

**Rotary**  
Club of North Balwyn



***Annual Report***  
***2018-2019***



**BE THE INSPIRATION**

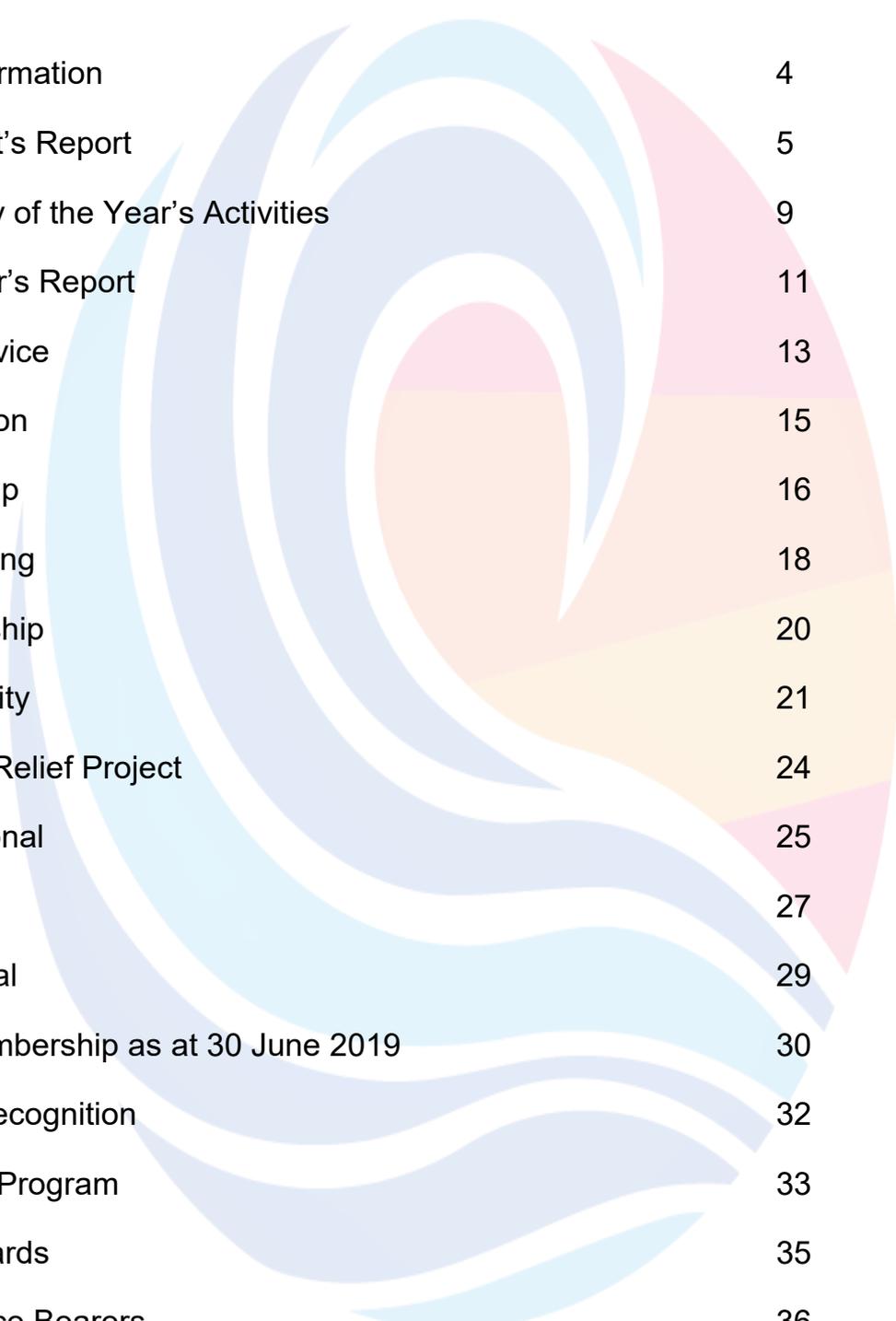
***Barry Rassin***  
*President*  
*Rotary International*

***Bronwyn Stephens***  
*Governor*  
*Rotary District 9800*



**President Nino and Bev Sofra**

## CONTENTS



Club Information	4
President's Report	5
Summary of the Year's Activities	9
Treasurer's Report	11
Club Service	13
Foundation	15
Fellowship	16
Fundraising	18
Membership	20
Community	21
Drought Relief Project	24
International	25
Youth	27
Vocational	29
Club Membership as at 30 June 2019	30
Award Recognition	32
Speaker Program	33
Club Awards	35
Past Office Bearers	36

# BE THE INSPIRATION

## THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH BALWYN

Meeting Time: Thursday 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm  
Meeting Place: The Kew Golf Club  
Belford Road, East Kew 3102  
Postal Address: PO Box 135, Balwyn North 3104  
Email Address: [info@rotarynorthbalwyn.com.au](mailto:info@rotarynorthbalwyn.com.au)  
Charter Date: 8 May 1980  
Club Number: 18337  
Sponsoring Club: Rotary Club of Balwyn  
ABN: 15 960 124 742  
Incorporation #: A0018007N

### 2018—2019 Board of Directors

President: Nino Sofra  
Vice President: Adrian Ranson  
President Elect: Peter Sutherland  
Immediate Past President: Rob Head  
Secretary: Gavan Schwartz  
Treasurer: Adam Hillary  
Director Club Service: Tony Wells  
Director Community Service: Garth Symington  
Director Youth: Imre Lele  
Director Foundation: Findley Cornell  
Director Fundraising: Colin Sharp  
Director International Service: Jim Romanis  
Director Membership and Retention: Ian Adams  
Director Vocational Service: Kinga Paulheim

### 2018—2019 Office Bearers

Almoner: Eileen Toohill  
Attendance and Data: Hugo Goetze  
On to Conference: Peter Sutherland  
Fellowship Chairman: Russell Cooper  
Grapevine Editor: John McBride  
Protection Officer: John Rennie  
Sergeant: Greg Matthews  
Deputy Sergeant: Sue McDonald  
Speaker Program: Geoff Kneale and John Gartlan  
Property Officer and AV: Barry Cummings  
Interact: Estelle Kelly and Peter Sutherland  
Photography: David De Garis/Geoff Steinicke/Peter Sutherland  
Assistant Treasurer: Geoff Haddy  
Webmaster: Jane Pennington  
Boroondara Cares: Garth Symington  
Banking: Marcel Muntwyler  
Catering: Nino Sofra and Bill Oakley  
Gardening: Geoff Haddy  
OH&S: Peter Sutherland  
Men's Shed: David Cheney and Tony Hart  
Club History: Tony Wells

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Before I proceed with this report I need to acknowledge the hard work and support from my Board and the members of our wonderful Rotary Club, all your support somehow got me through the year.

It has been a privilege and an honour to serve as your President. It also been enjoyable, educational, entertaining, sometimes challenging but always awe-inspiring as I got to see up close the great work being done by our club. I have found the commitment and fellowship shown and shared by our members most humbling.

Your Board Members will report to you about what we have achieved, I will endeavour to give you an overview of how I have perceived our progress and some of our achievements.

### **The Drought Relief Project**

The year started early for me with a request to look to our country brothers and sisters suffering from the scourge of the drought that has been devastating farms, farmers and families in our country side. Your Board agreed that we needed to become involved, so we laid out some criteria that we thought should be met.

- The area we should target should be local (Victoria).
- We should not only provide financial assistance but we should also consider the mental wellbeing of those we were trying to help and let them know they were not alone.
- We should determine the best way to achieve these objectives. It was decided that the best way to do this was to build long term relationships.

The Board then called for a subcommittee to research and find a community where we could be of assistance. So the Drought Relief Project (DRP) was born. I personally was surprised and delighted to see the number of Rotarians both on the Board and from the members and partners, all wanting to help in whatever capacity. It was also my desire and that of the Board to form partnerships with other Rotary clubs and organizations.

The DRP Committee identified the farming community of St Arnaud as the community we should target for our efforts. Next we needed to finance our works. Our Board kicked it off by putting in \$10K.

The DRP Committee approached the Rotary Club of Balwyn. We were overwhelmed by their generosity when they joined us in partnership and contributed \$100k over a 2year period to the project. At the same time we applied for a RAWC's Grant and we were successful in securing another \$35K. We now had a war chest and enthusiastic committee to do great things.

We also received a number of donations from Xavier College, The Rotary Club of Kerang and Trinity Manor a local nursing home.

The very fact that we showed an interest in the community of St. Arnaud was enough to elicit words of deep gratitude and some tears from locals when we visited the town to assess their needs. The voucher system implemented by the DRP committee has been working to plan and the second part of the program was to support the community's mental health, the first stage was the Comedy festival held on June 15. It was well conceived, well organized and wonderfully executed. A truly wonderful night leaving the locals calling for more and our partners RC of Balwyn and St. Arnaud wanting to do more projects with us as well.

## **New Rotaract Club**

From the start of the year it was my wish to reactivate our Rotaract Club. So with this in mind we applied and were successful in obtaining a grant from the Bendigo Bank East Kew for this purpose.

It has been a slow process but I am proud to report that at the time of this report the hard working Youth committee are very close to chartering our new Rotaract Club in the new Rotary Year.

## **Fundraising**

**The Golf Day** again was a huge success thanks to the Golf committee, raising about \$18K. The committee ran a very successful Sponsors Night to thank the Sponsors for their support and ensure their continued support in the future.

The Xmas Raffle was again a fixture this year and helped not only raise \$12K but raise the Club profile in our local community. Great work.

**The Sunday Camberwell Market.** After much discussion we received an invitation from the Rotary Club of Balwyn to join the Team. So once the paperwork was ready and with the Board's approval it was with great pride that we signed the documents enabling our members to have a shift each week at the Sunday Market. This will bring in approximately \$13K to our fundraising.

**Catering** remains the major source of our income. The catering team put in a Herculean effort raising about \$30K.

The second component of catering was the Grand Prix and again we smashed all records. Due to good weather, donations of food by our sponsors and excellent planning by the GP Committee and the catering committee, we raised \$42K.

## **Fellowship**

The Changeover was the start of my year and we chose an Italian theme to acknowledge my heritage and celebrated at the Veneto Club. It was a most entertaining and enjoyable event. The cuisine was Italian and the entertainment provided by an Italian band the Rustica Project.

The Fellowship weekend organised by our PE was well attend and very enjoyable with much to do in and around Daylesford.

Our Birthday night was particularly enjoyable as I decided that our members had worked very hard and deserved to "let off steam". We presented our Mongolian outbound cultural immersion students to our Club and took the opportunity to thank them and their families for all the support they have given us throughout the year.

## **Meetings**

Our meetings have been interesting, varied and on time thanks to our Program Director, Club service director and Sergeant.

I had been approached about the costs of meals and the affect on some of our members and membership. Hence I focused on redressing this in consultation with members of the Club Service Committee. We investigated a number of different options throughout the year including different venues and styles of meetings while maintaining a dialogue with our primary venue The Kew Golf Club.

Recently we have negotiated something different with only minor changes to the menu.

## **Vocational**

The highlight of the vocational year was the great night at the Greythorn Community Hub. It was wonderful for our members to see this new venue along with being a fun night which assisted our Admin. Account. Our catering team provided an excellent spaghetti meal while we were entertained by our own Minstrels.

## **International**

### **Minh Hac**

Great strides have been made by the Vietnam team. As well as continuing the support for the kids and the schools, the team has improved Water sanitation, supplied an Ultra sound machine for the medical clinic, instituted a Dental support program and a commercial leaves project to provide an income and thus lift the community out of its subsistence farming culture and improve the living standards of one of the poorest communities in Vietnam.

Most importantly the Vietnam Sub-committee have expanded this program to other communities with the assistance from Rotary Bacchus Marsh with input from Rotary Melton and Rotary Daylesford.

Rotary Balwyn and Brighton have visited Minh Hac and are taking on communities. Rotary Footscray have also become involved.

### **The Laos Project**

Another project commenced the previous year and completed this year is the Lotus Project. "Lotus skills training for girls in Laos." This project gives young Laos girls the life skills to help them avoid the pitfalls of falling into the sex trade. We received a Rotary Grant of \$2500 which was remitted to our club on the completion of the project.

### **The Solomon Islands**

Our work in the Solomon's was scaled back as we decided that we would only send goods and equipment that we were specifically asked for. It became difficult to get a clear picture of what this maybe. We did send over a hospital BP Monitor (worth about \$750) and we have another 6 to send over later in the year. We have also made contact with persons whom have been able to send us a list of Operating Theatre equipment needed for the new theatre at the Good Samaritan Hospital at Teterere. We are now in the process of sourcing this equipment and hope to send a container or part of a container, in the near future.

### **Community Service**

Another busy year for the community service committee. We have again supported Australian Rotary Health Research (ARH) with \$12,500 from the Golf Day going to the support of our PHD Student Jacqueline Kuruppa whom we made welcome at one of our meetings.

Our second Indigenous scholarship was made possible by our members donations to the 'Silver Pot'(\$2500). We have also supported: Greythorn Community Hub , Boroondara Cares (Chances Scholarship program), End Trachoma (indigenous communities) , Days for Girls, Camp Getaway, Carols in the Park , FORaMEAL program where we donated \$1K and helped pack nearly 40K meals. The very successful Gardening Program continued with Teams from Camberwell Boys Grammar, Xavier and MLC.

### **The Men's Shed**

Our members have been heavily involved providing support in Governance, organizational skills and financial management. The Men's Shed. has been running for just over two years now and has in excess of 80 members and is currently undergoing renovations to the external areas. Our Club has now handed over the last of the money we held for them i.e \$25K.

## Youth

### **Mongolian Youth Cultural Immersion Program**

This award winning program is again proceeding with the Youth Committee showing all the professionalism and enthusiasm we have grown to expect.

Our next group of outgoing students are currently preparing to leave Australia at the end of June. They have been well prepped by our team. Students and parents have been heavily involved with our catering team not only helping us but to raise funds for the students expenses and for the program. It has been a real pleasure for our members to meet the students and their families when working along side them at BBQ's, other fundraising events and at social events. Their efforts having raised \$7.5K for the project.

### **MUNA.**

**Model United Nations Assembly** was conducted at the end of April. We sponsored teams from Trinity Grammar and Balwyn High School.

### **Reading in Class Program**

This new initiative has proved very successful. Its purpose is to help students improve their reading abilities.

### **Australian Rotary Health**

Another great moment this year was our Club receiving The ARH Citation for attaining a level of contributions of \$1000 per member. Our Club chose to acknowledge the great work done by PDG Greg Ross as chair of ARH by presenting him with a Ruby Companion at our Birthday Night.

As I have previously stated these are my personal observations and for more detailed accounts you need to go to the Directors reports. If I have missed some important event please forgive me it is not intentional.



## A SUMMARY OF OUR YEAR'S ACTIVITIES

<p><b><i>Fellowship</i></b></p> <p>Weekend away to Daylesford Brunch at Warranglen Nursery Film Night at Balwyn Cinema Special Club meetings, Grand Final, Melbourne Cup, Christmas, Club Birthday, Olympics, Bowls Night District Conference</p>	<p><b><i>Foundation</i></b></p> <p>Promoted Centurions / Every Rotarian Every Year / PH Society Certificates of Appreciation to each Guest Speaker Donation of \$15,000 to the Foundation Attended Foundation Breakfast Donation of \$1,780 to End Polio from Prance in the Park Donation of \$1,097 to End Polio from Smartie Campaign</p>	<p><b><i>International</i></b></p> <p>Minh Hac funding Laos education program for young girls DIK, Board members, annual donation Days for Girls kits sent to PNG, Solomon Islands, Timor Leste Medical equipment for hospital at Tetera, SI Partnerships with other Rotary clubs using our model in other communities in Vietnam.</p>
<p><b><i>Vocational</i></b></p> <p>Speaker for Vocational month Vocational visit to Monash Library Visit to Greythorn Hub Essay writing competition Exploring Vocational Exchange with Mongolia</p>	<p><b><i>Club Service</i></b></p> <p>Speaker Program Website and Grapevine communications Asset Register Trialled different venues for Meetings Development of rosters using the website</p>	<p><b><i>Cluster and Neighbouring Districts</i></b></p> <p>Cluster President meetings Boroondara Cares Board Emergency food packing Tanzanian Night in D9810 Joint catering activities Support for RC of Kew Fairtrade Gift Shop</p>
<p><b><i>Youth</i></b></p> <p>Interacts &amp; Earlyact groups' Support RYLA participation RYPEN participation Youth Support Fund Lord Somers Leadership program MUNA teams Mongolia Cultural Immersion program—selection and training of outbound group Conoco Phillips Summer Science Program Participation Reading in Schools program Rotaract Club establishment</p>	<p><b><i>Admin and Compliance</i></b></p> <p>Introduced Mutual Respect policy and adherence procedures WWC monitoring Member database maintenance Formal Register of Friends of Rotary created Statutory Annual Returns</p>	<p><b><i>Membership and Retention</i></b></p> <p>Inducted 2 new members Mentoring for new members Using website as promotion Worked with members needing support from Rotary Membership stand at North East Hub opening</p>
<p><b><i>Recognition</i></b></p> <p>PHF individual recognitions for 6 members PHF Club recognitions for 5 members PHF Club recognitions for 1 non member Sponsors invited to Club meetings</p>	<p><b><i>Finances</i></b></p> <p>Received grant Detailed and relevant charts of accounts Progressive forecasting of both accounts to year end Budgeting Eftpos facility established and managed Monthly Board reporting Independent Audit Drought Relief Project accounting GST and Banking requirements</p>	<p><b><i>RI / District Roles</i></b></p> <p>DIK—Imre Lele and Peter Sutherland Aust Rotary Health—Greg Ross RYPEN—Anthony Stokes RAM—Bill Oakley District Support Team—Jane Pennington RAWCS—Jim Studebaker Homelessness Ctte—Terry Keyhoe and Jane Pennington Phu Tho Province Community Support—Rowan McClean</p>

<b>Community</b>	<b>Community (cont)</b>	<b>Fundraising Sources</b>
Gardening Project with local schools Men's Shed Days for Girls Sewing project Christmas Fare Camp Getaway maintenance weekend Camcare Carols in the Park Servants Womens' Refuge Boroodara Cares Chances Scholarship Program	ARH PhD 3-year Scholarship Christmas Lunch Uniting Church Christmas toys donated to Fareshare Eva tilley maintenance work Book collection for Solomons 2nd Bite / Camcare food deliveries Weekly bread deliveries to Servants Drought Relief program in St Arnaud—vouchers welfare, books and other club involvement Camp Getaway fire equipment End Trachoma program including donations of used stamps Realink	Christmas Raffle Golf Day—\$17,832 Grand Prix - \$42,441 Sunday Market Silver Pot and Jams Entertainment Books Hot Cross Buns Grant funds Catering—Miniatures, Realink, Bunnings / Traders / Special bbqs, ANZAC Day—\$27,420



## TREASURER'S REPORT

FY19 has been a strong year financially for The Rotary Club of North Balwyn.

As a reminder, RCNB has two accounts:

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

By this stage of the year most significant Club activities have occurred already, so comments made are representative of the unaudited financial accounts to 15 Jun 19. A detailed set of audited accounts to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019 will be circulated before, and discussed at, the RCNB AGM.

During this year the Bendigo Bank EFTPOS facility and the processes around that facility have become firmly embedded as a value add to our Members (for meals and subscriptions) and our catering fundraising activities. The cost of the convenience for our Members and public contributors has been balanced with the surcharge applied to Members who choose to use a credit or debit card for payments to the Club. Currently, 50% of meeting attendees use this facility for meal payments and it is a break-even facility.

This is the first year where our accounting software has been fully online and we have made use of online document storage and sharing. This allows Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer to securely manage our accounts, share activities and provide a responsive and accurate service for the Club.

### ADMINISTRATION:

This years Net Assets at 30 Jun 19 are forecast to be around \$12,000 building on the FY18 surplus and somewhat above our ideal position of around \$10,000 for contingency. Treasury will budget to return that to Members in FY19.

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

Subscriptions \$24K – a reducing membership has reduced this number over the year. While subscriptions were increased to \$370 (from \$365) in FY19 this is expected to stabilize given the balance of both FY18 and this year.

As noted above, Subscriptions essentially cover Rotary obligations outside our control.

Rotary dues paid this year were \$18.2k and include such things as a per capita charge by Rotary International, Insurance, District levy, and Rotary Down Under fees.

General administration costs for the Club have been well managed by all involved YTD being \$7.4K on a budget of \$8.8K. This was possible while including all of the audit fee of \$2K in Administration (rather than split it between Admin and Service).



## SERVICE:

This year we have increased funds held from \$114K to \$159K, this is largely due to \$61K of funds raised and donated for the Drought Relief Program. We have also made disbursed the remaining \$25K of the Men's Shed Committed Fund.

FY19 was an excellent fundraising year following on from FY18. In the Service Income Statement, the following items are of note:

Fundraising (DRP is the separate next dot point!) this year has continued to be outstanding. **Catering** Net \$26K (18% above budget YTD), **Golf Day** Net \$18K (20% above budget), **Grand Prix** Net \$42K (100% above budget - yes that is correct!), **Xmas Raffle** Net \$12K, **Other Fundraising** \$20K (330% above budget - yes that is also correct!) and a fantastic unbudgeted addition **Camberwell Sunday Market** currently \$7K (and expected to total \$13K for the full year!). **In total, so far \$126K against a budget of \$79K.**

DRP Grants and Donations for FY19 total \$91K of which \$40K has been provided so far as vouchers to be used by affected families with local businesses.

Community Service – support to a range of Project totals \$32K to date (not including DRP \$40K and Men's Shed Committed Funds (\$25K).

Foundation – contributions are \$19K as we continue to support the Rotary Foundation and the Royce & Jean Abbey Endowment Fund.

International Service \$29K – includes DIK \$5.5K, Umoja \$5K, Minh Hac \$12.5K and RAM \$5K

Youth Services \$12k – includes Interact & Early Act, Youth trip to Mongolia OUT (including \$3K fundraising by student participants) and other Youth initiatives.

Other Donations \$5K - includes Beyond Blue \$2K (raised by Balwyn high Interact Club) and Impact for Women \$3K

Committed funds going in to FY20 will be around \$120K, reflecting a spectacular fundraising year and a vision of how to use the funds effectively.

## CONCLUDING

As Greg Cribbes (FY18 Treasurer) reported last year, from a Treasury view-point it is very much 'steady as she goes' again for FY20. FY19 has been a great year of fundraising and further efficiencies in Administration. Many exciting programs to continue working on in FY20!

The financial picture of RCNB at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019 is going to be sound, and a firm position for the Club's activities going forward.



## CLUB SERVICE

Club Service essentially supports the structures and organisation that enable RC North Balwyn to undertake the key elements of Rotary Service and Fellowship. The hard work of those working under the umbrella of Club Service during 2018/19 has ensured our Club continues to achieve successful results through its programs and projects.

### Club Meetings

Our weekly Club meetings are the focal point around which the Club operates in its wide range of activities and many members of the Club Service team have had a role in making sure our meetings are effective.

Hugo Goetze is our outstanding Attendance Officer and he has maintained his enthusiasm and attention to detail throughout the year. Hugo keeps meticulous records and interestingly our attendance, measured as a percentage of the membership, remained fairly steady in 2018/19, notwithstanding Rotary's relaxed attendance requirements.

A feature of our meetings in 2018/19 has been an excellent speaker's program and Geoff Kneale, through his own contacts and with input from many others, has invited a range of speakers who have been informative and entertaining. The list is outlined elsewhere in the Club's Annual report and by anyone's reckoning we have been fortunate to hear from impressive speakers covering widely varied topics.

The management of each meetings falls to the Sergeant and in this role Gregor Matthews has used his extensive Rotary experience to make sure our meetings have continued in a timely and orderly manner while, at the same time, remaining informative and entertaining. Fine sessions this year have been a highlight and through Gregor's management these raised close to \$1,500. Gregor has been ably assisted by Sue McDonald and Peter Elliott on occasions when he was absent.

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.

Our Property Officer, Barry Cummings was ever reliable in managing our technical needs, including projection equipment required for presentations at our meetings. He was assisted by David DeGaris and others on occasions. Barry's work extended to the sometimes thankless task of keeping track and recording the wide range of 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, Alisha Ayers (Functions) and Adam Harris (Bar) and the staff for the courteous and helpful assistance at our meetings. We have appreciated their support.



### 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, and for much of that time he operated “on-line” from New Zealand. 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 photography skills of Geoff along with those of David De Garis and Peter Sutherland have maintained the photographic record of Club visitors and events during the year.

Many of these photos have been published in the Grapevine or have been posted on our website which, under Jane Pennington’s guidance is becoming an increasingly important point of communication, both internally for the Club and externally for others with an interest.

### Fellowship

One of the very enjoyable features of life in the Rotary Club of North Balwyn is our Fellowship and the program put together by Larry Fitzpatrick and his team this year has been excellent.

### Working with Children

John Rennie continues as our Child Protection Officer and his constant 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 clearance.

In conclusion, it has been a privilege to be Club Service Director in 2018/19 and to have received continuing support for the role from President Nino Sofra and the Board.



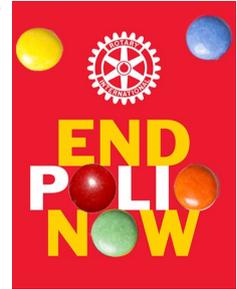
## FOUNDATION

Director: Finley Cornell

Committee: Peter Cleary, Paul Fitz

This year the club and club members have supported the Foundation financially.

District Governor Bronwyn at her visit introduced us to her End Polio “smartie jar” initiative. Jars containing smarties, which could hold approximately \$100 worth of \$2 coins, were distributed to the club for members to take and “swap” smarties for \$2 coins. A number of members took jars whilst other jars were placed on the tables at club meetings. Members could then take advantage of these jars to lighten their pockets of \$2 coins, and in practice various other denominations of currency. \$1097.05 was raised as a combination of the table and individual jars in payments paid through the club, whilst several members paid their \$200 direct to district Foundation.



Another End Polio initiative was the “Prance in the Park” event. Individual club members donated \$1780.70 to support our team who pranced around Albert Park Lake. Our team of Bev Sofra, Heather Matthews, Tricia Lele and the two Sallys, Sharp and Sutherland were suitably attired as the Prancing Princesses and supported by President Nino and a number of members did the club proud.

As in past years the club made a donation to the Foundation and again this year the sum was \$15,000.

Members were again invited to support the Foundation by becoming an EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year) or a Paul Harris Society Member (PHS). PHS membership is USD1000 pa and we have 8 members. EREY is a donation of any amount and a Centurion is USD 100 or more. We have or will have by the end of the Rotary year 25 EREY/Centurion members.

This year saw the completion of the Lotus girls program in Laos which was partly supported by a district grant from the Foundation. This will be covered more fully in the International report. Suffice to say the final report and the project itself were commented on very favourably by members of the District Foundation Committee.

*Our Prancing Princesses Team!!*



*And our chefs assisting with the sausage sizzle on the day.*



## FELLOWSHIP

Rotarians, partners and family enjoyed several Fellowship functions that were held throughout the year.

A special thanks goes out to all the members that coordinated the successful events.

David Cheney organised the movie night held at The Palace Balwyn Cinema, attendees enjoyed the movie Hidden Figures, the film tells the incredible untold story of brilliant African-American women working at NASA who served as the brains behind the launch into orbit of astronaut John Glenn, a stunning achievement in American History.

Another fun evening was the AFL Grand Final night, it was great to see so many people dressed in their club colours.

The Spring racing season brings us to The Melbourne Cup Carnival and another great night was celebrated at the Kew Golf Club, a guest speaker, several sweeps, trivia questions and lots of raffle prizes made it a great evening.

A wonderful weekend was held at Daylesford where members enjoyed seeing the local area, visiting the Convent, the Botanical Gardens, walking around the lake, playing golf and of course good food and wine.

We welcomed in the New Year with a breakfast at Warrenwood Cafe and Nursery in Warrandyte, organised by Don Taylor.

One of the highlights of the Rotary year is always the Club Birthday Night and this year was no exception with a great band and dancing.

Thanks must go out to the Fellowship Committee for organising all the functions with special thanks to Bronwen Dimond for her very creative decorations at all the functions.





## FUNDRAISING

### Summary

This year the Club raised an outstanding \$124,428 nett against a budget of \$77,550. This was due the exceptional work of leaders and their respective committee members. The Grand Prix was the top fundraising activity, contributing \$42,441 nett. All other activities exceeded their budget forecast except the Christmas Raffle which was \$3,000 nett less than forecast but still contributed \$12,022 nett. A new activity, the Camberwell Market added \$6,516 nett at the time of writing and will probably deliver \$8,000 by the end of the year.

### Appreciation

I would like to thank all of the leaders of the major activities that contributed to this outstanding result; Maurie Walters, Bill Oakley, Geoff Steinicke, Greg Matthews and Jim Studebaker. I would also like to thank all of the members of their committees who helped and to all those members, partners and friends who lent their time and expertise to plan, organise, haul, set-up, spruik, deliver, sell, cook, clean, dismantle, store, count and report.

### Our Sponsors & Supporters

Sponsors played a large part in the success of the fundraising and I thank them on behalf of the Club for their valued support.

We enjoyed wonderful support from the sponsors involved with the Christmas Raffle, our Golf Day and the Grand Prix catering, as well as from event organisers at the Grand Prix, Kew Golf Club for the Golf Day, retailers / centre managers for the Raffle locations and Bunnings and others with the locations of our catering barbeques.

### The Club's Contribution

The fundraising outcome would not be possible to achieve without the thousands of hours put into planning, delivering and cleaning-up after each activity by Club members, partners, families and Friends of Rotary.

It is worth reflecting that each fundraising event obviously raised funds, but also afforded us the opportunity of Fellowship while doing the work.



*Catering for  
Longevity in Kew*

A breakdown of the fundraising for the year is:

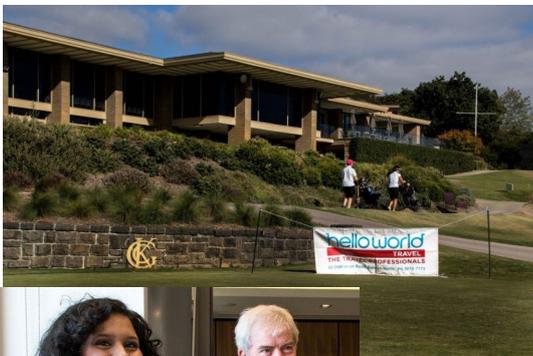
Activity	Funds Raised
Christmas Raffle	\$ 12,022.94
Catering	\$ 25,736.72
Camberwell Market	\$ 6,516.00
Golf Day	\$ 17,833.00
Grand Prix	\$ 42,441.00
Other Fundraising	\$ 19,878.65
Total:	\$124,428.31



Some of the activities included in “Other Fundraising” include the Christmas Fare, Sales of various items, Donations to various campaigns, Silverpot collections, Donations from the Interact Club and Members and smaller fundraising activities.



*Donations to Reclink and IMPACT for Women*



*A most successful Golf Day*



## MEMBERSHIP

Director: Ian Adams

During the year the committee made a number of approaches to potential new members, including setting up an information stand at the opening of the Greythorn Hub.

We were delighted to recruit two new members: Janie Pirret who was inducted in July 2018, and Jagath Jayasinghe, inducted in May 2019, both of whom have become active members.

Some of the potential new members indicated that, at present, their work and other commitments were too demanding for them to devote time to Rotary. They mostly indicated that this would not preclude future involvement.

We were sorry to see four members resign: Majid Behzadnia moved interstate for work and Tony Ho moved back to Hong Kong for health reasons. Both Brian Hurnard and Bob Bott, longstanding Rotarians who had contributed strongly through a range of leadership positions at club and district level, also resigned for health reasons. Fortunately Brian continues to be involved in the role of assessor for the Club's Gardening Project.

I would like to extend my thanks to the members of the committee, Jeanette Leigh and Rowan McClean.



**BE THE INSPIRATION**

*As Paul Harris put it, "Rotary is a microcosm of a world at peace,  
a model which nations will do well to follow.*

*"To me Rotary is not only a model but an inspiration.*

*It shows us what is possible, inspires us to reach for it,  
and gives us a path to act—and to Be the Inspiration to our world."*

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

**Director:** Garth Symington

**Committee:** Tony Hart, Geoff Haddy, John Koa, Brian Lacy, Ted Wilkins, Steven Greatorex, Sam Hardikar, Janie Pirret

Once again it has been a very busy and rewarding year in the Community Service Area. There were many and diverse activities undertaken and as is always the case a large number of club members assist where and when needed. Many thanks to all concerned.

There are always ongoing evergreen projects requiring attention, and we also had a number of new initiatives in the Boroondara community, which has really enhanced our image and standing in the community.

### Gardening Project

This program has now been running since 2011 and is an excellent service for needy residents and is very much appreciated by the Council and individual beneficiaries. Geoff Haddy has given service above and beyond this program with support from Rowan McClean, Greg Cribbes and continuing assistance from now former Rotarian Brian Hurnard. As well as the usual small group of reliable Rotarians, we must acknowledge the massive contribution by a non Rotarian Ian Glenny, who is working on nearly every Friday afternoon Shift.



We ran 59 sessions involving 1400 gardening hours at many different properties, some needing repeat visits during the year. There were 22 members and friends involved. It should be noted that 4 Rotarians and one friend exceeded 10 sessions each. 330 Council supplied bins were filled and collected after completion of each property. A big thank you to Wes, Bill and Sione at the Council depot.

The participating schools were MLC, Camberwell Grammar School, and Xavier College.

In addition to private residences, we assisted Eva Tilley Memorial Home, BAScare, Camcare and the Royal Talbot Rehab.

### Servants Women's Refuge

We continued our support for the Servants homeless facilities with a number of members donating good quality second hand goods to the existing 3 facilities in the Boroondara area. Along with substantial support from the Boroondara Cares Foundation, we have given \$4,500 to assist in equipping the new Women's Refuge which opened late last year. The gardening group also does work at these properties when required.

### Australian Rotary Health Research (ARHRF)

We have continued our commitment to ARHRF with a total annual commitment of over \$14,000 raised through the Golf Day, our weekly Silver Pot and the Lift the Lid campaign. Part of these funds are being used to support a PHD Scholarship for a students research into family violence, and to assist an indigenous scholar.

### **End Trachoma**

Trachoma is an ongoing problem in many third world countries, and is very prevalent in the indigenous communities in Australia. Lien Trinh a former Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar is working with D9800 on programs to combat this problem. This year we supported a `mirrors and hygiene` program designed to encourage clearer personal health around the face and eyes. D9800 will continue to assist in this Trachoma program. Members donated used stamps which are sold to raise money for this project.

### **Boroondara Cares Foundation (Chances Scholarship)**

This is a program in our community to provide assistance in the way of small \$1000 scholarships to support socially isolated and disadvantaged students to participate in courses conducted at Swinburne University. This is supported by the eight Rotary clubs in the two Clusters which comprise Boroondara Cares.

### **Camp Getaway**

Our club continues to support Camp Getaway by conducting an annual working bee in October at the camp. We are also providing money to assist in the purchase of a new fire pump mandated by the CFA.

### **Men`s Shed**

The shed was opened in September 2017 and now has about 80 members. Whilst its management committee is still predominately Rotarians, as a community club, we are progressively handing over to non Rotarians. As well as working on personal projects, members are building small toys and other items for community groups. Many beautifully made wooden toys were generously donated to Fareshare at Christmas time and very gratefully received.

Work will commence shortly on an outside area at the back to enable spray painting and metal work. This is being funded by an RCNB allocation of \$25,000, earmarked at the start of the overall project.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Bite to Camcare Food Run**

We have a roster of Rotarians who pick up fresh fruit, vegetables and other food items from 2<sup>nd</sup> Bite in Heidelberg every Thursday morning and delivery to Camcare`s facility in Camberwell. This usually means about a 2 hour commitment. This food is then packed into family size parcels and given to the needy.

### **Carols in the Park**

Our members again assisted at the Carols in the Park run by the United Churches of Boroondara. Greg Ross MC`d the event while other members sold glo stix and our Christmas Raffle was drawn at the event.

### **Christmas lunch assistance for the Uniting Church**

Members assisted to set up for Christmas lunch at the Uniting Church in Kew and then some returned on Christmas Day to assist with cooking and serving lunch to over 60 people.





### CAMP GETAWAY WEEKEND

A most enjoyable and successful Working Bee weekend was held at Camp Getaway. Members worked in the garden, worked in the kitchen, concreted, repaired, cleaned and generally made Camp Getaway look beautiful. This is very much appreciated by the Camp Getaway staff and is always a really good fun (if exhausting!) weekend.



## DROUGHT RELIEF



The Club embarked on a new project to assist farmers in the St Arnaud area who were struggling through drought. This project linked in with Drought Relief activities through District 9800 with funding being available.

Funds for the project included:

North Balwyn Rotary Club	\$9,000
Balwyn Rotary Club	\$50,000
District 9800	\$35,000
Xavier College	\$5,000
Kerang Rotary	\$1,100
 Total:	 \$101,100

The project has had different components. Rural Financial Counsellors have been distributing vouchers for essential services including food and fuel. The vouchers can be redeemed at St Arnaud traders.

The first mental health well-being activity was the Comedy Festival on Saturday 15 June at the St Arnaud Town Hall.

Targeted at farmers and the general farming community, the objective of the evening was to bring farming families to town, leaving their problems behind, in order to have a relaxing, socialising evening with friends and families.

This was a free event with dinner being subsidised. The Australian Institute of Comedy was most generous in their support having sourced some of Australia's best comedians for the evening. Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Gregory Ross, both a Rotarian and an highly recognised Australian actor. Greg most kindly donated his services.



The ladies of Rotary North Balwyn collected, sorted, coded and delivered over 500 near-new books to the Wimmera community. These books will be available at no cost across a range of outlets including the community coffee shop, schools and hospital. We are most appreciative of the ladies of the Rotary North Balwyn for their hours of diligence including delivering the gift of books in person to the St Arnaud Salvation Army.

The Early Learning Centre in St Arnaud provides essential services to the broader Wimmera community. Health care, early learning, kindergarten, etc are some of the critical services that have a created a community hub for many young families. We are pleased that the Sutherland family donated a new "Asher Cubby House" to the Early Learning Centre.

More activities are planned for the future as we build a strong relationship with this rural community.



## INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

### DIK

The club has supported DIK through its membership commitment of \$3,500 and a further donation of \$2,000.

### Shelter Box

A donation of \$1,000 was made.

### RAM

A donation of \$5,000 was made. Bill Oakley has continued his involvement and will present to the club shortly to inform members [particularly new members] of the great work being carried out by RAM.

### Solomon Islands

It was proposed at the beginning of this year to acquire and supply medical equipment which it was believed that the hospital required and a budget of \$6,000 was set aside for this.

Due to various reasons it was not possible to determine the actual equipment needed but this is now in hand and some equipment may be supplied before the end of the financial year. If not it is possible that the acquisition and supply will be carried over to the next Rotary year.

### Umoja

This is a charity supported by David Winter from Bread Street. A donation of \$5,000 was presented by President Nino to David Winter at a fundraising dinner for Umoja attended by a number of RCNB members. It may be of interest that David cooked most of the African inspired meal served.



### Lotus

This project was introduced by John Burley in Past President Rob Head's term and finalised this year enabling the club to receive the District grant of \$2,500. This proved to be a very worthwhile program assisting in the development of young girls in Laos and may be supported again in the year ahead.

**Vietnam [Minh Hac]**

A budget of \$5,000 was provided at the beginning of the year and this was expended purchasing two laptop computers.

With contributions from Balwyn High School we have provided furniture and equipment to the Minh Hac kindergarten and, with Rotary Balwyn, have funded a large plant nursery.

Our community support model was adopted by Rotary Bacchus Marsh three years ago, and by Balwyn and Brighton this year. Some 15000 people are benefiting from better education and health care facilities in the four poor communities we are helping.



## YOUTH

Director: Imre Lele

### **Mongolian Youth Cultural Immersion Program**

A comprehensive Memorandum of Understanding between the Rotary Club of North Balwyn and the National Camping Association of Mongolia was revised to reflect the experiences of the previous visits. The nine students and two adult chaperones, Estelle Kelly and Peter Downton, travelling to Mongolia at the end of June 2019 will participate in two camping programs and a variety of other activities. Parents pay air fares and travel insurance. The students raised over \$5000 towards the program, half of which will contribute to their trip costs and half retained for inbound Mongolian students expenses in January 2020.

Several training days for participants ensured they were well prepared for this program.

### **Interact Club—Balwyn High School**

The club had a very productive year and raised \$3,940 for community projects. These funds were divided between Beyond Blue and Minh Hac, Vietnam. Interactors provided IT training to Rotarians in November 2018 and nine of them attended the Multi District Conference.

### **MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly)**

This is a logical extension of our Interact program and we sent a team from Balwyn High and another from Trinity Grammar to the event held at Swinburne University. For the first time it was a non residential program during the weekend of 27/ 28 April

### **Early Act Club—North Balwyn Primary School**

We funded the transport of students to the National Chess Tournament finals held at Monash University. The team finished in third place against teams from other states and New Zealand.

### **RYPEN**

Damien Klein from Balwyn High participated in this program at the Doxa, Malmsbury Camp, on the weekend of 26-28 October 2018.

### **Summer Science Program (Conoco Phillips)**

We sponsored Udeni Undugodage from Balwyn High to this two day program at Melbourne University and she spoke to the Club in February about her great experience.



## **RYLA**

This was held from Sunday 2 to Saturday 8 December at the Oasis Centre in Mt Evelyn. This week long residential, personal development program for young people aged 18-25 focuses on self, leadership and community. We sponsored Kweemeng Tan and Iris Lin to this event. Their subsequent address to the Club, relating their experience, reaffirmed what a powerful impact this program has on young people.

## **Support to Disadvantaged Youth**

The club provided approx. \$1000 to support disadvantaged youth via the Kew Uniting Church Outreach program.

## **Lord Somers Camp**

We again sponsored two students to attend this camp in January 2019.

## **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. This outcome is in line with similar programs operated worldwide by Rotary Clubs. Our volunteers are enthusiastic and really are making a difference

## **Rotaract**

At the beginning of the Rotary Year President Nino set an objective of re- establishing a Rotaract Club in North Balwyn utilising a \$5500 grant from the Bendigo Bank. Generating interest from prospective members has been a challenging task, but good progress has been made in recent months. A successful initial Rotaract interest night was held on 14 May. The enthusiastic young group agreed to have further meetings to discuss how they wished to progress forming a new club. At least initially there will be numerous opportunities for the group to share projects with the Rotary Club.



### **HELP**

Those in need



### **LEARN**

Through professional development opportunities



### **ENJOY**

Social activities

## VOCATIONAL

**Director :** Kinga Paulheim

**Committee :** Ian Adams, Chris Flavelle-Smith, Tony Hart, Sue McDonald, Ian Mollison, George Swanson, Eileen Toohill, Ted Wilkins

### Vocational Visit

#### Monash University Library

Club members visited Monash University Library. We had two fantastic guides who took us through Sir Luis Matheson Library (the Main Library of Monash University). The visit was followed by chat and coffee in the Library's cafeteria.

#### Visit of the Greythorn Community Hub – Italian night

The Committee organised with the help of other Club members a fantastic night in the Greythorn Community Hub. We had the opportunity to have a tour in this new facility in Boroondara. The tour was followed by an "Italian dinner" thank you for Bill Oakley. Our entertainers were Rowan McClean and Maurie Walters.

#### Essay Writing Competition

The competition will take place in St Bridget's Primary School in June. The topic is "If you could change one thing in the world, what would you change and why?" The participants will be grade 4, 5 and 6 students. Their work will be assessed by the teachers of the school.

#### Vocational Speaker

We feel very privileged to have Brian Lacy AO as a member of our club. He gave us an insight of his work and achievements. It was a very successful night.



#### Vocational Exchange to Mongolia

The idea of a Vocational Exchange with Mongolia arose during discussions with the leaders of the Mongolian student exchange in last January. The plan is to provide an intensive work-related experience in palliative care for the visiting two nurses from Mongolia. The project is of interest to Mongolia as palliative care is an emerging issue over there is virtually no provision. Ian Adams wrote a business plan and presented to the Board. Further action will follow after the Changeover by the new Board.

## CLUB MEMBERSHIP AS AT 30 JUNE 2019

**CM** Charter Member

**PP** Past President

**RAF** Royce Abbey Fellowship

**Hon.** Honorary

**PHF** Paul Harris Fellow

**PHF +** Paul Harris Fellow with  
Sapphire(s)

				Years of Service with RCNB
Adams	Ian	PP, PHF		22
Angleton	Ted	PP, PHF		30
Ansell	Duncan	PHF		18
Butler	Joe	PHF		15
Cheney	David	PP, PHF+5		37
Cleary	Peter	CM, PP, PHF		39
Cooper	Russell			9
Cornell	Findley	PP, PHF		24
Cribbes	Greg	RAF, PHF		4
Cummings	Barry	PP, PHF+1		21
de Garis	David			10
Dimond	Bronwen	PHF		17
Downton	Peter			2
Elliott	Peter	PP, PHF+6		27
Fitz	Paul	CM, PP, PHF+2		39
Fitzpatrick	Larry	PP x2, PHF		17
Flavelle-Smith	Chris			11
Francis	Phil	PHF+1		25
Gartlan	John	PHF		27
Goetze	Hugo	PHF+1		27
Greatorex	Stephen			5
Haddy	Geoff	PHF+2		15
Hardikar	Sam			2
Hart	Tony	PHF+1		11
Head	Rob	PHF		33
Hibbert	Stan	CM, PP, PHF+1	Hon.	39
Hillary	Adam			2
Jayasinghe	Jagath			0
Keyhoe	Terry	terminated in 2011 after 24 years of service		24 + 2
Kelly	Estelle	RAF, PHF		6
Kneale	Geoff	RAF, PHF		2
Ko	Beatrice			2
Koa	John			3
Lacy	Brian	PHF+1		6
Leigh	Jeanette			2
Lele	Imre	PHF+1		32
Liao	Jack			7

				Years of Service with RCNB
McBride	John	PHF+1		22
McClellan	Rowan	PP, PHF+7		11
McDonald	Sue	PHF+1		16
Magor	John	PP, PHF+1		32
Marshall	Neil			2
Matthews	Gregor	PP, PHF+3		33
Mollison	Ian	PHF+1		22
Muntwyler	Marcel	CM, PHF+1		39
Oakley	Bill	PP, PHF+3		23
Paulheim	Kinga			11
Pennington	Jane	PP, PHF+8		22
Pirrett	Janie			1
Ranson	Adrian	RAF, PP, PHF+5		11
Rennie	John	PHF		31
Richardson	Ian	PHF		30
Romanis	Jim	PHF+1		22
Ross	Greg	PDG, PP, PHF+5		33
Schwartz	Gavan	PHF+1		18
Sharp	Colin	PHF		9
Smith	Bernie	CM, PP, PHF+1		39
Sofra	Nino	PHF+2		26
Steinicke	Geoff	CM, PP, PHF+7		39
Stewart	Rob	PP, PHF		10
Stokes	Anthony	PHF		30
Studebaker	Jim	PDG, PP, PHF+8		28
Sutherland	Peter	PHF+2		13
Swanson	George	PP, PHF+1		26
Symington	Garth	PP, PHF+3		16
Taylor	Don	PHF+4		15
Thomas	Brian	PHF		1
Toohill	Eileen	RAF, PHF		6
Wade	Phillip			2
Walters	Maurie	PHF		16
Wells	Tony	PP, PHF+2		15
Wilkins	Ted	PHF+1		19
Yukawa	Takao	PHF		7

## AWARD RECOGNITION

### **Royce Abbey Award**

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

Congratulations to Geoff Kneale who was awarded the Royce Abbey Award for 2017/18.

### **Paul Harris Fellow Recognition; Club Members**

Congratulations to Estelle Kelly who received a Paul Harris Fellow recognition.

Greg Matthews, Geoff Steinicke, Tony Hart, David Cheney and Garth Symington who were given additional Paul Harris Sapphire Recognitions.

### **Paul Harris Fellow Recognition; Non-Members**

Congratulations to Bev Thomas, Brian Thomas, Andrew Steinicke, Reg Parsons who were given Paul Harris Fellow Recognitions.

	Ron Arthur	Michael Barden	Pauline Benallack
Roger Benallack	Graeme Bird	Carmel Bott	Betty Carnell
Ron Carnell	Jan Cheney	Geoff Clark	Pat Cleary
Peter Courtney	Robert Ebihara	Ethne (Johnnie) Etkins	John Etkins
Sue Fitz	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	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	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		



## Speakers Program 2018—19

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Host</b>
5 July	Steve McBurney	Once an Umpire, Always an Umpire	Brian Lacy
12 July	John Daley	The Rise of Protest Politics	Peter Sutherland
19 July	Bronwyn Stephens	The visit of the District Governor	Nino Sofra
26 July	Gillian Triggs	Common Compassion and a Charter of Human Rights	Rob Head
2 August	Nino Sofra	Club Forum	Nino Sofra
9 August	John Ballis	Reclink and the Community Cup	Nino Sofra
16 August	Andrew Licciardo	Devon Partners Financial Planning	Sam Hardiker
23 August	Professor Rob Medcalf	Fibrinolysis	Findley Cornell
30 August	PDG Greg Ross	Autobiography	Nino Sofra
6 Sept	Tim Webster	Melbourne's Queen Victoria Market	Jeanette Leigh
13 Sept	Julian McMahon	The Death Penalty	Geoff Kneale
20 Sept	Judge John Jordan	Stories from the Legal System	Brian Thomas
26 Sept	Jeff Gieschen	Celebration of AFL	Ted Wilkins
4 October	Richard Umbers	Changes in the Shopping Environment	Geoff Kneale
11 October	Karen Hayes	Guide Dogs Victoria	Eileen Toohill
18 October	Professor Anthony Wedd	Alzheimers Disease	Peter Sutherland
25 October	Alex Birnberg	Stride Program at Whitelion	Estelle Kelly
1 Nov	Greg Hall	Melbourne Cup Celebration	Bob Bott
8 Nov	Gavan Schwartz	Autobiography	Nino Sofra
15 Nov	Vijay Susarla	Timor Rotary Consortium	Findley Cornell
22 Nov	Paul and Rania Scarlett	Homicide and Victoria Police	Geoff Kneale
29 Nov	Bev Sofra and Brian Thomas	Solomons Islands Update	Nino Sofra
6 Dec	Sue Taffe	The Life of Mary Montgomery	Jeanette Leigh
13 Dec	Christmas Celebration		
20 Dec	Christmas Breakfast		

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Host</b>
17 January	John Boffa	The Northern Territory	Geoff Kneale
24 January	Kathy Kaplan	Domestic Violence	Bev Sofra
31 January	Dr Peter Brukner	Sugar by Halves	Geoff Steinicke
7 February	Professor Justin Mariani	Cardiologist	Bob Bott
14 February	Rithy Lay	Cambodia	Rowan McClean
21 February	Jelani Popavich	Koori Court	Rob Head
28 February	Terry Keyhoe	The Sydney Olympics Memories	Terry Keyhoe
7 March	Grant Stewart	Managing Dementia	Ian Mollison
14 March	Sally Scanlan	Bringing Communities Together	Brian Thomas
21 March	Bowls Night	A fun night!!	Ian Mollison
28 March	William Docherty	The challenges facing young men today	Geoff Kneale
4 April	Alister Boyd	Grains Council of Victoria	Rob Head
11 April	Brian Lacy	Industrial Relations, Administrative Law and Human Rights	Kinga Paulheim
17 April	Rowan McClean Jane Pennington	Update on Club Projects— Vietnam and Rotaract	Nino Sofra
24 April	Greythorn Hub	Tour of the new community centre	
2 May	Leigh Woodgate	7 Steps to Overcoming Adversity	Geoff Kneale
9 May	Birthday Night	A celebration of our Birthday	Nino Sofra
16 May	Dr Lena Ly	Skin Cancer	Brian Lacy
23 May	Graeme Alford	Senior Executives Under Stress	Ian Mollison
30 May	Dr Jan Manent	Cancer Research	Findley Cornell
6 June	Dr Laura Hart	Teenage Depression	Greg Ross
13 June	Tony Alsop	Gardening in Winter	Imre Lele
20 June	Mark Boysen	Victoria Police Dog Squad	Geoff Kneale
28 June	Club Changeover Meeting		

## CLUB AWARDS

Year	The Ron Carnell Award	Royce Abbey Fellowship
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



## **PAST OFFICE BEARERS**

<b>Year</b>	<b>President</b>	<b>Vice Pres.</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Sergeant</b>	<b>Grapevine Editor</b>
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