



## Annual Report 2019-20



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

## SUE CARPENTER

Dear fellow Rotarians and Friends

So another Rotary year ends and I have the opportunity to review the last 12 months. In writing this report, I started by reading the acceptance speech I gave at the changeover dinner in June 2019.

Did I manage to fulfil the aims and promises I made in that speech? I would like to think that perhaps I have.

The theme for my year was 'Rotary Connects the World'. I hope our members are still connecting with each other but in recent times that has been more difficult. I think we have collaborated in using our individual strengths and skills to contribute to our club's projects, events, and service to the community.

I feel that we have been patient with each other and given as much time to our club that we individually can. I am glad I have been able to step up and give more of my time to our club this year. I have felt very supported by my board and members.



We have achieved lots in the last 12 months and you can read in detail about many of these achievements in the Director's reports.

Our first event after changeover was a partners night and the District Governor's visit. As it coincided with the 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month, we did something different and met at the Homewood Hall, organised and decorated by the Directors of Fun. Dinner was pizza from Damien Bakers wood fired pizza van with desserts provided by the Homewood locals. The Yea callisthenics club performed their routines and they were so excited to showcase their talents, with many proud parents watching on from the back of the hall. A great way for our Club to connect with young parents and their families. It was a warm, congenial evening and I know DG Brian enjoyed himself as we all did.

The Garden Expo was very well organised and well attended. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> Garden Expo and it has developed into a very professional event that also raises considerable funds for the club and other organisations within our community. The Garden Expo continues to grow in popularity with stall holders and visitors and we are all disappointed that we are unable to stage this event in 2020.

The Open Gardens weekend was another successful event and though visitor numbers were down, due to the inclement weather, the gardens looked lovely and

thanks must go to all the garden owners for their efforts, as well as the organising committee.



Members manned the gates at four race meetings as well as the Yea Show, willingly giving their time to assist the public whilst also raising funds for the club.

The Art Show continues to provide talented artists with a high-quality event to display and sell their art. It also gives locals and visitors the opportunity to view a high standard of artwork. The committee worked hard to coordinate this event and it is fantastic that next year, the club can celebrate 50 years of staging Art Shows.

The first meeting of the 2020 year was to enjoy fellowship and lovely scenery by the Goulburn River at John Bett's farm. A lovely sociable start to the year.

Another fun gathering and partners night was when Bob Dewar rose to the challenge of creating a two-course meal for just \$7 per head. Attendees paid full cost and the profit was donated to the Rotary Foundation and members enjoyed a delicious meal. That night also included a 'coin toss', which involved tossing, throwing, or sliding a gold coin towards a nice bottle of red wine, with the closest coin winning the wine. The competitive nature of our members came to the fore and much needed funds were raised for mental health awareness and the 'Lift the Lid' program.

The bushfires ravaged many parts of Australia this summer, including areas within our own Rotary 9790 District. As we experienced after the 2009 fires, communities often have needs unmet many months or even years after the fires have passed. The club has received donations from Rotarians and friends both near and far and these funds will be held in reserve until a suitable project becomes available to support.



The club has welcomed three new members (Sandra Davey (inducted at Changeover by Past President Ken Maxfield), Penny Paxman and Matthew Spurgeon.

We have been fortunate to have hosted long term Youth Exchange student Louis Thevenet from France for 12 months. A lovely young man who settled in well with his respective host families. The club



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

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supported three short term Youth Exchange students - Lulu Moon and Johnny Hamilton (to Germany) and Grace Hamilton (to Italy) and enjoyed their presentations to the club after their six weeks away.

Other activities have included:

- ◆ Holding a sausage sizzle outside Foodworks Supermarket to highlight the work done by Rotary to eradicate Polio;
- ◆ Organising the local community to save plastic bottle caps that are recycled to be used to create hand mobility aids using 3D printers;
- ◆ Collecting hotel/motel toiletries to donate to Pinchapoo and used stamps to support the End Trachoma 2020 program;
- ◆ Hosting the Senior Citizens Dinner – It was a lovely occasion and this year a hot meal was served, with the Yea Scout Troop assisting by waiting on the tables. Nice to see youth connecting with seniors and the evening was a great success;
- ◆ A family friendly evening of Christmas Carols supported by of course—a free Rotary sausage sizzle and a guest appearance from Santa!;
- ◆ Hosting the Annual Australia Day breakfast in the main street of Yea with a wonderful hot breakfast for all attendees;
- ◆ Sponsoring Alessio Rigoli to attend RYLA and two Yea High School students (Andre Duncan and Liam Williams) to attend RYPEN.

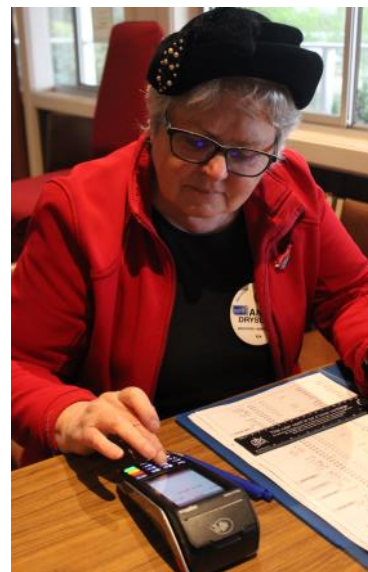
The club entered the 21<sup>st</sup> Century by taking delivery of an EFTPOS machine for members to use to pay for weekly meals and annual subs, plus for use at our many public events.

The Senior Independent Living Project is being comprehensively researched and promises to be an exciting venture in the Club's future.

In recent months, the COVID-19 pandemic has prevented the club from meeting in person. Zoom has been used to meet online and this technology enables members to have face to face contact—via computer screens. We have had interesting speakers for Zoom meetings and indeed throughout the entire Rotary year. These meetings cannot replace the fellowship and sharing of a meal at a normal meeting but they are much better than no meeting and at least we get to see our fellow members. Zoom meetings will be with us for some time and I urge members to log in and give it a go. Help is available should you require assistance.



The Club continues to have a strong presence in our community through both traditional and digital platforms including a Rotary Club of Yea Facebook page and Website, weekly bulletins, a shop front window display and media articles in the local press.



The Family of Rotary ensures members remain in the loop if unable to attend meetings. Fellowship in our club is perhaps the cornerstone of our success and we are fortunate to belong to such a fantastic, caring club.

I sincerely thank my Board for all their efforts this year and am grateful for the support I have from the Board and all members. I wish incoming President, Carol Hogg and her board every success in 2020-2021.

**Thank you  
Sue Carpenter  
President 2019-2020**



## ROTARY FOUNDATION DIRECTOR — DAVID ANDERSON



Like the world in general, the year in the Foundation has been overshadowed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Fortunately, the Rotary Club of Yea was able to complete its Foundation activities prior to the full impact of the local lockdown being felt.

### END POLIO NOW

The Club purchased an End Polio Now pull up banner which has been used as a promotional tool to continue to inform the public about Rotary's goal to eradicate the world of the polio virus. This has been displayed at several Club events, in the promotional window in High Street and at the awareness 'free sausage' sizzle on 1 November which also raises funds from the public. Again, we were assisted in this by Year 9 students from Yea High School ably assisted by Louis Thevenet, our hosted exchange student from France.



The Club also welcomed District 9790 Foundation Chair, PDG Richard Luke and Lorna, to the Club as our special guest speaker on 24 October, World Polio Day. Richard updated the Club of the progress towards eradication given the increase in cases in the past year in the two remaining endemic countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan. It was appropriate that Lorna was present as END POLIO NOW was her partner's project during Richards gubernatorial year, 2015-16.



### FOUNDATION MONTH: NOVEMBER

Foundation Month really began on 31 October when Bob Dewar was challenged with feeding members and partners with a meal costing \$7 to produce and prepare. The balance of our weekly cost went as members contributions to the Foundation. Bob's culinary skills were again exemplary – and show what can be done on a limited budget.

### CONTRIBUTIONS

The Club set more modest financial contribution goals at the commencement of the Rotary year following a stellar 2018-19. At years end, it appears that the goals will be met despite the impact of COVID-19 and the decline in the value of the Australian dollar. Our three Paul Harris Society members continue their commitment to the Foundation and these have formed the basis on which the Club, as a whole, has been able to meet its goals.



### DISTRICT GRANT

The Club decided to focus this year on a local project to apply for a District Grant of \$2,500. The recipient was the Yea Pioneer Reserve Committee of Management who are seeking to develop a garden in the Reserve. This is a small contribution but is evidence that our contributions to the Rotary Foundation can be used in our local community for the good of the community.

### GLOBAL GRANT: Dayspring Children's Village

After much procrastination and delay during the planning approval process in South Africa, the project finally received all the necessary permits from the Mogale Local Government Authority. The project was actually about to begin. And, then, along came the COVID-19 pandemic and the stringent lockdown in South Africa has prevented the project entering the building phase. Once it does so, the building timeline of 72 days is envisaged.

### CONCLUSION

When I began to think about the content of the Foundation Report for this year, it was 4 May and immediately the expression 'may the fourth be with you' came to mind. It is, of course, a pun on a famous line from the Star Wars movies, 'may the force be with you'. But for Rotarians, it should read 'may the Foundation be with you' as it is our Foundation, a Foundation that has been in existence doing good in the world for over 100 years. May it continue to do good in the world and in the life of Rotarians, their partners and friends.



## VOCATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR — PAUL KELLETT

Vocational Service for this period comprised the holding of mock job interviews for Yea High School year 10 students. Some 23 students were interviewed by eight Rotary Club Members.

Club Members were impressed with the quality of the student presentations with all being well groomed and each had prepared a comprehensive resume.

This year turned out to be very different to previous years in the respect that the majority of students were only applying for part time work to provide them with income whilst continuing further studies at tertiary institutions. In many cases the students end career goal was not applicable for some sections of the interview format that has been followed in the past. When asked what kind of work they were applying for some students replied any work they can get would do.

This years mock interview process showed that the existing interview format does require modification to suit the changing trends to include part time work as does the interview evaluation forms. Subsequently in 2020 I met with the new year 10 co-ordinator William Schwab and we discussed how we could upgrade the process. Will has produced a new evaluation sheet which has been circulated to my sub- committee for comment.

I have also started on producing a new interview format which puts more emphasis on assisting the student to prepare for the interview. It will include

typical questions that the student may encounter from a prospective employer and some tips on presentation.

I am hoping that when the lockdown is eased we can meet with the school again and complete this process of producing a more flexible interview process.

I would like to thank my sub-committee for their assistance and those club members who gave their time to act as interviewers.

We also looked at how Rotary could help the school in other ways such as the mentoring of students in their final year before embarking on the career of their choice.

Approaches to the school career persons (as distinct from year 10) have received no feedback at this stage and I have put this approach on the back burner until contact can be resumed once lockdown eases and school life returns to normal.

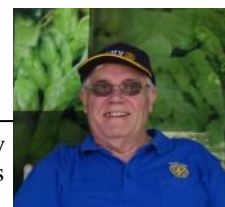
In summary all Rotary members felt that the mock interviews were still worthwhile and should continue each year and the school has indicated that they wish this to be ongoing as well.

A little disappointing for me this year but I look forward to the future once we get over this COVID-19 crisis.



## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR — KEN MAXFIELD

Membership at end of the Rotary year now stands at 46 members plus seven honorary members. We have been fortunate in being able to welcome two enthusiastic new members to our club this year:- Penny Paxman and Matt Spurgeon.



It is a pleasure to have Penny and Matt join the family of Rotary, together with their respective partners.



## YOUTH SERVICE

### DIRECTOR — SANDRA HANLEY

2019-2020 has once again been a busy year for the youth program, and I thank my committee for all their help during the year, namely, Julie Lynch for her help in the Youth exchange area, Tracey Ukosich for her work on the bursaries to our schools, and lastly but not the least Ann Drysdale for setting up the students for RYLA. As a club we continue to support many Youth programs.

In December we gave out our Annual school bursaries to Yea High School, Yea Primary School, Sacred Heart Primary School, and Flowerdale Primary school and shared the experience with the recipients, their teachers and parents at a club meeting.



We help support the annual District 9790 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards that were held at Riddles

Creek. As we were unable to send any one from Yea we found Alessio Rigoli from Shepparton, on the internet asking for a club to support him, which we did. He has since been back to the club and reported on his week at RYLA, and who has since commenced his own business, which we hope does well.



RYPEN at Lake Nillahcootie Camp, was held over the Weekend of March 13/14. We ended up supporting two boys for the weekend, namely Liam Williams and Andre Duncan. Thanks to Ann Drysdale who delivered them to the camp after school on Friday and I collected them on the Sunday afternoon.

## YOUTH EXCHANGE

### LOUIS THEVENET—FRANCE

I'm Louis Thevenet, of French nationality, from Saumur, a small town of 30,000 people. I have two sisters, one of 18 years old and the other of 9 years old, both of strong character which is not easy every day. I also have a little brother, Côme, 13 years old with whom I spend most of the weekends because I'm in boarding school during the week. At the age of 14 I went to Mexico for a month and a half thanks to my grandfather who is in Rotary and who introduced me to the exchange program.

I arrived in Australia in July where my first host family were waiting for me, Renzo and Tracey Ukosich, who I spent one of the most beautiful part of my life, showing me around the area, the football games.... I stayed with Tracey and Renzo for maybe 5 months and I hope to see them again soon.

I was fortunate to have spent some time with Will and his family who introduced me to the beaches and forests of Victoria and with whom I spent the New

Year and learned to surf.

Then I arrived at Gary Cocks in a very different environment, which is the farm, where I learned a lot and where I feel very at ease. He introduced me to Ian and Patty where I spent some time and have learned a lot.

So I'm supposed to go back to France in July.





## YOUTH EXCHANGE DIRECTOR—JULIE LYNCH

This year's Rotary International theme is 'Rotary Connects the World' and anyone who has been involved in the Youth Exchange Program will attest to how appropriate that theme is.

Over the past 12 months, it has been almost a 'revolving' door for the RC of Yea as students have been sponsored and hosted in both long term and short term exchanges.

Molly Connor (from Winton) was sponsored by the club to Luçon in France in 2019. Molly overcame many initial difficulties, particularly in language acquisition, to eventually have the most marvelous time. Her growth in maturity and resilience was evident when she returned to the club in Feb 2020 to thank the club and share her experiences. With Molly outbound to France we reciprocated by hosting Louis Thevenet from the same French District hosting Molly.



Louis arrived in early July 2019 and has endeared himself to the club members with his genuine and helpful nature. His personality was just starting to reveal itself when the COVID 19 pandemic forced us all into lockdown. Despite the resultant restrictions on opportunities for travel in and around Australia, Louis has certainly made the most of his time in Australia, being a keen competitor with the Yea Tigers Swimming team and earlier this year training with the local neighbouring football club.

Thank you to all members who have ensured that Louis settled in well to the Yea community and was included in many Rotary family activities. Special thanks to Ann at Yea High School, his first hosts Tracey & Renzo who supported Louis to settle into the community, (thanks also to Sandra who hosted short term), Will and Heather who hosted Louis on many occasions and provided wise counsel and his latter host Gary where he has acquired many practical skills; helping Gary with fencing, slashing, calving, cattle work etc. The Dowling family also provided



Louis with a great Aussie beach holiday over summer and thanks also to Ian and Patty who often took Louis under their wing and put him to work on the farm!



Louis has become part of our Rotary family, assisting at weekly meetings and on the gate at the Yea Race meetings which was very much appreciated by the race organisers. He will return to Samaur very grateful for the wonderful care and kindness he has been afforded in Yea and I can confidently predict, that like many of our previous students, Louis will return before too much time elapses to his Aussie family!

Reece Hargraves, a local lad from Limestone headed off in January 2020 to Turku in south east Finland where he planned to stay for 12 months. Unfortunately due to the pandemic Reece was virtually house bound for his last month in Tuku so the decision was made by his family that he would return earlier than expected in March. He was very grateful to his first host family for the attractions and venues he visited with them, prior to COVID 19. His short visit (3 months) to Finland has just whetted his appetite and he plans to avail himself of other travel and exchange opportunities when life returns to 'normal'.



Three Yea students also took part in short term exchanges of 6 weeks; Lulu Moon and Johnny Hamilton to Germany and Grace Hamilton to Italy. The students made presentations about their exchanges to the club in February and impressed with their self-awareness and maturity. Some of these students are planning to be actively involved in ROTEX's humanitarian projects 'Paying it Forward' in Fiji and Tanzania. What we invest in our youth, comes back tenfold!

PS Due to COVID-19 all Rotary Youth Exchange Districts in Australia are suspending the Youth Exchange program for 12 months but we will be recruiting again mid 2021 and encouraging young people to take on the world!



## COMMUNITY SERVICE DIRECTOR — BOB DEWAR

Once again the Rotary Club of Yea continues to demonstrate its support for the Yea Community – this support takes many forms such as:-

Engaging a number of community groups to cater for the weekly meals – this has the effect of providing an opportunity for groups to ‘earn’ their support funding and it has worked very well for many years now and last year it resulted in \$33K going back to these groups.

Mobilising the Club members to support the annual fund raising commitments ie The Yea Garden Expo, The Yea Art Show, The Open Gardens program and the parking of cars for the four race events each year. These are the key fund raising opportunities for the Club.

We continue to host the Australia Day Breakfast and celebrations and deliver the popular Senior Citizens Dinner where in excess of 120 meals are provided.



Item 2 above is important to us as these events attract new money into the Club thus reducing our impost on our members, the businesses and our community.

A most pleasing aspect of the Club is that, although the Community Services team is small we have enjoyed strong support from the entire Club. This has resulted in changes in the management of a number of our projects where those who drove these innovative fund raising opportunities can step away as newer members step up.

Our proposed activities have been somewhat disrupted with the limitations placed on us by COVID-19. This has meant that the long standing objective of placement of seats along a section of the rail trail remains incomplete and the proposed Autumnal Ball (similar to that successful event organised during



Rotarian Jim Osborne’s term as President) has had to be postponed.



One project we were able to act on was managed by Rotarian Penny Paxman who collaborated with the Rotary Club of Seymour with the Gift of Music program, collecting unwanted musical instruments for repair and distribution to schools and students in drought affected areas enabling budding musicians to pursue their love of music.



The Club supports the concept of the Independent Living Project and research on the feasibility of this project is ongoing.

We have provided representation on the Council initiated Community Planning Project and several of our members are involved in sub-groups developing concept plans for some of the extensive ‘wish list’ compiled through a series of well attended public meetings.

In acknowledging the efforts of my very small sub committee I thank the entire Club for the way they step up to support our efforts.

WE hope that, once the COVID-19 is behind us the Club will be able to continue its strong emphasis on service to our community.





## OPEN GARDENS GLENN MILLIKEN



The Open Gardens for 2019 was a successful event thanks to all who attended and participated. Of course the event would not happen if not for those who opened up their gardens and I would like to particularly thank:

Ian and Patricia Sichlau – Glengowrie; Simone Goode – Carey Cottage; Janet and Richard Forde – Salamanca; Steve Townsend and Vicki Bawden – Candlebark; Meryle and Trevor Connell – Myrtle Creek; Gordon and Robyn Wilson – The Wilson Garden; Monica and Ron Boyce – The Boyce Garden; Ian and Wendy Stewart – Stornaway and Lisa Cornwall – Beaufort Manor.



I would officially like to acknowledge the hard work and time given by:-

- Open Garden committee members, Mike Hiron, Marj Hamilton, Keith Baumgartner, Russell & Janet Troupe and Elaine White;
- Russell Hogg for his accounting expertise;
- Various Rotary members for assisting with the distribution of pamphlets;
- Ian & Julie Lynch for technical skills in the printing and mapping area and specifically for the last minute label production and program change. I would also like to thank Ian for his work on the website;
- Rotarians, family and friends who manned the garden entry gates over the two days;
- Les Hall, Gary Fitzgerald and David Ngo for manning the BBQ.
- The Yea Garden Club for their ongoing support through their Annual Plant Sale. This year with a donation to \$1300.

The feedback received from both visitors and garden

owners was positive, however the weather factor on Saturday did have a detrimental effect on our attendance numbers. This led to our multi-ticket sales being down by over 60% reducing the overall takings for the weekend. This year we were successful in applying for sponsorship from the Bendigo Bank. I would like to thank the Bendigo Bank Board along with Russell Troup for his expertise in following through this process.

This year we began the task of gathering mobile phone numbers to be used in implementing an 'OG Alert' system in the lead up to future events. This format has been used successfully by the Cycle Dindi Committee to increase awareness and attendance of their event. I would like to thank Gary and Leslie, the Proprietors of Killingworth Hill Café and Whiskey Bar, for their sponsorship of the "raffle like" collection of this data.

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, we had a late withdrawal of one of our gardens and on behalf of the OG Committee I would like to sincerely thank President Sue Carpenter for opening her garden at such late notice. I would also like to make special mention of our Rotary Club members who opened their gardens. Ian and Patricia Sichlau and Janet and Richard Forde.

The net profit to the club for the 2019 Open Gardens was \$9084.60.

### Future Recommendations:

A large part of our fixed cost is advertising in the hard copy media and it would be worth investigating how we could more effectively use social media to increase public awareness. In 2019 we altered our printed programs from an 8-10 page booklet to a DL size pamphlet. This was positively received by visitors, as well as outlets who display our flyers. To retain the DL pamphlets would result in significant saving in printing costs and paper use while still maintaining the important information required. Insurance process and procedure need to be adapted to the unique circumstances of our Open Gardens, and the multiple locations and situations inherent to holding such an event.

As Chair of the Open Garden committee for 2019 I would personally like to thank all members of our Club involved for ensuring another successful outcome and wish the incoming Chairman ongoing success for 2020.



## GARDEN EXPO

### JIM OSBORNE

This was our 4<sup>th</sup> year of this exciting new fund raising event. It has been such a success that it is now our largest single fundraiser which is a major reflection of the entire clubs willingness to get behind the initiative and do the significant work that is required in order to take an idea and turn that idea into a major event not only for the club but for the town of Yea.

The expo is now becoming an established event on the annual calendar of the gardeners of Victoria which is really exciting. This is leading to an increase in the number of visitors and we are also now being approached by quality vendors to take up sites at the expo. This year we further increased the visitor numbers and we are hoping to surpass the 3000 figure at the next event. We also had an increase in vendors and are now finding ourselves in the position of ensuring that the quality of vendors and the range of products on offer are of high standards which is important in order to attract visitors.

This was our second year of using the Yea Saleyards precinct and further confirms the correctness of last year to take the difficult decision to relocate away from the racecourse facility. The Saleyards was again an outstanding success despite having a bad storm on the Friday night and heavy rain period for about half an hour on the Saturday. Vendors just got on with re-establishing their site and the Saleyards canteen area provided cover for everyone during the rain. As soon as the rain passed everyone returned to exploring the expo as before. There is no doubt that if the expo had been at the racecourse we would have had to close the expo down for the day and probably the Sunday as well which would have been a disaster.

Again this year we involved two CFA teams to do the car parking as a fund raiser for their respective CFA unit. This reflects our view that by involving other community groups to undertake specific roles it shares the workload and gives them the opportunity to share in the fundraising. This year we created a second food court which proved to be a good initiative as it spread access to food and drinks across the expo site rather than requiring visitors to just go to one specific area. Again this year our marketing team did an outstanding job and utilized our web site, Facebook and Instagram to significant effect. The wide distribution of flyers is probably still the most impactful marketing tool but there is no doubt the web site and Facebook are becoming significant factors. This year we further increased our use of large billboards in the eastern suburbs to three and it was noticeable in the increase of visitors from this area. Quality guest speakers again was a delightful aspect of the expo experience.



This year another additional initiative was to put on a biscuits and cheese and drinks session for the vendors and those working at the Expo after the Expo closed on the Saturday afternoon. This was another outstanding success as it gave the vendors an opportunity to share experiences of the day and to build a closer relationship with the Club. As several vendors commented "no one else treats us as well as you do and make us feel important and appreciated". Those sorts of comments are 'gold' and will no doubt help ensure we continue to attract quality vendors.



I applaud the huge effort of my fellow Rotarians and our partners on the sub-committee who worked for 6 months to make it all happen. A project like the Expo does not just happen and is a major commitment by all concerned. I also applaud all the club members who joined in over the two days of the expo and played a terrific role in making the Expo a success by working on the entrance gate, vendor assistance, the b/b/cue, the book stall, succulents, market research or whatever needed doing. Many people (visitors & vendors) commented on the friendly team of 'blue shirts' helping out and making everyone welcome.



Finally, reflecting the success of the Garden Expo the sub-committee handed over a cheque of \$18,000 to be used as the club sees fit.





## ROTARY ART SHOW DIRECTOR — CAROL HOGG

The Art Show finished at the end of January and everyone took a deep breath, although the work continued throughout the month of February. Thank you letters needed to be sent, funds had to be collected from sponsors and advertisers and payment cheques written to artists and prize winners.

The final profit result was \$13,531. The value of paintings sold on the opening night and throughout the following almost 4 days of opening, was not as high as the previous year, and patrons entering during the days following the opening night were approximately 100 less than the previous year. The fact that no craftwork was exhibited this year, in lieu of a Rotary craft show event (now postponed until 2021) possibly accounted for a reduction in entry fees, sales and no doubt visitors who come to mainly look at the craftwork.

NUMBER OF (PAINTING ONLY) ENTRIES:	312
VALUE OF PAINTINGS SOLD:	10,959
COMMISSION FROM PAINTING SALES:	2,740
RAFFLE SALES:	3,853
CATALOGUE AD SALES:	2,925
DOOR ENTRIES – PAYING PATRONS	314
OPENING NIGHT—PAYING PATRONS	76
(note 120 attended, including sponsors and guests)	

For members who appreciate statistics, here are a few:

Regrettably, some of the statistical results from the 2020 Art Show have been disappointing, however, what will always be a positive highlight in the Yea community is the opportunity that this event provides for artists, either established or emerging.

In 2020 the standard of entries and the winning paintings that were awarded prizes was excellent. There were many comments received about the quality of the work displayed and the first-class way in which the paintings were curated, once again due to the talent of Julian Bruere and his team. Julian has been very supportive of everyone involved in the Art Show, me especially, his generosity in donating back prize money and supplying the wonderful paintings for our raffle is very much appreciated. The first prize is \$2,500. There are two \$1,000 prizes as well as a special award of \$500 thanks to the ongoing support of our Platinum sponsor, The Frank Hargrave Family Trust and this ongoing support is indeed a blessing and provides great incentive for artists to enter their work.

The Shire of Murrindindi has once again been generous in their support in the form of a Grant of \$2,500 and also a separate 'fee waiver' grant which was appreciated.

My sincere thanks for the tremendous effort put in by my Art Show Committee, Rotarians, their partners and friends to ensure that a successful art show resulted.

Although the financial reward

was a little down this year, this was in no way due to any lack of effort on the part of members who once again gave of their best – not forgetting that \$13,500 plus is a great contribution to our coffers, so well done everyone.

I am grateful to Mike Hirons for selling almost \$3,000 of catalogue advertising to our generous local businesses; to Janet Troup for managing the Raffle so brilliantly and Glenda Woods who has been very supportive in tackling all of the promotion and publicity for the event. Also, to Janet and Glenda for being great sounding boards when I was moaning about something - as one occasionally does!! Di Welsh was a tremendous help to me in looking after the Receiving Team and Curators (and she certainly looked the part dressed as a French maid and eating her way through her baguette prop on Opening Night didn't she?). Ian Lynch and his team, Janet Forde and Russell H handled all of the artist entries, receiving paintings, receiving payments, website management and treasurer's tasks perfectly as always. Gary Fitz and his team handled the bar efficiently as usual, successfully liaising with Sedona Estate (Rotary's newest 'preferred supplier') and ordering just the right quantity of their wine; Bobby D provided the 'nibbles' on Opening Night and although being given a limited budget did a wonderful 'loaves and fishes' job, much to the delight of the patrons. Les and his team once again handled the set up and dismantling, with speedy efficiency, the lighting crew did a great job and as there was no damage at all and the Hall was left in good order, we got our \$120 surety back in full!

Members can feel very pleased that their work has resulted in a successful local event, that not only highlights Rotary, provides an enjoyable occasion during the Australia Day weekend but importantly contributes needed funds to enable our ongoing 'good works' in the world.

In 2021 the Art Show will be headed up by PDG David Anderson who has some exciting new ideas and I happily hand over to him, wishing him every success and knowing that he will have the support of club members behind him.



## CYCLE DINDI JULIE LYNCH



All indications were that Cycle Dindi 2020 would again be a wonderfully successful family day on the GVRT. The CD committee, representing the Yea and Alexandra clubs (with support from the RC of Mansfield) and members of the Friends of the GVRT group, had been meeting regularly to plan and promote the event. 3 weeks before the event, registrations had started to roll in and the committee was particularly pleased that cycling groups from Bendigo, Kilmore and Melbourne had included the event on their calendars and a group of Scouts from Alexandra would participate as well.

As this was the fifth year of the event, momentum had certainly built with enquiries being fielded almost daily. It was extremely disappointing, therefore, that there was no alternative but to cancel the event due to the looming pandemic, but of course the health and safe welfare of all volunteers and participants was paramount.

Great community support and sponsorship (Eoghan was riding again) had already been provided or promised, and at the time of cancellation, raffle sales had commenced. The proceeds from the raffle and sponsorship of the printing costs enabled all expenses incurred in the lead up to the event to be met.

The network of cycle contacts and cycling groups have overwhelmingly indicated that they are very

much looking forward to Cycle Dindi 2021. Fingers crossed we can again offer wonderful rural hospitality (exemplified at Nutfield and Cremona), have a great day out on the GV Rail Trail and at the same time raise funds for Rotary Youth programs.



Thanks to all club members who assisted in the lead up to the event and particularly the club members on the Committee – Di, Glenda, Bob H. and Ian and Patty who provided enthusiasm, dedication and great support ensuring that the planning was on schedule. CD 2021 should be a bumper event!

Julie

On behalf of the CD Organising Committee

## INTERNATIONAL SERVICE GARY COCKS

At the commencement of the year a potential international service project assisting a Ugandan school to obtain computer equipment was brought to our attention by Jimmy Musiime, a Ugandan Rotarian who was a past visitor to our club. Following board deliberation and considering the likely requirements for bushfire restoration it was decided not to pursue a significant contribution to a new international project during 19/20.





## TREASURER'S REPORT

### DIRECTOR — RUSSELL HOGG



This report is of necessity an interim report of the club's financial activities for the period, as our year does not finish until 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2020. A full and complete audited set of accounts will be presented at the AGM in November, 2020, and these will represent the binding and final result for the year.

A snapshot of our financial status as at 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 being a 10.5 month result, is shown on page 14 of this report.

The club raised \$40,122 this year from the three signature programs, - viz Garden Expo, Art Show, and Open Gardens. Both the Molesworth Bazaar and Cycle Dindi projects were not held this year due to the COVID-19 restrictions. This has depressed our projects income by some \$6,532 compared with last year's result.

Following the May Club Assembly meeting, the Board has finalized our funds disbursement program for the year. The Board was mindful of the probable limited opportunities for fundraising in the 2020-2021 year, so have been more prudent than usual, in order to conserve funds for the incoming team. The annual disbursements are as follows.

Funds Disbursement 2019-2020	\$
Australian Rotary Health	2,000
Cancer Council/Big Morning Tea	500
Donations in Kind	1,000
Headspace (DG Mental Health)	500
Interplast	1,000
Mental as Everything (Yea Arts)	2,500
Rotary Foundation	3,000
Rotary Foundation Polio Plus	1,500
ROMAC	500
RYLA	875
RYPEN	500
School Bursaries	2,291
Senior Citizens Dinner	2,154
St Lukes Christmas Hampers	1,000
Youth Exchange (Estimate)	4,000
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>23,320</b>

The Club Administration Account as at 15<sup>th</sup> May is healthy. Collections of subs are proving unusually difficult this quarter, probably as a result of the club not having physical meetings due to the COVID-19 crisis.



# Financial Status of the Rotary Club of Yea, May 2020.

Report to 15th May 2020				10.5 Months Results			
Club Administration Account				Club Fundraising, Service, and Projects Account			
Opening Balance	18,810			Opening Balance	96,885		
<b>Receipts</b>	<b>\$</b>			<b>Receipts</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>Payments</b>	<b>\$</b>
Meals	30,284			Artshow	36,052	Artshow	23,014
Sergeants Fines	599			Garden Expo	18,000	Garden Expo	0
Presidents Sunshine A/c	1,267			Open Gardens	14,115	Open Gardens	5,030
Members Subs	9,215			Molesworth Bazaar	0	Molesworth Bazar	0
Interest	18			Australia Day Breakfast	650	Australia Day Breakfast	622
Event Parking and Gate	4,007			End Polio Now	1,071	End Polio (Foundation)	251
Regalia Sales	350			BBQ Sales Unallocated	10	BBQ Costs Unallocated	17
Miscellaneous	464			Youth ~ RYLA RAIC	300	Youth ~ RYLA RAIC RYPEN	2,175
Changeover 2019	240			Bowelscan	15	Bowelscan	14
Changeover 2020	0			Biggest Morning Tea	0	Biggest Morning Tea	0
				Fire and Drought Appeal	6,180	Fire/Drought Relief	0
				Cycle Dindi	0	Rotary Foundation	0
				Christmas Cakes	914	Christmas Cakes	686
Total	46,444			Miscellaneous	471	School Bursaries	2,291
<b>Payments</b>				Senior Citizens Dinner	487	Senior Citizens Dinner	2,641
Meals	26,532			YCB Grants Auspiced	1,445	D9790 ~ Headspace	500
District 9790	5,623			Lift the Lid	426	Mental as Everything	2,500
Rotary International	5,187			Pioneer Reserve Project	2,500	Pioneer Reserve Project	0
RDU	1,740			Interest	113	Australian Rotary Health	0
Regalia, Jackets, Banners	836			Total	82,748	Disaster Aid Australia	0
Hire of Meeting Venue	900					ShelterBox Australia	0
Sunshine Account	360			<b>Commitments</b>		Interplast	0
Computer Software	199			Seniors Indep. Living Project	36,000	Donations in Kind	0
Miscellaneous	370			Day Spring	4,425	Ovarian Cancer Australia	0
Bank Charges	526			Goroka Fund	34,790	Youth Exchange	3,709
Accounts from 18 -19	1,537			Scouts Shed	1,000	Website Clubrunner	872
Changeover 2019	3,486			Bushfire Relief	6,180	ROMAC	0
Changeover 2020	0			Pioneer Reserve Project	2,500	End Trachoma 2020	0
				Boys Journey	6,000	Yea Community House	0
				Total	90,894	Community Meals	0
						Christmas Carols	681
Total	47,296			<b>Balance After Commitments</b>	<b>43,149</b>	YCB Grants Auspiced	0
						Miscellaneous	587
Closing Balance	17,958					Total	45,590
				<b>Other Account Balances</b>			
Comprising - Sunshine A/c	4,395			Cycle Dindi (Jan 1st)	1,133	Closing Balance	134,044
				Ruth Konig Bequest (23rd Jan)	20,921		
- Club Funds	13,562			Global Grant (1st Sep)	114,734		
				Total	136,788		



## A Snapshot of the activities of the Rotary Club of Yea



### SUE'S 2019 / 2020 YEA ROTARY TEAM

**PRESIDENT** – Sue Carpenter, **SECRETARY** - David Anderson **PRESIDENT ELECT** - Carol Hogg  
**VICE PRESIDENT**— Ken Maxfield, **TREASURER** - Russell Hogg, **SERGEANT** – Rodney Ridd,  
**COMMUNITY SERVICE** — Bobbie Dewar, **BULLETIN** - Glenda Woods/Julie Lynch, **ART SHOW** - Carol Hogg,  
**MEMBERSHIP** - Ken Maxfield, **INTERNATIONAL**—Gary Cocks, **PUBLIC IMAGE** – Glenda Woods,  
**FOUNDATION** — David Anderson, **YOUTH SERVICE** - Sandra Hanley, **YOUTH EXCHANGE**—Julie Lynch,  
**VOCATIONAL** - Paul Kellett, **ATTENDANCE** - Ann Drysdale, **OPEN GARDENS** - Glenn Milliken, **GARDEN**  
**EXPO** - Jim Osborne, **CYCLE DINDI** - Julie Lynch, **FELLOWSHIP** — Pat Sichlau, Marj Hamilton

### HONORARY MEMBERS

Daryl CALLANDER, (PHF), Norm BERNDT (PHF), Dick DASHWOOD (PHF), Doug ZERBE (PHF),  
 Graeme BROADBENT (PHF), Terry CHAPLIN (PHF), JILL MADDISON.

## ***Rotary Club of Yea Inc ~ Membership Listing 2019 – 2020***

<b>Name</b>		<b>Partner</b>		<b>Classification</b>	
<b>ANDERSON</b>	David	PP PDG	PHF (S)		Beef Cattle - Herefords
<b>BAUMGARTNER</b>	Keith			Joan	Stockbroking
<b>BETT</b>	John	PP (twice)	PHF		Lamb & Vealer Production
<b>CARPENTER</b>	Sue				Horticulture - Gardening Services
<b>COCKS</b>	Gary				Certified Practising Valuer
<b>DAVEY</b>	Sandra			Bryan	Food and Beverage Retail
<b>De CASTELLA</b>	Will			Heather	Building Construction
<b>DEWAR</b>	Bob	PP	PHF	Pat	Meat Retailing
<b>DOWLING</b>	Eoghan			Kristie	Civic Construction
<b>DRYSDALE</b>	Ann				Education Administration
<b>FITZGERALD</b>	Gary	PP	PHF (S)	Liz	Beef Cattle - Poll Herefords
<b>FOLETTA</b>	Ken			Di	Industrial Design
<b>FORDE</b>	Richard	PP	PHF (S)	Janet	Inter-State Transport
<b>FROGLEY</b>	Laurie			Vivienne	Mechanical Engineering
<b>GEESON</b>	Paul			Claire	Farm Management
<b>HALL</b>	Les	PP	PHF (S)	Wendy	Beef Cattle - Angus
<b>HAMILTON</b>	Marj	PP			Social work
<b>HANLEY</b>	Sandra	PP	PHF (S)		Nursing
<b>HENTSCHEL</b>	Bob			Janis	Electrical Engineering
<b>HIRONS</b>	Mike			Bronwyn	Civil Engineering
<b>HOGG</b>	Carol		PHF	Russell	Cosmetics Marketing
<b>HOGG</b>	Russell		PHF	Carol	Industrial Chemistry
<b>HOWARD</b>	Val				Customer Service
<b>HUBBARD OAM</b>	Terry	PP	PHF (S)	Janet	Retail Timber/Hardware
<b>JACOBS</b>	Tony			Melissa	Finance
<b>KELLETT</b>	Paul			Chris	Electrical Engineering
<b>LYNCH</b>	Ian		PHF	Julie	Education IT
<b>LYNCH</b>	Julie	PP	PHF (S)	Ian	Education Secondary
<b>MAXFIELD</b>	Ken	PP	PHF (S)	Tricia	Credit Management
<b>McGOVERN</b>	Sue				Nursing — Psychiatric
<b>MILLIKEN</b>	Glenn			Denise	Horticulture
<b>NGO</b>	David			Daisy	Pharmacy
<b>OSBORNE</b>	Jim	PP	PHF (S)	Glenys	Beef Cattle - EU Angus
<b>PAXMAN</b>	Penny			Marvin Jeffrey	Advertising Sales
<b>RATTRAY</b>	Catherine		PHF	Charles	Marketing
<b>RATTRAY</b>	Charles	PP	PHF	Catherine	Horticulture
<b>RIDD</b>	Rodney	PP	PHF (S)		Engineering — Mining
<b>SICHLAU</b>	Ian			Pat	Architecture
<b>SICHLAU</b>	Pat			Ian	Cytology
<b>SINCLAIR</b>	John	PP	PHF (S)	Clare	Prime Lamb Production
<b>SPURGEON</b>	Matt			Dani Friscan	Banking Retail
<b>TROUP</b>	Janet			Russell	Nursing
<b>TROUP</b>	Russell			Janet	Direct Marketing
<b>TULL</b>	Peter	PP	PHF	Kerrie	Beef Cattle - Simmental
<b>UKOSICH</b>	Tracey			Renzo	Education Primary
<b>WELSH</b>	Di			Leo Dynes	Nursing
<b>WHITE</b>	Elaine		PHF		Library Services
<b>WOODS</b>	Glenda	PP	PHF (S)		Environmental Science
<b>WRIGHT</b>	Sam			Margie	Rural Merchandise

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