



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022

Sister Clubs

Osaka – Midosuji Hommachi, Japan
Echuca-Moama, Australia
Rabindra Sarobar, Kolkata, India
Cork, Ireland

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President's review of 2021-2022

I had thought by the time I commenced my year as President of Rotary Central Melbourne things may have returned to some level of "normality". That was me being hopeful, I guess. The pandemic continued to provide a range of challenges. Keeping members engaged with the club was not the only challenge we faced. The long lockdowns were starting to take their toll on our levels of motivation and for some of us our wellbeing.

Emerging from lockdown provided opportunities for greater engagement with other members, club activities and the community in general. This brought with it a sense of normality, but also anxiety and apprehension as new strains of Covid spread rapidly. It wasn't too long before many of us became affected by either directly contracting the virus or having to isolate as a close contact.

The pandemic certainly provided an opportunity for reflection and reassessment. Several members made significant and life-changing decisions. At the heart of many of these decisions was family and the desire to be closer and spend more time with loved ones, especially new grandchildren. I wish these members the best of luck as they settle into their new lives and hope that they remain connected to RCM in some way.

The club also welcomed Maureen Jackson, Sonia Dhillon and Steve Turner as new members into the RCM family and the world of Rotary. We also welcomed back Justine Murphy who will be, to my knowledge, our first active interstate member. I hope we can assist our new colleagues to find their place and space in Rotary, where they can participate and contribute to serving others.

Sadly, on 3 November 2021 we farewelled Ian Angus OAM, PHF, one of 39 Charter Members of our Rotary Club which was chartered on 1 May 1987. Rest In Peace.

During 2021-22 Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta urged members to become more involved in the delivery of service projects, saying that "caring for and serving others is the best way to live because it changes not only other people's lives, but also our own".

Rotary Central Melbourne continued to work change lives:

- As the pandemic swept through India, and we watched people struggling to find oxygen for their loved ones on our nightly news reports, motivated by Rob Hines we collaborated with our Sister Club in Kolkata and assisted in the procurement and distribution of oxygen concentrators to assist their community.
- Locally we responded to Youth Projects need for assistance with the purchase of a special refrigeration unit used to store medicine and in particular vaccines which enabled the organisation to continue to expand its Covid immunisation program for people sleeping rough. Peter and Sue Duras led the way by making a significant personal donation to the initiative.
- We continued to fund the Silk Miller Scholarship and heard how this course of study has enhanced our recent graduate, Michael Beilken's understanding of challenges faced by young people in our communities. It also provided Michael with an insight into the workings and challenges experienced by agencies dealing with adolescent health.

- Doug Robertson collaborated with the RC of Brighton North to provide mental Health training to community services working with young people. This training providing awareness and confidence in identifying the signs and symptoms of mental health and the initial care to young people experiencing these challenges. Doug was also successful in his submission for funding from the City of Melbourne to support three further sessions to be conducted in the near future.
- The International Committee remained active supporting the Kok Tnoth WASH project which was completed late 2021. This project provided toilets and hygiene facilities for some 20 families, increasing health and wellbeing within the community. The international team continues to work with our Sister Club, Rotary Club of Cork, Ireland on delivering a similar project in Cambodia.
- The newly named, Bernie Gerlinger Hope for the Future Scholarships supported five young school children continue to grow and develop through their attendance at school. The scholarships assisted by reducing some of the financial pressure on families associated with schooling. They provided support to ensure young people didn't miss out on the opportunity to fully engage in education.
- Therese Robertson and the Foundation Team pulled together a fantastic online Paul Harris Breakfast. Georgie Harman - CEO, Beyond Blue spoke to us and shared her experiences about "Leadership, resilience and hope in a time of crisis". This presentation was relevant and timely, and I'm sure had many of us reflecting on our own experiences as we led and managed through the challenges of the pandemic, lockdowns and reopening.
- Warwick Cavell and the Vocational Committee continued to work with Mentor Match to develop and implement the Mentor Match program. The program aims to assist international students better socialise and connect into Australian society providing a greater sense of belonging. The second pilot involved 35 local mentors and 15 based in Vancouver Canada.
- This year RCM collaborated with Travellers Aid Australia to provide access and inclusion support at the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show. The collaboration between TAA, RCM and Donations-in-Kind provided members with the opportunity to offer mobility assistance to people living with disabilities or experiencing mobility challenges. It also provided a revenue source for RCM and DIK.
- RCM continued its support of Rotary Inner Melbourne Emergency Relief Network and DIK through regular working bees.

I would like to acknowledge the amazing efforts of Rob Hines and the Fundraising Committee. The past two years have been extremely challenging for the community services sector. Fundraising dollars have been scarce and obtaining them extremely competitive. The committee has remained positive and creative in its approach to generating revenue, to the point that this year the club exceeded its targets.

The Bunnings sausage sizzles contributed significantly to these efforts and provided an opportunity for members to get together and socialise after many months of being locked down. It was wonderful to be welcomed back by the public. I never realised how significant a snag in a slice of bread is to members of our community. Thank you to Frank and Rob for persisting with this initiative and working to make this sustainable. To everyone who has grilled, wrapped, sauced or taken money, thank you!

I would like to thank the Club Administration Committee for all their hard work in keeping us connected throughout the pandemic. For their flexibility and ability to adapt to the ongoing needs of the club. There have been challenges along the way, but each week the show goes on. Congratulations and well done.

To the Board who have helped steer the club through these challenging times, I am forever grateful for your support throughout the year.

Officers:

- Immediate Past President and Foundation Chair – Therese Robinson
- President-Elect – Rohan Williams
- Vice President – Kevin Love
- Vice President – Neville Taylor
- Secretary – Paul Fowler
- Treasurer – Martin Langton

Directors:

- Allan Driver – Club Administration
- Adele le Roux – Community Service
- Rob Hines – Fundraising
- Cecily Neil – International Service
- Warwick Cavell - Vocational Service
- David Laurie – Youth Service

I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to observe a group of like-minded people come together on screen or in person to work and collaborate for no personal gain and create outcomes that contribute to changing the lives of others.

Elias Lebbos
President

Memories of 2021 Changeover



2020-21 President Therese Robinson



Changeover 2021



New President 2021-22 Elias Lebbos



Therese and Murray



Nicole and Elias



MC and President-elect Rohan Williams



Immediate Past President and President



Angela, Sara and Daniel



Sally and Anne



Athina, Veronica, Kevin and Allan



Athina, Lorraine and Veronica



Roger and Pippa

Awards 2021-2022

Paul Harris Fellow Recognitions

A Paul Harris Fellow is a Recognition that was introduced in 1957 by the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International in honour of Paul Harris who founded Rotary in 1905. To recognise the achievements of our members Therese Robinson and Allan Driver, our Club has made donations of US\$1,000, in each of their names, to the Rotary Foundation to enable it to carry out programs that may improve conditions in the world such as increased food production, literacy, polio immunisation, goodwill and understanding.

Therese Robinson

Therese Robinson provided RCM exceptional leadership during an extraordinary time. Therese was thrown into her President's year at a time when our world and lives were thrown into upheaval. Therese fronted up to every online meeting, encouraged members to remain connected to each other and the club. She maintained a positive attitude regardless of the challenges that were thrown her way. In hindsight, it is easy to look back on that time and say we got through it. But the reality is there was no play book.

Therese has also successfully led the Foundation Committee through another challenging year. We experienced an amazing Paul Harris Breakfast, which was delivered online (with its own challenges). The presentation could not have been more relevant during the pandemic. The committee contributed AU\$10,460 to the Foundation's Annual Fund including AU\$1,500 to the PolioPlus Fund. This was indeed a significant achievement in a challenging year.

Allan Driver – Second Sapphire

Allan Driver's contribution to our club's administration has been the glue that has kept the club engaged and united throughout the lockdowns. His ability to adapt our meeting structure and format as required during a very challenging two years has provided all our members and friends with the ability to remain connected to other members and informed of what the club has been working on.

Allan has been successful in maintaining our long-standing relationship with the RACV throughout a difficult two years, ensuring a relatively smooth transition back to face-to-face meetings and increased member engagement.

President's Rotarian of the Year Award

Frank O'Brien

Frank O'Brien has played a significant role in keeping our club members connected during very challenging and uncertain times. Frank has maintained a very strong relationship with our sister club of Echuca-Moama, encouraging members of both clubs to continue to meet and participate in each other's meeting.

Frank's passion for a sausage sizzle goes way beyond just raising funds but rather, he sees it as an opportunity for club members to get together and contribute to fellowship while raising funds to achieve club objectives. He has also demonstrated this continued energy to bring the club together to support the work of Donations-in-Kind while getting to know our fellow club members.

Royce Abbey Award

Rhys Williams

Rhys Williams hit the ground running when he joined our club. It wasn't long before Rhys became the "where's Wally?" of Central Melbourne. Wherever I went I saw Rhys contributing to the work of Rotary with much enthusiasm and energy. Rhys contributed to many hands-on projects such as Donations-in-Kind working bees and is a regular feature at our Bunnings sausage sizzle fundraisers.

Rhys has also been instrumental in exploring new opportunities for RCM to change the lives of others through support for projects like Belonging Matters Inclusive Workplaces Initiative and the work of Seven Women with Nepalese women living with disabilities.

Family of Rotary Award

Leonie Greenwood

Leonie Greenwood has continued to support the work and activities of Rotary Central Melbourne. She has been a regular contributor to the Bunnings sausage sizzles. Leonie has also supported club efforts at Donations-in-Kind working bees and was a keen participant at this year's International Flower and Garden Show. Leonie is a wonderful quiet achiever.

Special Recognition Awards

Rob Hines

Rob has maintained an extremely positive approach to fundraising during a very challenging year. He continued to explore ways of generating funds for key projects throughout the year, adding a little fun along the way but keeping members engaged and interested in the causes the club was supporting. Rob led by example during several fundraising campaigns, 'putting his money where his mouth is'.

Rob has continued to support the Bunnings sausage sizzle activities and provided quiet support and mentoring to a number of club members.

Brett Jones

For providing the opportunity for members to learn more about the interesting lives of our colleagues through the weekly "inquisitions".

John Ilott

For his commitment to supporting the club executive and quietly ensuring all matters of governance are kept in order.

Directors' Reports

Club Administration

Director: Allan Driver

Committee members

Tom Callander (Club Protection Officer)	Michelle Crawford (On-to-Conference Coordinator)
John Illott (Executive Secretary, website maintenance)	Ignacio Inchausti (Bulletin Editor)
Neville John (Membership Development and Retention – see separate report)	Rebecca John (Almoner and Wellbeing Steward)
Brett Jones (Member Inquisitions until March 2022)	David Jones (Guest Speaker Coordinator and Assistant Bulletin Editor)
Daniel Lim (Social Media Liaison)	Darren Park (Auditor)
Roger Thornton (Photographer, Club Storage, Archiving and Membership)	Yanpu Zhang (Zoom assistance)

As Director, it was a pleasure to be able to work with these members over the year. Their response to requests was always without hesitation and “how can I help?” attitude.

Objectives

To ensure Club Administration contributes to the Vision, Mission and Purpose of Rotary Central Melbourne where we are seen to be a progressive and connected club with strong networks and a diverse membership and a catalyst for social change including demonstrating compliance with the Rotary Four-Way Test.

Implementation of objectives

Increase or impact: a sustainable planning framework was implemented and ensured that we aligned with community needs.

Expand our reach: being more representative of community, having diverse events [with Probus Clubs] and consistently sharing our impact stories internally and externally while building our brand, particularly using the RCM Club Bulletin and Facebook page.

Enhance participant engagement: ensuring new member onboarding and development is maintained, improve and harness diversity, improve awareness and access to RCM programs and make greater use of on-line programs and platforms.

Increase our ability to adapt: initiatives implemented included a better harnessing of diversity, improving use of diversity to better inform what we do [particularly through the RCM Bulletin and Facebook page], have a better understanding of different cultures, keeping close to our community and making better use of technology.

In conjunction with the implementation of these objectives, we were able to conduct activities associated with the effective operation of the club while presenting Rotary in a professional light.

Meetings

We ensured that every club meeting and event was kept interesting and the Inquisitions - thanks to Brett Jones were part of that aim at most meetings. We attempted to ensure that every club meeting, either using Zoom technology, hybrid (a brief sojourn into a combination of face-to-face meetings at the RACV Club together with live streaming) and face-to-face meetings only was to the benefit of club members, guests, visiting Rotarians and members of Sister Clubs.

It is important to state that, during the Covid lockdown period and the aftermath, all members of the Club Administration Committee worked effectively to ensure the club meetings were presented and carried out effectively. Two critical areas that were maintained during the Covid era were the guest speaker program and the weekly bulletin.

We should also pay tribute to the members rostered for duty each week to assist the running of the meeting and communication of those meetings to the overall club members, District 9800 people and the members of Sister Clubs within Australia and external to Australia. We were able to include in our meetings the D9800 District Governor, Assistant District Governors, District Governor-Elect and members of the RCs in the Batman Cluster.

Over the year our regular face-to-face meetings were increased after the Covid era, however, members of our club embraced technology which meant that we were able to introduce new members and retain most existing members due to the combination of face-to-face and Zoom meetings.

While RCM members embraced the Zoom technology, some members were disappointed we could not meet face-to-face. Taking this situation into account, RCM was able to hold regular successful breakfast meetings using Zoom and face-to-face meetings with some success. We returned to more face-to-face only meetings in 2021/22 Rotary year.

With the “relaxation” of Covid Rules, RCM adopted the approach of having in-person meetings wherever possible, however, while this this approach ensured members, guests and partners could mingle on average, around 20 people attended each week. During the year we continued to have at least one Zoom meeting per month, sometimes 2 per month, which attracted on average, around 30 people.

Social

While we attempted to have an active social program in place for all members, taking into account government Covid policies, it was difficult at times. However thanks to Gerard Hogan, who initiated the virtual seating arrangements each week until December 2021, we attempted to ensure that members stayed connected during the Covid era. It appears that friendships did grow using technology during this time.

From a social perspective, a few events were held during the year, namely:

- In October 2021, we arranged a Zoom dinner for members and partners with food prepared and delivered by Fairfeed, a community project <http://www.fairfeed.com.au/> supporting those people in the hospitality community and visa holders who had been hit hard due to Covid. Twelve members and partners took this opportunity to get together.
- A special and successful Christmas event was held at the RACV Club for members, partners and guests with around 50 people attending together with the collection and distribution of Christmas and food hampers for those in need.
- In April 2022, Anne King initiated an event at which club members were invited to socialise with her and newly re-inducted member, Justine Murphy, at her residence. Around 20 club members and their partners took the opportunity to attend this great initiative.

- Also, in April 2022, the annual Peninsula BBQ was held at Mount Martha attracting around 20 members, partners and guests. Many thanks to Roger Thornton and host Lorraine Meehan.

Membership support

The role of each of our Membership Development and Retention Committee [Neville John] and our Almoner/Wellbeing Steward [Rebecca John] was particularly important in 2021-22 with some of our members being affected by the ongoing issues related to the Covid pandemic, either with health issues, limited travel to the CBD and not being able to meet physically.

However, a number of members left the club, some to transfer to other clubs due to a change in residential address while some other members decided that Rotary was not what they expected. On the other side of the coin, due to the magnificent work of Neville John and other club members, our club has been enhanced by a steady flow of new members.

Speaker program

The success of our meetings was once again due to the ongoing robust guest speaker program and the contributions by the hard-working guest speaker coordinator David Jones, whether he was located in Australia or New Zealand. A most pleasing aspect of this program was the number of club members who made themselves available to speak to the club.

Presenter	Topic
John Bally	Predicting bushfires in the world's second driest continent
Perry Crosswhite	Challenges Facing Future Commonwealth and Olympic Games Hosts
Pres Elias Lebbos	Club Forum & 2021-22 Plans and Objectives
Jenny Gray	A decade of fighting extinction
Selba-Gondoza Luka	Restoration of UBUNTU, finding the sense of belonging and the positive change model
DG Dale Hoy	District Governor's visit – Rotary Looking to the Future
Alex Maritz	Entrepreneurship and self-employment for mature-aged people
Sue and John Marriott	The formation of Landcare and the effects of group communication
Clare Desira	Positive thinking won't cut it (what we need right now instead).
Mandy Watson	Whales on our coast
Stephanie Woollard	Seven Women: update for Rotary Central Melbourne 4 years on
Brett Butland	Eradicating mammalian predators from New Zealand – can we do it?
Dein Vindigni & Prasad Rao Podugu	Pathways to Healthy Ageing - an interdisciplinary collaborative approach to positive health in older adults
In the absence of the scheduled speaker, Chair Anne King welcomed Michael Lapiña,	Vocational presentation: "Preparing for a Performance".
Mick Brady	Victoria Police Leadership Mentoring Program

Presenter	Topic
Ann Copeland	Researching family history at the State Library of Victoria
Sabrina and Gerard Watt	Farming in a flash
Shirley Glance	Living with Polio
Margot Delafoulhouze	Taking action on climate: systems-change perspectives
Charles Allen	Rotary and Institute of Economics and Peace strategic relationship. Why does this relationship exist and what is the resultant impact?
PHF Breakfast: Georgie Harman	Leadership, Resilience and Hope in a Time of Crisis
John Croker	Human rights, artificial intelligence and government decision-making
Club Forum: Pres Elias Lebbos	Update of RCM plans and progress of projects
Christmas event	This was a special event as celebrations were now back to physical meetings at the RACV Club
Paul Fowler	Observations on life in the USA
Nicola Sasanelli	The Australian space ecosystem, why space is considered a priority for this country and what will be the future of this sector.
Michael Asten	Synchronous natural climate cycles of the past millennium in central Europe, the Arctic and east Asia; what do they tell and foretell about global temperature change?
Wendy Steele	Wild cities
Patricia Wilson & Jenny Royale	Community Employment Partnership
Alan Oster	An update on the economy
Shelley Marshall	Is Australia doing all it can to stamp out human rights breaches in our business operations and global supply chains?
Danielle Auldist	Australian agriculture has benefited from many important phases of development
Michael Beilken and Julie Woods	Silk Miller Scholarship - Graduate Diploma in Adolescent Health and Wellbeing
Guinevere Gilbert & Vik Kapoor	Project management volunteers developing vocational skills in young adults
Roxan Fabiano	Supporting survivors of modern slavery in Australia on their healing journey
Karen Cohen	What is blockchain and how will it affect the future of finance and talent?
J D Mittmann	Life lifted into the sky - Maralinga in Australian Art
Fabiola Campbell	Winning through diversity and representation
Mandy Robertson	People and Dolphins and Whales, Oh MY!

Presenter	Topic
David Parkin OAM	Leadership IS the key
Des Benjamin	Waste Plastic Becoming a Resource
Niamatullah Ibrahim	Navigating the Human Rights and Humanitarian Crises under the Taliban in Afghanistan
Mawien Ariik	South Sudan Girls' Sanitation and Education Project
Fiona Still	Pathway to eliminating viral hepatitis
President Elias and directors	Club forum

Social Media

During this Rotary year, and with the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, the use of social media and technology was heightened and continued, particularly with the use of Facebook. As a consequence, the Rotary Central Melbourne Facebook page now has around 850 followers, an increase of around 100 over 12 months. Also throughout the year, the reach of our guest speakers each week was around 60 people.

Club Bulletin

During this year, communication with RCM members, and the wider group of Rotarians, was an essential part of Rotarians, including honorary members and potential members, staying connected and being informed about club activities. Thanks to Ignacio Inchausti for publishing the weekly bulletin under sometimes difficult circumstances, at times aided by David Jones.

The Bulletin was enhanced by the regular photographs provided by Roger Thornton and other fill-in photographers when required.

Club Protection

Thanks to Tom Callander for maintaining the systems in place for Working with Children Checks and volunteer register under difficult circumstances.

Website and Executive Secretary

Many thanks to John Illott, for his efficient and quiet work in the background as Executive Secretary, website and ClubRunner maintenance, providing sound, timely advice in order to keep the club ticking along.

Meeting and social memories



Meeting Global Scholar Tomoya Iizuka



Enjoying Christmas breakfast



Guest speakers, Gerard and Sabrina Watt



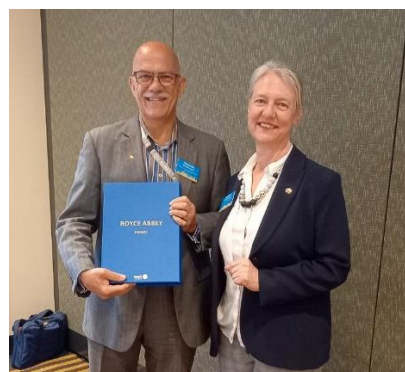
Roxan Fabiano, Nev Taylor, Aimee Bailey-Taylor



Presentation of awards announced at Changeover



Paul Harris Fellow Recognition from Changeover



2020-21 Royce Abbey Award



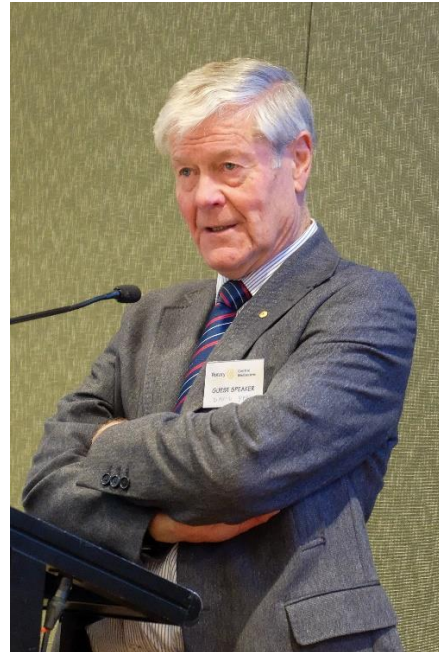
Pres Elias with Asst Gov Murray Anderson



Group enjoying a Zoom dinner



Guest speaker and RCM member Mawien Ariik



Guest speaker David Parkin



Members enjoying breakfast





Guest speakers Guinevere Gilbert & Vik Kapoor



Welcome back, Justine



New member, Sonia Dhillon



New member, Maureen Jackson



New member, Steve Turner



Lady and Rebecca at breakfast

Community Service

Director: Adele le Roux

Committee members

Tom Callander

Michelle Crawford

Peter Duras

Rebecca John

Rohan Williams

Donation by Caprice

Peter Duras and Frank O'Brien distributed donated clothing and footwear with an estimated retail value of \$40,000 to 26 charities. The next Caprice donation will be made directly to communities affected by floods in northern NSW and QLD.

Support for Youth Projects

Rotary Central Melbourne and Peter and Sue Duras donated \$2,700 to Youth Projects to purchase a vaccine fridge. This enabled homeless people in the CBD to be vaccinated to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and hospitalisations.

Other goods sourced from Donations-in-Kind were regularly donated until the Living Room closed for major renovations.

Youth Projects hosted members of Rotary Central Melbourne, Rotary Essendon and Rotary Woodend on Wednesday 6th April to thank Rotarians for their ongoing support and share details of their exciting expansion plans.

Christmas Hampers

Rotarians and friends generously donated 90 Christmas hampers to families supported by Concern Australia and UnitingCare. With COVID-19 restrictions lifted, we were able to return to our tradition of handing over the hampers to representatives of Concern Australia and UnitingCare at our Christmas breakfast on Tuesday 14th December. Thank you to Rebecca John for coordinating this annual activity.

"Lift the Lid" on Mental Illness

Rotarians enthusiastically wore headwear and generously donated \$920 to this Australian Rotary Health initiative to fund research into mental health via an online raffle at our breakfast meeting on 26th October. Thank you to Michelle Crawford for actively promoting this initiative during October, Rob Hines for arranging an online raffle and Rotarians for digging deep.

Rotary Inner Melbourne Emergency Relief Network (RIMERN)

We joined forces with 13 other Rotary clubs and 14 welfare support agencies to establish a network to recycle household goods to help people establish secure homes after experiencing homelessness, domestic violence, incarceration and conflict. Donated goods are collected and stored at a Brunswick East warehouse then delivered to people identified by support agencies.

Despite multiple lockdowns during the second half of 2021, RIMERN has been able to provide goods to 80 individuals and families, including recently arrived Afghan refugees.

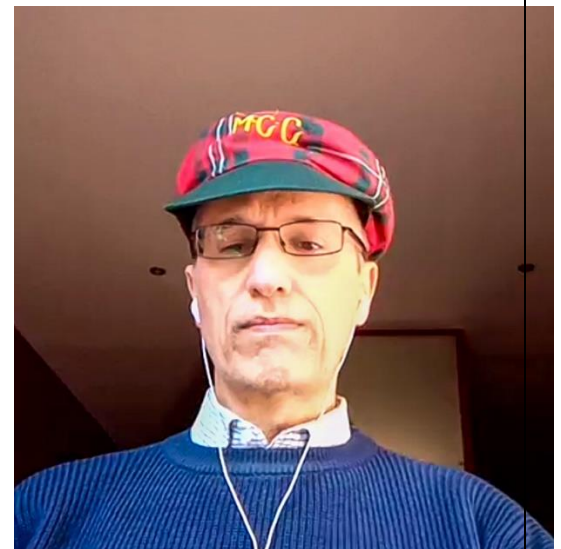
Rotary Central Melbourne has supported this initiative by contributing \$1,000 to the annual running costs, 16 members volunteering at the warehouse and 5 members donating goods.

Assistance to Travellers Aid Mobility Service

Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show

Travellers Aid, Donations-in-Kind and Rotary Central Melbourne provided wheelchairs and prams to help 111 individuals and their families and friends to have a fuller experience of the show than what would have been possible without this service. Fifteen Rotarians volunteered alongside Travellers Aid volunteers during the show. Thank you to Travellers Aid for providing us with this service opportunity and for the 15 members who volunteered at the show.

Community Service memories



Fundraising breakfast, "Lift the Lid on Mental Health"



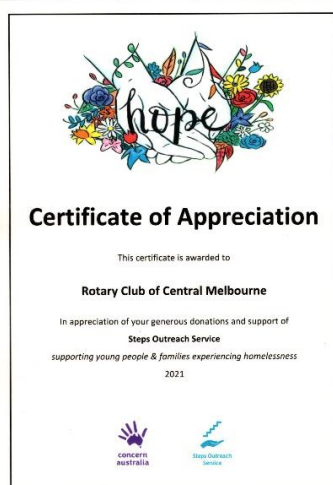
Rotary Inner Melbourne Emergency Relief Network working bees



Rebecca and Adele present Christmas hampers



Anne Mitchell, Steps Outreach



Steps Outreach Service



Donation from Travellers Aid

Foundation

Director: Therese Robinson

Committee members

Stella Avramopoulos

Des Benjamin

Rana Ebrahimi

Suvam Ganguli

Koren Harvey

Bruce Heron

Elias Lebbos

Kevin Love

Alice Miller

The Rotary Foundation is recognised as one of the most effective and well-managed charitable organisations in the world, with 12 consecutive four-star ratings from Charity Navigator and an A-plus rating from CharityWatch.

The Foundation committee agreed to retain the same areas of focus as the goals for previous year plan and continue the club history of supporting the Foundation.

Promoting awareness of The Foundation

The Foundation Committee focused on November as Foundation Month to host a range of events and speakers to inform and engage Rotarians and non-Rotarians and subsequently broaden the general awareness of The Foundation.

Foundation Month Speaker Program

A series of breakfast speakers was provided commencing in late October and running throughout November comprising the following:

- 26th October: Shirley Glance, President of Post-Polio Victoria spoke in conversation with Brett Jones, promoting awareness of the Rotary cause of Polio Plus. Shirley contracted poliomyelitis as a child, and consequently had to spend many months at the Royal Children's Hospital. Despite her challenges, Shirley grew up to be a great advocate for polio survivors and breast cancer survivors. Shirley's message to members was to support the cause of people living with disabilities in the community and advocate for financial support required for them to live full lives.
- 9th November: Margot Delafoulhouze, of ClimateWorks, a not-for-profit founded by Monash University and the Myer Foundation to bridge the gap between research and climate action. Climateworks is committed to the UN Sustainable Development Goals, with a focus on climate action. This helped promote awareness of the Rotary area of focus, supporting environment.
- 16th November: Charlie Allen, Director of Partnerships of the Institute of Economics and Peace, is a proud product of Rotary Foundation as a Rotary Peace Ally. Charlie spoke of the work of IEP, an independent not-for-profit think tank dedicated to building a greater understanding of the key drivers of peace, as well as identifying the economic benefits that increased peace can deliver. IEP does empirical research that scientifically measures peace. This topic links to the area of focus of Peace and Conflict Resolution. In addition, Brett Jones spoke with Biong Deng Biong, who had been successfully nominated for a Rotary International Global Peace Scholarship.

- 23rd November: Georgie Harman, CEO of Beyond Blue was the guest speaker for the 29th Paul Harris and Business Leaders Breakfast. The breakfast was attended by 108 members and guests. Visitors included DG Dale Hoy and PDG Murray Verso. Georgie spoke on the topic of “Leadership, Resilience & Hope in a Time of Crisis” in an endeavour to de-stigmatise the notion of mental health. This links to the area of focus of disease prevention and treatment.
- 30th November – Global Scholar, John Croker spoke on his interest in technology, its use by government, and its intersection with Human Rights. John’s selection continues District 9800’s continuous history of providing Global Scholars.

Supporting Foundation’s Seven Areas of Focus

The Foundation enables life-changing, sustainable projects that makes lives better in our community and around the world.

Rotary Central Melbourne continues to deliver a range of projects and activities aligned to these critical causes through the work of the Avenues of Service Committees, many of which are reported on in the respective reports for the 2020-2021 year. Other activity linked to the Foundation Committee includes a focus on peacebuilding and environment and sustainability.

Peacebuilding & Conflict Resolution

Rotary Peace Fellowships. Rotary Central Melbourne continued supporting the opportunities for future peacebuilders through the Rotary Peace Fellowships offered worldwide at one of the eight universities hosting Rotary Peace Centres offering Masters and Certificated studies. Neville Taylor continues as a member of the D9800 District Peace Fellowship sub-committee to oversee and nominate suitable candidates for consideration for one of the 130 Peace Fellowships offered worldwide for the 2022 courses. Biong Deng Biong was successfully nominated by RCM for a Rotary International Global Peace Scholarship. He is one of 80 successful candidates world-wide and has chosen Makerere University in Uganda to undertake his peace studies.

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion via Peacebuilding.

This working group completed a strategic plan under the stewardship of Rana Ebrahimi, which was approved by the board, setting the direction for this work.

Environment & Sustainability

An Environment and Sustainability working group continued activity under the capable leadership of Suvam Ganguli, with a strategic plan approved by the board for action. RCM continues to be linked to the Environment & Sustainability Rotary Action Group (ESRAG) of Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Islands (ANZPI) and the D9800 E&S Strategy Committee.

Global Scholar

RCM commenced hosting Tomoya Iizuka, who was successful in obtaining a global grant scholarship, submitted by the Rotary Club of Matsuyama and the Rotary Club of Central Melbourne. Tomoya is from Japan and is striving to make a difference in Community Economic Development. He commenced his study in March 2022.

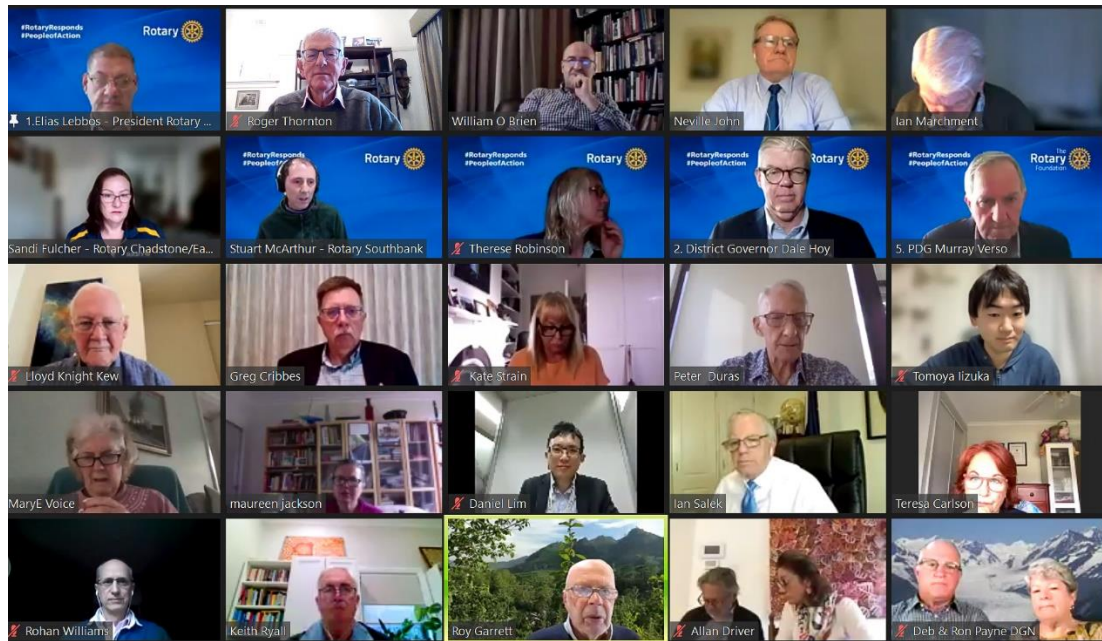
Charitable Giving & Foundation Grants

Rotary Central Melbourne continued to support giving to The Foundation as a part of its commitment to the constitutional obligation. In the club giving we donated \$10,462 to the Trust of The Foundation, thus meeting the RI Presidential Citation target of \$US100 per active club member.

Further to the club giving, individual members of Rotary Central Melbourne have continued to choose the Rotary Foundation as a charity of choice and given:

Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) - 10 members	Contributions to the Annual Fund
Sustaining - 9 members	Centurions who have given US\$100 or more to the Annual Fund
Paul Harris Society eligible - 6 members	Annual contribution of US\$1,000 or more to the Annual Fund, Polio Plus or an approved Foundation Grant
Major Donor Level 1 - 3 members Major Donor Level 2 - 3 members	Recognition levels are defined as: Level 1 - US\$10,000 to \$24,999; Level 2 - US\$25,000 to \$49,999; Level 3 - US\$50,000 to \$99,999; Level 4 - US\$100,000 to \$249,999

Foundation memories



Virtual Foundation Breakfast



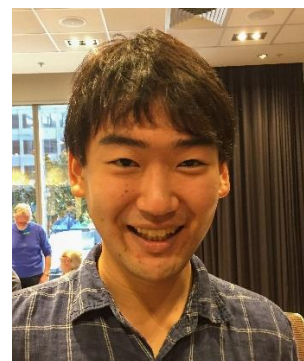
Guest speaker, Georgie Harman



District Foundation Chair, PDG Murray Verso



District Governor, Dale Hoy



RCM Global Scholar, Tomoya Iizuka

Fundraising

Director: Rob Hines

Committee members

Campbell Chambers

Herb Greenwood

Daniel Lim

Russell Rolls

Malcolm Fielden

Anne King

Frank O'Brien

Roger Thornton

The committee expected this to be a difficult year for fundraising due to the ongoing restrictions on gatherings both indoors and out as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. When the budget was set our expectation was that we would only raise around \$10,000 this year. In fact, we did much better than that, raising over \$25,000 for club projects.

Our Bunnings sausage sizzles at both Collingwood and Port Melbourne were our major contributors raising over \$12,000 combined. Special thanks go to Neil Salvano and Neville John who with the support and guidance of Frank O'Brien, took over responsibility for the Bunnings Collingwood sausage sizzles. At Port Melbourne, Rohan Williams and Herb Greenwood continued to provide great support to the team. Thanks to every club member who participated in a sausage sizzle this year and a plea to those who haven't yet gotten involved to give it a go. It is a terrific opportunity to engage with the public and to enjoy some social time with other club members.

Collingwood Bunnings also made a donation of \$1,000 to the club in recognition of our support of their venue during difficult times. Thanks to Frank O'Brien for maintaining that relationship which has provided the opportunity to receive this donation alongside a number of Bunnings vouchers we have been able to use as raffle prizes.

The committee also had responsibility for organising the fundraising for the annual Paul Harris Breakfast which was held as an on-line event for the second year running. We conducted a raffle and an auction which between them raised nearly \$3,000.

As we continued to meet on-line, club members were saved the cost of the weekly meeting fees at the RACV club. In recognition of this we asked members to consider making voluntary donations which raised over \$2,000. Thank you.

Without face-to-face meetings we missed our weekly club raffles, so it was decided to operate occasional on-line raffles to raise funds for specific club projects. A raffle to support the Rotary Mental Health campaign, "Lift the Lid" raised almost \$1,000. The raffle to support our Silk Miller scholarship program also raised \$1,000. Look out for more of these special purpose raffles in the coming year.

Unfortunately, it was decided to again postpone the Garden DesignFest in 2021. It is now scheduled for two weekends in November 2022 and will provide the foundation for fundraising for the next Rotary year under the guidance of Roger Thornton who chairs the committee for this crucial multi-club project. We will be looking for your support so please take a look at the website to familiarise yourself with the dates and the locations: [Garden DesignFest](#)

Next year's committee will be under the leadership of Campbell Chambers who along with all members of the Fundraising Committee, stands ready to support your own service committee's fundraising efforts.

Thank you to all members of the club for your support this year and especially the members of the hardworking Fundraising Committee.

International Service

Director: Cecily Neil

Committee members

Mawien Ariik

Suvam Ganguli

Herb Greenwood

Maureen Jackson

Frank O'Brien

Alan Seale

Rana Ebrahimi

Roy Garrett

Rob Hines

Daniel Lim

Russell Rolls

Rhys Williams

Summary

The International Service Committee is responsible, on behalf of Rotary Central Melbourne, for conducting overseas projects, managing relationships with our sister clubs (RC of Echuca-Moama, RC of Rabindra Sarobar, Kolkata, RC of Cork and RC Osaka–Midosuji Himmachi, Japan), providing resources for Donations-in-Kind (DIK) and supporting other Rotary projects such as Rotary Against Malaria and Disaster Aid Australia.

The pandemic and its impact on our intended partner countries have continued to disrupt the plans of the International Service Committee throughout this year. No progress has been made yet with respect to two projects, the groundwork for which was undertaken in 2020: the Skills Development Project (RC of Calcutta Victoria) and Papua New Guinea Safe Operating Room Vocational Training Team. It is still intended that the Safe Operating Room Project will go ahead as soon as the pandemic is sufficiently under control in PNG.

The feasibility of continuing with training of men and women in Kolkata as unarmed security guards and housekeeping attendants is currently under investigation. However the construction and outfitting of a library in the secondary school at Luang Prabang, Laos, which it was hoped to finish this year, will almost certainly be completed in this calendar year.

In the meantime, however, new opportunities have arisen and been acted upon.

- The club was able to fund an important project with our sister club, RC Rabindra-Sarobar to assist with providing ten oxygen concentrators to hospitals in Kolkata, India.
- The club was also able to fund two oxygen concentrators for the hospital in Lae to help with the treatment of COVID patients. These were sent from London to Port Moresby and their difficult transfer from there to Lae organised by the RC of Lae Huon Gulf.

- A District Grant obtained last year to help finance the provision of safe water and sanitary toilets in Kok Tnoth Village, Cambodia by the NGO Cambodian Clean Water and Toilets, together with a contribution from Rotary Central Melbourne, has enabled bore water and sanitary toilets to be provided this year for twelve of the village households.
- Significant work has progressed on the design of the Sanitation and Hygiene Project for Girls in Lou-Ariik Village, South Sudan.
- A relationship with a new Sister Club, the RC of Cork, Ireland was formalised.
- Plans have been developed for another project with the Cambodian Clean Water and Toilets NGO, this time in Kok Benh, Cambodia. This project will be carried out in conjunction with our Sister Club, the RC of Cork, Ireland.

Other actions of the International Service Committee throughout this year have included the maintenance of close relations with our Sister Club of RC of Echuca-Moama and assisting Donations-in-Kind via rental support and working bees on site at the warehouse in West Footscray.

Project Implemented

Kok Tnoth Village Project, Cambodia

Last year Rotary Central Melbourne received a District Grant to help fund a project being undertaken by the Clean Water and Sanitation NGO in Cambodia. Work has continued on the project this year.

The Clean Water and Sanitation NGO had been working in Kok Tnoth Village, near Siem Reap, for several years, providing households with sanitary toilets, access to clean water through the installation of bores, and sanitation training. A team from the village constructed the toilets and dug the wells under the supervision of one member who is fluent in English and regularly communicated with the NGO's lead, Darrel Steer via Facetime. As a result, 440 families in that village now have a household toilet and access to clean water. Included among these are twelve families whose facilities were funded by the \$4,000 received from the District Grant, together with \$2,000 provided by Rotary Central Melbourne and donations from World of Difference.

Thanks to the collaboration between the NGO, Rotary Clubs and the World of Difference, the Kok Tnoth Village Project is now complete. The project has changed the entire village. The children are healthier, school attendance has increased, and money is not wasted on health issues that are preventable.

Projects under Discussion

Kok Benh Village Project, Cambodia

The plan now is to continue the above strategy with the installation of clean bore water and sanitary toilets in Kok Benh Village, a neighbouring village to Kok Tnoth. The organisation delivering the project will once again be Cambodia Clean Water and Toilet NGO. This time Rotary Central Melbourne plans to work in conjunction with our Sister Club, RC of Cork, which has a keen interest in Cambodia. There are 80 families in this village who do not have access to clean water or a sanitary toilet. The village will be divided into 4 clusters of 20 families and one cluster at a time will be completed. Implementation has not yet begun, but it is hoped to complete construction for one cluster in 2022.

Sanitation and Hygiene Management for Girls in Lou-Ariik Village, South Sudan

This is a project has been planned as a collaborative project between Rotary Central Melbourne, the South Sudan Health Matters Inc (an entity in South Sudan), and RAWCS. A District Grant has also been sought from the Rotary Foundation. An MOU has been signed with the Chagai Foundation in South Sudan to implement the project.

Many girls in Lou-Ariik Village lack adequate means of protection during menstruation. As a result, they may miss school for 5 or more days a month or face social stigma. Lack of sanitary means of protection is also a potential health risk. The plan is to supply 800 'Days for Girls' sanitary kits (sourcing the hygiene kits made in Uganda) and the relevant education to school-aged girls in the village.

Particular attention will be paid to monitoring and evaluating the outcome of the project, and any factors that might affect this outcome. This will provide a sound basis for the expansion of similar projects in the future.

International Service memories



Workers at Donations-in-Kind



Vocational Service

Director: Warwick Cavell

Committee members:

Des Benjamin	Sonia Dhillon
Rana Ebrahimi	Paul Fowler
John Illott	Ignacio Inchausti
Brett Jones	Kevin Love
Sarah Overton	Neil Salvano
Alan Seale	Rob Soros
Millie Swann	Neville Taylor
Rhys Williams	Puja Ganguli (until December 2021)

From the RI Website

Vocational Service is the essence of Rotary and the foundation from which we serve our communities around the world. It is rooted in the second Object of Rotary which calls on Rotarians to encourage and foster:

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

Building on last year the Vocational Service Team was able to remain active through and coming out of COVID. Another successful year!

Our key projects

Victoria Police Leadership Mentoring Program

VPLMP is a joint project of Rotary, Victoria Police and the business community. It involves all Rotary districts in Victoria and has two streams, one of which matches Rotarians with Senior Sergeants with a focus on community engagement and ethical leadership.

2021-22 saw the continuation of the 13th program that commenced in 2019 but was extended because of COVID 19 disruptions. Sixteen Rotary mentors worked with police members on personal development and community projects. The program concluded in November 2021.

The mentor cohort for the 14th program was recruited in late 2021 with a launch in March 2022. It will run until March 2023. Twelve mentors were matched with Senior Sergeants and two were matched with newly appointed Inspectors in a modified mentoring program.

Feedback from police mentees in the 13th program highlighted the benefits of working with a mentor in dealing with work-life balance in such a disruptive period as was presented by the pandemic. Valuable experience was also gained in the design of community engagement projects.

Ambulance Victoria Leadership Mentoring Program

The 2022 program was launched in August 2021, during COVID, with seventeen Rotary mentors from the five Victorian Rotary Districts. It has engaged thirteen clubs including five regional clubs. Due to extensions caused by COVID the program is now scheduled to conclude in November 2022.

The mid-cycle review (Net Promoter Score) shows an outstanding result, and there is no doubt that this program is having a significant impact on both the mentors, mentees, Ambulance Victoria and ultimately, the communities they serve.

International Student Mentoring Program (MentorMatch)

While COVID has had a significant impact in delaying this project it is progressing well. At the time of writing this report we are starting pilot #2 with 50 Rotarians and Friends of Rotary (35 in District 9800 and 15 in Vancouver, Canada). This will be the first program that has used the newly developed MentorMatch AI system for matching mentors and mentees.

RCM members participating as mentors in pilot #2 are Des Benjamin, Neville John, Rhys Williams, Puja Ganguli, and Warwick Cavell.

By the time this report is published the official government launch will have occurred featuring Zondwa Mandela of the Mandela Foundation. Zondwa is the grandson of Nelson Mandela.

For those who attended the District Conference in Albury, you will have noticed the MentorMatch coffee cart. MentorMatch funded the cart with coffees charging a gold coin donation. These gold coins were donated to the Foundation. Thank you MentorMatch for your kind sponsorship and to all those who bought coffees.

New Generation Service Exchange (NGSE)

After a two-year COVID imposed break the New Generations Service Exchange program is running again. In July 2022 two young Australian opera singers, Louise Keast and Michael Dimovski, will be heading to Bavaria where they will be hosted by German Rotary families for around six weeks. They will be participating in the Bayreuth Young Artists' Festival, attending master classes and in Michael's case, performing at the D1950 District Conference. Louise recently visited the club and credited the exchange with keeping her motivated during lockdowns.

We are also expecting two inbound exchanges from Germany. Maria (Charly) Brielmaier a medical student from Munich will be joining us from late October for five to six weeks. Charly is president of her Rotaract club in central Munich and is keen to participate in Garden DesignFest. More recently we have been asked to host a talented young violinist, David Rosenberg, from Bamberg in Bavaria. We plan to arrange a meaningful music program for David with help from Dr David Kram from RC Melbourne and through Melbourne Opera (thanks to Michael Lapina).

Belonging Matters

Belonging Matters – employment of those with intellectual disabilities – is a new project brought to our club by former member Bernard Marchingo via Neville John.

Belonging Matters spoke to our club earlier this year and the presentation was well received. We have formed a District steering committee. While there seems to be enthusiasm for the idea, placing people in employment has not yet happened. You would think that with the unemployment levels being so low coming out of COVID, and the inability of many organisations to find workers would make this an ideal time for Rotarians to reach out to their networks and raise the issue of employing people with intellectual disabilities e.g., working front or back of house in cafes or restaurants.

Clearly the steering committee has more work to do in getting the employment of people with intellectual disabilities front of mind. Having chats with businesses whom Rotarians know or connect with on a day-to-day basis is a great starting point.

Summary

The Vocational Service Committee has been a particularly active team over the year, and I personally thank all those who have made it such a successful year. We have achieved a lot as a team, and the impact of the work has been both significant and ongoing. The mentoring programs in particular, continue to not only enhance the reputation of Rotary Central Melbourne but also Rotary itself. These programs are a legacy of Rotary to the communities we serve. The importance of the work our team members have done throughout the year is hard to over-state.

I have been blessed with the enormous support I have received, as Vocational Service Chair, over the last two years. It is a privilege to be part of such a great club. In particular, I thank Ignacio who stepped up during the year proactively taking over the role of minute-taker and meeting coordinator. This took a significant load off my shoulders. Thank you.

This is not only a good model for supporting the chair but also helps with the succession planning on the committee. As a result of this process, I have great confidence that this committee is in good hands over the next couple of years with Ignacio a chair.

I see the projects continuing to grow and flourish, and I am also seeing that we will need to resource and further develop the rotarymentors.org.au website and the concept behind the website. Mentoring is a service for which there is a growing demand in the community, and it is a space within which Rotary can establish a strong brand. It is a service that is very much in Rotary's 'wheel-house'. It also gives us an opportunity to connect with community and business in a way that positively expands our profile.

Rotary Central Melbourne – people with impact!

Youth Service

Director: David Laurie

Committee members:

Trevor Dymond

Rana Ebrahimi

Paul Fraser

Neville John

Elias Lebbos

Lady Pastidio

Doug Robertson

Overview

The Youth Service Committee of Rotary Central Melbourne continues to offer a range of supporting activities to young people. The purpose of these activities is to build their own skills such as leadership and problem-solving and nurturing their thirst for knowledge in a safe environment.

Silk Miller Scholarship

The Club continued to fund the long running Silk-Miller Scholarship. This covers 50% of costs for the successful applicant from Victoria Police, who will complete a Graduate Diploma in Adolescent Health and Wellbeing through University of Melbourne. During the year Michael Beilken completed his Diploma with honours, our 2021 Scholar continued his progress and our 2022 Scholar commenced the course.

Mental Health First Aid

A new initiative in the Youth Mental Health space was undertaken jointly with Rotary North Brighton, when a Youth Mental Health First Aid course was run at Kathleen Syme Library. It is aimed at adults who deal with children in the 12-18 age group who may be at the risk of mental health problems and even suicide. Thirteen participants attended this two-day course.

North Brighton had obtained a District grant and generously agreed to share the grant, which halved costs to the club. A further grant was also obtained from the City of Melbourne. This will allow at least two if not three fully funded programs to be undertaken in the second half of calendar 2022.

Bernie Gerlinger 'Hope for the Future' Scholarships

Rotary Central Melbourne, in partnership with Steps Outreach Service, a program of Concern Australia, provides scholarships to assist disadvantaged young people to overcome barriers to educational success and to help them achieve positive life outcomes. The scholarships provide some financial support complemented by mentoring and support from a Steps youth worker.

In September 2021, Rotary Central Melbourne in consultation with Concern Australia, changed the name of the program to *Bernie Gerlinger Hope for the Future Scholarships* to honour Bernie for his long-term support for Steps Outreach Service. Rotarians and friends donated funds in Bernie's memory to support this scholarship program.

Key outcomes of the project for the calendar year 2021 were:

- It was a difficult year for the scholarship recipients being the second year of the Covid pandemic with ongoing school closures and lockdowns. Due to school lockdowns, there was less demand for school supplies.
- Steps Outreach Service provided the eight recipients of the Hope for the Future Scholarship program with ongoing relational and practical support. This included delivery of essential supplies, such as groceries and food vouchers and clothing.
- Each family received a Rotary Christmas hamper and Christmas gifts as well as birthday gifts during the year.

In light of the generous donations in Bernie's memory and following a review of the lessons learnt from the previous years of the program, it was decided to increase the support to scholarship recipients. This was in recognition of the importance of extracurricular activities with mentors in building life skills and positive social engagement.

It was agreed that there will be five recipients of the scholarships in 2022 with \$1,000 being allocated for each child or young person. This includes \$500 in material aid and \$500 for support hours and activities with their youth workers and volunteer mentors.

Each recipient will be provided with intensive support from a Steps youth worker, access to a volunteer community mentor and assistance to remain connected with school and attain educational success.

Rotary Central Melbourne also intends to make available to the students and alumni, opportunities to participate in other Rotary Youth projects, like RYLA and RYPEN.

Youth Service memories

Silk Miller Scholarship



Silk Miller group with coordinator Doug Robertson



Silk Miller graduate Michael Beilken



Doug Robertson with Uni of Melbourne's Dr Ani Wierenga

Club Officers' Reports

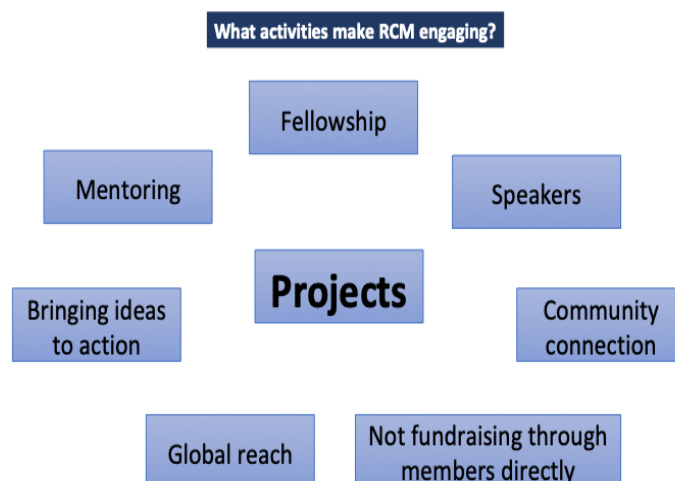
Membership

Club Membership Objectives

The objective of membership recruitment and retention activity in 2021-22 was to continue to ensure that new and existing members are engaged in the club to their level of satisfaction. The club believes that people will join and remain in Rotary if we offer them a range of interesting projects and activities to engage in.

The results of surveys over the last four years revealed that our members like to be involved in hands-on service work, fellowship and vocational activities and are very positive about what the club is doing. The survey identified the following main areas of value:

Project work and the speaker program were the two most commonly referred to activities which make our club's value proposition engaging



Covid-19 related restrictions continued to impact the ability to engage in hands-on project work, particularly from July to November 2021, resulting in all meetings being conducted online throughout that period. This may have had a negative impact on membership retention and recruitment outcomes as we saw nine members leave the club, five of whom related to living relocations; three due to changed work circumstances and one who transferred to another club better suited to an online environment. We have also welcomed four new members, which is a very good outcome in the circumstances.

Outcomes of Membership Activities

Club members were asked to continue their efforts in identifying friends and colleagues who may be interested in our projects and activities. Four member referrals resulted in new members joining and I thank the members who introduced these people and I look forward to more referrals in the year ahead.

Diversity

The club continues to work on attracting members from a diverse range of backgrounds. There is a strong desire to attract more women and people from culturally diverse backgrounds. It is encouraging to see the trend in this area is positive.

The gender mix in the club is 32% female and 68% male (2021 – 28% and 72%).

The age diversity shows that:

- 33% of members are age 70+ (2021 - 27%)
- 22% are aged between age 60 and 69 (2021 – 25%)
- 22% are aged between 50 and 59 (2021 25%); and
- 23% of the club is under the age of 50 (2021 - 23%).

The diversity in the club is continuing to show that the group has a good mix of experience and our activities are attracting both women and men. This doesn't just happen by itself, and every member has the opportunity to assist in member development by taking the time help newer members and to ask someone whom they feel would enjoy helping others through RCM to get involved in our activities.

The approach to new member recruitment will continue to evolve in 2022-23 as will the approach to membership retention to ensure all members continue to be provided opportunities to be engaged in club activities.

Membership Statistics for 2021-2022

We started the year on 1 July 2021 with 64 active members, welcomed four new members and lost ten during 2021-22, finishing the year with 58 active members. As mentioned previously, an unprecedented number of members took the opportunity to relocate their residences, resulting in a larger than usual number departing. The aim for 2021-2022 was to increase membership to 66. This will become the goal for 2022-23.

New Members:

Maureen Jackson, Sonia Dhillon, Justine Murphy, Stephen Turner.

Thank you to members who have been involved in mentoring new members during the year. Thank you also to Roger Thornton for his assistance in organising pins, badges and other new member related materials.

No Longer Members:

John Hinrichs, Gerard Hogan, Stuart Ellis, Rajesh Chawla, Bernard Marchingo, George Mackey, Puja Ganguli, Brett Jones Paul Fraser, Nick Clift.

Honorary Membership

Honorary Membership is offered to members who have distinguished themselves by giving meritorious service to the club and in the furtherance of Rotary ideals. The current Honorary Members of Rotary Central Melbourne are:

Cecil Akerley, Brian Downie, Geoff Fairhall, Keith Frampton, Marjorie Gerlinger, Steven Hallis, Brett Jones, Bruce McBain, Lorraine Meehan, Heather Walklate.

Conclusion

The pandemic and post-pandemic impacts on our Rotary work was considered by the club, and while some things were not be able to happen as they once did, many other opportunities to provide community support have been implemented. RCM remains engaged in supporting the needs of our local and international communities and will continue to be innovative in the way that support is delivered.

Neville John
Membership Development Chair

New members



Maureen Jackson



Sonia Dhillon



Justine Murphy



Stephen Turner

Strategic Advisory Group

Membership

Elias Lebbos (President)
Michelle Crawford (President Nominee)
Kevin Love (Vice President – Strategy)
Therese Robinson (Immediate Past President)
Rob Soros (club member)
Neville Taylor (Vice President – Club & Committee Chair)
Rohan Williams (President-Elect)

The purpose of the Rotary Central Melbourne Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) is to identify and recommend strategy to the Board to ensure the relevance and health of the club into the future. The SAG was initiated in the 2017-18 Rotary year specifically to research and advise the then Board on the potential for a Corporate Membership package. Leveraging the benefit of that model, the SAG was formalised the following year and continues to function in that way.

There are two ongoing areas of focus for the SAG.

Strategy

The SAG performs “pulse checks” of our strategic plan to ensure its ongoing relevance. The “pulse checks” confirmed that the strategic plan remains relevant and identified the opportunity for the service teams to make greater use of the plan when investigating new service projects e.g. how will the project increase our impact or expand our reach or enhance participant engagement or increase our ability to adapt?

President pipeline

Additionally, the SAG oversees the Pathway to President pipeline, another unique initiative to ensure a strategic outlook in club leadership. As part of our review of the pipeline, President Elias contacted members to reconfirm their willingness to perform a club leadership role in the future.

The SAG also assisted the club with preparations for the coming year by reviewing a club health check performed by the President-Elect, performing a club membership survey and encouraging service team directors to perform “pulse checks” of current service activities.

The SAG is chaired by the President-Elect and comprises President, Vice Presidents, President Nominee and Immediate Past President until replaced following each AGM by the President Nominee Designate. There is also one invited club member identified for development for future club leadership.

Rohan Williams
President-Elect

Treasurer's Report – Martin Langton

Profit and Loss (unaudited)

For the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022

Club Administration.

Income

Breakfast Revenue	10,586
Changeover income	2,419
Joining Fee	100
Other Revenue	38,973
Subscription Income	17,981
Total Income	70,059

Operating Expenses

Badge & Engraving	95
Bank Fees	581
Breakfast Expense	11,345
Changeover	2,419
ClubRunner	950
Computer	858
Consulting & Accounting	582
Flowers & Gifts	437
General Expenses	39,230
Postage & Post Box	226
Raffle Expense	164
Rotary District Levy	6,400
Rotary Down Under	2,044
Rotary International	6,385
Speakers' Gifts	78
Storage	2,239
Telephone & Internet	(359)
Total Expenses	73,674

Club Administration Surplus **(3,615)**

Committees

Fundraising

Income

Sausage Sizzles	12,321
Donations	4,450
Donations: Alan Seale Chairs Project	1,200
Raffle revenue	2,286
Other revenue	200
Total Income	20,457

Expenses

Bank Fees	335
Raffle Expense	1,514
Total Expenses	1,849

Surplus for Projects

18,608

Used to Fund Projects / Donations

Community Service	(4,134)
Foundation	(654)
International	(17,700)
Youth Service	(8,309)
Vocational Service	0
Service Project Deficit	(12,189)

Community Service

Income

Lift the Lid	920
Travellers Aid	752
Other income	512
Total Income	2,184

Expenses

Donation-in-Kind	3,500
Lift the Lid donation	920
Youth Projects	1,700
Other expenses	198
Total Expenses	6,318

Deficit (funded by Fundraising)

(4,134)

...Committees continued

Foundation

Income

Paul Harris Breakfast	3,152
Paul Harris Breakfast Raffle & Auction	6,644
Donations	1,155
Total Income	10,951

Expenses

Paul Harris Breakfast Expense	0
Eradicate Polio	1,500
Rotary International	8,910
Royce Abbey	1,195
Total Expenses	11,605

Deficit (funded by Fundraising) **(654)**

International

Income

Cambodia Clean Water & Toilet Project (Rotary Grant)	0
Total Income	0

Expenses

Cambodia Clean Water & Toilet Project Expense	3,200
Interplast	500
Philippines Sky Hydrant Project	4,000
RAWCS overseas aid	5,000
South Sudan Education Support for Girls	5,000
Total Expenses	17,700

Deficit (funded by Fundraising) **(17,700)**

Youth

Income

Youth Mental Health First Aid Project	7,060
Other income	50
Total Income	7,110

Expenses

Concern Australia	5,000
National Youth Science Forum	950
Silk Miller Scholarship	8,840
Youth Mental Health First Aid Project	629
Total Expenses	15,419

Deficit (funded by Fundraising) **8,309**

Vocational Service

Expenses

	0
Total Expenses	0
Deficit (funded by Fundraising)	0

Balance Sheet (unaudited)

As at 30 June 2022 (estimated)

Assets

Bank

Debit Card	111
General	20,031
Investment Account	12,836
Local Projects	2
Miscellaneous	2
Overseas Projects	2
Total Bank	32,984

Current Assets

Accounts Receivable	(24)
Bank Bendigo Investment	48,262
Cash Float BBQ	200
Cash Float	200
Other Debtors	2,419
Prepayments	244
Westpac Investment	19,768
Total Current Assets	71,069

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	50
GST	(1,141)
Other Liabilities	13,910
Bernie Gerlinger Hope for the Future Fund	8,919
W & M Jacobs Bequest	18,045
Total Current Liabilities	39,783

Net Assets	64,270
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Equity

Current Year Earnings	(15,804)
Operational Reserves	42,042
Retained Earnings	38,032
Total Equity	64,270

Central Melbourne Rotarians Serving on District Committees

Name	District role
<i>Warwick Cavell</i>	District Learning and Development – Chair District Vocational Champions Group - Chair District strategic planning resource
<i>Stuart Ellis</i>	Honours and Awards Committee - Deputy Chair
<i>Suvam Ganguli</i>	District Environmental Sustainability Rotarian Action Group Inter-district Environmental Sustainability liaison RI Convention 2023 Sustainability Action Group Melbourne Pollinator Corridor project team liaison
<i>Rob Hines</i>	World of Difference – Vice Chair
<i>John Illott</i>	Victoria Police Leadership Mentoring Program Steering Committee
<i>Ignacio Inchausti</i>	District Vocational Champions Group - member
<i>Neville John</i>	Foundation Grants Auditor Youth Exchange Ambassador
<i>Brett Jones</i>	Ambulance Victoria Leadership Mentoring Program Steering Committee
<i>Daniel Lim</i>	Social media adviser
<i>Kevin Love</i>	Victoria Police Leadership Mentoring Program – Rotary Coordinator
<i>Cecily Neil</i>	RAWCS D9800 Sanitation and Hygiene Coordinator
<i>Alan Seale</i>	New Generations Service Exchange Committee - Chair
<i>Neville Taylor</i>	Ambulance Leadership Mentoring Program - Rotary Coordinator District Peace Scholarship Sub-committee - member

Office Bearers and Directors since Charter in 1987

Directors														
Year	President	Vice Pres	Secretary	Treasurer	Sergeant	Vocational	Community	Youth	International	Club Admin	Foundation	Fundraising	Horizons	Bulletin
1987-1988	T Cocks	B Gilbert	D Mitchell	R Stone	A Forbes	P Sharman	D Swanton	C Akerley	B Johnson	B Tassell	N/A	N/A	N/A	G John
1988-1989	C Akerley	B Gilbert	J Hall	P Comley	L Butterfield	C Ferris	I Angus	D Farrell	H Greenwood	G Pitt	N/A	B Lockwood	N/A	F O’Brien
1989-1990	H Greenwood	R Thomas R Stone	T Callander	C Lavender	B Gilbert	D Swanton J Wright	I Angus	G Pitt	G Pitt	M Moorfield	N/A	P Denham	N/A	B King
1990-1991	M Moorfield	R Thomas	G Upton	J Meehan	R Taggart	I Angus	J Wright	B Bowman	B King	D Cassidy	N/A	C Lavender	N/A	B Bassat
1991-1992	D Cassidy	R Thomas	D Blyth	N Smart	G Pitt	R Taggart	B Gilder	B Bowman	D Swanton	J Meehan	N/A	B Boyd	N/A	H Greenwood
1992-1993	J Meehan	P Comley	R Taggart	B Gerlinger	J Hall	N Smart	S Hallis	R Gilding	P Maguire	L Butterfield	M Moorfield	K Frampton	N/A	H Greenwood
1993-1994	L Butterfield	R Stone	B Sampson	B Gerlinger	K Frampton	A Seale	S Hallis	G Maloney	I Rust	M Holland	C Akerley	F O’Brien	N/A	K Waldron
1994-1995	T Callander	R Stone	D Neilson	B Gerlinger	G Maloney	D Mitchell	S Hallis	P Maguire	P Routledge	B Sampson	C Akerley	J Eddy	N/A	I Angus
1995-1996	G Upton	J Meehan	B Bassat	B McBain	B Gerlinger	P Comley	G Rogers	J Selak	J Wright	A Seale	T Callander	M Dumais	N/A	D Blyth
1996-1997	R Stone	H Greenwood B Sampson	N John	N Shepherd	F O’Brien	B Tassell	M Bromby	K Keele	D Gibb	M Holland	M Gerlinger	D Neilson	J Meehan	R O’Donnell
1997-1998	K Frampton	K Keele F O’Brien	S Hallis	E Estlin	P Comley	M Holland	J Selak	B McBain	D Neilson	G Rogers	B Tassell	N John	G Trainor	W Pittaway
1998-1999	B Sampson	D Neilson R Foenander	B McBain	J Wright	S Hallis	P Conquest	R Norman	M McAninly	M Gerlinger	F O’Brien	I Murray	N John C Malkin	R Stone	S Kroeger
1999-2000	B Gerlinger	B McBain R Foenander	A Driver	J Wright	M Holland	G Farrell	P Conquest	R Norman	R Bowen	N John	F O’Brien	C Malkin	K Frampton	M Gerlinger
2000-2001	S Hallis	R Norman K Frampton	N John	B McBain	G Rogers	T Thomas	A Driver	K Love	M Bromby	M Gerlinger	J Meehan	C Malkin	N/A	B Heron
2001-2002	A Seale	J Meehan B Gerlinger	G Tong	K Walklate	M Bromby	M McAninly	M Gerlinger	F O’Brien	A Imbardelli	R Norman	B McBain	J Selak	N/A	P Daniels
2002-2003	N John	M Holland B Gerlinger	M Bromby	K Walklate	M McAninly	B McBain	K Frampton	S Kroeger	A Driver	S Bell	S Hallis	J Selak	J Meehan	T Thomas
2003-2004	M Gerlinger	J Selak A Seale	P Conquest	K Walklate	R Norman D Robertson	K Stevens	J Ilott	P Daniels	A Driver	M McAninly A King	P Comley	K Campbell	J Meehan	T Thomas
2004-2005	M Bromby	P Conquest N John	G Hogan	J Mirams	K Walklate	L McMeekan	A Driver	B Gerlinger	R Thornton	P Maguire	G Farrell	A Seale L Walker	P Daniels	T Thomas
2005-2006	B McBain	R Bowen P Maguire	J Ilott	K Stevens	L McMeekan	A Driver	C White	E Fenby	A King	R Thornton	P Conquest	K Walklate	J Meehan	T Thomas

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2006-2007	S Bell	R Thornton	J Ilott	J Meehan	M Gerlinger	M Voice	R Bowen	G Edgecombe	A King	P Maguire				T Thomas
2007-2008	J Ilott	T Callander	R Thornton	A King	M Gerlinger	B Gerlinger	G Edgecombe	G Hogan	N John	K Walklate				T Thomas
2008-2009	R Thornton	A King	K Love	D Jones	M Gerlinger	T Thomas	G Edgecombe	M Lapiña	G Mills	N Salvano				T Thomas
2009-2010	K Love	A Driver	A King Also Fundraising	D Jones	R Riebeling	D Robertson	S Bell	M Lapiña	J Murphy	N Salvano				T Thomas
2010-2011	A King	H Greenwood	K Walklate	D Jones	M Gerlinger	H Greenwood	A Driver	M Lapiña	B McBain	J Murphy	T Thomas			R Riebeling
2011-2012	K Walklate	M Gerlinger	K Stevens Also Club Administration	N Salvano	D Robertson	E Stockdale	A Driver	K Love	J Murphy	J Warner	M Wells			R Riebeling
2012-2013	K Stevens	T Callander	D Robertson Also Community	N Salvano	B Gerlinger	M Bromby	R Garrett	D Park	K Steiner	N Taylor	M Wells			B McBain R Stevens R Riebeling T Thomas
2013-2014	D Robertson	A Seale	R Garrett Also International	B McBain	Y Zhang	M Bromby	J Cavanagh	G Cuthbert	G Mackey	R Stevens R Thornton	N Taylor			D Jones K Steiner T Thomas
2014-2015	R Garrett	T Callander	G Mackey Also Youth	T Thomas	Y Zhang	B Gerlinger	G Cuthbert	D Jones	F O'Brien	N Taylor N Salvano	R Thornton			D Jones
2015-2016	G Mackey	M Gerlinger	J Murphy	N Salvano	D Robertson	Presenter T Thomas	G Cuthbert	P Duras	K Harvey	R Hines	A King	R Thornton		A Driver
2016-2017	J Murphy	A Seale (Operations) W Cavell (Strategy)	F O'Brien	N Salvano	K Walklate	Presenter T Thomas	S Ellis	P Fraser	M Gerlinger	R Hines	A King	N Taylor		D Jones
2017-2018	F O'Brien	M Gerlinger (Operations) W Cavell (Strategy)	N Taylor	N Salvano	K Walklate M Gerlinger	G Hogan	S Ellis	P Fraser	H Greenwood	R Hines	E Lebbos	A Seale		D Jones R Soros
2018-2019	N Taylor	K Love (Club) W Cavell (Strategy)	W Cavell	K Harvey	B Gerlinger C Chambers (asst)	G Hogan	H Greenwood	R Hines	E Lebbos	S Overton	T Robinson	R Soros		R Williams
2019-2020	W Cavell	N John	T Robinson	P Fraser	A King	B Jones	H Greenwood	R Hines	G Hogan	E Lebbos	S Overton	R Williams		N Clift
2020-2021	T Robinson	A King (Club) K Love (Strategy)	E Lebbos	P Fraser	M Langton	Presenter B Jones	W Cavell	A Driver	R Hines	D Laurie	C Neil	N Taylor	R Williams	N Clift I Inchausti
2021-2022	E Lebbos	N Taylor (Club) K Love (Strategy)	Rohan Williams	P Fowler	M Langton	Presenter B Jones	W Cavell	A Driver	R Hines	D Laurie	A le Roux	C Neil	T Robinson	I Inchausti