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Maternal and Child Health Month



DG Pat Schraven

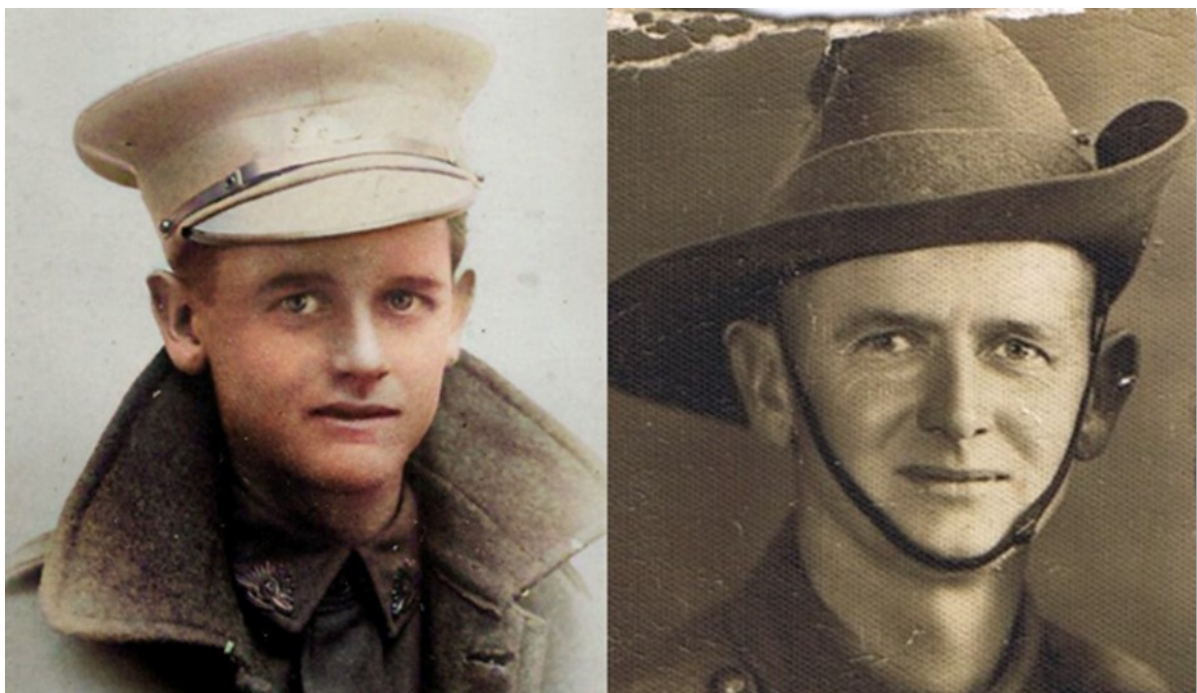
From the DG

What a wonderful past month it has been with a District Conference full of outstanding speakers who inspired and challenged us.

It was also a great opportunity to showcase our Clubs to those that joined us from other Districts and other States. Thank you so much to our own members that presented: Rick Dawson, Margaret Waterton, and Rick Sneeuwjagt. Thank you to Gareth Talbot for an outstanding effort in being Master of Ceremonies, and a big, forever grateful hug to Robyn Yates and to all of her team, Ally, John, Rae, Kim, Donna, Leanne and Kay.

In April, the Ascot Sundowner Satellite - a new Club for our District - was formally chartered, thanks to Jodie, Stewart and Joanne and I am sure many others who made it possible. The motivated members have been active in the community for quite some time, raising funds through a quiz night and running an Australia Day breakfast and many other activities. If you want to know how to start a satellite club or just find out more about them, go to Club Central in My Rotary.

As I am writing this article, it is the long weekend and ANZAC Day is just a few days away. As the anniversary of that historic landing at Gallipoli approaches, many of us take the time to remember relatives who served to protect our way of life. For me, it is my grandfather who volunteered to serve in WW1 and again WW2. As each year passes, my appreciation grows for his service and the sacrifices of so many Australians and New Zealanders. Forever grateful, God Bless and Lest We Forget.



Rotary Serves for Peace

Post WW1

With memories of the Great War fresh in their minds, delegates to the 1921 convention in Edinburgh, Scotland, amended the association's constitution to include the goal "to aid in the advancement of international peace and goodwill through a fellowship of business and professional men of all nations united in the Rotary ideal of service."

WW2

During World War II, Rotary members looked for ways to create a stable and peaceful world. In 1940, convention delegates adopted a statement, Rotary Amid World Conflict, which emphasized that “where freedom, justice, truth, sanctity of the pledged word, and respect for human rights do not exist, Rotary cannot live nor its ideal prevail.” Walter D. Head, then Rotary International’s president, remarked that there must be a better way to settle international differences than violence and called on Rotarians to find it.

Peace and Conflict Resolution is one of Rotary’s Seven Areas of Focus. I am so proud of the work that we, as Rotarians in our District, do that aligns to these key humanitarian areas.

Peace and Conflict Resolution	By carrying out service projects and supporting peace fellowships and scholarships, our members take action to address the underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, discrimination, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.
Clean Water and Sanitation	When people have access to clean water and sanitation, waterborne diseases decrease, children stay healthier and attend school more regularly, and mothers can spend less time carrying water and more time helping their families.
Maternal and Child Health	Rotary makes high-quality health care available to vulnerable mothers and children so they can live longer and grow stronger.
Basic Education and Literacy	Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy. We support education for all children and literacy for children and adults.
Economic and Community Development	We create opportunities to help individuals and communities thrive financially and socially.
Supporting the Environment	We are committed to supporting activities that strengthen the conservation and protection of natural resources, advance ecological sustainability, and foster harmony between communities and the environment.

District Governor Challenge – AIM High

At the beginning of this calendar year, I set a challenge for Clubs to AIM high. Clubs were sent a scorecard via their respective Assistant Governor to reflect on what their Club had achieved to date in the Rotary year and identify other areas they could focus on. We have had some great feedback and although the graded scorecards are not due back until the end of May, they are starting to filter back to me already. The scorecard is meant to be a tool to support Clubs, to feel good about what the Clubs have achieved and provide options for them to focus on.

Thank you for all the good work that you do.



ROTARY RELIEF RESPONSE

Win this stunning ACRYLIC PAINTING of Point Peron on self-framed canvas (valued at \$1500)



The poster features the Rotary logo in the top left corner. The title 'ROTARY RELIEF RESPONSE RAFFLE' is prominently displayed in blue and black text. Below the title is a vibrant acrylic painting of Point Peron, a rocky island with a small sandy beach, surrounded by turquoise water. The text 'Win this stunning painting of Point Peron! (valued at \$1500)' is written below the painting. To the left, it says 'Tickets \$5' and provides the URL 'https://www.raffletix.com.au/?ref=t6w9b'. At the bottom left, it encourages buying tickets to support the Rotary Foundation for Ukraine, Polio, Flood, and Bushfire Relief. On the bottom right, it states the drawing date as '31 May 22' and includes a small photo of artist Pam Eddy painting.

**ROTARY
RELIEF RESPONSE
RAFFLE**

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.au/?ref=t6w9b](https://www.raffletix.com.au/?ref=t6w9b)

Buy now to support
Rotary Foundation
(Ukraine, Polio, Flood
& Bushfire Relief)

Drawn
31 May 22

Beautiful painting of Point Peron, Rockingham Western Australia by artist Pam Eddy is the prize of the Rotary Relief Response Raffle being run by the Rotary District 9465 Foundation Committee. Please help us to continue to support humanitarian needs by buying tickets.

[https://www.raffletix.com.au/?
ref=t6w9b](https://www.raffletix.com.au/?ref=t6w9b)

Local Artist Pam Eddy has kindly donated one of her gorgeous artworks to help support funds for **Rotary Foundation**.

Pam's love of watercolour has resulted in her winning numerous awards and having her works acquired by overseas collectors, business houses and private residences. Through a love of nature she especially enjoys painting florals, landscapes and seascapes. Pam was a finalist in the 2019 International Watercolour Fabiano Competition and Exhibition in Italy. Again exhibiting in the International Watercolour exhibition in Perth in 2020, representing WA.

Rotary is dedicated to causes that build international relationships, improve lives, and create a better world to support our peace efforts and end polio forever. Currently the world is facing uncertain times and funds raised will go to support projects both locally and abroad in particular **Polio, the Ukraine humanitarian crisis, Eastern Australia Floods and WA Bushfires**.

For more information, email projects@rotary9465.org.au



Thanks to DG Elect Ric McDonald and John Stockbridge (for RAWCS) for their assistance in our acquiring this grant.

Club members PDG Ray Hirst and Bill Hollingworth also deserve much thanks for their efforts in applying for the grant, setting up the contact with BlazeAid and their volunteers (who will do the hard work), and communicating with the Denmark Shire Council through Lee Sounness (Manager Corporate Services) to determine the needs of property owners following the extensive bushfire damage recently.

John Lightfoot, from our club, will be volunteering to work as part of BlazeAid. And we invite any able-bodied Rotarians who can spend some time here to contact BlazeAid directly to volunteer their service.

Sue Plewright, Secretary

RAWCS Press Release

Albany Port Grant

Rotary replaces up to 70 kilometres of burnt farm fencing.

The Rotary Club of Albany Port successfully applied for \$100,000 from the RAWCS Rotary Australia Relief Fund (RARF)®

After recent Bushfires in Denmark, Blazeaid advised that some 54 properties have been affected and materials are required to replace between 50 and 70 kilometres of fencing at a cost of \$10000 / \$15000 per kilometre.

Substantial work has already been done by The Rotary Club of Albany Port to properly determine the cost of fencing materials.

The dispersal of materials will be coordinated with the Shire of Denmark and The Department of Communities to ensure eligibility, and Rotary will work closely with [BlazeAid](#) to oversee the project and to ensure completion.

John Stockbridge
National Communications Manager
RAWCS



By Phil Cordery

The Annual Shine on awards Focus on the abilities of those with Disabilities. The awards were established to recognise the outstanding Community Service given by people with disabilities who, by their actions, serve as "shining examples".

Through their commitment to helping others in the Rotary Spirit of "Service above Self", they provide a significant contribution to their community.

The awards were established in 1993 Past President Bernie Jaks of D9600. This is an outstanding annual Australia-wide Rotary recognition program acknowledging exceptional service to others with a disability

Visability provided four articles crafted by residents: two lazy Susan coffee tables; half mannequin crafted over many hours by Tiziana; and one of Loc Tang's paintings. Two thousand fifty dollars (\$2050) was raised which Visability will use to purchase more materials for their workshops

The Rotary Club of Southern Districts have been organising this event for the past ten years.



Deanne Ferris from WA Blind Tandem cycling with mentor Jennifer Musgrave recently completed 165km ride



Tiziana Finocchiaro teaches Mosaics and Music at Visability pictured with mentor Ryan Honschooten and MLA Chris Tallentire



Danny Harrison has spoken at RWADE for over 10 years in the role of Road Accident survivor



Danny Harrison with President Phil Cordery and MLA Chris Tallentire



Tammey Candeloro with Mentor Ryan Honschooten Tammey organises blind Dinner outings and has Counselling Degree from Notre Dame University

► Grant Manzoney. Wheelchair-bound Grant is a successful Paralympian Badminton player and organiser of 'Bad Wheels' club



Loc Tang. Blind for several years is now an accomplished painter. Loc, a Vietnamese refugee, graduated in Pharmaceuticals

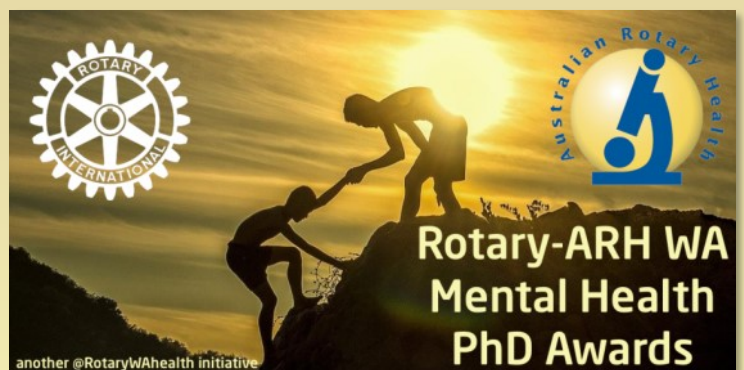
► Former awardee Grace King and successful opera singer entertained us



Australian Rotary Health WA Mental Health PhD Awards Ceremony 2021

Thursday 5 May 2022, 5.30-7.00pm, Southcare Central Manning (53 Bickley Cres, just off Manning Road)

An opportunity to hear of recent Australian Rotary Health developments, and the latest on ground-breaking local WA research into mental health. (Humanitix bookings [here](#))



This event is the award ceremony for our inaugural 2021 Australian Rotary Health WA Mental Health PhD awards.

These awards recognise local researchers, from universities in Western Australia, who have completed an excellent PhD thesis in a mental health field. The selection panel considers this research makes an outstanding contribution to the understanding and promotion of mental health, or understanding, prevention or treatment of mental illness. ([Read more...](#))

Interested Rotarians, Rotaractors, colleagues and friends interested in mental well-being are encouraged to attend.



The District 9465 Virtual Conference on Saturday was absolutely outstanding and especially so because the fantastic array of speakers had to appear on video link.

Well done to Ray P for arranging for our group, including Attadale and Melville RCs, to be hosted at the fantastic community facilities provided in Manning by the City of South Perth. Truly exceptional.

Exceptional Array of Speakers.

1. The Rotary supported **RED-CROSS LifeBlood** project, where those unfortunate enough to have a debilitating bacterial infection in the gut can receive a 'healthy transplant' of gut bacteria to completely remedy their problem.
2. Melville RC with its **indigenous scholarship program**, supported by Mineral Resources, offering an opportunity for our indigenous to undertake University Degree studies. We should consider supporting this, and maybe even aligning with our Wheatbelt mentoring project?
3. **Rotary Mental Health**, where the emphasis is changing to involve those in the 12 years and under age groups where it is dealt that earlier intervention may improve mental health outcomes. **Support for LIFT the LID WALKS.**
4. **Dr Rory Dalton, an indigenous Medico** who gained his degree as a mature age student, and how he responds to the 'little voice that drives you' in his quest to improve indigenous health and outcomes.

5. **Palm Beach RC** and its support for the environment, achieving outstanding results with both Carnaby Black Cockatoos and the Little Penguin in its local habitat.
6. *A thought provoking and strong contribution from **STAN GRANT**, covering off on his 'life in progress', from very humble beginnings, support to go to Uni, leading International Press roles, and his very real contribution in addressing the need for a change in the way we understand what really happened to our original peoples.*

Some of his comments:

- * you need someone to believe in you..(his story line)
- * be a risk taker: say yes and work out the rest
- * how do we change in a world of change?
- * what sort of a world do we want?
- * live up to the better angels of our nation
- * democracy under survival challenge.. consider the best values it offers, versus the alternative: Authoritarianism.
- * to walk together for a better future
- * accepting our history with our original people.

Stan stood easily in the open lands of his forbears and delivered this address.. it was one for the ages, for sure! It included the background sounds of magpies, cookaburras, a running stream, the odd dog walker and vehicles on a nearby road, all as the sun rose over the bush lands. Truly memorable. ▶▶▶

at Manning
community
centre, with
Applecross
(hosted),
Melville and
Attadale
Rotarians.



7. Two fantastic “Four Way Speech” finalists speaking with all the confidence that this contest gives them.
8. **Evan Burrell, a prominent NSW ‘younger’ Rotarian highlighting the role of Social Media : telling the Rotary Story, and how we need to change some of the researched perception problems we face. We need to change!! (More on this later)**
9. The **positive role of ‘ controlled burns’** on bushfire prevention and severity limitation. This was an interesting perspective on the need to maintain this process, or face the future of more out-of-control and very hot, environmentally destructive disasters.
10. **DG Pat’s interview with Dr Craig Challen**, made famous for his leading role in the rescue of the Thai Soccer Club boys deep in the caves of Northern Thailand, was worth hearing about. Pat played a role that’s the ABC’S Leigh Sales would have been proud of and covered off on much of the personal dramas of the rescue. A great story well told.

No apologies for the extent of this overview: if you coulda’ you shoulda’ been there, because, as I see it, you missed something special.

Well done to the District Conference Committee for putting the program together, and dealing with the major adversary of COVID! ❖

**Katanning
Rotary**



RAWCS - Rotary Australia World Community Service

Rotary Powers the Bush During Fire Emergencies

by Andrew Pritchard

RAWCS in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Katanning has approved a grant of \$96,000 to provide a 500KVA generator for the township. This grant comes from funds collected through RAWCS Rotary Australia Relief Fund (RARF)®.

An all agency debrief from a bush fire that impacted the town site of Katanning Feb 2020 highlighted the issue of not having an independent power supply in an emergency to the Katanning Leisure Centre, which is the primary welfare centre for the town.

The generator will power all facilities at the Katanning Leisure Centre including the 2 ovals and sheds . The sheds are included in our “Animals In Emergency Welfare Plan” and will be utilised during an emergency to house family pets and livestock.



The Local Emergency Management Committee risk register highlights the loss of power to the area for an extended length of time as an “Extreme Risk”. The Risk Register was completed 2 years ago to identify risks in the community and rate the risks in priority. The Local Emergency Management Committee work through the risk register and implement strategies that will reduce the risk.

A 500KVA generator connected to the Katanning Leisure Centre will increase the efficiency of the centre, giving community members a safe place to reside during an emergency. This could be an impact from a bush fire, flood or storm as Bush fire and flood have both impacted our community in the past 5 years.

The Centre will also be available to be used in a heatwave event if power was to be lost to the town or air conditioning was not available for residents.

Having the ability to support local families including the elderly and very young assists with reduce stress levels.



BE PART OF THE ACTION

Volunteer for ShelterBox
and share the message
that shelter saves lives!



We're looking to expand our team in WA and calling for volunteers across the state, particularly outside the CBD.

Volunteer with ShelterBox and help us spread the word about ShelterBox and the importance of shelter.

Our Area Coordinators are ambassadors for ShelterBox and share a passionate belief in ShelterBox.

They want everyone to know about the practical support we give to people who have lost their homes to disaster.

Can you give up your time to speak to Rotary Clubs about ShelterBox?

To join our team, you don't need any previous experience. We only ask that you are passionate about the work we do!

Make a start today, find out more by emailing Kierny Deutrom on kierny.deutrom@shelterbox.org.au, call 0400 273 624 or find out more on our website.

www.shelterboxaustralia.com.au/volunteer



**Imagine how our Rotary Foundation
Grants can help you change lives**

2022 District Grants Management Seminar

Sunday 1 May 2022

**Rockingham RSL
19 Memorial Drive, Peron**

9.30am -11.30am

*** Tea/Coffee available from 9am ***

***The seminar will cover updates to our Rotary Foundation,
information on applying for District and Global Grants and
Grant reporting requirements.***

This year we will be conducting a combined face-to-face and online seminar. Clubs will have the option to send representatives to the seminar in person or alternatively register for access to attend the seminar virtually. *Please indicate in the registration if you wish to participate via Zoom.*

Please note - Attendance at the Grants Seminar is one of the requirements for clubs to apply for Grants in 2022-23.

Register via the District Website - registrations close 6pm Tuesday 26 April 2022.



A Personal View on Membership

By Kenn Williams, Zone 1 AG

AS AN OBSERVATION: 'THE TIMES, THEY ARE A CHANGIN'!

Society's dynamics seem to have taken a swing away from "what can I do to support my world" to "more about me being sort of available, but on my terms".

Throw in the accumulating disinterest from the impact of COVID on so many lives, along with Social Media, Netflix, and lots of other current community 'negatives', and we do face some real headwinds in building our 'belonging to Rotary' messaging.

A NEED FOR CHANGE

I do accept that times do change, and we (read: Rotary) need to adapt to the changing expectations of our world.

However, having been involved for many years as an active Membership driver for our very community-involved Applecross RC, it truly amazes me just how hard it is to attract, and hold, the sort of new member that we need to lead our Club into the future.

Over the years, we have attracted so many aspirational younger people to join with us, had them involved in participatory and leadership roles, only to have their "OTHER LIVES" take over and they drift off.

We have been a leader in changing Club Membership rules to make it as attractive as possible for them, and others, to fit their busy schedules into our Rotary volunteer community offer.

Outcome: not too sure that making it easier to stay a member has done anything but water down our over-all participatory response in terms of commitment to the Objects of Rotary!



OBSERVATION: Every Club is an Island.

Without doubt, every Club has its own unique DNA, and it fashions its community, and Rotary offer, around what works for its members, and this has largely evolved over the years for many of our Clubs. *Happy, community minded givers!*

It is anything but unwelcoming, but it seems that today's prospective 'newbie' is reticent about making the bigger commitment under these existing 'terms', and thus joining in for the longer benefits of 'belonging'.

TRANSFORMATION STORIES

I read many of the 'transformations' for some Clubs as they reshape their way of doing things, and attract a rash of 'newbies'. Well done and the best of Rotary good fortune to keep their passions thriving.

However, I would contend that for so many of our Clubs, given their inbuilt DNA, and their member 'happy spot' commitments, any attempt at a 'makeover' will be met with internal resistance.

Easier to stay as is than face a revolt!



So, what are the options to get the engine room firing on 'new and active Member' commitments.

1. It's a common problem, so let's work on it together, and by that I mean, not on a Club by Club basis. Our Zone grouped Clubs, (or local Club groupings) with their differing meeting days and times, their differing projects and DNA, their common commitment to their local area, (often a common Local Govt.) need to agree to work together for the shared benefit of attracting 'newbies' to Rotary ranks.

Let the 'newbie' select from the what is on offer and best suits their interests and volunteering.

Zone 1 recently held one of these events.. a Volunteer Sundowner, hosted by the 4 Clubs, and each with its unique offer, and marketed through the City of Melville Volunteers Resource Centre.

At short notice, it was a great success and attracted three "newbies" and a number of enquiries for support of our local Rotary projects.

We plan for another Volunteers Sundowner in the second quarter 2022, and will review how we make the function more attractive for building a volunteer's Rotary engagement.

2. Approach your Local Governmentt at the Community Development level and seek their support for engaging with local volunteer groups to join with Rotary in local projects

This gives the opportunity for the Rotary story to be told to existing volunteers. Take along some new Project ideas to share.

Every Council is very keen to work with a committed group such as Rotary to further their community betterment.

3. Make every Club project and event a Membership drive

The follow-up work is essential, but with our work on display, it can activate 'hot buttons'

4. Tell our stories to our world

Use all the contacts through Social Media, conventional press, etc., and gets the message out that Rotary does a fantastic job as the Number 1 volunteer group in our world!



5. When setting out to attract 'newbies', have a set process in place for the initial interview and introduction to Rotary, and then their engagement

It's not always about 'getting bums on seats' and then suffering from the disappointment of early departure as often can happen.

I do hope this story is not too long winded, but it encapsulates so much of where I think we are at, given my many years in the trenches and seeing the way our world is changing around us.

Let's plan to tackle this united, or I fear that, individually, we will fail.

Kenn Williams

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TEST

SPEECH CONTEST

Rotary
District 9465



Heats commencing soon



- A public speaking competition for students in Year 10.
- Any current, interesting or important topic may be chosen.
- The speech **MUST** be based on an application of the Rotary Four-Way Test

To get involved or for more
information contact:

fwt@rotary9465.org.au



- Is it the **TRUTH**
- Is it **FAIR** to All Concerned?
- Will it build **GOODWILL** and Better Friendships?
- Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to All Concerned?

WOOROLOO BUSHIRE RECOVERY

A Rotary Story

As a community service organisation, Rotary has a long history of providing practical help for communities in times of crisis.

WA Rotary Relief, a combined Rotary project, exists precisely for that purpose, and is ready to provide disaster relief in the aftermath of bushfire, flood, cyclone, earthquake and more.

The Wooroloo bushfire response was no different.

Rotary was able to contribute \$540,000 towards the relief effort, raised from Rotary clubs and individual Rotarians, Rotary Australia World Community Service, the Rotary Foundation disaster funding, and donations sourced from philanthropists, other community groups and individuals.

WA Rotary Relief chair, Peter Durrant, said the local team welcomed advice from Rotary teams in other States who have dealt with bushfire responses in recent years. This enabled them “to hit the ground running” and provide immediate support to people affected by the Wooroloo blaze.

“Advice is shared across the country and ideas for the impacted communities of Wooroloo and Gidgegannup came from Lions and Rotary collaborating in support of our communities in Victoria, South Australia and NSW, all of whom had been through similar situations,” he said.

Relief was provided in three main categories, with an emphasis on practical funding assistance – about \$210,00 for sea containers for secure on-site storage, \$161,000 to support volunteers rebuilding fencing and \$67,000 to establish tool libraries for ongoing use for the local communities.

Peter said 47 sea containers were supplied to households in the fire zone, to store items safely on their properties. This was a challenge at a time when quality containers were difficult to find, but appreciation from the recipients showed just how valuable this donation was to them at the time.

Rotary helped BlazeAid’s volunteer fencing teams by supporting their temporary campsite and providing additional fencing supplies to complement materials donated from other sources.

Rotary worked with the City of Swan and Shire of Mundaring on the tool libraries project, with facilities now established at Tilden Park in Gidgegannup and the Wooroloo General Store to provide access to tools for the longer-term rebuilding process.

“We think the tool libraries are more than the provision of tools for work – they are managed by Rotarians, both sympathetic and empathetic to those using the facility and part of the healing process, with a warm cuppa tea and chat on offer whenever the tool library is open for business,” Peter said.

In time, the Gidgegannup tool library will be handed to the Gidgegannup Men’s Shed and the Wooroloo tool library is being handed over to Parky Care. The facilities will stay in the community and will be assets for the Australian Resilience Corps of which Rotary is a partner.

Relief funding not spent on the three main projects has been earmarked to build a fencing trailer for the Gidgegannup Men’s Shed, additional tools for the tool library as identified by the local communities and other consumables and materials still needed in the rebuilding effort.

Peter said with about 100 clubs around WA and more than 2,000 well-connected members, Rotary was uniquely placed to respond quickly and practically to events such as bushfire.

“The beauty of our organisation is that Rotary clubs all over our State, Australia and internationally can quickly join and co-ordinate whatever assistance is needed as a cohesive group,” he said.

On behalf of the communities of Gidgegannup and Wooroloo, thank you, Rotary! ❖

In Memoriam



Rotary Club of Como recently lost one of its stalwart members, GRAEME CARTER, after a brief battle with cancer.

Born in Northam, Graeme started his working career as a butcher. He then moved into life insurance before establishing a successful financial advisory business in Perth, the last 10 years with his son Nigel.

Graeme originally joined Rotary in 1987/88 with the Beaufort RC, later to become Mt Lawley RC where he was a very active member.

In February 2011, Graeme joined Como RC showing a willingness to be involved in all aspects of club membership. He joined the board as Vocational Director in July 2012, serving two years before moving to his natural home as Membership Director in July 2014 – serving another three years.

Despite Graeme's keen desire to continue his globe-trotting travels in his very active retirement years, he answered the call of duty and became Club President in July 2017 following on as Vice President in 2018-2019 and then back to Vocational Service in 2019-2020.

His wife Muriel was an inseparable companion, a regular at Rotary meetings and now has been awarded Honorary Membership.

From the Board and members of Como RC, we thank Graeme for his commitment to service and friendship.



Rotary Club of Ascot announces the passing of BEVERLEY POOR.

Bev was a valued member of the Ascot Rotary Club for 29 years and served on many committees and was always ready to help. Some of her help went unnoticed, but that's the way she wanted it.

She will be remembered by all at Ascot.

