- Best Regional Artist was Janet Tett from Yarrawonga with “Mystic Mountains”
- Moira Arts & Culture Inc. Encouragement Award was awarded to Victor Casha from Cobram with “Playing Hide & Seek”
- Photographic Award was awarded to Dennis Rickard from Numurkah with “Patterns”.

Claire Reid was the craft judge stating precise skill was very evident – the entries were judged on the skill of the craftsperson, not just their aesthetic qualities. Claire also noted contributors to the show continue to display ever improving skills.



The winners were:

- Fibres. Threads and Beads Award was awarded to Margaret Blackburn from Burramine South with a mauve crochet beaded milk jug cover
- Quilt Award was awarded to Ann Fagan from Katunga. Tribute to William

- Craft Award was awarded to Vita Janssens from Koonoomoo with “Violet China Painted Plate”
- Best Craft Entry was awarded to Ann Fagan for her quilt “Tribute to William”



Chairman of the Art & Craft Committee of the Rotary Club of Numurkah said “the club was incredibly pleased with the standard of work on display and the attendance numbers during the weekend. A team effort from members ensured the exhibition was such a success under COVID requirements”.

Special thanks to the Art & Craft Exhibition Committee who undertook the challenge of staging the exhibition under COVID restrictions:

- Kate Hodge & Julie Andrew – Art section entries
- Sally Rose, Chris Hardham, Judy McDonald – Craft entries
- Jennifer Rodger – Sponsorship
- Katrina Donaldson – Treasurer
- Stephen mills – Raffle co-ordinator
- Gary Phillips – Catering
- Special thanks to Geoff Austin, musical entertainment, and Linda Watson for providing the floral displays
- Thanks to all club member and partners for their full support

For the ninth consecutive year the Art & Craft Exhibition has raised over \$10,000 for our clubs’ disbursements to community and international projects.

Lou Hamon
Chairman

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

Due to the ongoing Global Pandemic projects have been sporadic. However, the Rotary Club has still been active in the local community.

Service projects included:

- Support of Bowel Scan kits to locals
- Drought relief Program initiated by RC Balwyn & North Balwyn which enables drought affected farming families to access vouchers for use in Numurkah Businesses generating \$39,000
- District Grant \$2,500 to go towards completing the Soldier Settler Display



- Wreath on behalf of the club at the ANZAC Day service

- Pinchapoo toiletry products were purchased and delivered to the Shepparton Winter Night Shelter for distribution to the homeless

- Community battery drive (Geoff Holmes) has raised \$802 for ARH
- Community Table Meal Project in conjunction with NCN Health & Mierlo – delivered over 350 fresh meals to those doing it tough with COVID-19 lockdown restrictions
- Ritchies IGA Loyalty Card Program commenced 6 months ago and has raised \$187.41 for our club
- Samuel Johnson evening was a huge success with over \$10,000 raised for the Love Your Sister Charity. The Numurkah High School Hospitality students catered for the evening.

- A few members helped out a local family facing hardship with a housing situation by erecting plasterboard in two rooms to help make it liveable.
- Volunteer members were involved in bathroom renovations for an elderly couple in Numurkah who required urgent assistance
- Lift the Lid on Mental Health Zoom Crazy Hat night
- Distribution of cosmetics and clothing donated by the Rotary Clubs of Balwyn & Balwyn North

Our barbeque was well used around COVID-19 Restriction Times.

- Christmas Carols in Newman Square
- Australia Day Awards
- ANZAC Day breakfast with Numurkah RSL
- Providing food at several clearing sales in the district
- Several Community BBQ's in Melville Street

Julie Andrew



INTERNATIONAL AND FOUNDATION REPORT

In an attempt to fully inform our members, we had three guest speakers throughout the year. Cathy Booth gave an update on Umoja via zoom, informing us about the battle with getting the container of donated goods through customs and govt red tape in Kenya.

Colleen O'Hara did an excellent presentation on her visit to the school of St Jude in Tanzania. Marie Austin brought Colleen to our club as she has also visited the school of St Jude. What a great story that project is.

Cathy Booth visited us again during May via zoom to bring our club up to date on the struggles that have plagued Umoja this year during COVID-19:

- COVID-19 has caused the loss of the safari tour business, a great source of income for Umoja.
- The halt in tours to Umoja from Australia has had an impact on donations, potential sponsors and support for the project.
- Many sponsors of the children have been unable to continue their sponsorship due to COVID-19.

Our members have been encouraged to contribute individually to Umoja and Cathy Booth informs me that our members have been generous in this regard.

The club has sponsored Umoja by donating \$1,000 in October and by Donating \$3,000 In June as part of our annual disbursements. This includes the fines session at the combined service club's dinner that raised \$312.

Our club has continued to support our Plan International child, Esther in Ghana and Alare our sponsor child at Umoja.

The club has continued to support and encourage our members to support the Rotary Foundation, a wonderful concept to assist financially the administration and grants in Rotary.

Stephen Mills

Director International and Foundation

YOUTH SERVICE REPORT

It has been a quiet year for youth activities due to the Corona virus.

Portsea camp was unable to go ahead in January as no ordinary camps were able to go ahead due to lockdowns. The camps during the year help fund the camps in January.

After an interview Kitana Drury-Smith was selected to attend the Youth Science Forum where students are exposed to a wide range of study and career opportunities in science, technology and engineering enabling them to make informed choices for future studies.

Four students from Numurkah Secondary College applied to attend a weekend camp at Lake Nillahcootie in March.

One student was deemed too young and the three other students were approved to get funding to attend. On the weekend of the camp one student was too ill to attend. It was decided to leave the funding for 3 students for Ryla.

Chris Hardham



VOCATIONAL SERVICE REPORT

Vocational Service is a foundation rock on which Rotary was formed 100 years ago. Our founder, Paul Harris established Rotary as a vehicle for professional men to provide service to their local and broader communities. The members were to be connected through fellowship, their vocations and a desire to serve. Over the past 100 years there have been many changes to Rotary, but Vocational Service remains a key plank to the organisation's structure.

During the past 12 months COVID 19 has provided a significant challenge to our club's ability to meet and to provide service. Our weekly meetings could only be conducted via Zoom for many months then we had severe restrictions on where we could meet and on the numbers. Despite this, the Numurkah Rotary Club has continued with a strong focus on Vocational Service.

At our weekly meetings the rotating chairmen have spoken briefly about their vocations. We have had guest speakers that have addressed the Club with a focus on their vocation and how their particular vocation has helped them serve their community. During the previous year, one such was Dominique Cosgriff who commenced work at the Numurkah Leader as a journalist and this year has gone on to purchase the business. Dominique's work and her business is critically important to our local community as it is the only vehicle for professional local news content in Numurkah.

At one Club meeting our guest speakers, three of our own newer members, spoke about their vocations and how their vocations had enabled them to serve their communities. Skills learnt in their vocations now enable them to provide better service through Rotary.

Unfortunately, we have had little opportunity to interact with our local business community, except in relation to sponsorship for the Art and Craft Exhibition, which they again supported very generously.

The Numurkah Rotary Club presents a Vocational Service Award each year and this year is presenting the award to Debbie Oliver, principal of the Numurkah Primary School. This annual award is designed to recognise a community member who has provided excellent service through their vocation. Congratulations Debbie.

Special thanks to President Jennifer Rodger for excellent leadership in a very challenging year and to our members for going the extra metre. We have an excellent Rotary Club at Numurkah.

John Watson AM

ROTARY 4WD TRIP 2021

Well after the previous year's trip was cancelled due to Corona Virus we made the difficult decision to make this year's trip self-catering to avoid the restrictions and complications that we would have encountered if we had fully catered as in the past.

The only problem being, we could not make it a fundraising event despite everyone's disappointment at missing out on the excellent breakfasts and the Saturday night roasts. But it did make for a less stressful trip for the Rotarians.

We had 27 people attend the camp at "Jones" situated on Holland's Creek south of Tatong which is a well-kept site with excellent facilities.

The Saturday drive was to the site of Ned Kelly's shootout with the Police in 1878 at Stringybark Creek. The weather had been fine until then when the heavens opened and it rained as it has on our last 3 trips, but it quickly cleared and the rest of the weekend was fine.

Ivan Routley



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Rotary Club of Numurkah Inc. 2020-21
 Numurkah Rotary Club
 For the year ended 31st May 2021
Disbursements

Plan International	459
NPS	4,000
Polio	350
Imoja	1,000
Bushfire recovery	1,000
National Science Forum	900
Primary School awards	625
College awards	500
RYPEN	750
Ride to conference	3,750
Community table	969
Love Your Sister	8,012
Exchange student	72
	22,387
Disbursements paid in June	
Numurkah Toy Library	2,500
Historical Society	1,045
House Tides	5,000
Baulkamaugh Scouts	1,000
Fishing Club	1,000
Mens Shed	1,000
NPS Breakfast Club	300
Foundation	1,000
Umoja	3,000
Numurkah Singers	1,000
	16,845

Rotary Club of Numurkah Inc. 2020-21

Treasurers Report at 31 May 2021

Account Balances			
	<u>30-Jun</u>	<u>11-Apr</u>	<u>Movement</u>
Admin (inc community table)	4,222.02	6,637.82	2,415.80
Special	46,363.49	57,013.37	10,649.88
Art Show	13,391.89	2,540.09	(10,851.80)
Investment	26,865.19	27,201.18	335.99
Koala Rescue		14,704.96	14,704.96
			17,254.83
	<u>Transactions to 31/5/21</u>		
Receipts			
Membership	6,600.00		
Door Fee/Sergeant	1,827.95		
Oil sales	310.00		
BBQ hire	150.00		
BBQ's net	928.27		
Koala Rescue	14,704.96		
Net meal income	697.73		
Australia Day	2,406.48		
Settlers project	1,000.00		
Art Show Movement	- 10,851.80		
Art show transfer	22,000.00		
Grants	2,500.00		
Ritchies donations	187.41		
Battery sales	452.50		
Interest	349.44		43,262.94
Payments			
Visitor Meals	335.55		
Club Meeting Costs	1,235.16		
Membership costs	8,663.46		
Mask Sales (net)	12.95		
Exchange Student	72.00		
Trailer costs	319.00		
Community table (net)	969.89		
Ride to Conference	3,750.00		
RYPEN	750.00		
Love Your Sister (net)	1,066.10		
Disbursements	8,834.00		26,008.11
Net			17,254.83

