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Assistant Governor (Goldfields North)

Ron Payne (RC Eaglehawk)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President

Vice President

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Rod McDonald

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Tom Dobeli

Past President

Club Service

Community Ser.

International Ser.

Michael Pearson

Noel Hobley

Tom Dobeli

Megan O'Keefe

Rotary Foundation

Vocational Service

Youth Service

Membership

Wayne Smith

Brian Figg

Joy Bruce

Michael Pearson

CLUB OFFICIALS

Protection/OHS Officer

Association Secretary

Tom Dobeli

Wayne Smith

Public Officer

Communications

Wayne Smith

Noel Hobley

PAST PRESIDENTS

E M Vains 1925-1926

M G Guidice 1926-1927

W J Long 1927-1928

O Flight (Snr) 1928-1929

J Jeffrey 1929-1930

W Tredinnick 1930-1931

W Tredinnick 1931-1932

F Levy 1932-1933

A L Bolton 1933-1934

G V Lansell 1934-1935

G Eathorne 1935-1936

G Long 1936-1937

O V Morris 1937-1938

T H McNaught 1938-1939

H P Y Wright 1939-1940

W A Draper 1940-1941

L L Dungey 1941-1942

G P Hibberd 1942-1943

A E Davies 1943-1944

E B Pederick 1944-1945

G A Pethard 1945-1946

F.E.R. Biggs 1946-1947

B Mundy 1947-1948

A H Jones 1948-1949

J. Barton 1949-1950

E F Granger 1950-1951

N J Oliver 1951-1952

E A Cambridge 1952-1953

R H Trethewey 1953-1954

C W Baker 1954-1955

K W Hesse 1955-1956

R V Brock 1956-1957

T B Keith 1957-1958

R Campagnolo 1958-1959

H A Moors 1959-1960

W G Sones 1960-1961

S J Tongway 1961-1962

G E Mayne 1962-1963

A C Sandow 1963-1964

E M Monotti 1964-1965

J N Sutherland 1965-1966

J C M Jeffrey 1966-1967

K H G Ross 1967-1968

W N Johanson 1968-1969

J W Henderson 1969-1970

D L Martin 1970-1971

C Bell 1971-1972

K Mill 1972-1973

F A McManus 1973-1974

L Williamson 1974-1975

R W Cambridge 1975-1976

J M Adams 1976-1977

W J B Derham 1977-1978

J M Cartwright 1978-1979

R J Slattery 1979-1980

D T Watts 1980-1981

K G Scarrott 1981-1982

R W Paulsen 1982-1983

D J Samson 1983-1984

D T Potter 1984-1985

H J O'Sullivan 1985-1986

V F Moyle 1986-1987

P A Joseph 1987-1988

E J Rankins 1988-1989

W F Gray 1989-1990

N R Phillips 1990-1991

D W Brown 1991-1992

B T McMahon 1992-1993

B L Kinross 1993-1994

H G Wheeler 1994-1995

K A Reilly 1995-1996

R Poyser 1996-1997

G McLeod 1997-1998

C M Nankervis 1998-1999

G R Gunnell 1999-2000

L J Winzar 2000-2001

I R Monotti 2001-2002

B W Doherty 2002-2003

C J Burns 2003-2004

J M McLean 2004-2005

M J Andrew 2005-2006

J Krakowiak 2006-2007

H G Wheeler 2007-2008

N A Hobley 2008-2009

A Hampton 2009-2010

J Gallagher 2010-2011

W W Smith 2011-2012

B P Figg 2012-2013

T G Seddon 2013-2014

R McDonald 2014-2015

L J Winzar 2015-2016

G A Reilly 2016-2017

V Broad 2017-2018

L Hughes 2018-2019

Michael Pearson 2019-2020

Graeme Clarke 2020-2021

Members who are Past Presidents of other clubs

Michael Pearson 94-95 95-96
Tennant Creek.

Peter Hyett 2000-01
Echuca/Moama

Robert Edgar 2001-02
Frankston North

Brian Figg 2007-08
Mildura

Liz Bannon 2009-10
Kangaroo Flat

Jan Walklate 2010/11-13/14
Bendigo Strathdale

Ken Longford 2017-18
Bendigo Strathdale

Members who have served as

DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Arthur Bolton 1936-37

Ern Granger 1962-63

Ray Downey 1977-78

Rotary

Club of Bendigo



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

All the planning for my year was done prior to COVID-19 and little did I know how that was to change. As July got closer and closer I became more and more concerned as to the health and welfare of my fellow club members.

Then June came and I threw most of my planning out the window. I considered the very viability of the Club was probably at stake, with the probability that if COVID-19 could take hold, the Club could lose

trees to make sure all members had been contacted and kept up to date of club activities. The intention was that members not attending online meetings should have had contact with a Board member once or twice during the year.

I asked Rod McDonald, as Chair of the Program Committee, to ensure we had a good range of speakers on a wide range of engaging subjects and I for one consider he has fulfilled this request in spades, thanks Rod. I suppose one good outcome of utilising the Zoom technology was the opportunity to have speakers presenting to the meeting online, without the need, and possible inconvenience, of travelling to a physical meeting. Something we are sure to use for future speakers.

The Fellowship Committee went into abeyance up until about October when there was a glimmer of hope emerging from the darkness of COVID-19 and we

no car parking, no wine makers festival, not even allowed to do the Christmas Carols and whilst it looked like our beloved Art Show would be cancelled, again, the Government hinted that things might change and Brian Figg went into planning mode. The Council really came to the fore and we were, in late January, allowed to send out invites to artists in the hope of getting some art to exhibit and sell.

Giving further thought to our communities we sought to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Rotary Downunder with '100 Acts of Kindness', an initiative first raised within District 9800. Without the ability to raise new funds the board approved the use of unspent funds from our cancelled projects.

So with the help of the local outlets we handed over 100 envelopes with gift cards from IGA and Mitre 10 to Gerard Jose of Bendigo Community Health and Angela



members and what a very miserable year that would mean.

As we were already using Zoom this would continue to be our preferred method of meeting as a club, with little social interaction happening at a personal level. The numbers attending continued to be around 50%, a moving feast of attendees.

The pictures here are of various Zoom meetings.

Efforts were made to make sure members had the chance for fellowship and we broke the meetings up into small 'rooms', for 10 minutes at least, giving members the chance to interact on a more personal level and maintain their 'Rotary family'.

For those that hadn't attended via Zoom, I tried to contact via phone and make sure they were OK. As a Board we set up phone

were able to have a couple of events on the balcony at the Bendigo Club.

Limited numbers of course, non-sharing of utensils etc and masks on as we went to and fro around the room, but we were back meeting again, Yeah!

I must make mention of the efforts of the Bendigo Club in facilitating our meetings. They were in fact operating on reduced staffing levels, in both the bar and the kitchen, to cope with the limitations of the COVID-19 restrictions which also limited their ability to service our needs and prepare extensive menus. It wasn't always up to the standard they'd like, but I think the members were more focussed on the opportunity to get together than the quality of the service.

All fund raising had ceased in July and so

Draper from Uniting Care, for distribution via their networks.

We were allowed a Christmas Breakup which was held very successfully at Wes Vines Mandurang Valley Wines. We thought about going to the Hampton Estate but the rules at the time forbade that and from memory, nearly 30 members plus most of their partners and some friends turned up and it was a fantastic celebration with Michael eventually being able to distribute his Paul Harris Fellowships - there wasn't a dry eye in the house. Thanks goes to our Fellowship Committee under Pam Luxford.

Art Show planning was by now well under way, but with limitations and the pressure was beginning to show with the committee cautiously pessimistic that we might break even, if we were lucky.

PEOPLE WITH A PURPOSE

Well how wrong they were, we took in over 900 paintings on the Monday and the curatorial team worked their socks off getting all those hung and didn't they present beautifully?

The range of paintings was enormous as they came in from, I think, six different states and for nearly 30% of the artists it was the first time they had exhibited in Bendigo, thanks mainly due to the Gallery 247 partnership and subsequent promotion.

We achieved sales of 195 paintings with a value of \$105k, door entry fees were over \$16k, indicating we had over 1400 paying patrons at \$10 per head through the door in timed two-hour sessions, an outstanding result and one for which the committee should feel duly proud, particularly under the circumstances they had to endure. Well done to Brian and the crew.

Big thanks to the Council who supplied staff

night out since COVID-19 lockdowns began, but none the less the security team maintained their vigilance and all attendees were thoroughly checked out before boarding. (It was probably the first Cruise since COVID-19 hit that industry last year.) It was a truly memorable night and a big congratulations to Captain Reilly and his crew.

Early in my year I decided that with little fund raising opportunities possible for the foreseeable future, we should have a Fund Raising Think Tank, the chair was Peter Reading and it met quite a few times, mostly via Zoom. Peter reported to the Board in about March after which I organised a Fund-Raising Committee.

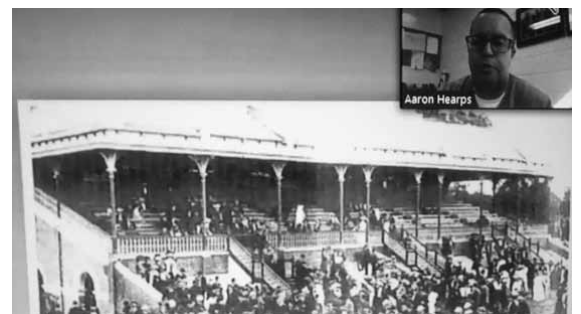
We are looking at funding our Clubs' Centenary Project and possibly something we would like to add at Camp Get-Away, where we held a club fellowship night, with tour and information session this year.

year progressed - juggling the numbers is what Garry is good at.

On a sad note, we lost a stalwart of the Club in Frank Lean. Frank joined the Club in 1997, he was a PHF recipient in 2009, with Sapphire in 2013 and was awarded Honorary Membership in his latter years. Frank filled many roles in the Club over the years but will be well remembered for his recent 'Exercise Book' drives for students, resulting in thousands of books being shipped off to Timor Leste and Samoa.

It was very sad period for the family as they had resolved to move Frank to Melbourne, to a more supported environment and he passed away soon after. I miss Frank and his ways and gentle nature; Rotary meant a lot to Frank and he gave generously.

I would like to thank the Club for allowing me the privilege of being President this year and I would also like to thank the very



and managed the flow of people around the appropriate COVID-19 restrictions.

Late February we were able to get out and run a BBQ at Bunnings, but it wasn't until April that Greg Galloway's team was able to get back onto the pitch with a carparking stint at the Bendigo Jockey Club. In between we manned some Community Outreach Events through the Drought Relief Project and members travelled to those Mallee communities to help out.

We had our Annual Bowls Night, this year at the South Bendigo Bowls Club and it all went very well with over 30 people, including some newbies, attending - see Daryl Watts report for the winners.

Glenn Reilly and the Fellowship team organised a fantastic Cruise Night. Many members and partners enjoyed their first

With the potential of The Maubissi Knitting Project possibly coming to an end, as Patti Cotton plans to move north to be near her family, I've asked Libby Hughes to investigate the feasibility of our Club taking over the lead role with Eaglehawk, South Bendigo and Sandhurst supporting with both, feet on the ground and financial support.

Unfortunately, our International Youth Exchange program had to be paused under COVID-19 but Joy Bruce has worked her socks off to ensure all our local student contacts have been maintained.

Garry Gunnell, looked after the finances and has done a great job with the little he has had to play with, then District sent him a curly one by subsidising membership fees for the year by only letting him know as the

supportive Board. They are an amazing bunch of people who, whilst we sometimes disagree, we always come together to support the outcome at the end of the debate. My thanks to every one of them.



Graeme S Clarke
President
2020-21

MEMBERS AND CLASSIFICATIONS

ABBOTT Tabitha - Travel Services
ACKERMAN Barry - Rubber Processing
BANNON Liz - Nurse Midwife
BROAD Val - Music Education
BRUCE Joy - Primary Education
BUTTOLPH Daniel - Pharmacy
CARTWRIGHT John - Optometry
CLARKE Graeme - Lighting Retail
COATES Ian - Regional Banking Services
COIA Domenic - Hairdressing
DeZILVA Tilika - Catering
DOBELI Tom - Health and Safety
DOHERTY Brian - Insurance Brokerage
EDGAR Bob - Landcare
FIGG Brian - Body Corporate Services
FLOOD John - Electricity Supply
GALLAGHER John - Plumbing Service
GALLOWAY Greg - Healthcare
GLAZEBROOK Arthur - Banking*
GRAVES Kaye - Community Health Management
GRAY Bill - Bearing Services
GUNNELL Garry - Project Management
HAMPTON Andrew - Funeral Directing
HOBLEY Noel - Media Services
HUGHES Libby - Friendly Society Pharmacy
HUGHES Mike - Information Technology
HYETT Peter - Farm Management
IONESCU Daniela - Engineering Education
KRAKOWIAK John - Social Education
LEHMAN Kaye - Human Services
LONGFORD Ken - Coach Operation
LONGFORD Liz - Nursing and Midwifery
LOWE Kim - Business Services
LUXFORD Pamela - Window Furnishings
McDONALD Rod - Human Resources
McLEOD Geoffrey - Motels
McMAHON Bryan - Marketing Advertising
MACDERMID Jan - Disability Service
MAHONEY Jim - Agricultural Supplies
MUHLNICKEL Glen - Banking Financial Services
NANKERVIS Colin - Civil Engineering
OBERIN Leanne - Executive Assistant
O'KEEFE Megan - Community Health Nurse
PAULSEN Margaret - Business Administration
PEARSON Lisa - Nursing

PEARSON Michael - General Practice Medicine
PEMBERTON John - Business Banking
PENNA Barry - Locksmithing
RANKINS Ted - Postal Service
RASMUSSEN Henry - Hospitality
READING Peter - Signwriting
REILLY Glenn - Electrical Retailing
RICHMOND Ken - Superannuation Consultancy
ROBINSON Alida - Sales and Marketing
ROGERS Ron - Insurance
SAMMON Marty - Accounting
SAMSON Des - Confectionery Distribution
SHRESTHA Umesh - Electricity Design
SLOAN Julie - Primary Health Service
SMITH Wayne - Water Engineering
TREVORAH Evan - Accounting*
VANDENBERG Richard - Chartered Accountant
VANSTAN Rosalie - Pharmacy Administration
WALKLATE Jan - Business Agent
WASILJEW Larisa - Workplace Training
WATTS Daryl - Legal Office Administration
WHEELER Hugh - University Edn Admin Services
WINZAR Larrie - Career/Life Coach

*Honorary Member



VALE FRANK LEAN

June 16, 1938 - March 13, 2021
Rotary Club of Bendigo member 579
Inducted April 15, 1997
PHF November 30, 2009

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Director: Tom Dobeli

Earlier in the year many of our major events were cancelled due to COVID-19 and we changed our lifestyle to living in a community bubble in the interest of public safety. The wool show, race day parking, school cross country events, caravan and camping show, then our annual carols by candlelight all succumbed to the penalties of crowd safety and were all cancelled.

The new year came and we started to discard face masks and boundaries were lifted and people started to gather at events. The Art Show was our first test on how we were to manage a COVID-19 safe community event with all the safety protocols to go with it.

Brian Figg and his team, in conjunction with the Greater City of Bendigo council staff, coordinated the event over the Easter Festival weekend, even without the usual parade. The Art Show under the leadership of Brian Figg and his committee, keep giving us a bigger and better event each year which compliments the Easter festivities in Bendigo. This event gives artists from near and far, an opportunity to display and sell their work to the many visitors in the majestic Town Hall building.

Bunnings provided us with an opportunity to be seen in public and a successful bar-b-que was held at Kangaroo Flat, serving sausages and drinks to the public.

In mid-March Bob Edgar organized a team to participate in the Drought and Flood Relief Project Community Outreach Events - an Australian Government Drought Initiative. So members were off to Birchip, Kerang, Sea Lake, Ouyen, Robinvale.

Many stories were heard as people relayed their struggles and hardship suffered during the drought. Rotarians participated in 4-hourly sessions, helping farmers, farm workers and farm contractor's complete paperwork to enable them to receive a \$500 debit card. In excess of \$50,000 would have been distributed. This was very rewarding to our members and along the way we met Rotarian's from Kerang, Mildura and Robinvale who provided bar-b-que lunches and a good chat to all attending.

In April, with things returning to some normality, Greg Galloway and his team were back getting Rotarians into the swing of parking buses and cars at the racecourse for the primary school's cross-country event. This again went smoothly and a good day was had by all.

The Bendigo Winemakers Festival involved enthusiastic participation from members as they welcomed visitors to the show in the beautiful Rosiland Park which was extended to a two day COVID-19 safe event.

To all Rotarians who volunteered their time to make these events so successful during the year a big thank you, as your service has made a difference.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Colin Nankervis

After the success of last years' event, including perfect weather, a lovely balmy evening and the largest audience we had seen for some time, we also welcomed the Bendigo Bank as a major sponsor and the committee was very much looking forward to this years' Carols.

COVID-19 restrictions as far back as August saw the choirs prevented from practising together, social distance issues complicating the stage layout and the chances of 7000 people being able to congregate in Rosalind Park for a concert was looking very shaky, but we held out hope and pressed on.

The committee put a lot of work into preparing options for the event including

investigating the staging and televising of the event from a suitable location, without a crowd.

But, eventually a decision had to be made, as the choirs, the bands, the lights, the sound, the compere and the special guests all had to plan and prepare for the occasion but despite all the efforts of the committee the '2020 Carols by Candlelight' was cancelled and the news was relayed back to all the participants.

I'd like to take this opportunity to personally thank all the committee for the months of work done in good faith: Tabitha Abbot, Val Broad, Tom Dobeli, Brian Doherty, Kim Lowe, Jim Mahoney, John Permberton, Barry Penna, Ron Rogers and Daniela lonsecu. I look forward to getting together again when we can reset and look forward to 'Carols 2021'.

BENDIGO SWAP MEET

Libby Hughes

Unfortunately the long held tradition of the Bendigo Swap Meet was, after much planning and organising, cancelled this year due to the COVID-19 Pandemic lockdown.

The Bendigo Car Club, who coordinates the Bendigo Swap Meet, will meet in July this year to decide whether the 2021 Swap Meet will go ahead.

I thank my committee members for their efforts and commitment, and I look forward to the coming year.

CAR PARKING

Greg Galloway

The Car Parking Management was a year of COVID-19 related cancellations. In the past 12 months we could only participate in two of our scheduled fundraising events, being the Bendigo Winemakers Festival that earned \$2500 for the two day event and Schools Cross Country where we received \$1600 for our Club.

Both of these events received enthusiastic participation from members as they welcomed the opportunity to get involved in activities again.

CRAFT GROUP

Libby Hughes

COVID-19 kept us at home but we were still knitting blankets for Uniting Care Emergency Crisis Centre.

Once we were out of lockdown we were able to replenish our wool supply from the Bendigo Woollen Mills. They had been really busy, running out of wool fulfilling online orders, but we got our supplies and started to meet in Crook Street Park.

We had to keep socially distanced but we were still able to chat and knit. It was also very nice weather! As the weather cooled a bit we were back at the Schaller/Mercure Hotel until this last lockdown.



During the lockdown we turned our hands to mask making. The Club got behind the idea and donated any income into Rotary

Funds. We raised \$2000 to go into the coffers for Graeme to disburse. We also did masks for Melbourne Cup Day and masks for Christmas with a Xmas theme. Eeveryone in the club has a mask, luckily we didn't throw them away!

Graeme also asked us to investigate the East Timor Knitting Project (attached update). Larisa, Pam and I have spoken to Patti Cotton, who coordinates this project but is moving interstate, and we feel our Club can get involved. More to follow.

EASTER ART SHOW

Brian Figg

Congratulations to all Club Members and the Art Show Committee for an extremely successful running of the 2021 event despite the challenges of it being in a COVID-19 Safe format at the Bendigo Town Hall - being the Club's 53rd Art Show. Feedback was that this was the best quality show the Club had put on at the Bendigo Town Hall.



Some 900 paintings were exhibited with artists predominantly from Central Victoria, Geelong, Melbourne and southern NSW but many new ones from South Australia, Tasmania and Qld, noting that nearly 30% of exhibiting artists at the 2021 Show were first time exhibitors (mainly due to the Gallery 247 partnership and promotion).

We achieved sales of 195 paintings with a value of \$105,000, door entry fees were over \$16,000 (indicating we had over 1400 paying patrons at \$10 per head through the door in timed two hour sessions and around 120 at \$15 for the Preview evening) and the Raffle generated \$4,400 with all prizes kindly donated.

Award winners were:-

- Best in Show \$2,500 – “Twilight Reflections” by Maxwell Wilks

- Best Oil/Acrylic \$1,500 – “Land of Rugged Mountain Ranges” by Beryl Gay
- Best Watercolour \$1,500 – “Saturday Morning Shadows” by Terry Jarvis
- Best Pastel / Drawing (on paper) \$1,500 – “Coastal Scene” by Robert Knight
- Best Small Image < A4 \$750 – “Feather Key & Stones” by Elena Kolotusha
- Highly Commended Wards (6 x \$250) – won by Richard Chamerski, Christopher Duffy, Glenn Hoyle, Liz Millsom, Lynda Robinson and Hannah Sutton,

Carolyn Marrone was our Artist in Residence and did a wonderful job engaging with the patrons over the Easter week whilst enjoying great success selling 13 of her own paintings.

Special thanks to local artist Geoff Paynter for again helping the Curation Team do an outstanding job hanging the paintings. The

2021 judge was Darren Crothers who attended on the Thursday Morning and successfully navigated a tough task – such as the quality of the work on display.

A big thank you to our major sponsors The Bendigo Club, William Farmer, Estia Health, Bendigo Advertiser, Villawood Properties, Ace Body Corporate Management, Janelle Brennan (Goldfields Urology) and



Raffle prize: 'Morning Lights in Venice' donated by Tony Belobrajdic.

City of Greater Bendigo for their generous support of our 2021 show.

Thanks to our raffle prize donors, Bill Gray and the Gray Family for the fabulous toolkit, Mandurang Valley Wines and Turners Crossing for their wine packs, and Vanstans Pharmacy for the pamper pack.

As Easter Art Show Coordinator, I extend an enormous thanks to firstly the hardworking Art Show Committee comprising Daniela Ionescu, Tom Dobeli, Glen Muhlnickel, Des Samson, Alida Robinson, Bryan McMahon, John Flood, Kim Lowe, Mike Hughes and Jan Walklate - we each have our roles and responsibilities and have a lot of fun along the way.



Secondly, thanks to the many Club members (and many partners) for their fantastic efforts in making the 53rd Easter Art Show another outstanding success – it really is a great team effort.

We had great pleasure in handing over \$28,000 to the Club from the 2021 Art Show proceeds.

CAMP GETAWAY

Wayne Smith

As I seem to report each year, our Club still has four members on the Camp Getaway Board of Management, namely Tom Dobeli, John Flood, Garry Gunnell and yours truly. I am now in my eighth year as Board Chairman/Secretary. No rest for the wicked.

That being said, it would be remiss of me not to acknowledge the years of service of our other club members.

Garry Gunnell and John Flood are both inaugural members of the current Board being elected to office in October 2000; both coming up for 21 years of service. Garry served as Vice Chairman for 13 of those years and John as Treasurer for 18 years. Tom Dobeli joined the Board in 2013 and now serving his eighth year.

The first half of 2020/2021 was fairly quiet due to the effects of the COVID-19 lockdown. Whilst being lifted in late



October 2020, the lockdown restrictions prevented us gearing up to accept campers until early in January 2021.

Surviving the pandemic was a fascinating exercise. Fortunately, the job-keeper supplement and grants from the State Government enabled the continued operation and maintenance of the camp without any detriment to our financial bottom line, despite the loss of income from camping fees.

Yours truly learnt a lot about corporate governance and risk management thanks to insistent prodding by our current Treasurer PP Glenda Bryson, RC of Keilor, making sure that we established a COVID-19 Safe Plan to meet our requirements ready for the reopening of the camp.

Since reopening, camp bookings have been very steady with most weekends booked and a high percentage of bookings for mid-week camps. Fortunately, this latest lockdown has occurred whilst our caretaker family are taking a break and the camp is closed.

On the works front, the lockdown restrictions prevented us from doing any significant work onsite during the second half of 2020. Likewise, with the steady bookings so far in 2021, opportunities to work onsite without disturbing campers has been limited.



Suffice to say, on the few occasions we did manage to get onsite, work on the Fire Protection System upgrade was completed and the system has received full certification. Following certification, Certificates of Occupancy for all five accommodation buildings were issued by the City of Greater Bendigo.

Congratulations to former Bendigo-Strathdale Rotarian, Peter Kennedy, for his relentless perseverance in achieving this very important goal. Twenty years in the making and worth every minute.

We also made progress on the cosmetic conversion of the fire storage tank into a mock locomotive for the future

entertainment of our small visitors. On completion it will be called "Leon's (Scott) Loco".

On the funding front, we were delighted to receive a Community Grant of just under \$114,000 from Kirkland Lake Gold, the operators of the Fosterville Goldmine. We submitted a wish-list of six projects with the expectation that the company may fund one or two. Instead it agreed to fund all six.

On a sad note, we lost our very dear friend and colleague Kenneth Edward Briggs OAM in September 2020. Ken was a very active member of the Camp Getaway Board for over fifteen years and he remained active until just a few months before his passing when his deteriorating health curtailed his activities. Ken was the perfect Rotarian and a great servant of the broader community, always giving of himself without question. He epitomised the Rotary motto "service above self".



The Rotary Club of Bendigo South, Ken's club for more than thirty years, gave Ken a very fitting farewell at a memorial service held at the Camp's chapel in March this year.

SHEEP SHOW

Bob Edgar

The 2020 Sheep and Wool Show was cancelled due to restrictions imposed during the COVID-19 pandemic. Funds earned by the Club for providing Occupational Health and Safety services at the Show are used to support the University Agricultural Scholarship. Alternative sources of funding were sourced enabling two scholarships to be awarded for the 2021/22 academic years.

Arrangements are in place for the Club to work at the 2021 Sheep and Wool Show where we will have a stand in the Careers and Technology Hub to promote the Scholarship and to serve as a base for OH&S activities.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Director: Megan O'Keefe

Who can believe another year has passed and what a year it has been. COVID-19 and all its challenges definitely has provided us all with moments of despair and frustration but has also given us the time and opportunity to assess the way we work in this world and has provided us with moments of pure joy and human kindness. For all of the gauntlets its thrown down, I hope that equally, the past year, has provided us with the opportunity to reconnect and refocus on what is truly important to us all.

For the international services team, the past year has hindered our ability to fulfil our project commitments, as we would have liked, but has provided us with the opportunity to reallocate our efforts and funds and make a real difference during this pandemic.

Julie Sloan's passion for her work in Nepal has allowed us to build and consolidate our connections with the Rotary Clubs of Kathmandu and Chitwan, formalising our commitment to continue to work with them to support the Leprosy self help group. As you will see in her summary the impacts of COVID-19 on Kathmandu have been devastating. The Rotary Club of Bendigo's connection to Nepal has allowed us to support the community during this time through the provision of relief aid. We have also continued to support Nawang to continue with his social work degree, a qualification that is going to greatly assist the community to rebuild from this current crisis.

Unfortunately Bob Edgar has made the difficult decision to not proceed with the Samoan Bee Keeping project due to the ongoing uncertainty of border closures and time frames to complete the intended outcomes. The money the Club has raised will not go to waste though, with plans to allocate it to the ongoing support of the Agricultural scholarships.

While no trips to Samoa could proceed, planning continues for the day we can once again board a plane, head over and continue the rewarding work partnership of the we have built up with the local community. In the background support for the local community continues and Garry keeps in close contact, reassessing opportunities to help where possible.

While the year has been difficult, all project leads have continued to build relationships and support and we look forward to the next 12 months and the positive impacts the Rotary Club of Bendigo will continue to make within our international projects.

the hospital. Since reactivating the program in August 2020, we have (as Cleft Bangladesh) completed over 900 life-changing surgeries. These many families are so appreciative of the work and attitude of the surgeons and their generous commitment to serve and support their cleft suffering babies/children.



Bruce McEwen, Chair of Operation Cleft, spoke at a Club luncheon in June and congratulated members on our contribution of \$106,372 over the years of our involvement and we look forward getting out on the course and next year, we hope!

NEPAL PROJECT

Julie Sloan



COVID-19 Pandemic in Nepal

The Club has been working in capacity building, education and training and health promoting projects with on-the-ground groups in Nepal since 2013; however, the COVID-19 pandemic brought a sudden halt to our grassroots projects due to national lockdowns in 2020 and 2021

Nepal is an impoverished country landlocked between India and China; the population of 28 million people is struggling to battle the COVID-19 pandemic. The World Bank estimates that about a third of Nepal's live close to the poverty line and this pandemic is collapsing the already meagre health system (www.npr.org).

COVID-19 virus has been detected in all provinces and districts in Nepal with Kathmandu one of the worst affected. Most people living in Nepal face the daily difficulty of staying safe, accessing clean food and water, and paying for goods

OPERATION CLEFT GOLF EVENT

Glenn Reilly



Operation Cleft is a unique Rotary project that provides free cleft repair surgery for underprivileged children in Bangladesh and our Annual Golf Night has raised thousands of dollars towards these life changing surgeries.

After cancelling last years Golf Night because of the emergency around the bushfires across the country, it was very frustrating to lose this years event to the COVID-19 restrictions.

As expected the Cleft Palate affliction continues throughout the COVID-19

problem and Bangladesh like all countries has suffered severely from COVID-19. As of January 28th 2021, the country has reported 533,444 COVID-19 infections with a death toll of 8,072. The better news is that the second wave affect of COVID-19 in Bangladesh was thankfully not as severe as in some other Asian and European countries. The lockdown and suspension of surgeries back in March 2020 meant that families with Cleft suffering babies were under extreme stress and worry.

Our Cleft Bangladesh surgeons, despite personal risk and limitations from all the related pandemic complexities were determined to return to performing urgent surgeries at the earliest possible date, this occurred in early August 2020.

During this time, our highest priority was maintaining a COVID-safe surgical environment to ensure the highest safety of our patients and their families visiting

and services. The cost of basics such as fuel, food staples and health-care items were inflated when Nepal borders with India and China were sealed off to trade and government services, except those providing essential services, were closed.

The Club's key partner in Kathmandu is the Progress Self-Help Group of over 40 people living with Hansen's disease (Leprosy) and are among the most stigmatised, marginalised and disenfranchised groups in Nepal.

The Self-Help Group requested urgent assistance from the Club for food staples and fuel for cooking as their need for support during the initial severe lockdowns was desperate. In rapid response the Club responded by providing two Food and Cooking Relief Packages in July and October, 2020.

COVID-19 Rapid Response Food and Cooking Relief Packages



Funding for two packages of relief aid was submitted to the Progress Self-Help Group in July and October, 2020. The program provided funds for the purchase of food-staples including mixed beans, flour, noodles, oil, salt, and refilling gas bottles used for cooking.

In total an amount of AUD\$3,400 was provided to fund two distribution programs on-the-ground in Kathmandu. The Progress Self-Help Group organised the relief distribution programs and facilitated the program enabling everyone equitable access to food-staples and gas-bottle refill funds.

It is pleasing to note that the Progress Self-Help Group had capacity to contribute financially to the project from monies generated from its tailoring, handcraft and egg-selling micro credit businesses established with the help of the Club in 2016.

The group sends its thanks and is grateful to have received the rapid response package stating it has had a direct and

positive wellbeing impact for recipients their families.

On behalf of the Nepal Committee I wish to sincerely thank the Club and individual members for their generous donations and ongoing support for Nepal.

Educational and Training Program

Mr Nawang Tamang, our current Education and Training Program recipient, commenced his 4th year of study in May, 2021, in Kathmandu, Nepal. Nawang is completing his social work degree to improve youth mental health and wellbeing outcomes.

Due to the global COVID-19 pandemic and national lockdowns in Nepal, Nawang's 3rd year was conducted online with classes delivered via distance learning. During lockdown Nawang successfully studied and completed International Social Work, Law and Social Work and Social Work Research.

3rd year exams were undertaken later than usual due to COVID-19-related difficulties, results are pending. Now studying for his 4th year Masters qualification Nawang writes –

"In my final year, I am studying program design and evaluation, advanced social work research, social work in disaster management, social entrepreneurship, social work dissertation and social work field practicum. I have urban camp in my final year, which will be conducted out of country and it has not been fixed due to the pandemic."

Nawang has now returned to his remote area village to support his family during pandemic lockdown. The Club's congratulations and best wishes were extended to Nawang for his commitment to studies during a difficult year and for his and his family's health and wellbeing.

We wish Nawang every success for attainment of his Masters of Social Work Degree in 2021.



Nawang with his mother

From Here?

The Nepal Committee is a Club committee open to everyone and welcomes new members. Should you be interested in finding out more and/or joining the committee, please feel free to speak with committee members and/or contact Julie on 0400723098. The Club's Nepal Committee will be exploring ways of expanding partnerships with the Progress Self-Help Group and other interested Nepali clubs and groups in 2021-2022. Connecting with and establishing ongoing relationships with Rotary Clubs in Nepal will be an integral component of future committee work because "there needs to be organised and continuous support of these projects for selected and needy disabled people in the future" (Mr Tara Sigdel; Chair, Progress Self-Help Group, Nepal: 2019).

BEE KEEPING PROJECT

Bob Edgar



Samoan Beekeeper Training

Following the visit of Norma Tauillili, under the Royce and Jean Abbey Scholarship Program, in 2017 and the subsequent visit by Bendigo TAFE students to Samoa, the Club established a project to train beekeepers in Samoa.

Funding was obtained from the Crawford Fund for International Agriculture to support the visit of two beekeepers from Central Victoria to Samoa with the potential of a follow up visit by young beekeepers from Samoa as Royce and Jean Abbey scholars. However, with the travel restrictions imposed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it has not been possible to implement this work.

It could be at least two years before travel to and from Samoa is readily undertaken and it is expected the fares, accommodation, insurance and other travel costs may have increased significantly so a new proposal will need to be developed when conditions are suitable for travel.

SAMOA PROJECT

Garry Gunnell

The last 12 months has not seen any hands-on activity in Samoa due to the ongoing COVID-19 virus restrictions in place. This has prevented any international travel and our planned project continuing to be on hold.

The project was to upgrade previous computer training facilities and general maintenance work at a remote village primary school. We now hope the situation with COVID-19 settles down and allows us to return in 2022.

Similarly, the planned beekeeping project under Bob Edgar's direction was initially put on hold but has now been cancelled. Again, we hope to be able to re-visit a similar type project in the next 12 months or so.

Not all has been lost and the Club was able to conduct its annual collection of exercise books and stationary items. Over 4000 exercise books and considerable stationary items have been obtained with a big thank you to members efforts and the work of Henry Rasmussen with Peter Reading.



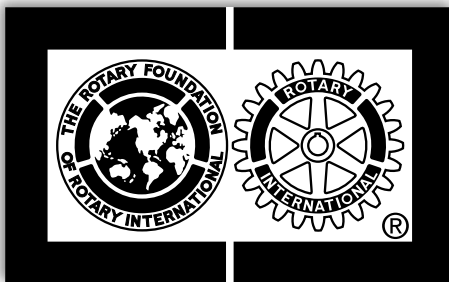
I will arrange delivery to Samoa later in the year for distribution to a number of primary schools. My shipping contact has plans to send a container over so I have secured a little space for shipping the books across to Samoa.

We were also fortunate to have the High Commissioner to Samoa, Sara Moriarty, speak at a club meeting. The benefit of being in lockdown allowed this high profile engagement to occur via ZOOM. It was a very informative session and good to hear her positive comments towards the ongoing work in Samoa by The Rotary Club of Bendigo.

We do have an invite for a reception with the High Commissioner in recognition of the Club's work when a team is next in Samoa.

FOUNDATION

Chair: Wayne Smith



D9800 Foundation Grants

Four club members attended the D9800 Foundation Grants Seminar, which was conducted via ZOOM on Sunday 14th June 2020. Clubs were required to have at least one member in attendance to be able to qualify for District and Global Grants during the 2020/2021 Rotary Year.

After the seminar, D9800 Humanitarian Grants Committee invited all D9800 Rotary Clubs to submit a Grants Intention Application to enable District to have some idea of the number of clubs that were likely to be making application(s) for District Foundation Grants in the 2020/2021 Rotary Year.

Following suggestions from a number of club members on likely projects, upon which we may base a Grants Submission, the Board agreed to submit a Grants Intention Application for a project involving the "Support of local First Nations young women seeking a health related career", submitted by Julie Sloan and Lisa Pearson.

Unfortunately, because of difficulty in establishing a line of communication with the "Weenthunga Health Network", through which the project would have operated, we were unable to pursue the project any further and an actual Grant Application was not submitted.

The Club's Foundation Directorate will have to work harder this coming Year.

New Rotary Foundation Club Recognition Program

During the year, Rotary District 9800 announced a new Rotary Foundation Club Recognition Program.

The Rotary Foundation has an extensive range of programs to acknowledge the personal contributions of Rotarians

and other individual donors. However, in Australia and New Zealand, about half the giving to the Foundation comes from our clubs, and until now, there hasn't been a good program to recognise clubs for their generosity.

Therefore, from the end of the 2020/21 year, District 9800 will join with other districts in Australia and New Zealand with two new programs to recognise clubs. They will be known as the "Club Annual Donor" and the "Club Major Donor" recognitions.

The "Club Annual Donor" program will recognise Club giving over the previous 12 months. To ensure it is open to clubs of all sizes, the program will work on a per-member basis.

Like the Major Donor program for individuals, the "Club Major Donor" program will be based on all-time giving and will be a way of thanking clubs for their sustained support for our Foundation over many years.

For the statistically minded, my interpretation of RI records indicates that the Club's all-time giving is around \$128,700.

Rotary Centurion Week

During Rotary Centurion Week, two of our Club members, Bill Gray and Noel Hobley, committed to become a Rotary Centurion, with each contributing \$100 to the Rotary Foundation.



Rotary Foundation International Grant for a Nepal Community

At President Graeme's request, an inquiry was made with the D9800 Foundation Grants Committee to ascertain the possibility of obtaining a Rotary Foundation International Grant to bolster our fund raising effort to immediately support a self-help group in Nepal.

The group was providing much-needed and urgent relief for a community of people suffering from Hansen's Disease (leprosy).

As expected, a grant was only possible if we had an established link with a Rotary Club in Nepal, which could administer the funds.

We had no such link and as the support that we could provide was needed immediately we couldn't wait to establishment a link. Consequently, we had to proceed without the assistance of a grant.

Notwithstanding, we should proceed with establishing a link with Rotary Club(s) in Nepal, to enhance our chances of obtaining a Rotary Foundation Grant for our future fund-raising efforts.

End Polio Now

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of my predecessor Larisa Wasiljew in her initiative to arrange "walks around the parks" to raise money for the Rotary Foundation's "End Polio Now" project.



Contributions to the Rotary Foundation

According to RI records, six club members have contributed to the Foundation's Polio Plus project this year and another six members have contributed directly to the Foundation.

Congratulations to PP Michael Pearson on his US\$1,000 contribution to the Foundation and his PHF recognition. He joins the five-strong cohort of current club members who have contributed US\$1,000+ to the Foundation, either directly or through the Polio-Plus project. Let us hope more members follow his lead.

So far this year, the Club has contributed \$4,250 to the Rotary Foundation and an additional \$1,000 to Polio Plus. Further disbursements may be possible.

YOUTH SERVICES

Director: Joy Bruce

Our youth programs are some of the most important of Rotary's programs because of the unparalleled potential they have to influence young minds and to shape their perspective, their priorities, and their values. As Rotarians, "We can build our youth for the future". As you know our Club is very active and supportive of many of the District Youth Programs. I represent our Club at a tri-monthly meeting of the Goldfields Cluster Combined Youth Directors who work together to manage many of the District Programs and share schools.

Rotary Youth Exchange Program

The Rotary Youth Exchange Program has played a big part in our Club over the past 40 years. Unfortunately, Rotary International has suspended the Youth Exchange Program for our Inbound and Outbounds. We are hopeful that Inbounds may return in July 2022 and Outbounds will be able to depart in January 2023.

District 9800 Youth Programs

Our Rotary Club has been active in supporting students to attend the District 9800 Youth Programs. Unfortunately, some of the Programs have been cancelled due to COVID-19. We sponsored one student to the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) in January 2021 which was held online for the first time. We congratulate Toby for his commitment.



He is very appreciative for the opportunity and it has helped him clarify his ideas of further education after Year 12.

We sponsored two students from Bendigo South East College to attend a one-day Program, at Queenscliff Marine Centre in January 2021, as part of The Conoco Phillips Science Experience.

Bendigo Writers Festival

2021 This year we celebrated the fifth year of our sponsorship of the printing of the Vox Bendigo Anthology Young Writers Book-Animal Theme.



35 Students from Mildura to Moama, and Boort to Bendigo aged 8 to 16 years are now published authors. PP Michael Pearson, as he allocated the money in his Presidential year, was invited to speak about our commitment to youth and some of our youth programs. He then presented the books to each of the students.

We look forward to future opportunities to work with young people from our schools, Bendigo Violet St Primary School, Catherine Mc Cauley College, Bendigo South East College.

Thank you to all members of the Committee who have their own roles in planning, interviewing, contacts and ideas. We look forward to a more active 2021-2022.

The Rotary Foundation District 9800 Scholarship Grant

The Rotary Foundation District D800 Scholarship matching Grant is to support talented and motivated young people to overcome barriers to educational success and support those young people who are experiencing financial disadvantage.

This is a 2-year Program for two students as they complete Years 11 and 12. This was awarded to two students from Catherine McAuley College Bendigo for 2021, completing their Year 12.

School Awards

In December we sponsored a Citizenship Award on behalf of The Rotary Club of Bendigo to a Year 6 student at Bendigo Violet Street Primary School.

Congratulations to Mia Priest Lombardo, a gorgeous girl who loves to help others.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Brian Figg

Agricultural Scholarship

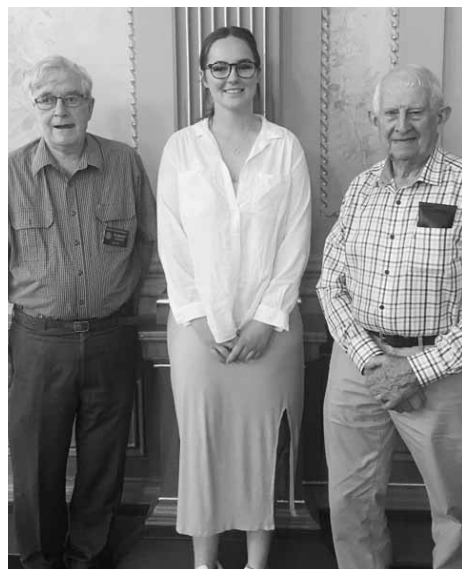
The Club introduced this scholarship in late 2019 following our involvement in the 2019 Australian Sheep and Wool Show to align a recurring beneficial distribution as a long term investment in agricultural education and expertise in Australia.

The scholarship provides financial support of \$4,000.00 over two years with the following criteria:-

- Be a first-time undergraduate tertiary student;
- Have completed secondary school in Bendigo;
- Show sound academic achievement and community involvement;
- Have been offered a place at to study agriculture at University or a post-secondary agricultural college;
- Demonstrate an understanding of agricultural industries;
- Have a career commitment that will ultimately benefit agriculture and/or regional and rural communities;
- Be an Australian citizen or permanent - resident.

Our first recipient for the 2020 scholarship was Macey Stephens who has been in regular contact with Committee and is progressing very well, now in her second year despite the challenges of COVID-19. Macey has presented to the Club on two occasions in the past 18 months.

For the 2021-22 Scholarship, the candidates were of such high calibre, the Committee awarded two recipients,



Indiana Crone who is studying at Melbourne University and Declan Peppinik who is studying at Muresk College in WA. Indiana attended a club meeting at the Easter Art Show with her mum whilst Declan being in WA will join us by Zoom as soon as practical.

The Committee were extremely grateful, that with the cancellation of the 2020 Wool Show, and following a referral from Rotarian Valerie Broad, the Peter Ryall Foundation agreed to fund one scholarship to the value of \$4,000.00 on additional criteria that it be needs based (financially). Both of our 2021/22 Agricultural Scholarship recipients met this criteria.

The second scholarship was funded from a distribution from the club's Life on the Land Drought Relief Appeal with the enthusiastic support of Terry Jarvis.

As chair of the Committee, I thank both Bob Edgar and Peter Hyett for their enthusiasm and hard working efforts in bringing this fantastic scholarship to fruition in recent years. The Committee also acknowledge the support of Leon Fennell from RaboBank and Jenny Moloney of BSSC.

Life on the Land Drought Relief Appeal

This Club appeal kicked off in November 2019 after supporting local artist Terry Jarvis and partner Michelle Kent with their local art exhibition at the Bendigo Town Hall titled "Life on the Land – Our Farming Heroes".

Subsequently Terry entrusted the Rotary Club of Bendigo with custody of the funds raised from this event and for distribution to drought affected communities and farmers around Australia. This was of course a privilege for our Club and our current committee of myself, Peter Hyett, Bob Edgar, Garry Gunnell, Noel Hobley, Leanne Oberin and Larrie Winzar have, I believe, risen to the challenge.

The Life on the Land Committee continued its charter to achieve the appeal goals and were delighted to receive a further donation of \$30,000 from the Gulf Horizons Foundation ("GHF") in July 2020. Thanks go to Matt Gollan of Flashmarket and Eyecandy Motorsports for supporting this additional donation and making it happen.

During the past twelve months the following donations have been made to support drought affected local community groups and farming families across Australia:-

- East Loddon (Vic) Foodshare \$4,000. for food parcels
- Drought Angels (Qld) \$8,000 for food, essential supplies and fuel vouchers

- Rainbow Beach Drought Runners \$8,000 for food and essential supplies parcels
- Year 12 Drought Scholarships (Vic) 6 x \$500 = \$3,000 see below
- Charleville School of Distance Ed (QLD) \$5,000 for annual student/tutor conference
- Rotary Club of Cobar (NSW) \$8,000 for food and fuel vouchers

The Drought Scholarship supports students in Year 12 and was the initiative of Committee Member Bob Edgar and his work in promoting this to Schools and Rotary Clubs in Northern and Western Victoria is commended.

The recipients were:-

- Sana Hashimi of Mildura Senior College (partner club – Mildura Deakin)
- Brooke McClland of Tyrell College Sea Lake (partner club Charlton)
- Amber Monk of Swan Hill College (partner club Swan Hill)
- Jackson Walker of Swan Hill College (partner club Swan Hill)
- Margaret Tute of Robinvale College (partner club Robinvale/Euston)
- Sonasi Paea of Robinvale College (partner club Robinvale/Euston)

Rotary Australia World Community Service & Federal Government Community Outreach Events

Members of the Life on the Land Committee and other Rotarians from our club also supported the RAWCS & Federal Govt Outreach Events held throughout Regional Australian in early 2021.



These community events included information from various community and health groups, and also the assessment for delivering \$500 Debit Cards to farming families impacted by drought.

Club members Bob Edgar, Peter Hyett, Brian Figg, Garry Gunnell, Tom Dobeli and Graeme Clarke attended events at Birchip, Kerang, Sea Lake, Ouyen and Robinvale. All agreed this was a very worthwhile and rewarding experience. Big thanks to Bob Edgar for coordinating our club's involvement with RAWCS.

FUNDRAISING THINK TANK COMMITTEE

Peter Reading

The purpose behind this group was to discuss fund-raising ideas within a framework of maintaining the Clubs support of current programs, whilst considering, in the coming years the age profile of our Club could result in a reduced ability to provide the manpower to run the fund raising events we have enjoyed in the past.

Our group met several times over the past year and came up with a report outlining many suggestions and opportunities that arose from these discussions. This report was presented to the Board in March and following that on to the general membership to gain some feedback. With the end of the Presidential year fast approaching, feedback and decisions will be made in the coming year.

I would like to thank the members of our team, Glenn Reilly, Henry Rasmussen and John Pemberton for their time and valuable contribution.

MUSIC AND MEMORY

Valerie Broad

Sadly, COVID-19 continues to interrupt provision of the program at Estia Health, but, nonetheless, they are continuing to the best of their ability. Unfortunately, the first two clients passed away during the last 12 months, but the program has now been offered to three new residents and their families.

Jane, the Manager at Brown Street, maintains her enthusiasm and we receive positive reports from her. She is very

grateful for Rotary's provision of equipment and 12-months subscription to Spotify to access music which she tells us is invaluable to the facility.

COMMUNITY IN ACTION COMMITTEE

Alida Robinson

This last year has been a struggle for so many families doing it tough under normal circumstances. The added stress that lockdowns have had on families and individuals on the edge has been enormous. With so many events cancelled and fundraising basically unable to be organised we faced some challenges to try to support the two organisations that we donate to, especially around Christmas time.

It was therefore fantastic when current President Graeme Clarke, Tom Dobelli and several other men in our fabulous Rotary Club came up with a great way to add value to the limited funds we had available. They approached both IGA and Mitre10 to see if they would match the purchase of vouchers with extra vouchers to be able to help as many people as possible with what they needed over Christmas and into the new year.

These vouchers were called "Random acts of kindness" vouchers and were given to both Bendigo Community Health and Cuppa with company.



This message was sent to us from Rod Case at Bendigo Health:

Random Act of Kindness vouchers helped our most vulnerable clients through desperate times. Support is so important at Christmas when the pressure on parents to provide for their families impacts heavily on the stress they feel when they do not have the means to do this. Some of the vouchers have been used by our Alcohol and Other Drugs team for people under their care.

Perhaps the biggest difference the vouchers made was for our Child and Family Services clients through Christmas, January and in the months after when COVID-19 lockdowns had such a drastic impact.

Strong Families team manager Megan Staley said: "We have provided the families needing food relief with the IGA cards to purchase groceries. The Mitre 10 vouchers have been used to support families to support maintaining tenancy, (repairs to broken items) but we are also aware of the various items that people can gain from the shop such as heaters and other in-house items they may need support in gaining."

Families were so grateful and thankful at receiving the cards and support.

Our Multi-Disciplinary Centre nurse Liz Morley used vouchers to help victims of domestic violence.

"I gave one to a client in her 40s who was living in her car at English's Bridge camping ground," Liz said. "Tears of gratitude and tears because they felt someone cared and someone was kind to them. I did tell them everything was donated by very generous people and groups in Bendigo."

Having vouchers available to provide instant relief literally changes lives. We can't thank the Rotary Club of Bendigo enough for your generous 'Random Acts of Kindness' donation and the difference this has made for individuals and families struggling through life.

Cuppa with company manager Angela had the same stories of families who have been able to buy food, storage containers, tools, thermal gloves, torches, and men's stuff they otherwise would not have been able to afford. They had an extra 300 families needing support and gave some of the vouchers to their Emergency Relief arm as well as being able to fund storage containers for their food pantry and personal care items that are given out as needed. They have also established a vegetable garden for clients to help tend which provides fresh vegies for the meals that are provided on Thursdays.

My thanks go out to all those members of our Club who thought outside the box to make this happen and brought some sunshine into the lives of those who needed help.

CLUB SERVICE

Director: Noel Hobley

Another year of pandemic related restrictions have certainly had an impact on our Clubs' ability to meet physically and the Club Service Teams have had their flexibility tested.

Pam's Fellowship team has done a great job planning, organising, scheduling, rescheduling and eventually hosting several events over the course of the year and it was great to finally get together socially. Of particular satisfaction was getting our members and partners together for the Christmas function at Mandurang Winery. Well done to Pam and her team .

Though we had some issues with the speaker system Wayne 'I'm a little teapot' Smith assured all could be heard.

Daryl Watt's bowls night was another great success and his report is his usual succinct self so I've got a few photos together to exemplify the fun had on the night.

Our meetings, whether online via 'Zoom' or in person via 'Bendigo Club' were always interesting because Rod McDonald's Program Team sourced a variety of speakers that appeared in person when available, or online from their office or lounge room. Case in point my son Christian Hobley spoke on his role at Toyota Australia from his stand up workstation in his unit high above St Kilda Road, locked out of his office.

Equally our Sergeant team handled the varying scenarios with aplomb. We will come back bigger and stronger next year and will maintain the routine of a 4 week commitment for each sergeant to give greater continuity to the weekly meetings.

I must thank Domenic Coia for stepping into the breach and organising the roster for weekly commitments, including making contact with members to get them back into the habit, after weeks of Zoom meetings.

Communications relied heavily on the work of Kim Lowe and Larissa Wasiljew around the Website and the Fossicker respectively. Big thanks to both of them.

Michael Pearson took on the Membership Chair role this year and he was keen to inject himself into that function, unfortunately the restrictions of COVID-19 waylaid many of his efforts. His committee was enthusiastic and many ideas have been discussed.

We can never underestimate the comfort the 'We Care Committee' deliver by maintaining contact with our fellow members. Knowing someone is available and caring, is part of the legacy of strong fellowship within the Club and I thank Des Samson for taking on this role.



FELLOWSHIP

Chair: Pam Luxford

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions the first half of the Rotary year seems to have been a non-event. There was zoom meeting after zoom meeting and so to get some fellowship happening our first social get together was Friday 9th October, held at the Bendigo Club on the outside terrace/balcony for a BBQ tea, served to us under very strict rules and conditions.

Tuesday 3rd November



Members were able to meet at the Bendigo Club for Melbourne Cup activities which was held on the forecourt.

Sweeps were set up, members dressed appropriately and were awarded for their efforts. The 'meeting' was zoomed live to those who were unable to make the event.

Thursday 5th November



A number of members gathered at the Peppergreen Farm for morning tea.

Sunday 13th December

Our Christmas Party was held at the Mandurang Valley Winery. It was celebrated in the form of 'the longest lunch' and was attended by 70 people. Past President Michael Pearson presented a number of awards.



COMMUNICATIONS

Chair: Noel Hobley

Big thankyou (again) this year to Kim Lowe who has done a fantastic job to get our new website up and running and to Larissa Wasiljew who has handled the Fossicker distribution fabulously.

Kim has done a great deal of work creating and managing the website and we will endeavour to get more contributors for both the content and the management to support those efforts.

Keeping our communication options up to date and relevant is of prime importance

and I can't thank Kim enough for her time and creativity in this role.

Likewise Larissa has been on hand to take pics or organise others to get pics so the weekly fossicker is informative and relevant to members. Keeping members informed of what is going on and connected to their Rotary family had been particularly important during the COVID-19 interrupted experience.

We've had a couple of our efforts with press initiatives picked up in the local press with the Art Show well supported again and our efforts to create awareness around the Drought Relief Project supported by the local press.

Tuesday 2nd February



This was a night meeting and we all met at Camp Getaway. Wayne Smith conducted a tour and gave a brief history of the camp. Henry Rasmussen and Sharon Smith led the catering team for our BBQ meal.



Wednesday 17th February

A planned lunch at Jan McDermids was postponed due to the sudden lockdown restrictions.

Sunday 21st March.



Afternoon tea at Henry and Mary Rasmussen's. Everyone contributed and a very enjoyable afternoon was had by all.



Tuesday 4th May



Cruise night. All arranged by Glen Riley. A fun night enjoyed by members and their partners. The team assisted where needed.

Sunday 30th May

Our final Fellowship event planned as an East European Cultural Experience at Camp Getaway was postponed at the very last minute due, again, to a very sudden lockdown. Our committee will be moving this event into the next Rotary year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the team members of this committee for their time and support in all these events. Namely Libby Hughes, Joy Bruce, Henry and Mary Rasmussen, Des Samson, Brian McMahon Glen Riley and Leanne Oberin.

PROGRAM

Chair: Rod McDonald



Feb 2 speaker Adrian Tout from Google.

In its role to provide Guest speakers over the year the Program Committee was able to access a wide range of interesting Speakers on Zoom during Lockdown periods and locals at normal meetings.



Those who normally would be out of reach included High Commissioner Samoa Sara Moriarty (above speaking from her office in Samoa), Julian Burnside AO QC, Bruce Roberts BTV, while locals Sargeant Tony Kekich, Laura Dusseljee Forever Rock Choir, Aaron Hearps Bendigo Jockey Club and Anita Scott (pictured below with some of her costume collection), together with many others provided an insight into their roles in the community.



The committee thanks those members who contributed ideas for speakers and acted as Chair for the day when requested.



*June 15 Guest Speaker Deborah Gates
Volunteer Partnerships Coordinator
People and Culture, Vision Australia*

BOWLS NIGHT

Chair: Daryl Watts



Our annual bowls night was held on 9th March 2021 at the South Bendigo Bowls Club. 30 people participated in the bowls with five others enjoying the spectacle. The weather was ideal for playing and an excellent night of fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Thanks to the South Bendigo Bowls Club for the use of the green and their facilities.

Thanks also to Pat Doherty, Alwyn Grose, Shirley McDonald & Jeni Watts for preparation of the supper and Brian Doherty, Rod McDonald and Des Samson for assisting with the running of the event.



Winners: - Libby Hughes, Larisa Wasiljew and Des Samson(s) +13 shots .

2nd: - Lisa Pearson, Colin Nankervis and Brian Doherty(s) +10 shots c/b.

3rd: - Helen Hobley, John Earle and Daryl Watts(s) +10 shots

1st toucher;- Helen Hobley

Rolling to jack;- Libby Hughes

Rolling to ditch;- Noela Nankervis

Daryl Watts. (Committee co-ordinator)

MEMBERSHIP

Chair: Michael Pearson

It has been a great, though difficult, year for our Club and it has been a privilege to be a team leader for the Membership group this year. The main challenge for membership, as with other aspects of the Club and all Australians, has been the COVID-19 pandemic which has touched all aspects of our lives. Despite this, the committee met via Zoom and in person, when possible, and developed great ideas for advancing the Club membership.

Goals for the year included: building up membership, retaining our existing members, fun and friendship and making people feel welcome, communication with existing and potential members, ensuring meetings are enjoyable so people will want to come and feel comfortable to also bring friends, looking after members, keeping track of attendance, and talking to those who have left to establish reasons why they left. During many discussions, suggestions were put forward for improvement in all these areas.

The Committee explored ways of attracting new members, including using social media and finding and approaching people new to Bendigo. Two members of the committee meet with potential members over coffee to learn about their story and interests, and to answer questions about Rotary and our Club prior to coming along to a Tuesday meeting or club event. A New Members' Mentorship program was adopted, to ensure that new members feel useful and knowledgeable and enjoy being part of the Club as soon as possible after joining.

The Club plans to use a number of membership models to provide a variety and inclusiveness of membership. These include Satellite Clubs which, though part of our Club, cater to groups who have something in common such as geography (small towns outside Bendigo) or youth (young people such as university students who would like to get together and engage in projects to help the community).

As much as possible our social and community events have been designed to be family friendly, so members and potential members can bring their children or grandchildren and introduce them to the fun side of Rotary. Associate members ("Friends of Rotary") can take part in events and fund-raisers on a casual basis and may later decide to join the Club as full members.

Four new members joined our Club during the year, some of whom had been experienced members of other Rotary Clubs

in Victoria. The Club now has 68 members and maintains a healthy attendance rate at meetings and events.

I would like to acknowledge all the committee members who have worked with dedication and enthusiasm to make us a happy, vibrant and successful club.

SERGEANTS' COMMITTEE

Chair: Noel Hobley

The 'Year of Graeme' delivered some interesting scenarios and none more confronting than trying to be a Sergeant. As the normal role is one of many facets - on a good day, try getting 35 people on a Zoom meeting to wait their turn. Thank heavens for the 'Mute All' button.

My compliments to President Graeme for being able to go with the flow and make the best of the opportunities that this 'COVID-19 Year' allowed. Zoom meetings led to social meetings, led to club meetings and then back to Zoom meetings, depending on who had visited who and with what.

The situation actually presented opportunities to invite speakers that could present online from where ever they were, something to work into the bigger picture with speakers cast to the big screen.

Well done to my Sergeant team: Kaye Lehmann, Larissa Wasiljew, Ian Coates and Wayne Smith.

WE CARE

Chair: Des Samson

"We Care" has developed into an important committee since being introduced to our Club.

As ours is an ageing club there are an increasing number of members requiring support for various reasons.

Members were saddened to learn of the passing of Frank Lean PHF with Sapphire during the year. Frank was a regular attendee of club functions and meetings and active on many committees throughout his 23 years of membership.

Flowers were sent to members who were hospitalised, cards were forwarded to those who suffered bereavement within their families and phone calls were made to members who were ill and unable to attend meetings.

An enjoyable afternoon tea was organised by Rosalie Vanstan for ladies in Rotary. This group comprises club members, partners of members and widows of past club members.

May thanks to each and every "We Care" committee member throughout the year. It has been my pleasure to work with you.

CONGRATULATIONS

RECOGNISING THE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION BY THESE ROTARIANS

With the interruptions we have endured since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic we missed the opportunity to celebrate the traditional changeover from Past President Michael Pearson to President Graeme, which meant we also missed Michael's opportunity to recognise the efforts of individual members.

During the previous year there had been many examples of 'Service above Self' from members making a difference in the community and PP Michael took the opportunity to recognise these members at the Christmas Party in December 2020.

GREG GALLOWAY

2019-2020 PAUL HARRIS FELLOW



Greg was inducted into the Rotary Club of Bendigo on 16th September 2014. He quickly became an active and valuable member of the Club. He soon served as chair of the Event Parking Committee, a crucial role, as this is a significant way our Club can raise funds to be able to donate to Community causes. It is a difficult job and Greg continues to perform the role magnificently, with humour, energy, and great organisational skills. Greg was awarded a Ray Downey Award by President Larrie Winzar in 2016 for outstanding "Service above Self" to Rotary.

Greg has been a member of many committees, including Vocational,

Operation Cleft and the Fund-Raising Think Tank in the past few years. He and his wife, Jenny, have hosted 3 Rotary Youth Exchange students – Eva (Austria), Laura, (Germany) and Pol (Spain), ensuring they had a great time during their stay in Australia.

We are truly fortunate to have members like Greg in the Club, and I know that his hard work and energy will help the Club continue in its great work in the Community.

ROD McDONALD

2019-2020 PAUL HARRIS FELLOW



Rod was inducted into the Rotary Club of Bendigo on 17 April 2007.

He has been a member and chair of many committees since then, including Art Show, Carols, Bowel Scan, Mothers' Day Classic, My Street, Horizons, Bowls Night and Program. He was Vice President during the 2020-2021 year.

Rod served as President of the Club in 2014-2015 and led during that year with humour and energy. One of Rod's achievements was formation of the "Rotary Revellers", a barbers' shop quartet group made up of Rotarians whose first performance was on the stage at Ulumbarra Theatre at the induction of President Valerie Broad.

Rod is a worthy recipient of a Paul Harris Fellowship.

PETER HYETT

2019-2020 ROYCE ABBEY AWARD

Peter joined the Rotary Club of Echuca-Moama in 1987 where he was President for the year 2000/2001. He transferred to the Rotary Club of Bendigo in 2009 where he holds the classification Farm Management.

Peter is married to Marlene and has three sons and a daughter. His interests centre on his family, home and garden but although semi-retired he retains an interest in a farming property near Elmore

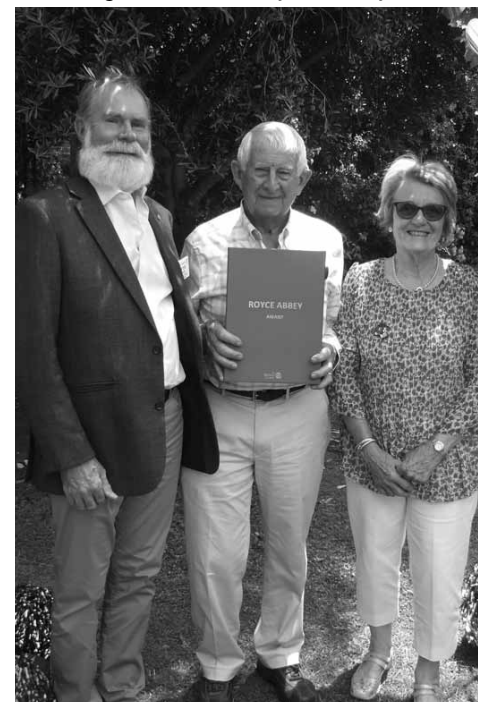
Since joining Bendigo, Peter has served a number of times on the Club Board including the Foundation, Membership and Vocational Service directorates. He has taken a strong interest in vocational service particularly in relation to education and training for the employment of youth in rural industries. He has strongly supported the Club's involvement in the Sheep and Wool Show and the associated agricultural scholarship.

Peter made a major contribution to the Club's work in the distribution of sporting equipment to remote aboriginal communities throughout Queensland, Northern Territory and South Australia through his links to the Clontarf Foundation.

Peter has recently played a key role in the club's "Life on the Land" drought relief project that has provided support to drought-affected communities in Northern Victoria, farmers around Cobarr in Western New South Wales and in Central Queensland.

Apart from these activities Peter has supported a wide range of activities of the Club including membership development and the opportunity for overseas exchange students to learn about farming in Australia including farm visits at shearing and harvest time.

For more than 30 years Peter has demonstrated a strong commitment to the ideals and work of Rotary. He truly deserves the recognition of the Royce Abbey Award.



PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

THE ROTARY CLUB OF BENDIGO RECOGNISES THE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION BY THESE ROTARIANS AND ROTARY FRIENDS.

Barry Ackerman	George Jennings #	Henry Rasmussen*
Malcolm Andrew #	Warwick Johanson #	Bruce Reid #
Liz Bannon*	John Krakowiak (Ruby)	Glenn Reilly^
Bruce Beasley #	Frank Lean (Sapphire) #	Kevin Reilly (Sapphire) #
Valerie Broad	Ken Longford* (Sapphire)	Ron Rogers (Sapphire)
Reg Brock #	Liz Longford" (Sapphire)	Des Samson
Joy Bruce	Pam Luxford*	Eugene Sandner #
Bruce Burns #	Neil McLean #	Keith Scarrott #
Colin Burns	Rod McDonald	Cas Sens #
Daniel Buttolph	Geoff McLeod (Sapphire)	Ron Slattery #
Richard Cambridge **	Bryan McMahon (Sapphire)	Wayne Smith (Ruby)
Warren Cambridge #	Jim Mahoney (Sapphire)	Alan Spalding**
John Cartwright (Sapphire)	Charlie Martin (Sapphire) #	Murray Stapleton **
Domenic Coia	Dal Martin #	Jack Svanosio #
Alan Cox #	Bernie Masterson #	Joan Thomas # **
Allan Dingle #	Cyril Michelsen **#	Robert Trethewey #
Tom Dobeli	Ron Meurer #	Tom Tweed #
Brian Doherty	Ian Monotti #	Bob Vanstan #
Ray Downey (Sapphire) #	Hal Moors #	Rosalie Vanstan
Bob Edgar* (Sapphires)	Violee Myers-Davey **#	Jan Walklate*
Brian Figg	Colin Nankervis (Sapphire)	Daryl Watts
John Flood	Joe O'Sullivan #	Hugh Wheeler (Sapphire)
John Gallagher	Margaret Paulsen (Sapphire)	Ron Wilkinson #
Greg Galloway	Ray Paulsen (Sapphire) #	Bruce Williamson #
Bill Gray	Geoff Paynter **	Laarie Winzar (Sapphire)
Garry Gunnell (Sapphire)	Jack Paynting #	David Wilkinson**
Max Gunnell ** #	Michael Pearson	
Andrew Hampton	Barry Penna	
Ken Hesse #	Carol Penna **	
Noel Hobley	Bruce Perrin (Sapphire) #	
Libby Hughes	Frank Perrow #	
Peter Hyett*	Norm Phillips #	
Daniela Ionescu	Karen Quinlan **	
Clark Jeffrey #	Ted Rankins (Sapphire)	

Deceased

** Non-Member

^ By Operation Cleft

* By previous club

RAY DOWNEY AWARD

RECOGNISING THE EFFORTS OF A MEMBER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF BENDIGO - OF FIVE YEARS OR LESS - FOR OUTSTANDING 'SERVICE ABOVE SELF' AND PRESENTED BY THE FAMILY OF THE LATE RAY DOWNEY.

Marshall Horne 2006-2007	Joy Bruce 2011-2012	John Pemberton 2015-16
Ian Shelton 2007-2008	Tom Dobeli 2012-2013	Julie Sloan 2017-18
Kaye Graves 2008-2009	Libby Hughes 2013-2014	Kim Lowe 2018-19
Noel Hobley 2009-2010	Tabitha Abbott 2014-2015	Larisa Wasiljew 2020-21
Glenn Reilly 2010-2011	Greg Galloway 2015-16	

CONGRATULATIONS

RECOGNISING THE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION BY THESE ROTARIANS AND ROTARY FRIENDS

During the year there have been many examples of 'Service above Self' from members making a difference in the community. While I would hope we acknowledged them personally at those times, at the end of the year it is traditionally a time to recognise the contributions of a few individuals with our most prestigious awards. On behalf of the membership of the Rotary Club of Bendigo and with thanks to the Horizons Committee members, I am pleased to make the following announcements.

LIBBY HUGHES

2020-2021 PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

Libby Hughes was inducted into our Club on 29th April, 2008 by President Hugh Wheeler.

Libby has served on numerous committees, including: Sponsorship, Fundraising, Bowel Scan, Carols, Foundation, Craft Group, Nepal Health, MS Megaswim and Horizons, since her induction alongside her husband Michael Hughes after a chance encounter and discussion with then President Hugh Wheeler at a dinner in Pall Mall in 2007.

Libby has lead the Community Service and Club Service Directorates and served as a board member on many occasions since 2014.

She served as President of the Rotary Club of Bendigo in 2018-19.

Libby has represented the Club throughout this period on the Bendigo Swap Meet Committee including as Captain of the Bendigo Swap Meeting since 2018-19.

Libby is recognised as a worthy recipient of a Paul Harris Fellowship by the Horizons Committee and presented by President Graeme Clarke at the Changeover Function held at Silks, Bendigo Jockey Club, on July 4, 2021.

Congratulations Libby.



DANIELA IONESCU

2020-2021 PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

Daniela Ionescu was inducted into our Club on 13th February, 2007 by President John Krakowiak.

Daniela had worked tirelessly since her induction and been a member on many varied committees including: Carols and International Committees, Art Show, Environment and been Deputy Chair of the Community Services Committee.

Of late Daniela has been Club Secretary since 2019 and in this role has also worked with the Program, Communications, Art Show, Swap Meet, Carols, MegaSwim, Christmas Market, Craft Group, Vocational, Youth and Community Action Committees.

Daniel has a tireless work ethic and as such has been recognised as a worthy recipient of a Paul Harris Fellowship at the Changeover Function on July 4, 2021.

Congratulations Daniela.



LARISA WASILJEW

2020-2021 RAY DOWNNEY AWARD

The Ray Downey Award is a recognition of the efforts of a Club member of five years or less for outstanding "Service Above Self" and is presented by the family of the late Ray Downey PHF.

Larisa Wasiljew was inducted into the Rotary Club of Bendigo on 20th March, 2019.

Larisa immediately rolled her sleeves up and has worked as a member of the Sergeants Committee, Communications, Community in Action and the 24 Hour MegaSwim Committees.

Larisa has served as Director of the Foundation Committee and has excelled in the role as Editor of our weekly newsletter "The Fossicker" with her technical experience in MailChimp and email distribution systems.

Larisa, I have great pleasure in presenting you with the Ray Downey Award 2020-21.

Congratulations.



CLUB SERVICE ACCOUNT

1 JULY 2020 TO 16 JUNE 2021

NOTE FIGURES FOR FULL FINANCIAL YEAR WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE CLUB'S AGM

INCOME

Carried forward Profit Income	\$156.19
Christmas Meeting	\$2,930.24
Club Social Events	\$1,924.54
Community Raffle	\$2,220.00
Fines-Donations	\$696.55
Interest Received	\$350.34
Meeting Collections	\$4,466.09
Member Apparel	\$713.59
Membership Fees	\$15,433.47
Miscellaneous Income	\$2,406.84
Silverpot/Gold Pot Collections	\$328.50

EXPENDITURE

Administrative Assistance	\$1,261.59
Badges, Banners and Awards	\$393.69
Bank Fees	\$1.05
Bendigo Club Membership Fees	\$1,454.55
Christmas Meeting	\$2,481.82
Club Social Events	\$1,369.26
Meeting Costs	\$3,172.26
Member Apparel	\$449.00
Member Welfare	\$432.18
Membership Committee Costs	\$104.55
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$2,260.00
President's Allowance	\$3,500.00
Printing & Stationery	\$1,362.09
Rotary D9800 Insurance Levy	\$1,914.93
Rotary D9800 Semi-Annual Dues	\$2,725.43
Rotary Down Under	\$2,322.42
Rotary International Dues	\$6,021.01
Transfer to 2021/2022	\$400.52

Subject to Auditor

Total Club Service Account

\$31,626.35

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CLUB PROJECT ACCOUNT

1 JULY 2020 TO 16 JUNE 2021

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INCOME

Agricultural Scholarship	\$4,000.00
Art Show	\$38,002.36
Bar-B-Que Activities	\$2,220.65
Bees and Honey Project	\$1,087.24
Bendigo Wine Growers Expo	\$2,500.00
Carparking Services	\$1,600.00
Community Raffle	\$200.00
Face Mask Donations	\$1,860.00
Life on The Land - Drought Relief Appeal	\$30,050.00
Market Place	\$150.00
Nepal Project	\$1,920.00
NYSF Contribution	\$900.00
Operation Cleft	\$483.00
Rotary Foundation - Polio Plus	\$150.00
Samoa Project	\$50.00
Stronger Communities Grants	\$15,900.00
Transfer from Contingency Funds/ Bendigo Community Action Projects	\$6,500.00
100 Acts of Kindness/ Gift Cards from Golden City Mitre 10 and IGA Strathfieldsaye	\$1,500.00

EXPENDITURE

Art Show	\$10,002.36
Bar-B-Que Expenses	\$822.82
Bees and Honey Project	\$514.39
Miscellaneous Project Expenses	\$160.50

Sub-Total **\$11,500.07**

Distributions

100 Acts of Kindness:	
Bendigo Community Health Services	\$4,000.00
Uniting Care	\$4,000.00
Agricultural Scholarships	\$4,000.00
Australian Rotary Health Research Fund	\$1,000.00
Bees and Honey Project	\$572.85
Bendigo Community Action Projects	\$1,000.00
Bendigo Writers Festival	\$1,500.00
Bendigo Youth Choir	\$1,000.00
BVSPS Student Award - 2020	\$50.00
Camp Getaway	\$2,500.00
Community Raffle	\$200.00
FORaMEAL Project	\$875.00
Golden Square Urban Fire Brigade	\$15,900.00
International Knitting Project	\$3,000.00
Indigenous Legal Scholarship	\$5,000.00
Life on The Land - Drought Relief Appeal	\$30,950.00
National Youth Science Forum (NYSF)	\$1,900.00
Nepal Project	\$4,370.00
Operation Cleft	\$3,500.00
Rebuilding Samoa Project	\$2,000.00
Rotary Craft Group	\$500.00
Rotary Foundation	\$4,250.00
Rotary Foundation - Polio Plus	\$1,000.00
Student Scholarship at Catholic College	\$500.00
Vision Australia	\$500.00
Youth Projects	\$2,500.00
Womens Shed	\$1,000.00

Funds remaining to be distributed \$5.33

Total Club Project Account **\$109,073.25**

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OFFICIALS 2021-2022

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(D9800)

Dale Hoy
(RC Brighton)

Assistant Governor
(Goldfields North)

Ron Payne
(RC Eaglehawk)

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Noel Hobley

Community Service

Greg Galloway

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Megan O'Keefe

Youth Service

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Membership

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**2021-2022 PRESIDENT
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