

Rotary
Club of North Balwyn



Annual Report ***2019-2020***



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THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH BALWYN

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Meeting Place:	The Kew Golf Club Belford Road, East Kew 3102
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Club Number:	18337
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2019—2020 Board of Directors

President:	Peter Sutherland
Vice President:	John Magor
President Elect:	Greg Cribbes
Immediate Past President:	Nino Sofra
Secretary:	Gavan Schwartz
Treasurer:	Adam Hillary / Geoff Haddy
Director Club Service:	Tony Wells
Director Community Service:	Tony Hart
Director Youth:	Jane Pennington
Director Foundation:	Findley Cornell
Director Fundraising:	Bill Oakley / Nino Sofra
Director International Service:	Rowan McClean
Director Membership and Retention:	Jim Studebaker
Director Vocational Service:	Kinga Paulheim

2019—2020 Office Bearers

Almoner:	Eileen Toohill
Attendance and Data:	Hugo Goetze
On to Conference:	Greg Cribbes
Fellowship Chairman:	Bronwen Dimond
Grapevine Editor:	John McBride
Protection Officer:	John Rennie
Sergeant:	Adrian Ranson / John Magor
Deputy Sergeant:	Sue McDonald
Speaker Program:	John Gartlan
Property Officer and AV:	Barry Cummings
Interact:	Peter Sutherland
Photography:	Geoff Steinicke
Webmaster:	Jane Pennington
Catering:	Nino Sofra and Bill Oakley
OH&S:	Peter Sutherland
Men's Shed:	David Cheney and Tony Hart
Club History:	Tony Wells

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

From President Peter:

Drought, fire, and COVID-19 will ensure 2020 is a year to remember. In the midst of an active Club year and continuing major Drought Project, we encountered mega bushfires, growing concern about climate change, and then COVID-19, whose first impact on our Club was the cancellation of the Australian Grand Prix (our major fundraiser) and our ability to hold weekly dinner meetings.

The following is a summary of our Club's activities of which your Directors will elaborate.

Club Service and Membership

The Club met every Thursday for dinner at Kew Golf Club up until 12 March 2020. We, along with many Rotary Clubs, began online meetings in isolation at home from the week commencing 16 March.

With 68 members we routinely held meetings with approximately 60% attendance. However involvement in Club and District projects, leadership roles, fund raising and community activities indicated a healthy active Club with 100% participation.

We enjoyed excellent guest speakers at our dinner meeting thanks to John Gartlan and we thank the Kew Golf Club for friendly and efficient service.

We are saddened that two of our members passed this year from illness in Paul Fitz and Anthony Stokes. We are missing their wise counsel from their years of experience, their warm personalities and support of all the avenues of Rotary and our Club projects.

Notable Memories from the Year

Cancellation of the Christmas Raffle

After much consternation we departed from our traditional Christmas Raffle due to declining ticket sales and increased burden on member's time and money.

Camberwell Sunday Market

Following on from discussions begun by immediate past president Nino Sofra with the Balwyn Rotary Club we were formally offered a gate attendance shift every Sunday at the Market. Later in the year we were offered and accepted a second shift.

Catering

Our Catering team, led by Nino Sofra is the envy of many clubs and I congratulate Nino for his excellent and tireless organising of events and everyone who has participated in these events.

We also thank our supporters in Boroondara Council, Reclink, Bunnings, Bendigo Bank, Maserati Club, The Grand Prix Association, Coates Hire, Patchwork Quilt Association, Victorian Miniatures Association, North Balwyn Village Traders Association and more.

Nino does a fantastic job keeping these associations engaged with our Club. I must also acknowledge the sacrifice the Sofra household has made in converting their garage into a catering depot for the Club's use.



Bill Oakley Departure

We are pleased for Bill that he achieved a life change in a shift from our Club to the Rotary Club of Sandy Bay in Hobart. We wish Bill well and are thankful for all the catering support he has given the Club over the years. We also acknowledge his long and successful role as Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM) District Chair and welcome Sue McDonald into the role.



Retirement of Ian Adams from Eva Tilley Board and election of Tony Wells

The Rotary Club of North Balwyn has a long history of support for Eva Tilley House and current CEO Sharelle Rowe. They describe the Board as “Our dynamic voluntary Board of Management passionately dedicated to our residents”. Congratulations Ian and Tony.

A Club Meeting was held at Eva Tilley in September 2019 where Sharelle thanked us for our support through the Gardening Program which continues to be a valuable asset to our community.

Our Partners

Whether it's helping at catering events, planning for a party or providing moral support to our Club during times of need, our partners play a vital role in our Club. Thank you.

The Christmas Fare was again a great success and helped children of drought affected families of Kyabram High School participate more fully in the school's curriculum.

Three Generations

It was a thrill for me to induct my own son into Rotary and have my father Ken present at our Club's Changeover in June 2019, acknowledging three generations of Rotarians. I thank Jeanette Leigh for her contribution to the Rotary Downunder Magazine thus sharing this occasion with all Rotarians.



Weekly Activities

We didn't give ourselves a week off during the year. There was always an activity in which members participated. The Gardening Program, Reading in Schools, SecondBite food delivery, Camberwell Sunday Market, DIK Computers For Community, Rotaract and Interact Club activities, Community Events, Catering activity, Vocation visits, Fellowship and Club Committee meetings. Sometimes I received comments “Are we doing too much?”

Finances

The Club is proud of its Finance Team in Adam Hillary (Treasurer) and Geoff Haddy (Assistant Treasurer) who tirelessly keep our finances in good order and meet the internal and external reporting commitments in total control. Thank you.

Your Board of Directors

I thank your board of directors whose vision and guidance kept the Club heading in the right direction throughout the year. Balwyn Primary School provided a meeting room for us each month. Thanks Bronwen Dimond for organising this.

Cancellation of the Grand Prix

The Grand Prix was cancelled on Friday 13 March. The crowd booed at 11am as an announcement was made to shut it down!

It was this day – Friday 13 March that our fundraising stopped completely when tight social distancing rules across the country cancelled our future fundraising events.

Camp Getaway

Camp Getaway is such a success story and we love being involved. The annual working bee is not only of assistance to the Camp but a great fellowship opportunity.

Thanks Gregor Matthews for your continued coordination.



Fellowship Weekend

This year we partied at Point Lonsdale and had a great time thanks to President Elect Greg Cribbes and Jenny's excellent planning.

Pictured are the winning team of the annual Ambrose event held at Portarlinton Golf Club.

Rowan McClean, Jenny Cribbes, Marcel Muntwyler and Sally Sutherland.

Youth

Jane Pennington! The results that Jane achieves in all her activities is amazing!

Thank you Jane for overseeing our many youth activities, getting a Rotaract Club active and engaged, being District Secretary and looking after the website. Our Interactors did a fine job in 2018-19 and were recognised with a District Citation by Chris Richardson, our District Youth Chair.

Jane will elaborate on all the activities in her report but will make note of an unforgettable first up event in the 2019-20 year in our Mongolia trip.

Our first challenge of 2019 was the last minute call from Rotary International to cancel the Mongolian trip due to factors beyond our control! This advice from RI threw us all into action to avert huge disappointment and financial loss. After many desperate conversations with District and RI we implemented "Plan B" and waved the group farewell in the safe and competent hands of Estelle Kelly and Peter Downton.

Plan B was only possible after a stellar effort by Ian Mollison to rearrange the itinerary as the trip unfolded – in short, a travel agent's nightmare!

The return visit in January by Mongolian Students with their chaperones was likewise an outstanding success due to the hard work of our committee's program of activities and host families support.

Drought Relief Program

Congratulations to Geoff Kneale and the Drought Relief Committee who engaged with the District and Cluster Clubs and the St Arnaud Community to make a difference to the drought affected families in St Arnaud. I applaud this program and its extension to Numurkah in 2020. The awarding of a District Recognition Award was most fitting.

International Projects

International Director Rowan McClean lead a multidistrict team to extend and complement the already great work performed through the Overseas Kids Foundation. This program was also awarded a District Recognition Award.

Computers for Community and DIK

Our Club became the sponsor of Computers for Community in support of this program being a District Recognised Program. Our members are congratulated for their support of this program and also for the many occasions members volunteered at DIK.

Australian Rotary Health (ARH)

Having our member Greg Ross as Australian Chair of ARH gave us impetus to continue our support for this outstanding Rotary institution. Our Annual Charity Golf Day was huge success and its proceeds contributed the last instalment of our commitment to Jacqueline Kuruppu's PhD research, *Co-designing a decision-making tool to assist GPs and practice nurses in the decision to report child abuse*.

I thank all members for your support and encouragement throughout the year and know that you will continue your support for President Greg Cribbes.

Next year will require reinvention of how we conduct Rotary as the Corona Virus Pandemic unfolds and Rotary will need your support and commitment more than ever to maintain our programs.



District 9800 Recognition
2019-20

Rotary Club of North Balwyn



For

Support for the poorer communities in Phu Tho Province, Vietnam by providing support for child health, schools with furniture, equipment, books and medicines to break the poverty cycle.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Grant Hocking".

District Governor Grant Hocking June 2020

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2019-20

Rotary Club of North Balwyn



For

Victorian drought relief in the St Arnaud area in both financial and mental health support for affected families and businesses.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Grant Hocking".

District Governor Grant Hocking June 2020

A SUMMARY OF OUR YEAR'S ACTIVITIES

Admin and Compliance

WWC monitoring
Member database maintenance
Statutory Annual Returns
Extended Code of Conduct adoption
New Constitution and ByLaws
Effective financial and administrative control by the Board

Finance

Received two grants
Detailed and relevant charts of accounts
Progressive forecasting of both accounts to year end
Budgeting
Eftpos facility managed
Monthly Board reporting
Independent Audit
Drought Relief Project accounting
GST and Banking requirements

Membership and Retention

Inducted 5 new members
Mentoring for new members
Using website as promotion
Worked with members needing support from Rotary

District / RI Roles

DIK—Peter Sutherland
Aust Rotary Health—Greg Ross
RYPEN—Anthony Stokes
RAM—Bill Oakley and Sue McDonald
District Support Team—Jane Pennington
District Program Endorsement Committee—
Jim Studebaker and Jane Pennington
District Foundation Committee—Jane Pennington
Phu Tho Province Community Support—
Rowan McClean
District Ambassador for Solomon Islands -
Garth Symington

Recognitions

PHF individual recognitions for 5 members
PHF Club recognitions for 5 members
Sponsors invited to Club meetings

Funding Sources

Golf Day
Grand Prix catering
Camberwell Sunday Market
Silver Pot and Jams
Entertainment Books
Hot Cross Buns
Grant funds
Catering
 Bunnings
 Music in the Park
 Vic Miniatures Exhibition
 Maserati Club
 Kew Festival Traders Association
 Ladies Christmas Fare

Fellowship

Weekend away to Point Lonsdale
Brunch at Warranglen Nursery
Special Club meetings, Grand Final,
Melbourne Cup, Christmas, Bowls Night,
Sponsors Night
40th Club Birthday on Zoom

Cluster and Neighbouring Districts

Cluster President meetings
Boroondara Cares Board
Emergency food packing
Joint catering activities
Support for RC of Kew Fairtrade Gift Shop
Participation in Walk Against Polio
Attendance at Chances Charity Breakfast
Attendance at International Womens Day breakfast
in D9810

Fundraising at the Christmas Fare



Foundation

Promoted Centurions / Every
Rotarian Every Year / PH Society
Certificates of Appreciation to each Guest Speaker
Donation of \$5,000 to the
Foundation
Attended Foundation Breakfast
Attended Foundation Seminar

Community

Gardening Project with local schools
Men's Shed
Days for Girls Sewing project
Christmas Fare
Camp Getaway maintenance weekend
Camcare
Carols in the Park
Boroondara Cares Chances Scholarship Program
North Balwyn Festival
Greythorn Halloween celebration
Boroondara Community Outreach Hamper Program
Scouts— Mock job interviews
Support for Warburton Chalet
Support for Clifford Park
RSL—support for the ANZAC Day appeal
Sing-a-longs at Aged Care facilities

International

DIK Board representation, annual membership
donation
Vietnam
Minh Hac funding for schools and clinic
Expansion of plant nursery
Supply of used spectacles
District Grant for Infant Dental Program
Partnerships with other Rotary clubs using our model
in other poor communities.
Timor Leste—Continuing involvement in midwifery
training
Tanzania—Support for Umoja School
Sri Lanka—Medical equipment for North Central
Provincial Hospitals—District grant received

Vocational

Local Business Awards
Visit to Ronald McDonald House
Visit to Eva Tilley House
Club Vocational History collection
Barista training
Essay writing competition

Club Service

Club meetings changed to online through zoom
Engaging and Challenging Speaker Program
Website building and promotion
Grapevine including health tips
Theme month activities
Asset Register

Community

ARH 3 Year PhD 3 Scholarship
Christmas Lunch Uniting Church
Christmas toys donated to Camcare
Eva Tilley maintenance work
2nd Bite / Camcare food deliveries
Donation to Servants
Weekly bread deliveries to Servants
Drought Relief program in St Arnaud and
Numurkah—vouchers welfare, books and other club
involvement
End Trachoma program including donations of used
stamps
Reclink Community Cup
Various roles at Fareshare

International

Laos—Female teacher education program
Days for Girls—kits sent to PNG, Solomon Islands,
Timor Leste
Solomon Islands—Medical equipment for hospital at
Tetere
Rotary District Ambassador Roles for Solomon
Islands (Garth Symington) and Vietnam (Rowan
McClean)
Provision of Days for Girls kits to Vanuatu after
Cyclone Harold

Youth

Interact & Earlyact groups
RYLA participation
Youth Support Fund
Lord Somers Leadership program
Mongolia Cultural Immersion program
Conoco Phillips Summer Science Program
Participation
Reading in Schools program
RAMS Award presentation for St Bridgets
Rotaract Club
Participation in Relay for Life

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer: Adam Hillary

The second six months or FY20 presented an obvious financial challenge for The Rotary Club of North Balwyn. It is a testament to the fundraising and financial diligence of the Club and its membership that we responded decisively and will finish the year in a stable position having completed much of what we set out to do.

This report is based on the unaudited financial accounts to 30 May 2020. A detailed set of audited accounts to 30 June 2020 will be circulated before, and discussed at, the RCNB AGM.

We run two accounting areas within the Club, which are commented on below:

1. Administration – for Members Subscriptions, Meal monies, Rotary Fees and general administrative costs of running the Club.
2. Service – for Fundraising projects and Donations, Community Service, Rotary Foundation, International, Youth and Vocational activities.

ADMINISTRATION:

Despite the disruption, this year's Net Assets at 30 June 2020 are forecast to be around \$12,000, maintaining a healthy contingency similar to that which we started the year with.

In the Administration Income Statement, the following items are of note.

- Subscriptions \$23,000 – on budget for this year with several new members
- Fines income has been impacted by the cessation of face-to-face meetings so down by 40% (~\$500)
- General administration costs for the Club are lower than budget, largely due to the cessation of face-to-face meetings (guest meals etc)
- Our Auditors, Baumgartners, who already provide the equivalent of their audit fee as donation have kindly agreed to reduce their cost to our Admin account for next Rotary year, reducing the cost to members of this valuable service
- Bendigo Bank Kew East have also agreed to waive the monthly rental charge for the EFTPOS machine until July while we are not using it for catering or meals

SERVICE:

Service funds held has been maintained at \$142,000 (\$159,000 FY19) largely attributable to the disbursement of funds that were held but have now been provided for the Drought Relief Program.

The voucher redemption system conceived by the DRP Committee and designed and implemented by Geoff Haddy has been great success for Treasury and the Club. We have gone fully through the program in St Arnaud delivering \$33,000 of support in the form of vouchers redeemable with local businesses, and the Nurmurkah program is starting strongly with support from local traders and excellent uptake by the community. The voucher system and the checks and balances that are part of the program are a valuable piece of Intellectual Property potentially re-usable in similar hardship struck communities.

Despite a truncated fundraising year, and excluding the DRP, the Club raised \$91,000 against a budget of \$88,000. Of this money raised, most has been disbursed to good causes at this stage of the FY. The Community Service, Foundation, International, Youth and Vocational director's reports expand upon this.

This fantastic fundraising result was possible largely due to an excellent Golf Day, overachievement on fundraising from catering, taking on extra shifts at the Camberwell Sunday Market and generous donations from members (\$6,500 throughout the year and in response to the Voluntary Service Fund initiative). The Grand Prix, though cut short, also made a significant contribution in just a few days of hard work.

CONCLUDING

The Club has demonstrated tremendous resilience and has maintained financial stability. There are further challenges as we move in to an uncertain FY21 and with the financial prudence we have exercised so far, we are well positioned to be able to do our part in meeting increasing need for our support.

WORKING BEE AT CAMP GETAWAY



CLUB SERVICE

Club Service Director: Tony Wells

Club Service provides oversight for the organisation and structures that enables RC North Balwyn to deliver on Rotary's commitment to "Service Above Self". The Club Service team has provided support through the 2019/2020 Rotary year for the Club's programs and projects. It has been a challenging process this year because of the impact of the Corona virus pandemic. I am pleased to report members of the Club Services team have met the challenge and with their support the Club continued to function effectively.

Club Meetings

Our Club meetings were affected by social distancing introduced by regulation and our meetings at Kew Golf Club were suspended from 19 March 2020, the first time RCNB had gone without regular weekly meetings since the Club was chartered 40 years ago. Alternative arrangements were put in place, led by Club President Peter Sutherland, and included increased online (Zoom) meetings along with increased email communications and this proved to be both satisfactory and workable in the prevailing difficult circumstances.

One highlight was a Zoom birthday meeting to mark the Club's 40th anniversary with musical entertainment from Jane Pennington, Maurie Walters and Rowan McClean and an original poem tracing 40 years of the Club's history written and presented by Greg Ross. This was a memorable celebration which will be long remembered by those who logged on and participated.

A feature of our meetings in 2019/20 up to 19 March was an excellent speaker's program and John Gartlan, largely through his own initiative and with input from others, arranged for speakers who were informative and entertaining. The list is outlined elsewhere in the Club's Annual Report and we have been fortunate to hear from impressive speakers covering widely varied topics.

There were two Sergeants during the Rotary year, Adrian Ranson for the first six months followed by John Magor. Both have been Past Presidents of RCNB and used their Rotary experience to make sure our meetings at Kew Golf Club were well structured, informative and entertaining.

Our Almoner, Eileen Toohill reported diligently on the health of the Club each week, with compassion and understanding; balancing the wishes of those in ill health or need with the Club's genuine interest in the welfare of our members.

Hugo Goetze is our outstanding Attendance Officer and he has maintained his enthusiasm and attention to detail throughout the year. The suspension of meetings at Kew Golf Club meant a different approach to record keeping. Hugo has been equal to the task.

Our Property Officer, Barry Cummings continued his reliable management of our technical needs, including projection equipment required for presentations etc at our meetings as well as keeping track and recording equipment stored in our containers.

We maintained a good relationship with the Kew Golf Club during the year and I would like to thank our key contacts at the Club, Matthew Loughnane (CEO), Alisha Ayers (Functions) and Adam Harris (Bar) and the staff for the courteous and helpful assistance.



Communications

A key to communications in the Club beyond the reports delivered by the President and Directors at Club meetings are our weekly Grapevine newsletter and our Website. Our experienced Grapevine Editor, John McBride provided weekly editions throughout the year. Several members provided pictorial content including Geoff Steinicke, Peter Sutherland and David DeGaris (before he was transferred by his employer on temporary assignment to London) among others. The Grapevine remains important because it contains significant details on rosters, Club meeting information and other data as well as articles of interest, including Geoff Steinicke's regular health column.

The Club website has become an increasingly important and largely through Jane Pennington's efforts has become a very useful and "user friendly" communication tool for RCNB. The Board believes the website will be of increasing significance in communications within the Club and for external audiences in the years ahead.

Fellowship

The requirement for social distancing and the suspension of regular meetings as a result of the Corona Virus issue curtailed Fellowship from March. However Bronwen Dimond, with help from her friends, ensured we enjoyed regular events on our calendar up to that time including the Melbourne Cup, the AFL Grand Final meeting and the Christmas meetings. The "online" birthday meeting, referred to above, was a truly successful highlight.

Working with Children

John Rennie continues as our Club Protection Officer and his monitoring ensures we operate within both the law and our own guidelines. It is illegal for Club members to work on projects where children are involved without a Government Working With Children Check.

Administration

In terms of pure administration our thanks go to Gavan Schwartz whose diligent application to the role of Secretary has ensured an effective structure for our work through the year. His advice on governance and compliance has ensured effective management of our various activities.

In conclusion, it has been a privilege to be Club Service Director in 2019/20 and to have received continuing support for the role from President Peter Sutherland and the Board.



Guest Speaker Timothy Lynch and host Rowan McClean



Guest Speaker Thorold Merrett with David Cheney and Bob Bott

FOUNDATION

Director: Findley Cornell

This report will detail our response to the "District 9800 Foundation Goals 2019-20."

Every club to support the Annual Giving program

We gave \$5000. (This was down on previous years due to curtailed fundraising due to COVID 19)

To achieve a club contribution equivalent to A\$150 per member.

Not achieved this year due to above

To achieve a contribution to the End Polio campaign.

Not as a club per se but achieved by individual members contribution(s)

To promote and encourage individual giving through membership of the Centurion Club (>= \$100)

We have or will have 28 centurions by the end of June, approximately 50% of our members.

To promote and encourage others who cannot commit to \$100 to donate a lesser amount and become an EREY

We have one so brings our contributors up to 29.

To maintain a Paul Harris Society membership of more than 135 in the district (>= \$1000)

We have 8 members, 5 of whom are current. Brings our contributors up to 34, more than half our membership.

Every Club to include a Foundation speaker in their annual club program, particularly in Foundation month, November.

We had ours in "North Balwyn November" ie early December. Kitty O'Connor gave us a passionate account of the "Polio Program of the Rotary Foundation".

Every Club to send a representative to at least one Foundation Seminar during the year.

I attended on behalf of the club the Grants Seminar in May and the Foundation session at the District Assembly.

To select a Post Graduate Global Grant Scholar and successfully nominate one Rotary World Peace Scholar.

This was achieved by District (without input from our Club).

Encourage support for the annual Paul Harris Foundation Breakfast.

We again supported the event with a table of 10 members/former members.

To promote and encourage Rotarians to become Benefactors or Bequest Society members

Not as actively promoted this year as could have been. Should do so next year.

The Club has received/will receive two grants from the Foundation this year to assist International programs.

The first was for \$5000 to an Infant Dental Program in Vietnam. This was 50% of 4 clubs (Bacchus Marsh, Brighton, Balwyn and ourselves) contribution (Our portion \$2500).

The second was \$3000 added to our \$6000 to send a container from DIK to Sri Lanka. More extensive summaries may be obtained in the International report.

I thank the members of the Club both individually and collectively for their support of the Foundation this year.

FUNDRAISING

Fundraising Director: Bill Oakley followed by Nino Sofra

The plan for this year for fundraising was to have four major fundraising activities - The Camberwell Market Roster; General catering activities; The Golf Day and the Grand Prix. Like other Club activities fundraising plans have been rather upset by the COVID-19 pandemic

Camberwell Market Roster

The Club decided not to conduct the Christmas Raffle this year as it has become increasingly difficult to roster sufficient ticket sellers during the busy period in the run up to Christmas, when we also have a large number of catering activities. The Raffle income has been replaced by the provision of one person from our Club each Sunday from 7.30am to 1.30pm for the Market which earns us 10% of the gold coin donation takings - approximately \$13,000 for the year. We elected to split the 6-hour period into 2 three-hour shifts, rostering two members each Sunday. The operation of this has been quite successful last year and we expect to be able to sustain this. At the end of 2019 another market shift became available which we took up from the beginning of 2020 - an extra two people per week and a further \$13,000 per year. In late January the Club agreed to donate two weeks of market takings to the Bushfire Appeal, along with the other Clubs rostering people for the Market. With the Covid-19 lockdown the Market closed in March, and it is unlikely to resume this Rotary year.

We originally budgeted to get \$13,000 from this source. With the extra shift for the second half of the year the total receipts would have been about \$19,500. With the Covid-19 shut down and the donations to the Bushfire Appeal the result will be approximately \$10,000 for the Club.

General Catering Activities

We budgeted to raise \$22,000 from these activities, and by Christmas were on track to raise more than \$30,000. We have developed quite a portfolio of catering activities which include:

- Bunnings barbecues and specials events
- Victorian Association of Miniatures weekend exhibition in July
- Quiltmakers exhibition in September
- White Ribbon Day for the Boroondara Council in October
- Maserati Club days at Sandown (two)
- Summer Music Festival evenings (six) in February and March.
- Relay for Life
- Walk Against Polio
- Planned but not held because of COVID-19 were a number of Bunnings barbecues; the ANZAC Day dawn breakfast and the Reclink Community Cup.

It is anticipated that we will do better than our annual budget by some \$4,400, noting there is no Catering during March-June due to COVID-19.

Golf Day

Another highly successful Golf Day was held in February which resulted in our being able to make a \$20,000 donation to Australian Rotary Health.

Grand Prix

We budgeted for \$28,000 from the Grand Prix and hoped to raise \$50,000. The Covid-19 shut-down happened with no notice on the Friday morning, robbing us of our major earning days on the Saturday and Sunday and leaving us with huge amounts of food and drink to dispose of. Thanks particularly to Nino for coordinating the massive effort to salvage and dispose of all our supplies. With the Contractors' brunch, two CAMS officials' breakfasts and an early Friday official's sausage sizzle we raised \$13,400 from the Grand Prix - a commendable effort in the circumstances.

With a fairly “front loaded” program we have been able to generate the funds to enable the Club to meet its commitments this year and enable the President to leave a fairly generous kitty for the incoming President. Fundraising is supported by the whole Club, and I am grateful for the continued support we get for all our rosters.

Particular thanks go to the main organizers and movers and shakers for the different activities: -

Camberwell Market - Geoff Steinicke

General Catering Activities - Nino Sofra, Don Taylor, Jane Pennington

Golf Day - Greg Cribbes, Greg Matthews, Jim Romanis

Grand Prix - Jim Studebaker, Geoff Steinicke, Nino Sofra

A special thank you to Nino Sofra for picking up the mantle when I moved to Tasmania



MEMBERSHIP

Membership Director: Jim Studebaker

This 2019-2020 Rotary year saw our Club finishing the year with one more member than at the beginning of the year.

Sadly, two of our members were called to higher service this year. Charter Member Paul Fitz and Anthony Stokes. Both will be fondly remembered as valued and contributing members of our Club and the Rotary world beyond.

Long standing member Ted Angleton resigned early in the year to enjoy a well- earned retirement at his home on the Peninsula with his supportive wife Ivy. Ted was very much a part of the fabric of our Club for many years.

We also said farewell to Bill Oakley who moved to his new home in Sandy Bay, Tasmania. His Rotary service continues with his new Club, the Rotary Club of Sandy Bay.

We also welcomed five new members during the year.

Andrew Sutherland Son of this year's Club president Peter, joined our Club after attending our Club Changeover at the beginning of the year and being impressed with the many aspects of community service undertaken by the Club.

Cris Yudi Transferred Club membership from another Club.

John Burley Previous member John rejoined our Club upon his return from extended overseas postings.

Jennifer Hortin and Jennifer and her husband Rob were warmly welcomed into our Club as
Robert Hortin our most recent members and we look forward to getting to know them better as they become immersed in Rotary service and fellowship.

The small movement in the membership speaks volumes to our rate of retention of members. We all bear the responsibility of keeping our Club inclusive, welcoming and a place where members choose to spend valuable time.

Thanks go to all the members of the Membership and Retention committee. Rowan McClean, John Magor, Jeanette Leigh and President Peter.

For all sorts of reasons our next Rotary year will have its challenges but may also present opportunities to engage with our local community and grow our Club.

Greg Ross, President Peter Sutherland, Andrew Sutherland and District Governor Grant Hocking



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Director: Tony Hart

Community Service activities for the year were largely curtailed by the onset of Coronavirus, however much was achieved during the preceding period.

Key activities were:-

Gardens Program – Under the guidance of Neil Marshall the program continued its successful activities with some 41 gardens cleaned up during the period. It is hoped that the program will recommence later in the year.

Camp Getaway – Annual working bee, arranged by Greg Matthews, was held in October and was attended by a group of 18 Rotarians and partners who undertook our Club's ongoing contribution to the maintenance of the Camp.

Men's Shed – The Shed remains very successful, with membership of 70 plus and ongoing actions to offer a broad range of activities to members. Prior to closure due to the virus work was being undertaken to install raised garden beds and an outside work area for metalwork. This work will be finalised as soon as the Shed reopens.

Carols in the Park – The Club again supported this popular annual event.

Uniting Church Kew Christmas Lunch – A group of members assisted to set up the Church Hall for this annual luncheon as we have done for many years now.

North Balwyn Shopping Village Christmas Celebration – Both Rotary and the Men's Shed representatives attended the event to promote and raise awareness of the respective organisations.

Christmas Toy Collection for Camcare – This annual event was undertaken with the toys being received with thanks by Camcare.

Second Bite/Camcare Food Run – This activity continues each week with excellent feedback from Camcare.

Support for Australian Rotary Health Research – Funding of Jacqueline Kuruppa's research continued this year.

Boroondara Cares – Garth Symington has represented our Club in the activities of BC including the Chances Scholarship program.

Drought Relief – This project has been managed by Geoff Kneale – see separate report.

Fire Relief – This remains ongoing. Funds raised from our participation at the Camberwell Sunday Market will be utilised to aid those impacted by the fires. Exact use not yet finalised.

I would like to thank all members of the Community Service Committee for their contribution and support.

Delivering donations to Kara House



VICTORIAN DROUGHT RELIEF PROGRAM

Committee Chair: Geoff Kneale

Now into its second year of operation, the two primary objectives of the Drought Relief Program (DRP) are to provide financial and mental well-being support to drought stricken communities of Victoria.

The method of providing that support is through collaboration with other Rotary clubs so as to both more efficiently distribute that support and to strengthen the Rotary brand throughout regional communities.

We acknowledge in particular the partnership with RC Balwyn for their financial support and committee membership.

The new 2019/2020 financial year commenced only two weeks after the successful Comedy Festival in St Arnaud. Some 11 months later, the DRP Committee is still receiving positive feedback that this mental-health initiative had far reaching impacts in unifying the struggling community and lifted the spirits of many families – knowing they are supported both emotionally and financially by Rotary.

St Arnaud, Wimmera/Numurkah, Dairy Farming Community

The 2019 calendar year continued with below average rainfall that further heightened the severity of the drought for the Wimmera District. October was particularly poor with a mere 5mm sprinkling versus a St Arnaud average for October of 45mm. October generally marks the commencement of the harvest period, therefore this sustained lack of rainfall further impacted scarce finances for farmers and the community as a whole.

Action wise, the DRP's major 2019/20 activities were –

- Financial Support** – Distribution of the remainder of our St Arnaud vouchers; equating to over \$165,000 of economic benefit to the local St Arnaud community;
- Comedy Festival** – Over 250 attendees for a subsidised dinner and truly great night of free entertainment;
- Ladies Gift Packs** - Over 300 cosmetic packs were transported to the ladies of the drought affected families as a Christmas surprise;
- Children's Books** – 550 books, categorised for all ages and genres, were painstakingly collected, sorted, delivered to the needy children of St Arnaud;
- Children's Toys** – Hand-made range of toys for Christmas;
- Cubby House** – Sally Sutherland, RCNB President Peter's wife, donated a new cubby house to the St Arnaud Childcare Centre.

The financial support vouchers expired at the end of March, 2020. The bulk of vouchers were used for groceries.

Groceries	49%
Fuel	26%
Meat	13%
General Merchandise	8%
Personal services (hair and beauty)	4%

Unused St Arnaud vouchers, amounting to \$7,000, were reimbursed back to the total pool fund.

Collaboration with Rotary St Arnaud is ongoing. While there is currently no financial program operating across St Arnaud, the proposition remains under review. Mental well-being programs are currently on hold due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Numurkah – Dairy Farming Community

Following the ongoing DRP success in the Wimmera, the Committee forged a collaboration with the Rotary Club of Numurkah in order to launch a second Victorian program covering the town and surrounds of Numurkah.

In January, 2020, the program was launched with the full support of the Rural Financial Counsellors (RFCs), farming community, local retailers and other special interest groups.

From February, 560x \$50 vouchers were efficiently distributed by the RFCs to their client base. The criteria for valid recipients is-

Current recipients of government income support; or
Evidence reflecting an imminent risk of financial hardship.

The community of Numurkah has been heavily impacted by a number of serious issues – the Dec/Jan bushfires and the structural deterioration of the dairy industry being amongst the compounding issues. However, the charter of the DRP remains the drought itself. To this end, all DRP efforts remain focussed upon those drought afflicted families.

Rainfall since January to time of writing, May 22, has been average – 172mm actual vs an average of 171mm. Sustained and steady rainfall for as long as seven years is required to turn the Numurkah drought around. The DRP is a long term support program.

To date, \$50,000 of vouchers has been allocated to Numurkah - \$40,000 already either distributed or still held by the RFCs.

Due to COVID-19 there are no current plans for community events.

Our team secured a large quantity of ladies cosmetics/shampoos from L'Oreal which was distributed to:

Numurkah Primary & Secondary Schools for Mother's Day gift packs,
Numurkah District Hospital to ladies as part of mental health and maternity welfare;
Women in Farming, a network of dairy farming women stricken by the drought; and
Numurkah Community House.

Finance Report

DRP Fund

During the year, RC North Balwyn allocated an additional \$10,000.

RC Balwyn contributed \$25,000.

The Box Hill Miniature Steam Railway raised \$2,500 for the DRP.

This sum was matched dollar-for-dollar by Balwyn Rotary to add \$5k to the fund.

The DRP Fund balance at 30 June 2020 is forecast to be \$51,000.

Sukin products on their way to St Arnaud



INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Funding

International commenced the year with a budget of \$30,000 and this was supplemented by a donation from the Balwyn High school Interact Club of \$500. We also received contributions from three other District 9800 clubs for a District Grant for an infant dental program in Vietnam. With our contribution, this added \$10,000 to revenue (\$5,000 from the Foundation will be paid when the project is acquitted).

An application for a Department of Foreign Affairs Friendship Grant was lodged following a departmental briefing attended by Imre Lele and Rowan McClean. A planned end of February decision was postponed because of the Covid 19 slowdown.

Area Ambassadors

From a concept raised three years ago, the District 9800 Chair International Service began a process of appointing "Ambassadors". Two of our members, Garth Symington (Solomon Islands) and Rowan McClean (Vietnam) were appointed. Garth has worked with Dr Sue MacDonald in particular to develop contacts with Honiara Hospital and Rowan prepared a summary of traceable Rotary projects in Vietnam for the District International Service Chair.

Solomon Islands

A container of hospital beds was sent to the Honiara Hospital and a District container is planned to be sent when possible with Garth and Sue's input. Following consultations, the Club decided not to support a request for a solar water pump for Tetere for cost/benefit reasons.

The excellent long-standing relationship with the Solomons has reached a review point. Following pandemic lockdown, the plan is for Tak Yukawa to visit and, in consultation with Garth, Sue, Brian Thomas and Jane Pennington, assess needs and opportunities for future assistance. Chinese interests will be monitored, as it was reported earlier in the year that a lease was being sought for the entire Tulagi area. The work done by Days For Girls and previous Club projects have created excellent sustainable improvements.

Timor Leste

Sue McDonald has been working with a Rotary team for several years to train/up-skill midwives to do what has previously had to have been done by doctors. The project has separate funding, but RCNB is willing to support by funding equipment if and when required. This is again a great example of Rotary achieving sustainability with widespread valuable impact.

Laos

The Lotus female teacher training project, supported by the Club in 2018/19, was again funded this year with John Burley handling communication.

Sri Lanka

A container from DIK was sent to Colombo South. Jagath Jayasinge, father of a secondary student from Melbourne who joined this year's Mongolian visit, joined the Club. He was encouraged to assess the success of the hospital beds shipment and identify opportunities in his home country during a Christmas visit. In the second half of the year, prior to the pandemic, we initiated a project to send beds and equipment in response to a wish-list from the North Central Health Service: we applied successfully for a District International grant. The container will be shipped as soon as lockdown restrictions are relaxed.

Vietnam

Considerable progress has been achieved again this year. Student support, so important to give poor children a chance to achieve an education and develop better lives, is supporting 43 students on “full” scholarships and 30 kindergarten children on part scholarships in Minh Hac. The newly formed North Balwyn Rotaract Club decided to support a student for the 2020/21 year. Presentations by the RCNB International Director were made to four other Clubs and to the Rotary Australia World Community Service Annual General Meeting.

In July the Director visited Minh Hac to review progress and to introduce two Brighton Rotarians to the Chue Luu Leadership team: they delivered much-needed equipment to the community clinic. A second visit was made to Vietnam in February 2020, including to the Australian Embassy that potentially has some funding available to help our projects. Furniture and equipment were provided for schools and the clinics in three communities. The leaves project has continued with our Club funding a doubling of the Minh Hac plant nursery early in 2020: this will enable the participating farming groups to be expanded from 36 to 70, thus positively impacting many families. Pig raising has recommenced following earlier concerns about African Swine Flu which had such a devastating impact in neighbouring China. An application to commence an infant dental project was successful, as mentioned under *Funding* above, and will be continued when practicable.



Maurie Waters and Peter Elliott collected used spectacles from optometrists in Boroondara to expand the help we have been receiving for some years from Friend of Rotary Paula Monaco at Boroondara Eye Care. In February we took a full backpack of glasses (some 120 pairs) for distribution through the health clinics, and still have quite a stock in Melbourne for later delivery. Helping people read, often for the first time in many years is simple for us and is highly valued, and sets the scene well for the optometry project we will commence after cessation of international corona virus shutdowns.

Importantly, our model has been followed by four other District Clubs that have adopted different needy communities in Phu Tho Province (Bacchus Marsh, Balwyn, Brighton and Glenferrie). Joint projects in water and sanitation, dental, optometry and hygiene are well advanced. The co-operating clubs are likely to submit a global grant application for major water and sanitation improvements when the pandemic subsides.

The Vietnam project won the Rotary District 9800 award this year for the Club as the Outstanding International Service project.

My personal thanks to the Club International Committee members for their contributions to an excellent year.

YOUTH

Director: Jane Pennington

Interact Club—Balwyn High School

The club had a very productive year and raised money for community projects. These funds were donated to Minh Hac, Vietnam.

Early Act Club—North Balwyn Primary School

The EarlyAct Club at Balwyn North Primary School started strongly, with preparations for the Twilight Fun Festival, which was held in November. Twenty-eight eager members spend many lunch breaks in the months leading up to the Fair, on their School Project. They made beautiful Christmas decorations from polystyrene balls, scraps of material, ribbon and pins. They produced 250 items which, despite appalling weather conditions on the evening of the event, returned

almost \$1,000 for their labours. The money went towards the renovation of the school's Art Room, which will be a lasting reminder of their service. In December, the group co-ordinated our collection for the annual "Food for Families" appeal. Ten boxes of food and toiletries were collected, packed and sent to the Uniting Church for distribution to families, in time for Christmas. The Club continues to support Dung Quan, a Vietnamese student being sponsored through the Overseas Kids' Foundation. We are always very excited to receive news of his progress.



RYPEN

We had selected one student to attend RYPEN, which was unfortunately postponed due to COVID 19. A rescheduled date is awaited.

Summer Science Program (Conoco Phillips)

We sponsored two students to attend this science experience in January. Emily Rowlings attended at RMIT and Sandi Jayasinghe attended at Monash and both students found this a fascinating and very beneficial program.

RYLA

RYLA ran during the first week of December. Our Club sponsored Vincent Kelly to attend and he was most appreciative of this experience. Additionally one of our Rotaractors was on the organising team and two Rotaractors were sponsored by another Club.

Support to Disadvantaged Youth

The club gave approx. \$3000 to support disadvantaged youth via the Kew Uniting Church Outreach program providing laptops for students who were not able to afford these.

Lord Somers Camp

We sponsored one student, Ned L to attend this camp in January 2020. Unfortunately we were to sponsor a second student but the program was oversubscribed and she was not able to attend.

School Reading Program

The RCNB Reading in Schools program was established in 2018. The program has been embraced by St Bridget's Primary School staff and students. Currently, students from grades 4-6 read their books each week to our dedicated volunteers. This extra opportunity for students to practice reading and have guidance with grammar, spelling and word definitions from the volunteers is invaluable. Given the continuity of readers and volunteers, improvements in students has been a noticeable and rewarding aspect of the program. Our volunteers are enthusiastic and really are making a difference.

RAM (Rotarians Against Malaria) Video

St Bridget's students entered a video in the RI RAM Video Competition and were thrilled to come first which included a prize of \$500 for the school. Much assistance was provided by Philip Wade and we thank him greatly for all he has done for both the reading program and this video competition.



The provisional Rotaract Club met every second week from June until the COVID 19 lockdown.

Meetings featured some guest speakers, Rotary and Rotaract information and some fun activities.

The first service project was the provision of linen to Kara House, a refuge for women and children fleeing domestic violence, located in Box Hill. The linen was sourced from DIK, where the Rotaractors visited and collected a ute load which was delivered to Kara House and very gratefully received.



The next project was to enter a Team in the Manningham Relay for Life, which took place over the first weekend in September. The Rotaractors called themselves "The Rotaboars" with a small boar as a team mascot. This proved to be a somewhat wet and cold affair due to some inclement weather but the team spirit was warm. The team kept the mascot going all relay and were thrilled to win the "Best Mascot" prize. Rotarians from both RCNB and other local Clubs supported the team with funds being raised for the Cancer Council. RCNB brought their bbq trailer and cooked breakfast for the entire event on the Sunday morning. An excellent team building event with plans for a bigger and better Team in the future.



Another project for Kara House was to collect items to make up Christmas hampers. This involved seeking donations from shops as well as purchasing some items. Kara House were very pleased to accept these donations.



2020 started with some new members joining and much planning for service and social activities. Unfortunately these were put on hold and all meetings switched to zoom ones online.

A team was registered for "The Push Up Challenge" raising money for Headspace, an activity which could be done individually while in isolation.

Plans for chartering were put on hold but will be implemented as soon as restrictions are eased.

Mongolian Youth Cultural Immersion Program

The Cultural Immersion program with Mongolia was to follow a very similar format to the very successful one which was run previously. A visit was planned from Melbourne to Mongolia in July 2019 and Mongolia to Melbourne in January 2020.

Contingent members selected at the end of 2018 with a departure date at the end of June 2019.

A week before the scheduled departure date information was received from RI that this visit was not to proceed. This caused great challenges with a revamp of the program to enable it to go ahead and not disappoint the contingent members comprising nine students and two chaperones. They spent a week at Camp Erdenet in the north of Mongolia, a week at Nairamdal International Children's Camp close to Ulaanbaatar and the final week experiencing some sights of Mongolia.

In January 2020 seven students representing the National Camping Association of Mongolia and two chaperones arrived in Melbourne for a 16 day visit. They were taken to various sights in and around Melbourne including a Community Day at Clifford Park where RCNB members were invited to come and meet the group, a four day bus tour to the Great Ocean Road and time spent with host families in Melbourne. Many RCNB members contributed to the success of this visit with assistance given with catering, transport, meeting health and safety requirements, editing, coordinating activities and liaising with host families.

The benefit to the international community is evident through the broadening of secondary student's knowledge and appreciation of a language and culture other than their own.

On the way to Mongolia



Activities at Clifford Park



Mongolian group during the Great Ocean Road trip

VOCATIONAL

Director : Kinga Paulheim

Committee : Ian Adams, Joe Butler, Rob Head, Sue McDonald, Greg Ross,
George Swanson, Eileen Toohill

Activities during this year

Local Business Awards 2019

These Business Awards acknowledged outstanding local businesses and their people who go above and beyond – providing an exceptional customer service experience with the selection made by the Vocational Committee.

The winners were:

Signorelli's Fresh Fruiters and The Village Café

The awards were presented in Kew Golf Club on 7 November.

After the presentation the recipients gave a short speech.

Colin Signorelli reflected on a business that started in 1991 with his parents, himself and younger brother Dean. His father, now 75, still works at the shop and the staff has grown to 25. Some employed for 20 years, others on a part-time basis, including their children on Saturdays. From simply fruit and vegetables at the start, the business changed direction and now includes gourmet products. Their clientele include adults who first shopped at Signorelli's as children. Colin and Dean's wives Julie and Sandra, also work in the very successful family enterprise.

Samir, from The Village Café spoke about the importance of hard work in making service industry successful. He and Lina (his wife) had nearly 34 years in the food experience business. They started in Wonthaggi in 1986. After time in Chirnside Park and Knox running five cafes, Sam and Lina saw a site in North Balwyn with great potential and they took up the challenge. The success of The Village Café over the past nine years Sam attributed to the excellence of their staff, the skills of his wife and the goodwill of their customers. The questions that followed were answered brilliantly and honestly and provided further insight into why Signorelli's and The Village Café continue to be so successful in the North Balwyn neighbourhood.

Vocational visit

Ronald McDonald House North Fitzroy, November 2019

The House is located at the historic Casa Elda Vaccari (which was a former light rail station) and caters to the growing need for regional, rural and interstate families to have access to safe and reliable accommodation in central Melbourne while their child undergoes treatment in the city. Retaining lots of its original character, the House has been converted into a purpose-built accommodation facility for up to 25 families a night.

We had a fascinating tour led by the house manager Kylie Neve. We learned that the accommodation is free for eligible families of seriously ill children. To make it possible the House relies on a committed group of volunteers and generous donations.

After the tour we enjoyed a nice lunch in a nearby café.

Essay competition

The competition was open for year 6 students in North Balwyn Primary Schools.

Five schools took the opportunity to participate:

Balwyn North Primary School
Greythorn Primary School
Belle Vue Primary School
Boroondara Park Primary School
St Bedes Primary School

We were given a teacher to contact in every school whom we liaised with.

The title of the essay "If you could change one thing in the world" was revealed at the beginning of Term One 2020.

The deadline had to be changed due to COVID-19 with all of the essays being collected by 8 May. We accepted 56 essays with the word count of 300-500.

The contestants' essays will be judged on the clarity of the writing (including spelling and grammar), the quality in the ideas expressed and the innovative thinking and imagination the writer has presented.

The judges are our valuable members: Eileen Toohill, Greg Ross and friend of Rotary member Jeanette Leigh. The winners will be announced at the end of May.

Prizes

The 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize will be shared with the school

1 st prize \$1000	\$500 Officeworks voucher for the student and \$500 voucher for the school
2 nd prize \$500	\$250 Officeworks voucher for the student and \$250 voucher for the school
3 rd prize \$300	\$150 Officeworks voucher for the student and \$150 voucher for the school

Encouragement awards

Maximum 5 \$100 Officeworks voucher for each student

The date and the place of the presentation are unknown at this stage but we are hoping it will take place in the Kew Golf Club in June.

Planned activities

We had planned a vocational visit to the Melbourne Tram Museum in Hawthorn and a vocational speaker, Adam Hilary but unfortunately these activities had to be postponed due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Organisations we supported in 2019-20



Rotary Foundation
Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM)
Rotary Royce and Jean Abbey Fund
Rotary End Polio Fund
Chances Golf Day and Breakfast
Camcare
Donations in Kind
Computers for Community
Australian Rotary Health PhD Scholarship
St Arnaud Community
Numurkah Community
Days for Girls
Warburton Scout Chalet – Walkers and Trail Committee
Kyabram High School drought affected students through Christmas
Fare.
North Balwyn Traders Association.
Greythorn Traders Association.
ANZAC Day Appeal
Servants Community Housing.
Reclink
Fareshare
Eva Tilley House
Camp Getaway
Carols in the Park Committee
Kara House Women's Refuge
St Bridget's Primary School
Boroondara Community Outreach
ARH Indigenous Scholarship Isobella Kruger
Uniting Church Christmas Lunch for homeless
Umoja RAWCS Project
Sri Lanka North Central Province Hospital
Lotus Educational Fund
Overseas Kids Foundation
ShelterBox Australia

Organisations and Individuals who supported our Club and Projects

Our Members
District D9800 Grants
Cluster Clubs – Balwyn RC.
RAWCS Grants
Bendigo Bank
Bakers Delight
Helloworld Travel
Bread Street Bakery
Chris Cross Nursery
Signorelli's of North Balwyn
The Village Café North Balwyn
Reclink
Melbourne Entertainment Guide
Camberwell Sunday Market
Palace Balwyn Cinemas
Hip Kids
McKenzie Transport
Baumgartners
L'Oreal
Sukin Natural Skin Care
Balwyn Op Shop
Xavier College
Balwyn High School Interact Club
Kerang Rotary Club
Kew Golf Club
Danny Lee Designs
Home Instead
Bendigo Bank East Kew
Village Café
Stokes Bell
Amcal Greythorn
Di Palma's
Keiser Training
Eastern Honda
United Pacific
Solomons Flooring Balwyn
Fletchers

Speakers Program 2019—20

Date	Speaker	Topic	Host
4 July	Professor Winita Hardikar	Liver Transplants	Jim Studebaker
11 July	Judge Alister McNab	The Federal Circuit Court	Brian Lacy
18 July	Anne Marie and Emma	Yimba Uganda	Jane Pennington
25 July	Thorold Merrett	1958 Grand Final	Geoff Kneale
1 August	Club Forum	Our Future Plans for the Year	Peter Sutherland
8 August	John Ballis, CEO, Reclink	Reclink's Helping Hand to the Disadvantaged	Bill Oakley
15 August	Rob Stary	For Rob, Australia Has Truly Been the Lucky Country	Kinga Paulheim
22 August	Timothy Lynch	Donald Trump	Rowan McClean
29 August	DG Visit	Rotary Future this year	Peter Sutherland
6 Sept	Our Students Returned from Mongolia	The 2019 Mongolian Experience	Estelle Kelly and Peter Downtown
12 Sept	Louise Milligan	The Rise and Fall of Cardinal Pell	John Gartlan
19 Sept	Sharelle Kelly CEO Eva Tilley	Eva Tilley Night at Eva Tilley	Ian Adams
26 Sept	Ray Wilson	The People who make our Game Grand Final Night	Eileen Toohill
3 Oct	Francis Deng	From Sudanese Boy to Australian Citizen	Ian Adams
10 Oct	Peter Bandy	Media and Music—Life Experiences	Gavan Schwartz
17 Oct	Jim Callahan	Tackling the challenge of conducting safe and sustainable mining whilst being an environmentally responsible corporate citizen	Findley Cornell
24 Oct	Jane Sullivan	Storytime	Jane Pennington
31 Oct	Bryan Martin	Horse Racing in his Blood	Bob Bott
7 Nov	Vocational Awards Night	The Importance of Vocation in Rotary	Kinga Paulheim
14 Nov	Annual General Meeting	AGM and two autobiographies from Peter Elliot and Garth Symington	Takao Yukawa
21 Nov	Mark Hunter	Labourers in the Vineyard	Peter Downtown
28 Nov	David Parer and Elizabeth Parer-Cook	Filming wildlife	Geoff Steinicke

Date	Speaker	Topic	Host
5 Dec	Greg Sheridan	God is Good for You	Geoff Haddy
12 Dec	Kitty O'Connor	The History and Success of Rotary's Polio Eradication Program	Findley Cornell
19 Dec	Christmas Meeting	A celebration!!	Fellowship Committee
16 Jan	Casual bbq	First Meeting for the New Year	
23 Jan	Andrew Sutherland and Hugo Goetze	Autobiographies	Jagath Jayasinghe
30 Jan	Sandi Givens	Relay for Life	Jane Pennington
6 Feb	Paul McDonald	Justice for our Wards of State	John Rennie
13 Feb	Matt Maudlin	Ping Pong a thon	Tony Wells
20 Feb	Bridget Goulding	Personal and Community Toll Sweeping our Country	Rob Head
27 Feb	Annual Bowls Night	Fun at North Balwyn Bowls club	Ian Mollison
5 March	Vicki Mustafa	Women in the Middle East	Janie Pirret
12 March	Meeting cancelled	Due to the Grand Prix	



Guest Speaker Rob Stary and host Imre Lele



Guest Speaker Ray Wilson with host Eileen Toohill

CLUB MEMBERSHIP AS AT 30 JUNE 2020

CM Charter Member

PP Past President

RAF Royce Abbey Award

Hon. Honorary

PHF Paul Harris Fellow

PHF + Paul Harris Fellow with
Sapphire(s)

				Years of Service with RCNB
Adams	Ian	PP, PHF		23
Angleton	Ted	PP, PHF		31
Ansell	Duncan	PHF		19
Burley	John			0
Butler	Joe	PHF		16
Cheney	David	PP, PHF+5		38
Cleary	Peter	CM, PP, PHF		40
Cooper	Russell			10
Cornell	Findley	PP, PHF		25
Cribbes	Greg	RAF, PHF		5
Cummings	Barry	PP, PHF+1		22
Dimond	Bronwen	PHF		18
De Garis	David			10
Downton	Peter	RAF		3
Elliott	Peter	PP, PHF+7		28
Fitzpatrick	Larry	PP x2, PHF		18
Francis	Phil	PHF+1		26
Gartlan	John	PHF		28
Goetze	Hugo	PHF+1		28
Greatorex	Stephen			6
Haddy	Geoff	PHF+2		16
Hardikar	Sam			3
Hart	Tony	PHF+1		12
Head	Rob	PHF		34
Hibbert	Stan	CM, PP, PHF+1	Hon.	40
Hillary	Adam			3
Hortin	Robert			0
Hortin	Jennifer			0
Jayasinghe	Jagath	PHF		1
Keyhoe	Terry	terminated in 2011 after 24 years of service		24 + 3
Kelly	Estelle	RAF, PHF+1		7
Kneale	Geoff	RAF, PHF		3
Ko	Beatrice			3
Koa	John			4
Lacy	Brian	PHF+1		7
Lele	Imre	PHF+1		33
Leigh	Jeanette			3
Liao	Jack			8

				Years of Service with RCNB
McBride	John	PHF+1		23
McClellan	Rowan	PP, PHF+7		12
McDonald	Sue	PHF+1		17
Magor	John	PP, PHF+1		33
Marshall	Neil	PHF		3
Matthews	Gregor	PP, PHF+3		34
Mollison	Ian	PHF+1		23
Muntwyler	Marcel	CM, PHF+1		40
Paulheim	Kinga			12
Pennington	Jane	PP, PHF+8		23
Pirrett	Janie			2
Ranson	Adrian	RAF, PP, PHF+6		12
Rennie	John	PHF		32
Richardson	Ian	PHF		31
Romanis	Jim	PHF+1		23
Ross	Greg	PDG, PP, PHF+5		34
Schwartz	Gavan	PHF+1		19
Sharp	Colin	PHF		10
Sofra	Nino	PHF+2		27
Steinicke	Geoff	CM, PP, PHF+8		40
Studebaker	Jim	PDG, PP, PHF+8		29
Sutherland	Peter	PHF+3		14
Sutherland	Andrew			0
Swanson	George	PP, PHF+1		27
Symington	Garth	PP, PHF+3		17
Taylor	Don	PHF+4		16
Toohill	Eileen	RAF, PHF		7
Wade	Phillip	RAF, PHF		3
Walters	Maurie	PHF		17
Wells	Tony	PP, PHF+2		16
Wilkins	Ted	PHF+1		20
Yudi	Cris			0
Yukawa	Takao	PHF		8

AWARD RECOGNITION

Ron Carnell Award (Club Award)

This is the Award given by the President to the Rotarian who has done the most for the President during the year. Ron Carnell was a Club Secretary for many years.

Royce Abbey Award (Australia wide Rotary Award)

For a Rotarian in their early years of Rotary who shows commitment and enthusiasm for the ideals of Rotary.

Paul Harris Fellow Recognition; Club and Non-Members (RI Award)

For a Rotarian or non-Rotarian who has given outstanding service during the year. This represents a donation of US\$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation. Additional Awards can be added to an original Award and are recognised with sapphire or ruby stones on the badge.

NON MEMBERS

Ted Angleton	Ron Arthur	Michael Barden	Pauline Benallack
Roger Benallack	Graeme Bird	Carmel Bott	Bob Bott
Betty Carnell	Ron Carnell	Jan Cheney	Geoff Clark
Pat Cleary	Peter Courtney	Robert Ebihara	Ethne (Johnnie) Etkins
John Etkins	Sue Fitz	Paul Fitz+2	Terry Gretton
David Goldsmith	Elisabeth Hall	Koicji Hara	Jack Harris
Don Haycraft	Enid Healey	Anne-Marie Heath	Andrew Heggie
Stan Hibbert	Chris Howell	Max Hunter	Areta Hurnard
Brian Hurnard	Richard Johns	Dick Johnson	Ralph Lee
Frank Libman	Ron Liner	Lew Lustig	Terry Keyhoe
Ken Maxfield + 2	Heather Matthews	Matt Maudlin	Lucy Mayes
Kristine McDonell	Bruce McIver	Mike McKay	Duncan McKenzie
Tony McLean	Kel McMillan	Maria Moffatt	Anthea Mollison
John Mollison	John Moyle	Keith Mutimer	Marj Nankervis
Bill Oakley+4	Gary O'Connor	Geoff Perdriau	June Phillips
Ron Phillips	Nadia Ranson	John Reddish	Judy Reddish
John Robson	Carol Ross	Elizabeth Roy	George Selkrig
Bev Sofra +1	Donald Stewart	Judy Steinicke	David Stockman
Carol Studebaker	Sally Sutherland	Anita Swanson	Ian Taylor
Bill Thackray	John Thwaites	Jo Wells	David Willshire
Norma Wing Young	Tom Wing Young	Bev Thomas	Andrew Steinicke +1
Reg Parsons	Lindsay Pegg	Brian Thomas	Anthony Stokes



CLUB AWARDS

Year	The Ron Carnell Award	Royce Abbey Award
1987-1988	Ron Carnell	
1988-1989	John Thwaites	
1989-1990	Glen Walmsley	
1990-1991	John McBride	
1991-1992	Greg Matthews	
1992-1993	Ron Arthur	
1993-1994	John Thwaites	
1994-1995	John McBride	
1995-1996	Phil Francis / Terry Keyhoe	
1996-1997	Anthony Stokes / John Rennie	
1997-1998	Ian Taylor	
1998-1999	Brian Hurnard / Ian Taylor	
1999-2000	John Moyle	
2000-2001	David Goldsmith	
2001-2002	Jane Pennington	
2002-2003	David Cheney	
2003-2004	Lindsay Pegg	
2004-2005	Peter Cleary	
2005-2006	Matthew Pauli	
2006-2007	Ron Phillips	
2007-2008	Geoff Haddy	Terry Gretton
2008-2009	Terry Keyhoe	Matthew Pauli
2009-2010	Phil Francis	Mary George
2010-2011	Michael Barden	Bob Bromley
2011-2012	Bob Bromley	Adrian Ranson
2012-2013	Adrian Ranson	Eileen Toohill
2013-2014	Bronwen Dimond	Estelle Kelly
2014-2015	Tony Wells	Eileen Toohill
2015-2016	Gavan Schwartz	Greg Cribbes
2016-2017	Hugo Goetze	Beatrice Ko
2017-2018	Peter Sutherland	Geoff Kneale
2018-2019	Bill Oakley	Philip Wade
2019-2020	Gavan Schwartz	Peter Downtown



PAST OFFICE BEARERS

Year	President	Vice Pres.	Secretary	Treasurer	Sergeant	Grapevine Editor
1980-1981	Stan Hibbert		Bill Kneale	John Robson	Paul Fitz	Rob Essery
1981-1982	Geoff Clark		Kevin Maunder	Arthur Dawson	Mervyn Lewis	Ken Proposch
1982-1983	John Etkins		Ron Carnell	Arthur Dawson	Bernie Smith	John Etkins
1983-1984	Kevin Maunder	Paul Fitz	Ron Carnell	Arthur Dawson	John Robson	Paul Fitz
1984-1985	John Reddish	Stan Hibbert	Ron Carnell	Geoff Perdriau	Marcel Muntwyler	John Etkins
1985-1986	Paul Fitz	David Goldsmith	Ron Carnell	Geoff Perdriau	Ralph Lee	Peter Kagan
1986-1987	Geoff Steinicke	Geoff Clark	Ron Carnell	Geoff Perdriau	Ian Collins	Ron Phillips
1987-1988	John Robson	John Reddish	Ron Carnell	Alan Anderson	Roger Benallack	Stan Hibbert
1988-1989	David Cheney	Geoff Steinicke	Ron Carnell	David Stockman	Greg Ross	John Thwaites
1989-1990	Tom Wing Young	John Robson	Ron Carnell	David Stockman	Terry Keyhoe / Glen Walmsley	Geoff Perdriau
1990-1991	Ralph Lee	Ian Lucas	Ron Carnell	David Stockman	Tony McLean	Peter Cairns
1991-1992	Ron Phillips	Ian Collins	Ron Carnell	Ron Arthur	Brian Hurnard	Ray Zuccala
1992-1993	Tony McLean	Ralph Lee	John Thwaites	Ron Arthur	Jim Studebaker	Bill Kneale
1993-1994	Roger Bennallack	Ron Phillips	John Thwaites	Ron Arthur	John Mollison	John Reddish
1994-1995	Peter Cleary	David Cheney	John Thwaites	Geoff Dwyer	Peter Elliott	Dick Johnson
1995-1996	Bernie Smith	Tony McLean	John Rennie	Geoff Dwyer	Ron Arthur	Geoff Steinicke
1996-1997	Clive Hughes	Ron Carnell	John Rennie	Geoff Dwyer	Greg Matthews / John Magor	Anthony Stokes
1997-1998	John Thwaites	David Goldsmith	John Rennie	Geoff Dwyer	Geoff Griffiths	Brian Hurnard
1998-1999	Bruce McIver	Bernie Smith	John Rennie	Bob Woolgar	John Gartlan	Findley Cornell
1999-2000	Greg Matthews	David Cheney	John Rennie	Bob Woolgar	John Moyle	Peter Elliott
2000-2001	John Mollison	Ron Phillips	John Rennie	Bob Woolgar / Lindsay Pegg	Dick Johnson	John Gartlan
2001-2002	Terry Keyhoe	John Thwaites	John Rennie	Lindsay Pegg	John Moyle	Geoff Steinicke
2002-2003	Peter Courtney	Paul Fitz	Jane Pennington	Lindsay Pegg	David Cheney	Delina Schembri-Hardy
2003-2004	Brian Hurnard	Barry Cummings	Jane Pennington	Lindsay Pegg	Ian Mollison	John Rennie
2004-2005	Jim Studebaker	Greg Matthews	Anthony Stokes	Neil Ramsay	Ian Adams	John Rennie
2005-2006	Peter Elliott	Greg Ross	Anthony Stokes	Neil Ramsay	Elisabeth Hall	John McBride
2006-2007	John Magor	Phil Francis	Brian Hurnard	Neil Ramsay	Terry Gretton	John McBride
2007-2008	Ian Adams	Ann Kerr	Brian Hurnard	Geoff Haddy	Ted Wilkins	Graeme Bird
2008-2009	Bill Oakley	Peter Courtney	Michael McKay	Geoff Haddy	Findley Cornell	Graeme Bird
2009-2010	Tony Wells	Peter Elliott	Michael McKay	Geoff Haddy	Matthew Pauli	John Cook
2010-2011	Findley Cornell	John Magor	Bronwen Dimond	Gary O'Connor	Michael McKay	Peter Sutherland
2011-2012	Matthew Pauli	Jim Studebaker	Ian Adams	Gary O'Connor	Colin Sharp	Tony Wells
2012-2013	Terry Gretton/ Tony Wells	T Wells/P Cleary/ Peter Elliott	Ian Adams	Gary O'Connor	Barry Cummings	Peter Sutherland
2013-2014	Larry Fitzpatrick	David Cheney	Gavan Schwartz	David de Garis	Nino Sofra	Peter Sutherland
2014-2015	Adrian Ranson	Peter Cleary	Gavan Schwartz	David de Garis	John Magor	Peter Sutherland
2015-2016	Jane Pennington	Brian Hurnard	Gavan Schwartz	David de Garis	Tony Wells	Peter Sutherland
2016-2017	Rowan McClean	Bill Oakley	Gavan Schwartz	Greg Cribbes	Maurie Walters	Peter Sutherland
2017-2018	Rob Head	Findley Cornell	Gavan Schwartz	Greg Cribbes	Peter Elliott	Peter Sutherland and John McBride
2018-2019	Nino Sofra	Adrian Ranson	Gavan Schwartz	Adam Hillary	Greg Matthews	John McBride
2019-2020	Peter Sutherland	John Magor	Gavan Schwartz	Adam Hillary	Adrian Ranson / John Magor	John McBride