

# Lara Hearsay

Newsletter for the Rotary Club of Lara District



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The Rotary Club of Lara District was chartered on the 4th of March 2013.

We meet once a month as a supper club at the Lara RSL, and twice a month via Zoom Wednesdays 6:30 PM Guests Welcome

## CLUB MEETING

30 June 2021  
6:00 PM

Lara Sporting Club

## CLUB MEETING

7 July 2021  
6:30 PM

Lara RSL

## MARKET DAY

11 July 2021  
6:30 AM

Lara RSL





Well the end of this Rotary year is almost upon us, and this will be my last report as Club President. As I reflect on the past 12 months I'm reminded of how much has occurred, and the range of

emotions I've experienced along the way:

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Pierre Debets

- Anticipation and enthusiasm at the outset in July
- Realisation of and resignation to the ongoing additional demands on my time during August & September as the realities of the role sunk in
- Overwhelmed in October upon the news of John's illness and his and Di's leave of absence for the remainder of the year
- Hope and renewed enthusiasm in November when the sponsors of our annual Golf Day recommitted for another year, despite the challenging year for their businesses and the uncertainties of Covid
- Relief and excitement in December upon recruiting new member Cindy to take over coordination of our Monthly Community Market
- Gratitude throughout January & February for the support of Eryn and Chris in preparing for and running the Golf Day
- Great pride during March – firstly pride in all of our Club members and friends as we successfully relaunched the Market on March 14, then pride in Rotary Australia's achievements as we celebrated our Centenary with other Geelong Region Clubs on March 21
- Appreciation in April for our mutually supportive relationship with the Lara RSL, as club members again assisted with their ANZAC Day Dawn service.
- Admiration for those who embody 'service above self' in May, when we held our second annual Fred Grove Memorial Emergency Services Awards Dinner on May 12, and the same emotion again, coupled with great sadness, upon the passing of John Crawford on May 18

· Being reminded in June how quickly time passes in this life, as Changeover arrangements with Katie were made for her Presidential year starting on July 1.

As per the above our Club achieved a great deal this past year with an active membership of just 12, and despite the challenges of Covid. We raised over \$20,000 (all done during January – May) and distributed these funds to a variety of worthy causes. We gained three new members during the year with no resignations. We maintained our positive attitude to service, while ensuring we still had plenty of fun along the way.

I'm grateful for the support and enthusiasm of our team, which really does feel like a family. In addition to those already mentioned above I'd like to thank Bethany for her efforts in putting together the Hearsay each fortnight , Helene for her coordination of the Fred Grove Dinner, Ray and Brendan for taking care of supper at our monthly in person meetings, Kevin for taking on the Foundation Director role, Patrick for his help with the Market (and in particular for recruiting Cindy!), Michael for assisting with club administration going forward, and last but not least Katie for taking on the Presidency role for 2021/22 !

Over and Out,  
Pierre



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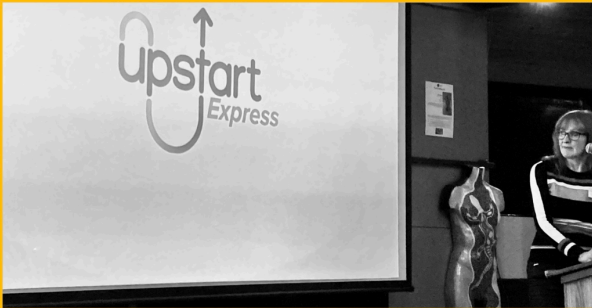
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## A NIGHT AT NARANA



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