

DISTRICT 9500 AWARDS – 2019/2020

Club Performance – Kidman Park



General Overview

- Support West Beach Lifesavers program "Pink & Blue Swim" research for prostate & breast cancers. \$3,000
- Provide sandwiches for "Kick start 4 kids" every week.
- Provide drivers for "Meals on Wheels" every week.
- Provide mobile BBQ trailer at no cost to many local organisations and fundraising events.
- Regular Monthly Bunnings BBQ raising significant Dollars towards Club Projects.
- Continued support for RYLA, particularly members of the Thebarton Rotaract Club.
- Provide mentors to local high schools to assist with job interviews experience.
- Continue to provide a community service with a "Bookmart" in the West Lakes Library. The second-hand books sales raise about \$15,000 annually. They have twenty non-member volunteers.
- **New Bookmart opened on 16 November at Smith Reserve Hall at Woodville West, doubling book sales**
- Donation to Rotary Bushfire Relief - both KI and Adelaide Hills \$10,000
- Donation to The Rotary Foundation \$6,000
- Donation and supply of defibrillator to West Beach Surf Life Saving Club café \$2,000

Major Projects:

- A. Completed an "Outdoor Teaching & Skills Learning Area" for the **Down Syndrome SA** at Ridleyton. The project consisted of converting an existing double carport into an area suitable for teaching, gardening skills, barbecue, and socialisation. The facility will also be used for fund raising as it features a full outdoor kitchen. The first-class facility cost around \$67,000 and involved club members volunteering for around two hundred and fifty hours.
- B. Completed an upgrade of the **Epilepsy Centre SA**, Grange Road, Flinders Park including a 10.5 kw Solar System, upgraded security including electric gates, fencing, landscaping, signage, and extended lighting. The club also negotiated five percent rent reduction and purchased \$10,000 of sensor seizure mats for free distribution to needy families. The savings from the Solar System of at least \$65,000 over the next ten years will be spent on clients' needs.

Club Fellowship:

The atmosphere at club meetings and events is electric and friendly, which surprises many visitors and guests. One visitor commented: "I didn't know you could have a Rotary Club like this." Fellowship events are generally not fundraising as they try not to fundraise from their own members. Events included:

- Night out at Adelaide Repertory Theatre preceded by dinner.
- Christmas Dinner at a venue different to their weekly meetings.
- Casual first club meeting in January – President's barbecue always very well attended.
- Annual anonymous Dinner at member homes - "Guess who is coming to Dinner"
- Golf weekend in the Barossa valley - includes a programme for non-golfers.
- "Graduates Restaurant" Dinner meeting at TAFE

Club Membership:

The introduction of monthly Business Networking Dinner meetings has produced **six new members**. They anticipate gaining at least another four, reaching ten new members for the year.

Rotary Image & Publicity:

The club instigated the "Public Image - End Polio" day in October 2018 at the Semaphore carousel, including the attendance of His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le, Governor of South Australia. This event was elevated to a new level by the collaboration of several beachside Rotary clubs. In November 2019, the club was also involved in the ninetieth Anniversary of the Carousel when His Excellency and DG Jane Owens gave outstanding words of support.

Fundraising:

The club's regular fundraising is \$36,000 augmented by various corporate grants totalling \$31,000.

Ghana Project:

This project is an exact fit with the Rotary Foundation Areas of Focus. - Sustainable outcomes for Community needs.

The lack of suitable hand washing facilities for school children and the community in general is a major cause of disease resulting from poor hygiene. More significant is the lack of toilet facilities at schools. Six million people in Ghana practice open defecation daily.

Improved sanitation can have a significant impact on health, the economy, personal security, and dignity, especially for women and girls as they are disproportionately burdened by the lack of access to sanitation. They face risks of sexual and physical violence when travelling long distances to sanitation facilities, especially at night. They are prevented from full engagement in school and work due to lack of proper menstrual hygiene management facilities.

Investments in sanitation reduce health care costs, boost productivity, as time available for work and school increase. ■