



ROTARY CLUB OF CAMBRIDGE

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

DISTRICT 9455

ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 2019 TO JUNE 2020

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2019/20

As I finish my two years as President, I now pass the baton on to Jeremy Wood.

I said at the onset that my main objective for our Rotary Club was Fun, Friendship and Achievement.

I believe that during the past two years, we were able to achieve all three, although with the Corona Virus in the latter part of my term, it did make it a rather challenging time.

We adjusted to the challenge of not having physical meetings, cancellations of many projects and events but due to our Zoom Meetings, we were able to keep the Club together. I thank Jeremy Wood for arranging the Zoom Meetings and Jeanette for the Speakers.

Over the past two years we have been able to increase our awareness in the Community with involvement with Town of Cambridge and the local Schools in our area whilst still maintaining our International involvement with the East Java Hearing Project in conjunction with Mt Lawley Rotary Club.

As a Club we celebrated 50 years of Rotary in Cambridge with a well-attended celebratory dinner at Ambrose Estate.

Sadly in June we lost one of our longest serving Members in Max Mardardy who was a Paul Harris Fellow and a Rotary Member for some 41 years. We send our condolences to his family and friends.

The Club was very proud that in the June Queen's Birthday Honour List, our Member PDG Ross Ledger and a former Member Marie Kormendy who is now a member of Mt Lawley Rotary Club were both awarded Member of Australia AM Award. Congratulations to both Rotarians.

Club Administration

Once again, Roger Veary has done an excellent job as Editor of our weekly Bulletin and has taken money off most Members with his witty Sergeant's Sessions.

Jeanette Wood has continued to excel with the task of obtaining excellent and informative Speakers each week and has maintained a good working relationship with the Post Newspaper which has given our Club a great deal of exposure in the Western Suburbs community.

The Club missed only a few Meetings due to the Corona Virus as it reverted to Zoom Meetings and the attendance for the year has been excellent.

Over the past 2 years, we have increased our Membership from 16 to 22 but unfortunately membership has stayed static during the last year.

Jeremy Wood has been our Webmaster and we are now receiving a great deal of exposure through Facebook and our Website.

International

Our only International Project is the East Java Hearing Project in Surabaya that we support in conjunction with the Mt Lawley Rotary Club. A project which has been going on for many years. Unfortunately with the Corona Virus, the exchange of teachers did not happen this year and has been rescheduled once the borders are reopened. I would like to thank Graham McHarrie and Don Holywell for their professional approach to this very worthwhile international project.

Youth and Vocational

Under the guidance of Director Frank Nathan the Club managed to achieve a substantial program of youth activities for the year.

We jointly hosted with Scarborough Club, Keika Fukuyama from Japan under the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. Our thanks to Ken and Sue Taylor and Scott and Megan Teasdale for hosting Keika during her 6 month stay with our Club. Unfortunately due to the Corona Virus, some of her activities were curtailed. My thanks to Don Holywell for acting as her Mentor and to Jeremy and Jeanette Wood for supervising Keika's stay.

We sponsored a student Peter McSkimming Jnr from Hale School in the National Youth Science Forum and 2 Year 9 students, Leila Arnold and Emily Holland from Newman College in the Conoco Phillips Science Experience.

The Junior 4 Way Speaking Competition for Year 5/6 students saw 6 local primary schools in our area City Beach, Floreat Park, Kapinara, Lake Monger, Wembley and West Leederville participate. Wembley and Floreat Park going through to the finals with Floreat Park Eva Georgeff being runner-up.

The Driver Education Program saw 170 Year 10 and 11 students from local college John XXIII attend a full day driver training program sponsored by our Club.

The Club continues under the guidance of Jeremy Wood to promote Early Act activities in Schools in the Cambridge area.

Unfortunately the Corona Virus disrupted many activities and programs but hopefully we will be able to resume them in the next Rotary year.

Community Service

The Club continues to place an emphasis on our local Community and we supported the RSL Poppy Day Appeal with local Schools in our area. My thanks to Jim Berry for leading this program.

We were involved in two very successful Foodbank projects, the first being Foodbank Cans for Christmas in December 2019 followed by a Winter Drive Thru Drop off in June 2020 which was very well supported by the community.

For the third year, we supported the Wembley District Junior Cricket Club with 14 weeks of Friday evening Sausage Sizzles. This not only helps with fundraising but also promotes our Club in the Community.

Unfortunately the Corona Virus once again curtailed some of our programs.

Arbor Day which is a joint project with the Town of Cambridge, Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal and the final of the WDJCC Cricket Season. Hopefully we will be involved again in the next year.

The Community Shed has finally been given the green light. The project which started in June 2013 looks like commencing building operations in late July 2020. Our congratulations to Max Puddey for 7 years of perseverance.

General

I would like to thank all Board Members, Committee Chairs, Rotarians and Ladies Social Committee for the support they have given me over the past two years and to Leonie for her continued support and encouragement.

I wish Jeremy and Jeanette all the very best for their term and trust that all Club Members will give them the support that they provided to me.

Peter Pearse
Club President 2018/2020

BOARD MEMBERS 2019/20

President	Peter Pearse
Past President	Peter Pearse
Secretary	Mark Hemery
Treasurer	Max Puddey
Club Administration	Roger Veary
International/Projects	Graham McHarrie
Community Service/Shed	Max Puddey
Youth/Vocational	Frank Nathan
Rotary Foundation	Jeremy Wood

SPECIAL PROJECTS CHAIRS 2019/20

Sergeant-at-Arms	Roger Veary
Bulletin Editor	Roger Veary
Speaker Coordinator	Jeanette Wood
Website/Facebook	Jeremy Wood
Attendance Officer	Peter Burns
RSL Poppy Day	Jim Berry
Arbor Day	Peter McSkimming
Social Committee	Susan Bursill

ROTARY CAMBRIDGE MEMBERS 2019/20

BARLOW, Cate
BERRY, Jim and Mary Anne
BURNS, Peter and Sybil
DOWNING, Brian and Heather
GRAHAM, Mike and Yvonne
HEMERY, Mark and Helen
HOLYWELL, Don and Robyn
JAMES, David and Judy
LANE, Rod and Margaret
LARSEN, Libby
LEDGER, Ross and Fran
MARDARDY, Max
McHARRIE, Graham and Anneitta
McSKIMMING, Peter and Jean
MULLIN, Mike and Helen
NATHAN, Frank and Eileen
PEARSE, Peter and Leonie
PETRELIS, Manny and Marina
PUDDEY, Max and Jan
VEARY, Roger and Pam
WAGNER, Peter and Robyn
WOOD, Jeremy and Jeanette

ROTARY CAMBRIDGE HONORARY MEMBERS 2019/20

BAIN, Graeme (Elizabeth)
BOLLINGER, Fred (Michelle)
BURSIL, Susan
GRAY, Rob (Geraldine)
PEARSE, Leonie (Peter)
SAGGERS, David (Clair)
WOOD, Jeanette (Jeremy)

FRIENDS OF ROTARY 2019/20

HAMMOND Hon.Celia MP Federal Member for Curtin
L'ESTRANGE, Hon. Sean MLA Churchlands
ROWLANDS, Jane, Principal Floreat Park Primary School
SHANNON, Keri, Mayor Town of Cambridge

CLUB ADMINISTRATION REPORT 2019/20

Our Club continues to be based at the Cambridge Bowling Club in Floreat for the majority of our Meetings, although this relationship was put on hold in March when Covid-19 Pandemic measures were put in place by the Government.

As usual the Rotary year started with our Changeover on the 10th July 2019, but this time it was a little different in that President Peter Pearse was staying in the role for a second year, so he handed over to himself! We started the Rotary year with 22 Members as at 30th June 2019 and this number has been maintained during the year under review, albeit with a couple of changes to the individuals involved.

Attendance at our face to face meetings and our virtual Zoom meetings has been good and we generally attract around 17 participants each time i.e. an attendance of just over 75%. Unfortunately some of our Members are still not able to attend for a variety of reasons but they keep in touch regularly.

Sadly we lost one of our long standing Members in June 2020 namely Max Mardardy who has been with us for just over 41 years. Max will be greatly missed, and we extend our condolences to his family. He contributed to our Club in many ways especially in his role as “our man at the door” – his greeting of Members and visitors alike will be remembered for a long time.

Our Speaker Programme continues to impress all who experience it, and again our sincere thanks go to Jeanette Wood for tireless work, often under challenging conditions. Our quarterly Schools Programme meetings have been curtailed by the pandemic, as had our regular meetings, but we have managed to hold several virtual meetings via the Zoom facility on the Internet. Our current Exchange Student Keika Fukuyama will be one of the last Speakers for this Rotary year, and she heads off home in the near future as soon as it is practically possible. Farewell Keika – we will miss your cheerful presence!

Weekly duties have been spread out amongst available Members as equitably as possible, and there is a good sense of camaraderie in the air at each Meeting. Jeremy Wood has been managing the Club’s Website through the Rotary District Club Runner facility, and he has been updating our site on a regular basis – along with posts to the Facebook site as well. Thank you Jeremy for your tireless efforts too – it obviously runs in the family!

We have continued our weekly Mini-Sizzles at the Wembley Junior Cricket Club as much as we can in the circumstances, and these remain worthwhile because they each raise a few hundred dollars and give us a high degree of community exposure. We also held a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on the 2nd November 2019, and this raised just under \$1,000 for our coffers. Unfortunately the second Bunnings Sizzle scheduled for the 17th May 2020 had to be cancelled for obvious reasons.

Once again I would like to thank President Peter as well as Members, Partners and Friends who have contributed to the smooth running of the Club.
Keep up the good work.

Roger Veary June 2020

CLUB SERVICE REPORT 2019-2020

SPEAKERS, VOCATIONAL VISITS, EVENTS & PRESIDENT'S ACTIVITIES

June 2019	
29 06 2019	District Changeover Dinner attended by President Peter & Leonie Pearse and Past President Jeremy and Jeanette Wood
July 2019	
03 07 2019	Roy Stall – My Life – Coping with Redundancy
07 07 2019	Farewell Lunch for RYE Jaz hosted by Jeremy & Jeanette Wood
10 07 2019	Club's 50 th Anniversary Celebratory Dinner at Ambrose Estate
17 07 2019	DG Visit – Joint Meeting at Rotary City
24 07 2019	Board Meeting – Club Open Forum
31 07 2019	Chris Frame – P & O Liners
August 2019	
04 08 2019	Peter Pearse attended Youth Protection Seminar
06 08 2019	Rotary Ladies Social Committee Meeting
07 08 2019	First Heat – Primary Schools Public Speaking Competition
14 08 2019	Second Heat – Primary Schools Public Speaking Competition
15 08 2019	Presentation to Laura Panetta Wembley Primary School Winner of Heat 1
21 08 2019	Associate Professor Jean Pierre Macquart – Fast Radio Bursts
23 08 2019	Presentation to Eva Georgeff Floreat Park Primary – Winner Heat 2
26 08 2019	Primary School Speaking Competition Final hosted by Rotary Club Hilary – Eva Georgeff Floreat Park Runner Up
28 08 2019	Celia Hammond MP Joint Club Meeting Cambridge/Scarborough/Nedlands
September 2019	
02 09 2019	Board Meeting
04 09 2019	Club Open Forum
05 09 2019	PFP & JPW attended Rotary Schools Link Meeting at District Office
06 09 2019	PFP & JPW attended Kapinara School Presentation
11 09 2019	Schools Programme – Stephanie Rea – Picky Eaters
12 09 2019	Peter Pearse attended Rotary Cluster Meeting Zone 2
14 09 2019	Floreat Forum Rotary Awareness Promotion
17 09 2019	Peter & Leonie Pearse & Jeremy & Jeanette Wood attended Town of Cambridge Citizenship Ceremony
18 09 2019	Ian Mawson – Prostate Cancer Part 2
25 09 2019	Annual General Meeting Rotary Club of Cambridge
October 2019	
02 10 2019	Illawarra Orchard Vocational Visit and social lunch
09 10 2019	Max Puddey – setting up new Ipad and using Square CC payment system followed by Cate Barlow – Who am I?
12 10 2019	Peter & Leonie Pearse & Frank & Eileen Nathan Fair Meeting with St Ed's Church
16 10 2019	Natika Hawes-Wright – Making Older People more Computer Literate
17 10 2019	City Beach Primary School Garden Bench Presentation
23 10 2019	Dr Janice Malcolm Rotary Global Grant Recipient reporting back to Club

28 10 2019	Joint Club's Deaf Teachers Dinner hosted by Mt Lawley
30 10 2019	No Meeting
November 2019	
01 11 2019	First WDJCC Sausage Sizzle
02 11 2019	Bunnings Subiaco Fundraising Sausage Sizzle
06 11 2019	Arthur Greaves – Poppy Day Speaker from Veterans PTSD
06 11 2019	Citizenship Ceremony attended by PP Jeremy & Jeanette Wood
08 11 2019	Second WDJCC Sausage Sizzle
11 11 2019	Remembrance Day Wreath laid by PP Jeremy Wood
13 11 2019	Sean L'Estrange MLA – Parliamentary Update
15 11 2019	Third WDJCC Sausage Sizzle
17 11 2019	Keika, Host Families, Nathans and Mentor Cate Barlow to dinner hosted by Jeremy & Jeanette Wood
21 11 2019	Keika Fukuyama Rotary Exchange Student Presentation – Joint Meeting hosted by Scarborough Rotary Club
22 11 2019	4 th WDJCC Sausage Sizzle
27 11 2019	John Butler – Living Wills
29 11 2019	5 th WDJCC Sausage Sizzle
December 2019	
01 12 2019	Foodbank Flyers drop off day
05 12 2019	RWADE for John XXIII Students
06 12 2019	6 th WDJCC Sausage Sizzle
08 12 2019	Foodbank Cans for Christmas Pickup Day
11 12 2019	President's Christmas Party held at home of Rotarian Libby Larsen
13 12 2019	7 th WDJCC Sausage Sizzle with Father Christmas
	CHRISTMAS BREAK
January 2020	
03 01 2020	RYE Keika Fukuyama transfers to Rotary Cambridge – dinner hosted by Sue & Ken Taylor and attended by PP Jeremy & Jeanette Wood
10 01 2020	Keika, Taylor Family and new Mentor Don & Robyn Holywell hosted by the Woods
10 01 2020	Cans for Christmas Cocktails and Report back hosted by the Woods
26 01 2020	Town of Cambridge Citizenship Ceremony attended by Pearses' and Woods
29 02 2020	Social BBQ at the Bowling Club for Rotarians, Keika and Host Families
31 01 2020	1st WDJCC Sausage Sizzle
February 2019	
01 01 2020	Rotary Fair Meeting with St Ed's Church
03 02 2020	Board Meeting
05 02 2020	Club Forum
05 02 2020	WSBA Barefoot Bowling attended by Jeremy & Jeanette Wood
06 02 2020	Rotary Cluster Meeting Zone 2 attended by Peter Pearse
07 02 2020	2 nd WDJCC Sausage Sizzle
12 02 2020	Emma Ireland from Ear Science Institute Australia
14 02 2020	3rd WDJCC Sausage Sizzle
19 02 2020	Sam Spiro – Home Aged Care Options
21 02 2020	4th WDJCC Sausage Sizzle
26 02 2020	Peter McSkimming Jnr. – NYSF Grant Recipient
28 02 2020	5 th WDJCC Sausage Sizzle

March 2020	
04 03 2020	Linda Bettenay – Apple Core Wars Illawarra
06 03 2020	6 th WDJCC Sausage Sizzle
07 03 2020	Rotary Fair Meeting with St Ed’s Church
10 03 2020	Vocational Visit to Greenbatch arranged by Osborne Park Rotary
11 03 2020	WSBA – Marketing Room at Vic Hotel attended by Jeremy & Jeanette Wood
13 03 2020	7 th WDJCC Sausage Sizzle
15 03 2020	Cancelled WDJCC Windup Sausage Sizzle
18 03 2020	Meeting cancelled due to Covid-19 Pandemic
25 03 2020	Meeting cancelled due to Covid-19 Pandemic – Joint Club Dinner with Mt Lawley Rotarians for the Surabaya Deaf School hosted by Rotary Club of Cambridge
April 2020	
01 04 2020	RYE Keika to Teasedale Family
01 04 2020	No Meeting
04/5 04 2020	District 9455 Conference Cancelled due to Covid-19 Pandemic
06 04 2020	Board Meeting
15 04 2020	No Meeting
22 04 2020	Virtual Trial Meeting for Zoom
27 04 2020	Cancelled – Anzac Day Wreath Laying Ceremony
29 04 2020	Judy Lane of Harry Perkins Institute – Zoom Meeting
May 2020	
01/2 05 2020	Cancelled PETS
05 05 2020	WSBA – Next level Leadership Zoom Meeting attended by Jeremy & Jeanette
06 05 2020	Japanese Children’s Day – Japanese Drumming – Simon Vanyal Zoom Meeting
13 05 2020	Margie Oldfield President WDJCC Zoom Meeting
17 05 2020	Cancelled Bunnings Fundraising Sausage Sizzle
20 05 2020	RI President Mark Maloney Joint Clubs Zoom Meeting (Freshwater Bay)
27 05 2020	Club Forum – Fair discussion – physical meeting at Cambridge Bowling Club
27 05 2020	WSBA Digital Marketing Challenges attended by J & J Wood
28 05 2020	Zoom Meeting with District Youth Protection & Insurance attended by P Pearse
June 2020	
03 06 2020	Front Porch Films – Richard Seale
05 06 2020	Cancelled Arbor Day Sausage Sizzle
10 05 2020	Daniel Lombardo – Telethon Speech & Hearing (due to ill health)
17 05 2020	Lions Eye Bank – Lisa Buckland
24 06 2020	RYE Keika Fukuyama – Farewell Presentation Joint Cambridge & Scarborough Clubs Followed by Board Meeting
27 06 2020	District Changeover – You Tube Presentation
27 06 2020	Foodbank Drive Thru Drop Off – Perry Lakes
28 06 2020	Farewell Dinner for RYE Keika Fukuyama hosted by Jeremy & Jeanette Wood
July 2020	
01 07 2020	Club Forum
08 07 2020	Changeover Dinner Ambrose Estate –Pres P Pearse to P E Jeremy Wood

CLUB'S TRESURER'S REPORT 2019 - 2020

The following is an unaudited summary of the Club's financial position as at the 23rd June 2020.

Balance Sheet Report

ASSETS

Cash and Bank Accounts

Cash – Fund Raising Account	14,689.32
Cash – Operating Account	8,941.40
Term Deposit Account	<u>15,000.00</u>
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	38,630.72

Other Assets

Asset – Floats	70.00
Asset - Fund Raising Prepayments	2,920.00
Asset – Operating Prepayments	200.00
Asset – Plant & Equipment	<u>1,350.00</u>
TOTAL Other Assets	<u>4,540.00</u>

TOTAL ASSETS **43,170.72**

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Other Liabilities

Liability – Fund Raising Account	9,500.00
Liability – Operating Account	<u>1,365.00</u>
TOTAL Other Liabilities	<u>10,865.00</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES **10,865.00**

EQUITY **32,305.72**

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY **43,170.72**

Max Puddey

Club Treasurer – 2019- 2020

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE REPORT 2019 – 2020

Rotary East Java Hearing Project

The Rotary East Java Hearing Project continued during the year in conjunction with Rotary Mount Lawley and Surabaya Clubs. The Joint Committee comprises Graham McHarrie, Don Holywell, Marie Kormendy and Glen Davies. Our Surabaya contact is Rotarian Guy Setiadi.

The program with Kalia Mulia School for the Deaf, in Surabaya, is an annual exchange of teachers for the purpose of assisting their training and development. We collaborate with the Department of Education School of Special Educational Needs; Sensory and Telethon Speech and Hearing Inc. Activities this year were in two parts.

1. Year 2 Exchange

The second year of the program for exchange of teachers had been planned for March and April 2019. The visit by Kara Mulia teachers occurred, however, the timing of the Indonesian general elections resulted in the Perth Teachers visit being deferred. Katie Oakley and Simone Tomlinson both teachers with Telethon Speech and Hearing, visited Surabaya for 1 week in October 2019. Their visit concluded this exchange and received very positive feedback. The cost of this visit was funded by a donation from Amcor in Indonesia.

2. Year 3 Exchange

Planning for exchanges in March and April 2020 were well in hand, until we were disrupted by Covid-19.

Kara Mulia School selected two teachers to visit Perth, Ms Machsunah Toha and Ms Sitti Djoewairjah. Passports and Visas were in place for their proposed visit. Clare Quirk (a teacher at Shenton College Deaf Education Centre) and Lisa Checker (a teacher at West Busselton Primary School who supports Deaf Education at several south west schools) were outstanding and very suitable applicants and we confirmed their participation in the exchange. We visited the Indonesian Consul General in WA, Mrs Dewi Tobing, to raise awareness of our project. Mrs Dewi was enthusiastic and accepted our invitation to attend the proposed joint dinner.

During February our committee was very conscious of the potential for the Corona Virus to disrupt the proposed timing of the visits. We consulted with others and on the 2nd March we made the decision to suspend the visit. All arrangements were cancelled.

We had incurred prepaid expenditure of \$2,920 for Indonesian Teachers accommodation in Perth. The amount is being held as a credit towards a future booking.

The Year 3 Exchange will be fully funded by the Telethon Speech and Hearing Donation (\$5,000) Amcor (\$5,000) and Rotary District Grant (\$4,500). The District has agreed to “roll-over” the Grant into the 2020/21 year.

The timing of the Year 3 Exchange is now dependent on the resumption of normal travel to and from Indonesia and assessment of Covid-19 risks.

Most significantly Marie Kormendy was recognized in the 2020 Queens Birthday Honour List as a Member (AM) in the general division, for her significant service to people who are deaf or hard of hearing, through humanitarian assistance programs. Very well deserved.

Graham McHarrie and Don Holywell - June 2020

YOUTH SERVICE REPORT 2019 – 2020

Despite the fact that there was some cancellation and curtailment of programmes due to Corona Virus Pandemic, the Club still managed to achieve a substantial programme of Youth activities for the year.

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE

Keika Fukuyama from Japan was initially hosted by the Scarborough Club and joined us in January 2020. She was hosted, firstly by Ken and Sue Taylor in West Leederville and secondly by Scott and Megan Teasdale in Floreat. Keika thoroughly enjoyed her stays with both host families and the Club is most appreciative of their efforts. Keika attended Churchlands Senior High School and made considerable strides in improving English language abilities. Unfortunately, in the latter part of her stay due to Covid-19, a number of normal Youth Exchange activities including the popular North West Safari, were not possible. Keika was keen to stay here during the crisis and has continued to enjoy herself during this time, involving herself in alternate activities. She has attended a number of Club meetings and events, however, with the Club shut down because of the Virus, interaction with Club Members has not occurred as much as we would have liked. Keika is due to return to Japan on the 9th July via Sydney as there is no available flights directly out of Perth.

Particular thanks to AG Jeremy Wood, supported by Jeanette, for supervising Keika's 6 month stay with us and special recognition to Don Holywell for acting as her Mentor under difficult circumstances.

NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM

The Club sponsored Peter McSkimming from Hale School to the NYSF in Brisbane in January 2020. Peter presented to the Club and spoke highly of the experience, providing an excellent presentation. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, NYSF has been cancelled for 2020/21.

CONOCO PHILLIPS SCIENCE EXPERIENCE

The Club's first involvement in this programme. We sponsored two Year 9 students from Newman College, Leila Arnold to Murdoch University and Emily Holland to Curtin University each both attending for 4 days in December 2019.

Leila and Emily both presented enthusiastically to the Club following their attendance, obviously enjoying and benefiting from the experience.

THE JUNIOR 4-WAY TEST SPEAKING COMPETITION (Year 5/6)

Our second year for the Primary School Competition saw 6 local Schools participating in August 2019. City Beach, Floreat Park, Kapinara, Lake Monger, Wembley and West Leederville. Because of the increased number of participants this year, the Club Heat was split over 2 evening Rotary meetings with the winner at each meeting going through to the District Final. The winners were Eva Georgeff from Floreat Park and Laura Panetta from Wembley respectively. Again this year the standard of speaking was extremely high. Eva went on to be the Runner-up at the District Final held at Hillarys – an excellent result. All schools initially indicated their willingness to participate again later this year, however, the competition is in doubt at this stage due to Covid-19.

The Club did not participate in the Secondary Schools Competition this year.

DRIVER EDUCATION

170 Students from Year 10 and 11 at John XXIII College attended the full day driver training programme in December 2019 at Claremont Showgrounds.

Accompanied by a Teacher and a Rotarian for each group, the students attended 6 separate ½ hour sessions involving different aspects of driver training. Lunch for all was generously provided free of charge by the Rapid Response Team. A most worthwhile event with John XXIII booking again for December 2020 subject to Virus restrictions.

A special mention and thanks go to the 6 Rotarians who supervised on a very uncomfortable 40 plus degree day.

ROTARY ADVENTURE IN CITIZENSHIP

The Club agreed to sponsor Lucy Lonnqvist a Year 11 student from St Mary's Anglican Girls School. This programme is new to the Club and involves a week in Canberra for students who have an interest in politics and the Australian Parliamentary system. Lucy impressed extremely favourably and was considered an excellent candidate, however, as the event was to take place in May 2020, it unfortunately had to be cancelled due to Covid-19.

EARLY ACT

Under the leadership of AG Jeremy promotion of Early Act activities in the Cambridge area continued in the past year. We remain active in teaching of skills in running meetings with the Leadership (Student Council) groups at Floreat Park, West Leederville and City Beach Primary Schools. The programme was conducted successfully in the second half of the 2019 calendar year and the first few weeks of the 2020 School year. From March all contact with students stopped due to the onset of the Covid-19 crisis. It is hoped that the programme will be able to resume later in the 2020 year.

In addition to Early Act, a very successful programme of intergenerational contact was run in the Art Classes at City Beach Primary School. This programme was also curtailed and it is hoped it will also be able to resume later in 2020.

SCHOOLS PROGRAMME OF TALKS

It was possible to hold only one event in this series of talks in this past Rotary year. This occurred in September 2019 on the subject of Picky Eaters. The two talks scheduled for the first half of 2020 had to be cancelled due to the Virus. A talk has been tentatively scheduled for August 2020. Thanks again to Jeanette Wood for her great organisation of this programme.

Frank Nathan - Youth Director

2019 – 2020