



ROTARY CLUB OF WEST WOLLONGONG INC.

NEW SOUTH WALES AUSTRALIA

(CHARTERED 23 MARCH 1964)

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 9675

ANNUAL REPORT 2020/2021

THE FOUR WAY TEST OF THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

THE OBJECT OF ROTARY is to

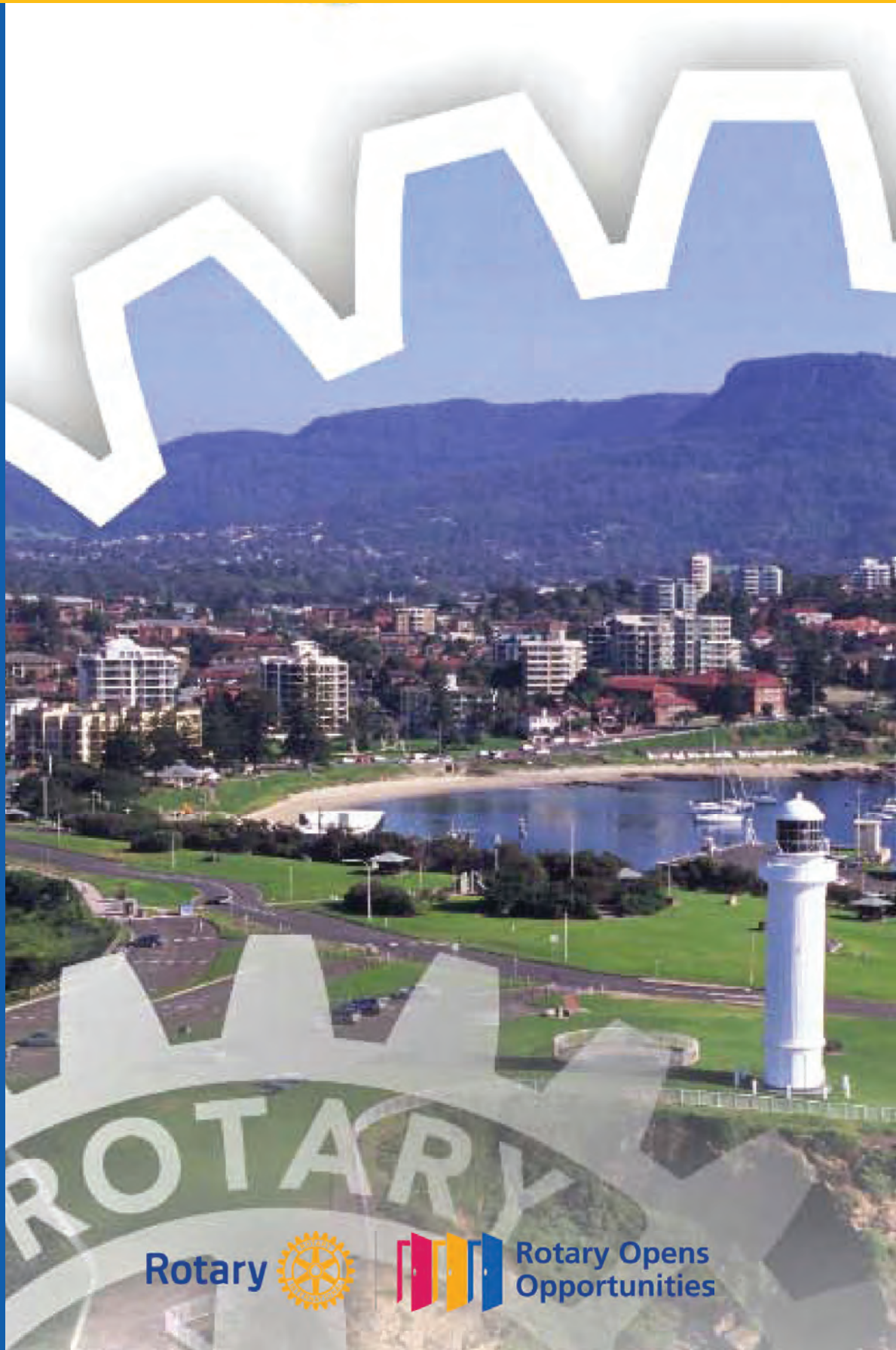
encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

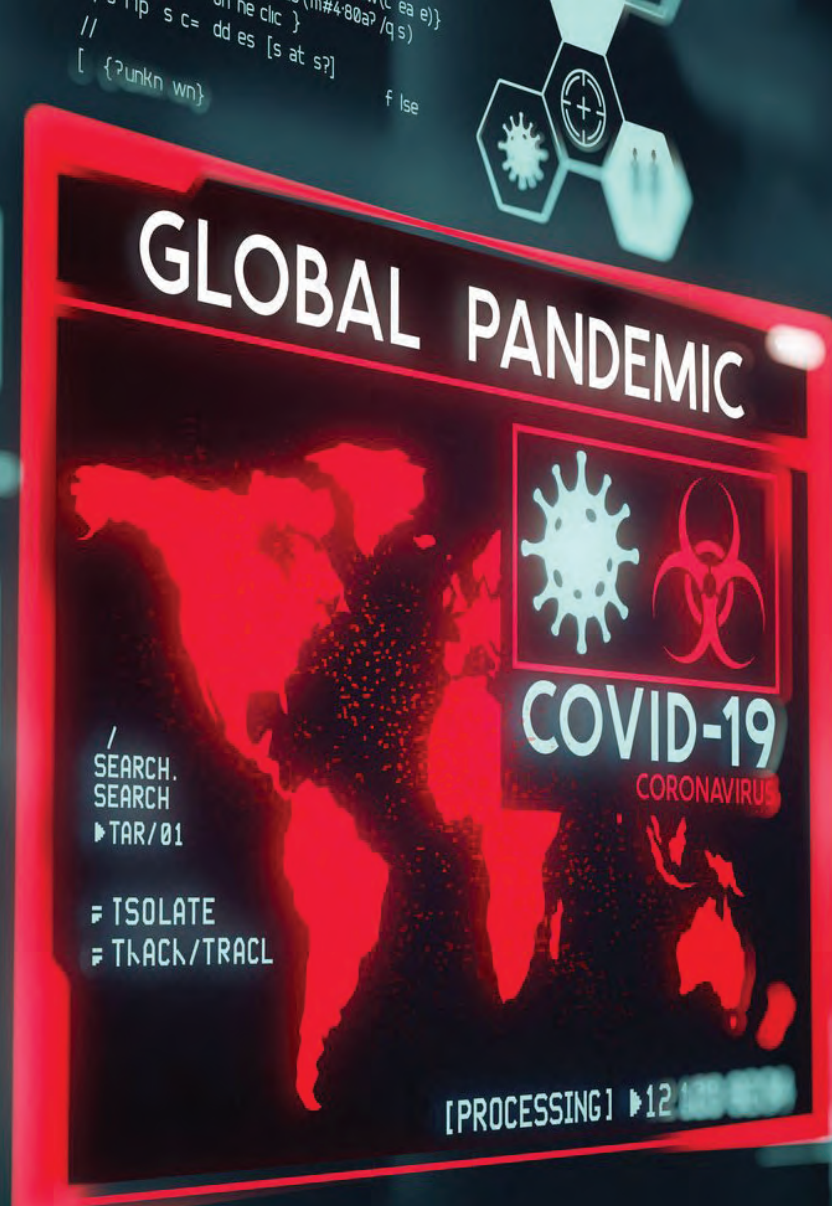
FIRST. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND. High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life; and

FOURTH. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.





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WHERE **PEOPLE** UNITE AND TAKE ACTION
TO **CREATE** LASTING
CHANGE ACROSS THE GLOBE
IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND IN OURSELVES

ROTARY CLUB OF WEST WOLLONGONG INC 2020/2021

BOARD & TEAM STRUCTURE



Club President
Rose Pope

Immediate PP
Ray Lee

Club Secretary
Angela Capri

Rotary International President
HOLGER KNAACK

Club Treasurer
Noel Watt

Club President Elect
Joanne Glaser

Club President Nominee
Aditya Ghose



District Governor 9675
WARWICK RICHARDSON



Assistant Governor 9675
Northern Illawarra
JULIE COLLARADA



President
West Wollongong Club
ROSE POPE



Director Club Administration Marilyn Phillips

Team Members

Bulletin *Michael Crowley*
Aditya Ghose
Compliance *Bob Armessen OAM*
Albert Cachia
Attendance *Noel Watt*
Member record *Noel Watt*
Welfare *Anne Christensen*
Social Event *Netty Broekman*

Club Auditor **Albert Cachia**

Director New Generations Ken Potter

RYPEN

RYLA
RYDA
NYSF

Team Members

Marilyn Phillips
PDG Di North OAM
Kerrie Hayes-Williams
Pat Di Marco
Rita Giampieri
Rose Pope

Director Foundation/Int'l Jim Christensen

Team Members

TRF and
Centurion *Jim Christensen*
ARH *Ray Lee*
Peace Oration *Aditya Ghose*
Peace Pole *Dennis Simpson*
Bob Armessen OAM
Citizenship
Ceremony *Patrick Roberts OAM*
Donation Tins *Jim Christensen*
Dennis Simpson

Director Membership John Erickson

Team Members

Speakers *Michael Campbell*
Noel Watt
Bruce Inglis
Sergeants *John Erickson*
Netty Broekman
PDG Patrick Roberts OAM
Ken Potter
Barry Stevens
Jim Christensen
New Members *John Erickson*
Mentoring *Jim Christensen*
John Erickson
Joanne Glaser

Director Community Service and Revenue Joanne Glaser

Projects

Rotary Park Arthur Booth
Warrawong PS
Lake Heights PS
Parameadows

Fundraisers

The Charles Hotel
BBQ's
Raffles

Team members

All club members

Director Public Relations Helen Hasan

Team members

Webpage *Helen Hasan*
Angela Capri
Facebook *Jim Christensen*
Instagram *Stephen Swan*
Branding *Arthur Booth*
Radio *Stephen Swan*
Newspaper *Joanne Glaser*
Rose Pope

Members on District and Northern Illawarra Committees

District Insurance Officer - *Joanne Glaser*
Australia Day - *Milan Stanojevic*
Imagination Library - *Tom O'Toole*
RYDA - *Ken Potter, Marilyn Phillips*
Ride4Rotary - *Milan Stanojevic*
Combined Clubs Raffle - *Dennis Simpson, Noel Watt*

PDG Di North OAM - Committee of the Association (COTA)



The Rotary International theme for the year, selected by RI President Holger Knaack, was **Rotary Opens Opportunities** encouraging Rotarians around the world to seize the many opportunities Rotary offers to enrich their lives and the communities in which they serve.

I've gained enormous satisfaction doing just that alongside all our members.

As Treasurer and then President I marvel at how much I've learnt and at how much more of an appreciation I have of what Rotarians do.

Many people have said I took over at a difficult time. I disagree. In fact, I was very lucky.

IPP Ray Lee had to deal with our COVID lockdown and together he and PP Helen Hasan had to work to get all members au fait with zoom – which wasn't easy.

Then I waltzed in in July and everyone was happily zooming. Attendance was already better than ever.

At this time our club organised the extremely successful combined clubs raffle which supported 14 little local businesses plus the Rotary Foundation and SAHSSI (a specialist homelessness service).

Then restrictions eased and members were delighted to get out and meet in person. Everyone was so bored we even had excellent attendance at the Club Assembly!

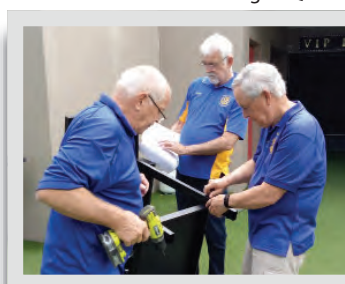
We managed to get projects and fundraising up and running quickly.

- We recommenced helping at Warrawong Public School every Tuesday morning.
- Installed a Rotary Centenary Project Peace Pole in 2 schools.
- Helped the struggling university students with meals.
- Transformed the rough undergrowth where our club had planted trees in the 90's into a lovely garden area.
- Held 6 barbeques.
- Recommenced raffles at the Charles Hotel and donated a donated BBQ to them.
- Bought and took 7+ trolley loads of much needed groceries to the Wesley Mission.
- Held a Citizenship Ceremony welcoming 10 people becoming Australians.
- Held an excellent Pride of Workmanship evening recognising 6 special people.
- Contributed to the bushfires and floods, the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, Interplast and the Port Kembla Rehab Unit. Other donations are listed in the Treasurer's report.
- Held our environmentally themed Great Debate with the UOW Rotaract Club and enjoyed their help with our park project.
- Participated in Graffiti Day and in the Ride4Rotary in which we helped raise money for Southern Youth and Family Services.

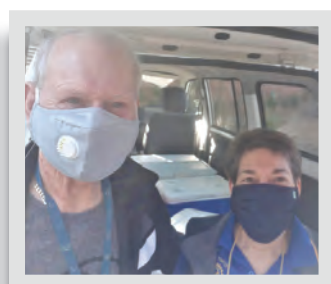
Pres. Rose summing up after a very successful night



Dennis Simpson, Barry Stevens and Noel Watt assembling BBQ



Arthur Booth and Di North OAM distributing pre-cooked meals to International Students at UOW



I've probably even forgotten some activities. All this whilst enjoying each other's company with fellowship and various outings together.

Now the Rotary Club of West Wollongong also proudly has 3 OAM recipients. Bob Armessen joined Di North and Patrick Roberts, receiving one this year for his work in Rotary. Congratulations Bob!

On the sad side we are losing a valuable, well-loved member. We are very sorry to see PP Netty Broekman go but wish her and Ben well with their new life in Melbourne.

On the happy side, 5 people were so impressed with what we do that they've joined our club, plus we have 2 returning members and 2 more who have become Friends. They have already made a huge contribution to our activities.

As far as thanks go, there are always those who do far more than enough. But everyone has done what they could, when they could and I'm very grateful for all the support I've received from the Board and every club member. I would like to make a special thank you to Jack Christensen (brother of member Jim) who has been making regular and very generous donations to our charity account.

So I become a feather duster quite happy that I pass on the Presidency of a club which has since 1964 always been active, productive and fun.

My very best wishes go to President Elect Joanne Glaser and the 2021/22 Board.

ROSE POPE
PRESIDENT 2020/2021

Immediate Past President Ray Lee handed the 'baton' over to President Rose Pope



Board Members 2020/2021

L to R. PP John Erickson, Secretary Angela Capri, Joanne Glaser, PP Marilyn Phillips, PP Ken Potter, President Rose Pope, PP Jim Christensen, IPP Ray Lee, Treasurer Noel Watt, (absent: PP Helen Hasan)





It was great to get back into **Warrawong School** to continue our efforts in establishing new gardens, maintaining gardens that we'd been working on prior to Covid and doing some more work on the kid's car track that we'd built last year. It is always an enjoyable time with the boys and girls on these projects and especially with **Ben Anderson**, the co-ordinator of everything large and small in the outdoor areas.

During the locked out period most of the areas had become very overgrown and consequently there was plenty of weeding and mulching to be done by our group of dedicated barrow pushers, none more than **Michael Crowley** who loves the challenge of doing more trips up and down the hill than all of us put together.

Work has started on the construction of a couple of joining **cubby houses** which will be another great area for the kids to get some enjoyment with along with the new **Flower Garden** area.

Our team of **Dad's and Mum's Army** is greatly appreciated by the school staff but just as importantly I think the kids love having us around as well.

Well done Team.
Dennis Simpson



Rotary fundraising opportunities were very limited for the first 4 months of the year, but we did manage to run 2 zoom raffles in this period - a Club raffle and a very successful **Combined 7 Rotary Clubs Raffle** which raised **\$2905** shared equally between **SAHSSI (Supported Accommodation & Homelessness Services Shoalhaven Illawarra)** and the **Rotary Foundation**.

We have been very successful fundraising once our face-to-face meeting restarted and it can be seen in the income estimate below.

Our fundraising has enabled the following summary of our donations for the Financial Year 2020 to 2021.

The **Charity Account** still holds the funds from the closure of the **Baby Capsule Project**. The use of these funds will be looked at in the future.

It's not possible to produce an audited set of accounts for the current year as this report is prepared prior to June 30. An audited financial report will be tabled at our AGM meeting in November.

CHARITY ACCOUNT

INCOME

Barbeques	\$ 8,000
Charles Hotel Raffle	\$ 7,500
Charles Hotel Donation	\$ 2,000
District Grant (Interplast)	\$ 2,000
Jack Christensen	\$ 1,300
Centurion	\$ 1,300
Collection Tins	\$ 1,200
ARH & Combined Raffle	\$ 1,000

EXPENDITURE

INTERNATIONAL

Interplast Australia & NZ	\$ 4,000
Polio+ & Rotary Foundation	\$ 2,630

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

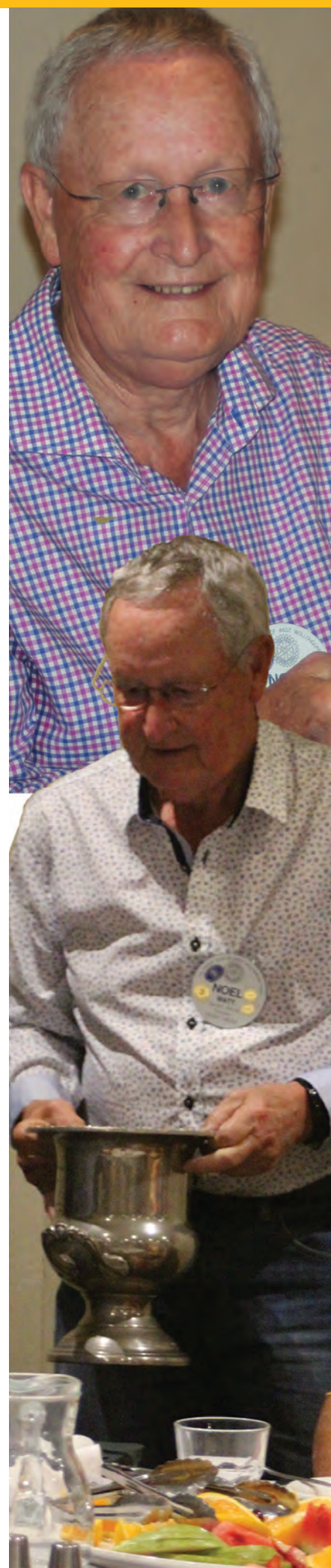
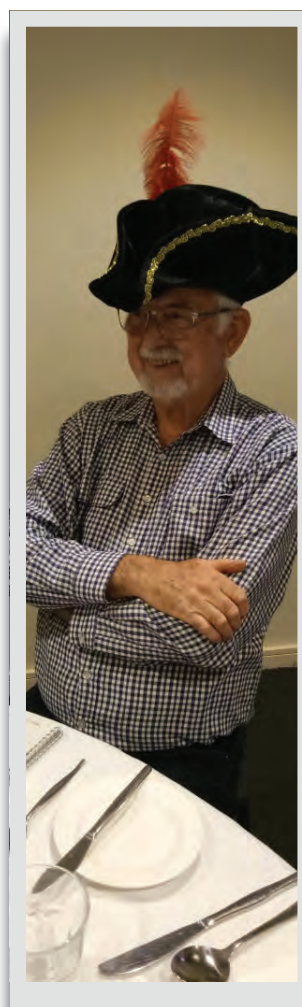
Rotary Wauchope for Flood Victims	\$ 5,000
UOW John Chaplin Scholarship	\$ 3,000
Wesley Church Xmas Dinners	\$ 1,000
Wesley Food for Needy	\$ 1,000
Port Kembla Hospital Rehab Unit	\$ 1,000
Imagination Library	\$ 1,000
Citizenship Ceremony	\$ 800
University Student Meals	\$ 620
Ride4Rotary (SYFS)	\$ 600
Pride of Workmanship	\$ 530
Australian Rotary Health	\$ 500
Peace Poles	\$ 400

I would like to congratulate the club members for their exceptional efforts raising funds and all the generous members of the community who have made donations that have enabled us to help our many worthwhile causes.

NOEL WATT

TREASURER 2020/2021

Barry Stevens





This year, as with last year, continues to be quite a challenge for all at our Club, but more so for our Executive and what a great job they have achieved under the circumstances. Although **Club Administration** has been very different these last two years it continues to march along without hint of weariness. I would like to thank my diligent team for their assistance throughout the year. My Directorship has been made exceedingly easy by the great crew that is always there to support me with any project.

Bulletin- Michael Crowley and Aditya Ghose

Michael is doing an outstanding job with the Bulletin and this is especially true during our present trying time with the continuance of COVID-19. He keeps us updated on coming events and projects along with letting us know the Rotary theme for the month. He also ensures our bulletins are forwarded to our honorary members and other Clubs to keep them informed of our Club's activities. Thank you, Michael for all your hard work with the bulletin. My thanks also to Aditya for filling in and continuing to ensure we remained fully informed while Michael was away.

Attendance- Noel Watt

Noel now keeps the records of our weekly meeting attendance. It is not necessary to report our attendance or makeups to Rotary International. Thank you, Noel for a great job.

Welfare- Anne Christensen

Anne has been very busy over the year keeping us updated on members' welfare each meeting. She ensures that members receive phone calls, visits, cards and flowers when they have had some difficult challenges in their life. Anne you are doing a fantastic job and we congratulate you on your efforts.

Fellowship- Netty Broekman

Netty has arranged some great outings and events to enable us to have great fellowship together. We have had lovely morning teas, lunches and dinners, along with picnics, concerts and of course our Christmas Party. We are truly thankful to have had Netty as a member of our club for all these years, and she will be sadly missed by all members when she & Ben return to Melbourne.

Risk Management- Barry Stevens

One of the necessary parts of our modern Rotary life in this new era of change is to ensure we have risk management plans. These are devised to protect and support our members and must be updated each year and presented to the board. Barry has done a great job of organising this for the Club for this year. Thank you, Barry for your service you are the perfect person to get these plans revised to record our current procedures.

Club Constitution and By-Laws- Bob Armessen

Bob has done a fantastic job of updating our **Constitution and By-Laws** to reflect the current policies of our Club. These are the fundamental guidelines of **Rotary International** by which our Club is governed. It is a written document that relates to the rights of the members of our Club and must be updated regularly to correspond to **Rotary International** changes in policy.

Visit to WIN Stadium



NSW & ACT COMMUNITY SERVICE

AWARDS

The team below once again provided judging for the awards. The finalists were decided by the team. The winner was subsequently determined by a panel which included Patrick as expert judge.



Citizenship- Patrick Roberts and Marilyn Phillips

Citizenship has become a part of our Club's calendar for over 20 years and again this year it was no different. In order for this night to be as successful as it has been over the years requires a lot of effort from a number of Club members, in particular **Patrick and Yvonne Roberts, Joanne Glaser, Michael Crowley, Ken Potter** and myself to name a few. It is always a fantastic night and creates a lovely memory for our new citizens of their special day. We have even managed to gain some new members from this night. I would like to thank all the members who assist on this night looking after our new Citizens and all the members who assist Patrick and myself to enable this to be such a special night for our Citizens. One of our own members who has immigrated to this country gives a lovely speech about his/her experience and this adds another illustrious dimension to the night. This year we welcomed 10 new citizens along with **Rotarian David Guillaume** from the **Rotary Club of Fairy Meadow**.

This is a rundown of **Club Administration** and I welcome feedback and ideas to improve our Club. In closing, I would like to thank all the members for their attention to duty over the year. Without such dedicated members we would not be able to continue at the high level that has become the norm in this Club.

MARILYN PHILLIPS
DIRECTOR - CLUB ADMINISTRATION 2020/2021

Lord Mayor Councillor Gordon Bradbery AM presented the Certificates and the Minister's message on behalf of the Department of Immigration.



CANDIDATES	
Sasho KUZMANOSKI – Macedonia	Sharon Davina MAGUIRE – United Kingdom
Gabriel Jose CAMPOS MOREIRA - Portugal	Robert Edward Henry MILLER – South Africa
DR Joseph Patrick GEENTY – New Zealand	John Matthew POWELL – United Kingdom
Susan Gail GEENTY – New Zealand	Jenna Louise SMITH – United Kingdom
Cyril JOY - India	David GUILLAUME – United Kingdom





Despite the interruptions caused by the Covid restrictions our Club has enjoyed a successful program of activities and membership growth. This seems to be against the general trend facing many service organisations who continue to suffer falling memberships.

The great success owes greatly to the efforts of **President Rose Pope** who has actively recruited several new members and friends to our Club.

In July our previously long-term serving member, **Angela Capri**, returned to the membership and took the role of **Club Secretary**. Then in December we were boosted by the joining of **Phil Peckman, Rita Giampieri** and **Patricia Di Marco** as valuable members.

In March happily our long-term Friend **Janet Crakanthorp** was welcomed to full membership. On the same evening **Rtn. Diane Quinlin** transferred from another local Club to further swell the membership numbers and **Di Reid** and **Ros Yeoman** joined as Friends. All have been actively involved with many of our Club projects.

Before June 30, we hope to also welcome back **Jessie Blundell** who had been a member for 19 years until 2015 and has been an Honorary member since then.

Many of our long serving members were recognised for their years of service to the Club at a certificate presentation ceremony. Despite their many years of service they are all actively involved in the Club's activities both in the planning processes and the work implementation. **Robert Armessen OAM** was recognised with an **Australia Day honour** for his tireless contribution to the Club's activities over many years and the Club congratulates him for this prestigious honour.

In August Club members completed the **"Your Rotary-Shaping the next 100 Years"** survey from which I compiled a report and presented it to the Club. Whilst it highlighted some area for improvement, it was overall, a pleasing outcome.

Thank you to **Michael Campbell** who was chief organiser of all our excellent speakers every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month.

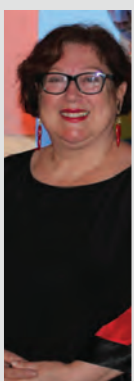
The pre-dinner drinks in the **Centro CBD** courtyard during the summer months continue to be a success with good attendances and an additional opportunity for valuable social interaction between the members. I hope this event continues into the next Rotary year.

Our gender base is healthy at **55% male** and **45% female** members with each group bringing their respective strengths to the Club.

I would like to recognise the support of the **Membership Committee** and also the **Board** for their direction and support. I believe the Club is in a strong position and wish the new incoming Board and committees the best of luck for the continuing success of the **Rotary Club of West Wollongong**.

PP JOHN ERICKSON
DIRECTOR - MEMBERSHIP 2020/2021

Rita Giampieri



Phil Peckman



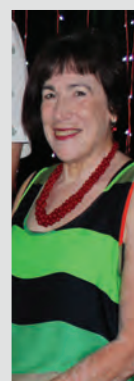
Janet Crakanthorp



Diane Quinlin



Patricia Di Marco



Di Reid



Ros Yeoman



Well, the year was severely disrupted by **Covid**, as were many projects, resulting in us being shut down until 2 weeks prior to Christmas and then a further 2 week break until the New Year. Since then, there have been various restrictions placed on our operation, social distancing and masks, but we got through.

Our profit is down on previous years, but we have still managed to accumulate some much needed funds which will be allocated to various charitable needs throughout our community.

The rostered team have worked very well and I sincerely thank them for the commitment they have all shown during some challenging times, and just as important, it has been enjoyable.

The Management and staff of **The Charles Hotel** have been extremely cooperative and generous as usual throughout the year and we appreciate the on-going support afforded to us both with the Thursday night raffles and the Saturday afternoon sausage sizzles. A big thank you to **The Charles Team**.

Let us not forget the very generous patrons of the hotel who support us every week and have done for the past 20 odd years of **Rotary Raffles** at the pub.

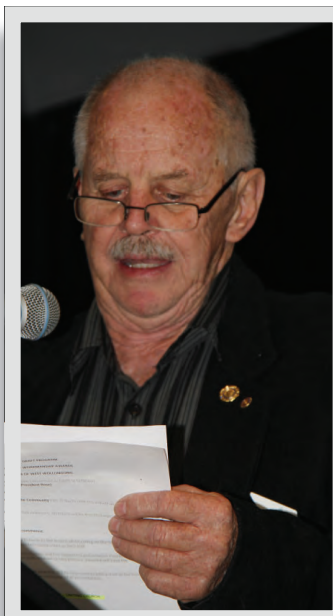
Dennis Simpson

BBQ delivered to Charles Hotel

Donated BBQ and accessories with
CEO of Bunnings



Dennis Simpson





Sitting writing this report and reflecting on this Rotary year for Community Service, it has been even stranger than last year. Covid has changed our lives and the way we do everything including fundraising. The year started with us all still in lockdown and not able to do anything.

We continued to donate meals to the Hospital workers, but all other projects were “shelved” as we waited for our communities to return to some sort of normality. Towards the end of the year we were given the first **Bunnings BBQ** at the new Kembla Grange store. How excited we were to be back!! The BBQs now needed 5 people per shift and we needed to socially distance as well as keep the customers safe. West Wollongong rose to that challenge and in fact set the standard for others to follow. It was a very successful BBQ in all ways. Just when we thought we were back permanently, Bunnings put their BBQs on hold again, so we waited again. It was not until well into the New Year that we restarted BBQing.

I want to thank all those who have volunteered and worked in what have been different circumstances. Every member has embraced the changes and adapted to new situations with good humour and grace. Our total for a sporadic year of BBQs is \$7,796.00 net approximately which is an amazing achievement with only a handful of events.

After months of not being able to hold our **raffle at the Charles Hotel**, it has restarted. Dennis has been so dedicated in leading and conducting the raffle. Although the numbers are not as large as they have been, the Hotel patrons have continued to support us and we are very grateful. So far the raffle has raised a huge \$6,526. By way of showing our support for the hotel, we donated a much-needed BBQ and equipment to them for their Saturday BBQs which are being run as a donation to our club and SAHSSI.

Our thanks must go to **Bunnings at Bellambi for donating this BBQ** and all of the equipment for this very worthwhile cause. From these Pub BBQs, the **Charles Hotel has donated to us** some \$2,000 for our charity donations.

Jim's tins continue to raise funds for charity, even in a difficult year. Jim and Dennis continue to collect the money from these tins on a regular basis and this year the tins have raised a huge \$968.00. What a great total for a reasonably passive fundraiser.

We were very fortunate to finally be able to have our **Citizenship Night** again this year. My thanks to **Patrick Roberts OAM** and **Marilyn Phillips** for again organising a truly memorable and very successful evening. We had a range of nationalities becoming Australian citizens and it was good to have our **Lord Mayor Gordon Bradbery AM**, back with us to conduct the ceremony. Our speaker **Jane Lee (wife of IPP Ray Lee)**, spoke about the privilege of being an Australian. It was a fabulous evening enjoyed by all.

Members who were formally recognised during the final meeting of 2020 ... Anne Christensen (23 years), Marilyn Phillips (21 years) and Ken Potter (20 years) ... pictured right with President Rose & PP John Erickson.



A club effort to spread mulch and replant at what affectionately has become known as **Arthur's Park**, has had new and old members working together. We have spread some 10 truckloads of mulch and planted over 240 plants given to us by Wollongong Botanic Gardens and restored 2 benches which are now installed. What a fabulous effort and a wonderful community project! Some Sundays have become the working bee days for this fabulous programme and the Club has transformed this area from an unused area into an inviting part of Throsby Drive. The work is a continuing project with more planting to come.

As Covid set in and there were few fundraising opportunities, our Club came up with the idea of **supporting local business through a raffle**. We had 6 other Illawarra Rotary Clubs participate and we each nominated 2 businesses such as restaurants, butchers, florists etc. Paid for by ticket sales, vouchers for each were raffled on a weekly basis. The remaining funds raised went to The Rotary Foundation and SAHSSI. It was great fun and connected us on zoom for some light entertainment.

Australia Day (Straya Day) rolled around and although we could not celebrate as we had, we joined our District in celebrating our Health workers who had worked so diligently and quietly through the Covid months. We helped deliver lamingtons in recognition of their services. It was a small gesture by Rotarians that brought so much pleasure to these special people and let us all celebrate their work and dedication through a difficult time.

The time of year came for the annual **Graffiti Removal Day** project. We suited up with brushes and paint and a wonderful gurney that Di North OAM had bought through a grant and we set to work in Corrimal with **Corrimal Rotary Club, Rotaractors, and local community volunteers** to paint and wash away graffiti from buildings in the shopping area. It was a fun day with a wonderful BBQ at the end donated by Coles. What a difference a few hours can make to the look of these vandalised areas. **John Erickson** and **David North OAM** did a sterling job on gurneying various areas whilst Dieter, Milan, Rose, Jim, Di and myself painted many walls in various shades from pink to black!

I cannot talk enough about the success of our **Pride of Workmanship** evening. It was a community recognition event that we had not participated in for some time. Suggested by our **President Rose Pope**, and enthusiastically embraced by **Jim Christensen** and others, we recognised 6 individuals from very different areas – a postie, a butcher, a teacher, an electrician, a volunteer worker and an IT trainer. It was wonderful to recognise their enterprise and initiative in our community and also wonderful to have had 10 co-workers from Australia Post attend.

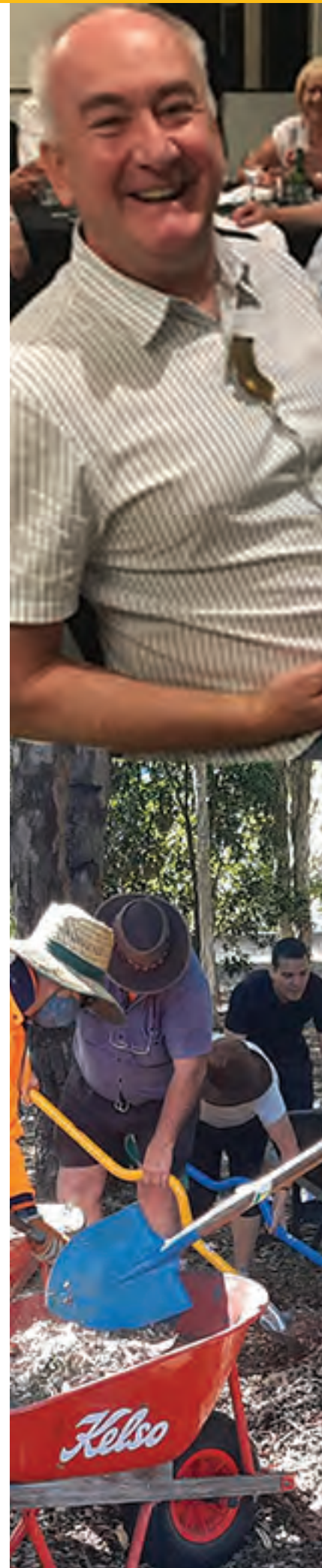
The Wesley Community Centre feeds the homeless and underprivileged each day and have had a shortage of food to give to them. It was an opportunity to again engage in our community and contribute to a very worthwhile project. Our members shopped and donated \$1,000 worth of groceries. **Woolworths** donated 2 vouchers which were also given to the Mission.

Some of our members joined the other 100 or so Rotarians in fundraising for **SYFS** (disadvantaged and vulnerable kids) in the **Ride4Rotary**. Our members bravely joined the peloton and peddled around the **Velodrome at Unanderra** on a beautiful day. A fun day was had by all and our team – **the West Wollongong Wobbly Wheelers** - through sponsorship, managed to raise the sixth highest amount of money.

A little earlier this year, we were able to resume our work at **Warrawong Primary School**. It was good to be back amongst the students and teachers and to be able to continue our work at the school on the gardens.

I would like to thank every member of the Club for their support, energy and good humour in volunteering in this very difficult year. It is a privilege and a pleasure to work alongside each and every one of you.

JOANNE GLASER
DIRECTOR - COMMUNITY SERVICES 2020/2021

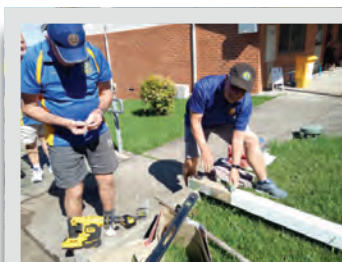


LOCAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Throsby Park Garden Project (Arthur's Park)



Installing Peace Pole at Lake Heights Public School



Graffiti Removal Day



LOCAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS



Members collecting & delivering food supplies for The Wesley Community Centre & Soup Kitchen



Meals for International students UOW

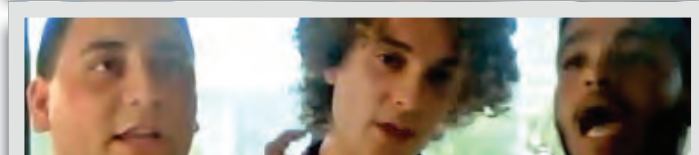
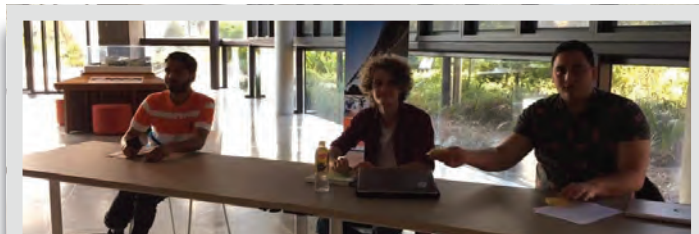


GREAT DEBATE 2020

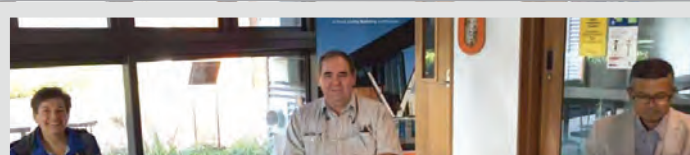
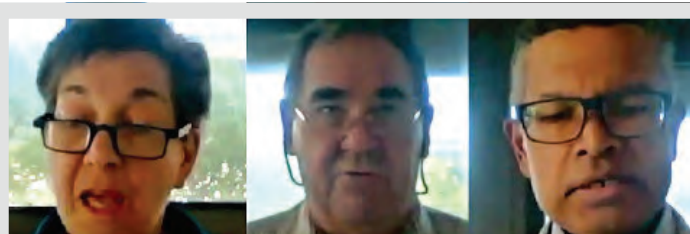
DEBATING THE TOPIC: "THE YOUNGER GENERATION ARE HYPOCRITICAL WHEN BLAMING THE OLDER GENERATION FOR CLIMATE CHANGE"

THE VICTORS - THE UOW ROTARACT CLUB

The team from the University of Wollongong Rotaract Club debating for the negative:
Sisaru Chithrasiri, Haydn Urquhart Boon and Liam Douglas



The team from the Rotary Club of West Wollongong debating for the affirmative:
Di North OAM, Ken Potter and Aditya Ghose



FELLOWSHIP







It is an understatement, to say that **COVID-19** has had a devastating effect on Youth Programs. The programs were virtually at a standstill all year except for **Model United Nations Assembly** recently and some **RYDA** activity in August and October 2020. Two incursions of the **RYDA** program took place at **Albion Park High School** and **Keira High School**. Both events were well received and attended by all students in the cohort. This format for the **RYDA Program** is successful and is low in cost, in that the Program is conducted at the school, with no need for permission notes, bus expenses or venue costs.

However, the Stopping Distance Demonstration must be presented as a static display and does not have the same "impact on the students" as the live demonstration at **Kembla Grange Racecourse**. **RYDA** is being promoted to the high schools at present, to resume on dates from July through November as an incursion and an excursion and it is anticipated that 2 years of students may attend from each school, to include those students who missed the Program last year.

A **District Grant** has been retained for the ongoing operation of the program and Club Grants NSW money was received by **RSE** from **The Shellharbour Club** and for which we are very grateful.

With the assistance of Marilyn, Pat and Rita we were able to compile a presentation/ booklet detailing the **Youth Programs** that the club promotes and invited schools to attend an information night on 17th March. Those who attended were informed of the Programs and were suitably impressed I feel, though the overall attendance was a little disappointing for the effort involved. Of course, we still have the presentation, and it can be updated as needs be.

Working with Children Checks are part of this portfolio and are ably administered by **President Elect Joanne** and I thank her for her diligence.

The recipient of "**The John Chaplin Memorial Scholarship**" is **Abigail Leplaw**. The recipient of the co-funded **Australian Rotary Health PhD Scholarship** is **Mitchell St Clair-Glover**. The details of the operation of these Scholarships are outlined in the Foundation Section of the Annual Report.

My thanks go to those who assisted work in this portfolio in what was a difficult and challenging year.

PP KEN POTTER

DIRECTOR - YOUTH SERVICES 2020/2021

Zoom Meeting with our 2010 Swiss Exchange Student Annik Muller



The Pride of Workmanship (PoW) is a Rotary programme to promote Vocational Service. It is to promote Pride of Workmanship in ALL vocations and hence provides employers with an opportunity to recognise employees who display those qualities which are worthy of an award.

PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP AWARDEES



Volunteer Theresa Minter of Wesley Care, sponsored by **Karen Zaini**.



Butcher Lachy Kerr of Cleaver & Co. Meats, sponsored by **Ros Yeoman**.



Electrician Glenn Jones of Glenn Jones Electrical, sponsored by **John Erickson**.



Postie Steve Davies of Australia Post, sponsored by **Di North OAM**.



IT Trainer Kim Leach of Living Connected, sponsored by **Prof. Helen Hasan**.



Teacher Ben Anderson of Warrawong Public School sponsored by **Dennis Simpson**





By the start of this Rotary year, members were confidently and happily using zoom. During this time we successfully connected with 14 businesses, supporting them with an online raffle. Again this year we've had significant media attention.

First was a sizeable article in the **Advertiser** in November, describing our partnering with the Rotary Club of Liverpool supplying meals to the very needy university students.

Then in the **Mercury**, our projects and those of other Illawarra clubs were highlighted in a special 2 page spread on **Australia Day**. The **Rotary flag** was literally flown as Rotarians delivered 1,000 lamingtons to local first responders to the fires, flood and pandemic.

On the same day in the same publication was the photo and article of our member **Bob Armessen** receiving an **OAM** for his service to **Rotary International**.

Our third publicity was due to **Di North OAM** who secured the **Mercury** and **WIN TV** to advertise Rotary's efforts on **Graffiti Removal Day**.

In October we connected with the **University of Wollongong Rotaract Club** holding a hotly contested but fun debate with the topic:

"The younger generation are hypocritical when blaming the older generation for climate change".

It was also mutually beneficial with respect to learning how each club is progressing and sharing ideas.

Thanks to **Jim Christensen** and **Stephen Swan** our activities have been well advertised on **Facebook** and **Instagram** respectively.

We've also been updating our webpage and will continue to do so.

Our project in the park, our weekly raffle at the **Charles Hotel**, our participation in the **Ride4Rotary**, **Citizenship** and **Pride of Workmanship** Nights have been very well received by all participating, most of whom had previously not known anything about what we Rotarians do. Wearing our club shirts during community activities also always brings positive comments and notice.

All in all a very successful year for PR.

PP HELEN HASAN

DIRECTOR - PUBLIC RELATIONS 2020/2021

RED SHIELD APPEAL – SATURDAY 29 MAY 2021

Di North OAM, Barry Stevens, Jim Christensen, Milan Stanojevic, Marilyn Phillips & Rose Pope ... all braving the chilly weather at Fred Finch Park



Well I am not going to mention the terrible times we all had during this 12 months but rather tell you all about my great trip to Queensland and back. Guess I should save that for another time.

The Rotary Foundation

Apart from our **Centurion donations** our contributions to the Foundation also included proceeds from the combined clubs raffle which were presented during our support of the **End Polio Now Train Ride**. I will leave the finances to our Treasurer but hopefully we can do even better next year.

Australian Rotary Health

Our annual Mad Hat night was both fun and successful, raising money for ARH. The winners with the best hats were judged by our unbiased visiting Rotarian Diane Mitchell.

International Peace

Despite restrictions our contribution to International Peace was installing a **Peace Pole** in 2 local primary schools – Warrawong and Lake Heights. This is a Rotary Centenary project run by the **Rotary Club of Canberra Burley Griffin**. Each pole has “**May there be Peace on Earth**” in 4 languages according to the school’s cohort.

Assemblies around these poles will be organised for **World Peace Day** in September.

Besides the above we held the fantastic **Pride of Workmanship Evening** in which I had the privilege to assist both **John Erickson** and **Phil Peckman**.

Peace Pole
Lake Heights PS



Peace Pole - Warrawong PS



Jim Christensen coordinated West Wollongong Rotarians to collect and deliver 600 pre-cooked meals. These meals were generously provided by Harry Hunt, a Rotarian from the Rotary Club of Liverpool, to distribute to International students from UOW in need.





My portfolio was in the main actioned by the great efforts of **Michael Crowley** who I thank for the below information.

The Rotary Club of West Wollongong John Chaplin Memorial Scholarship with the University of Wollongong

In 2020 the Board agreed to continue the Club's involvement with the University of Wollongong's (UOW) Community Scholarship program by donating \$3,000 per annum over two years for an undergraduate student meeting pre-set criteria.

Unfortunately, COVID-19 restrictions prevented members from meeting the successful applicant, **Abigail Leplaw**, until early 2021. Abigail has a Bachelor of Nursing from UOW and will complete her Honours in 2021. At some future time, she also plans to undertake a PhD on mental health.

While her academic record is strong, she has been actively involved in Scouting for many years, is a Venturer leader and has volunteered overseas in India and Switzerland.

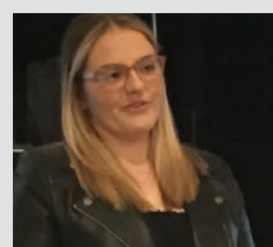
From a nursing perspective, Abigail has volunteered in Cambodia and Kenya by undertaking nursing placements in both countries. Locally, Abigail has worked part-time as an Assistant in Nursing at Marco Polo and Triple Care Farm that has assisted her down the path of becoming a mental health nurse, a position she currently occupies at Long Bay Correction Centre.

On the evening of Abigail's presentation we were fortunate to have **Mrs Adelle Chaplin and Suzanne Chaplin** present, at which time Adelle presented Abigail with the Club's John Chaplin Memorial Scholarship certificate. Abigail is very appreciative of the Club's support via the scholarship, which has gone a long way towards helping achieve her study and career goals.

Adelle Chaplin
presenting Abigail Leplaw
with the John Chaplin
Memorial
Scholarship certificate



Abigail Leplaw



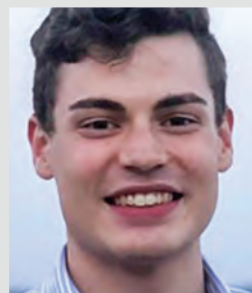
Australian Rotary Health (ARH) PhD Research (Co-funded) Scholarship

Our Club has been involved with ARH's PhD Scholarship program since the 50th Anniversary of the Club's Charter in March 2014.

Mitchell St Clair-Glover is the recipient of the second of our Australian Rotary Health Scholarships, which was granted in 2020, and his research is especially important for burns victims. Mitchell, who is a student at UOW undertaking a PhD in Medical Science, works with stem cells to model human tissues such as nerves and the skin. His PhD research work involves the development of a human skin model with sensory nerves by 3D printing.

Needless to say, this is an exciting and potentially ground-breaking project and we will be kept informed of Mitchell's progress throughout the duration of his research from written reports sent to us by ARH as well as future presentations to members during our Club meetings.

PhD scholar
Mitchell St Clair-Glover



PP JIM CHRISTENSEN
DIRECTOR - FOUNDATION AND INTERNATIONAL
2020/2021

AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH - MAD HAT NIGHT



Winner most creative was – Ray Lee for his Easter bonnet

Winner most colourful was – Diane Quinlin for her multi-colour hair hat

Anne Chistensen and daughter Dianna



INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT

End Polio Now Train Ride

Interplast





Club Gold Citation from Rotary International



Immediate Past District Governor, Di North OAM, spoke about her year as District Governor



President Rose made a presentation to Julie Sudiro - General Manager of SAHSSI
L to R President Rose, AG Kerrie Guillaume, Julie Sudiro and AG Julie Collareda



Port Kembla Hospital General Manager, Chris Lowry, and Deputy Director of Nursing, Louise Morrison, were presented with a certificate of appreciation from the Club by IPP Ray Lee (pictured left).



PAUL HARRIS FELLOW



In appreciation of tangible and significant assistance given for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations among peoples of the world.

Marilyn Phillips - PHF Sapphire



Michael Crowley - PHF Sapphire



PDG Di North OAM - PHF Sapphire



Jim Christensen - PHF Sapphire



Anne Christensen- PHF Sapphire





PAST PRESIDENTS

Charter 1964	Elwyn Mackay	1992-1993	Michael Campbell
1965-1966	Alan Reid	1993-1994	Bill Whitting
1966-1967	Jack Poel	1994-1995	Darryl Pearce
1967	Neville Trotter	1995-1996	Michael Mitchell
1968	Elwyn Mackay	1996-1997	Arthur Booth
1968-1969	Bill Shoobert	1997-1998	Ross Willmot
1969-1970	Ron King	1998	Arthur Booth
1970-1971	Roger Kee	1998-1999	Albert Cachia
1971-1972	Doug Gorrell	1999-2000	Patrick Roberts OAM
1972-1973	Allan Hoy	2000-2001	Jessie Blundell
1973-1974	Vic Evans	2001-2002	John Bown
1974-1975	Hubert Burrows	2002-2003	Noel Watt
1975-1976	Bill Fancourt	2003-2004	Kim Hockings
1976-1977	Mike Calway	2004-2005	John Crakanthorp
1977-1978	Ken Barnes	2005-2006	Jason Hedley
1978-1979	Marcel Benson	2006	Greg Hart
1979-1980	John Chaplin OAM	2006-2007	John Crakanthorp
1980-1981	George Reynolds	2007-2008	Ken Potter
1981-1982	Tudor Mackay	2008-2009	Bruce Inglis
1982-1983	Harvey Chesterfield- Evans	2009-2010	Bruce Inglis
1983-1984	Hilton King	2010-2011	Jim Christensen
1984-1985	John Aldridge	2011-2012	Netty Broekman
1985-1986	Brian Hedley	2012-2013	Marilyn Phillips
1986-1987	Ron Pedersen	2013-2014	Michael Crowley
1987-1988	Neil Preston	2014-2015	Michael Crowley
1988-1989	Ian Bowmaker	2015-2016	Kerrie Hayes-Williams
1989-1990	Barry Blundell	2016-2017	Jim Christensen
1990-1991	Goolam Ganey	2017-2018	Jessica Gnata
1991-1992	Brian Davis	2018-2019	Helen Hasan
		2019-2020	Ray Lee
		2020-2021	Rose Pope

DISTRICT GOVERNOR

2005-2006	Patrick Roberts OAM
2008	Patrick Roberts OAM
2019-2020	Di North OAM

DISTRICT SECRETARY

John Chaplin OAM	1984-1985
Jessie Blundell	2005-2006
Di North OAM	2016-2017

HONORARY MEMBERS

PP Barry Blundell
Bob Ridley
PP Kim Hockings
PP John Harper
PDS PAG PP Jessie Blundell
Tim Koppel

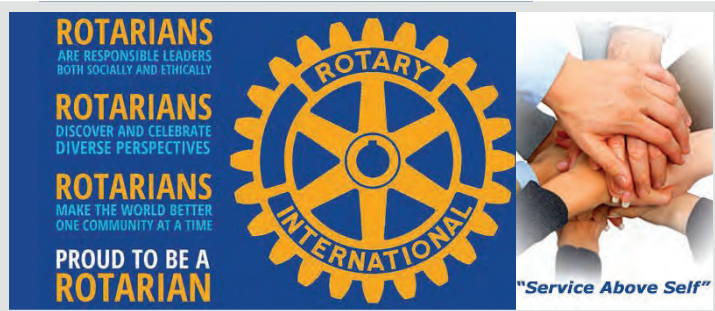
WOMEN IN BUSINESS AWARDS – FRIDAY 31 JULY 2020

Congratulations to **Past President Prof. Helen Hasan** (pictured left) for receiving the Highly Commended recognition in the 'Outstanding Commitment to the Community' category and Friend of the Club, **Yvonne Walker**, (pictured right) for winning the 'Champion Networker' category.

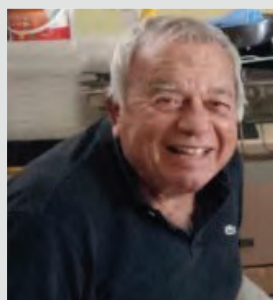


Date	Speaker & Topic	Date	Speaker & Topic
1-July-20	Changeover	6-Jan-21	No Meeting
8-July-20	<i>Judith Hurley</i> – The Growing Kindness Project (Zoom Meeting) + Discussion of proposed updated Constitution & Bylaws	13-Jan-21	Philippines Dental Project – <i>Stephen Swan & John Pearman</i>
15-July-20	Bunnings BBQ Info – <i>Joanne Glaser</i>	20-Jan-21	Club Assembly/Fellowship
22-July-20	<i>Michael Tobin</i> - 'The Battle of Gettysburg'	27-Jan-21	Joice Loch - Australia's Most Heroic Woman ... presented by <i>Paul Wand AM</i>
29-July-20	'Think about Local Knowledge' <i>Dennis Simpson</i>	3-Feb-21	A brief introduction to 'Instagram' by <i>Stephen Swan</i>
5-Aug-20	Zoom Meeting: Details TBA	10-Feb-21	Club members' talks featuring <i>Phil Peckman & Patricia Di Marco</i>
12-Aug-20	<i>DG Warwick Richardson's</i> visit - Combined Northern Illawarra clubs	17-Feb-21	Fellowship & Club Assembly updates
19-Aug-20	Zoom Meeting: Rotary Peace Poles	24-Feb-21	<i>Mitchell St. Clair-Glover</i> , Australian Rotary Health/UOW PhD Research Scholar • <i>Abigail Leplaw</i> , 2020/2021 RC of WW John Chaplin Memorial Scholarship recipient
26-Aug-20	Zoom Meeting: Guest speaker – <i>Gemma Curcio</i> : RYLA Oceania Program	3-Mar-21	President Elect <i>Joanne</i> presiding Drinks and nibbles in the Centro courtyard at 5:30pm
2-Sept-20	Zoom Meeting – <i>Arthur Booth's</i> proposed park Project near Beaton Park;	10-Mar-21	Citizenship Ceremony Partners night
9-Sept-20	Zoom meeting – <i>Meg Cummins</i> : "Sustainable Development Goals"	17-Mar-21	Youth Programs – PP <i>Ken Potter</i>
16-Sept-20	Team meetings followed by Board meeting	24-Mar-21	Southern Youth & Family Services (SYFS) presentation ... <i>Cearn Graham</i>
23-Sept-20	<i>Richard McDonald</i> – NSW Chair, Australian Shareholders Association	31-Mar-21	Induction of new members and introduction of new friends
30-Sept-20	Club Program & future events	7-Apr-21	Social evening Charles Hotel, Fairy Meadow followed by dinner at Dhok Koon Thai Restaurant
7-Oct-20	Life in Texas – <i>Tim Koppel</i>	14-Apr-21	"The Welfare of our Military Veterans" – <i>Peter & Ann Pioro</i>
14-Oct-20	Mental Health – <i>Vida Bliokas</i> , Associate Professor – School of Psychology, Illawarra Health and Medical Research Institute (IHMRI), UoW	21-Apr-21	Mad Hat Night! • Australian Rotary Health – PP <i>Michael Crowley</i>
21-Oct-20	Environmental Debate – RC of WW vs Rotaract UOW Campus @ UOW	28-Apr-21	"The Iconic Holden" – <i>Paul Wakeling</i>
28-Oct-20	Ramsay Western Civilisation Studies – <i>Professor Dan Hutto</i>	5-May-21	"Get to know your President Elect" – <i>Aditya Ghose</i>
4-Nov-20	Presentation evening (from our Club's last changeover)	12-May-21	Visit to WIN Stadium – <i>Marc Swan</i>
11-Nov-20	Alice Springs – <i>Stuart Traynor</i> (Historian & Author)	19-May-21	Pride of Workmanship Awards Evening – Partners' evening
18-Nov-20	Club Assembly	26-May-21	"Altered Abilities" – <i>Rebecca Schmidt-Lachlan</i>
25-Nov-20	Annual General Meeting Philippines Project – <i>Stephen Swan</i>	2-Jun-21	Planning for the 2021/2022 Rotary Year
2-Dec-20	Social evening . - Ha Long Bay Rest	9-Jun-21	Police Prosecutor – <i>Snr Constable Alison Gritner</i>
9-Dec-20	Cancer Treatment 20 years on! <i>Professor Philip Clingan OAM</i>	16-Jun-21	Zoom Meeting with Wauchope Rotary
16-Dec-20	Christmas Party	23-Jun-21	"Australian First Responders" – <i>Louise Murphy</i> . New member Induction
23-Dec-20	No Meeting	30-Jun-21	Changeover
30-Dec-20	No Meeting		





Arthur Booth PP PHF+ Ruby
RI "4 Avenues of Service"
Citation 2015-16
(Carole PHF)
**Screenprinting/
 Signwriting**
 Inducted 1 June 1966



Albert Cachia PP PHF
Accountancy, Chartered
 Inducted 1 May 1992



Angela Capri PHF Secretary
(Sal)
Strata Services
 Inducted 14 May 2008
 resigned 2019 after 11 yrs service
 Rejoined 2020



Jim Christensen PAG PP
PHF+++
RI "4 Avenues of Service"
Citation (Menai) 2007-08
(Anne PHF+)
Marketing & Sales
 Inducted 21 May 2008



Michael Crowley PP PHF++++
(Krys)
Financial Planning
 Inducted 12 Nov 2003



Bob Armessen OAM
PHF+
(June(Sam))
Strata Management
 Inducted 1 June 1994



Netty Broekman PP PHF
(Ben)
Educational Services
 Inducted 20 Jun 2002



Michael Campbell PAG,
PP PHF
(Louise)
Surveying
 Inducted 1 May 1989



Anne Christensen PHF +
(Jim PAG PP PHF+++)
Hospital Services,
Midwifery
 Inducted 15 Feb 1997



Janet Crakanthorp
Heavy Vehicle Haulage
Management
 Inducted 31 March 2021



Patricia Di Marco
 Inducted 16 Dec 2020



John Erickson PP PHF+

(Coral)

Education Travel

Inducted 14 Oct 2009



Rita Giampieri

(Roberto)

Language Teacher

Inducted 16 Dec 2020



Dieter Glaser

(Joanne PHF)

Telecommunications

Inducted 20 May 2015



**Dr. Kerrie Hayes-Williams
PHF PP**

Education Psychology

Inducted 2 July 2009



Ray Lee PHF IPP

(Jane)

Chemical Manufacturing

Inducted 5 Mar 2014



Philip Peckman

(Eduardo)

Electrical Engineering

Inducted 16 Dec 2020



PN Prof. Aditya Ghose

PHF

(Hui Ling)

Computer Sciences

Inducted 31 Dec 2005



PE Joanne Glaser PHF

(Dieter)

Telecommunications

Inducted 20 May 2015



Prof. Helen Hasan PHF+

Information Technology

Inducted 19 Oct 2011



Bruce Inglis PP PHF

(Gail PHF)

Rubber Stamp Manufacture

Inducted 1 Apr 1994



**Di North OAM PDG PDS
PP PHF (+8) 3rubies**

(David OAM)

Oncology Pharmacy

Inducted 15 Feb 2017

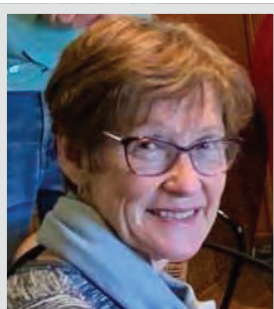


Marilyn Phillips PP PHF+++

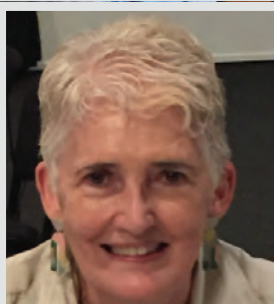
(Peter)

Hospital Services, Nursing

Inducted 15 Nov 1999



Pres. Rose Pope PHF
Secondary Education
Inducted 16 May 2012



Diane Quinlin
Dentistry
Inducted 31 March 2021



Dennis Simpson PP PHF+++
(Lynne)
Hotel Management
Inducted 11 July 2007



Barry Stevens PP PHF
(Nikki)
Computer Programming
Inducted 30 Nov 2011



Noel Watt PP PHF Treasurer
Credit Unions
Inducted 1 Jan 1978



Ken Potter PP PHF+ (Jean)
Frozen Food, Retail
Inducted 30 June 2000



Patrick Roberts OAM PDG PP PHF++
RI "Service Above Self" Award 2016-2017
(Yvonne PHF)
Banking, Area Management
Inducted 1 June 1994



Milan Stanojevic
HR Management
Inducted 6 May 2015



Stephen Swan
(Lee)
Strata Management
Inducted 17 April 2019
(Previous member of Rotary Club of Illawarra Sunrise)

Club Assembly



FRIENDS OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WEST WOLLONGONG



Di Reid
Inducted 31 March 2021



Yvonne Walker
HR Consulting
(Paul)
Inducted 25 June 2014



Tom O'Toole
(Christine)
Chemical Engineering
Inducted 3 Jun 2015



Elizabeth (Liz) Depers
(Maris)
Early Childhood Education
Inducted 26 Aug 2009



Adelle Chaplin PHF



Ros Yeoman
(Paul)
Inducted 31 March 2010

ZOOM Meeting



Congratulations Bob Armessen OAM.
West Wollongong Rotary Club is very proud of you.
Bob received an OAM for service to the community
through Rotary International.

'Extract from Illawarra Mercury January 25 2021'

Bob Armessen says he was initially uncertain about the prospect of being awarded an OAM.

"It was completely by surprise," he said. "A shock to the system, completely unexpected.

"Initially I was just too embarrassed to accept, but then I thought, 'no, that's a recognition for what our Rotary club has done'. Their support, and Rotary International's support has been so important.

"I know I'm going to cop some flak this Wednesday night at the meeting," he laughed.

Mr Armessen, 74, has been awarded an OAM as part of the Australia Day honours list, in recognition of his service to the community through Rotary International.

Born in France, at age five his family relocated to Australia. During his working life, the father of two was primarily involved in real estate and the building industry.

Prior to Rotary, he was a member of Apex, a volunteer community service organisation for Australians aged 18 to 45.

The West Wollongong resident has been a member of the Rotary Club of West Wollongong since 1994. He has served in a number of roles for the club, including treasurer and board director, as well as being a former director of community service. Since the mid-2000s, he's been the project leader and co-ordinator for the club's school and hospital equipment donations to Samoa and the Cook Islands.

Mr Armessen said this work had been satisfying. "My wife and I were on a holiday in Samoa, and we saw a need there," he said. "I called into the Rotary club there and had a chat with some people. They said, 'any help you can give us, we'd be more than happy'. "We came back to Wollongong, mentioned it to the Rotary club members, and we decided to do something.

"We planned to send a couple of palettes of books over to start with. When we saw the response we got from suppliers, businesspeople around town, schools with books and so on, a couple of palettes morphed into a container.

"We sent a couple of containers over the next two years." This led to the club sending 15 containers of hospital, medical, educational and sporting supplies, in conjunction with a Rotary club in the Samoan capital of Apia.

They later supplied 1200 desks, 3000 seats and tens of thousands of books to Samoan schools, and later, sent a container of items to schools and communities in the Cook Islands. "It was phenomenal when we saw what we could do," Mr Armessen said. "Everything was so well-received."

