

Rotary

Club of Beecroft



Annual Report

2019-2020



ROTARY CLUB OF BEECROFT INC

Chartered 1972

REPORT OF THE BOARD FOR 2019-2020

Club Executives

Johanna Johns: President
Mark Anderson: Vice President
Madeleine Sherwood: Secretary
Russell Zimmerman: Treasurer
Niranjan Deodhar: President Elect

Board Directors

Cathy Sherwood: Administration
David Rands: Foundation
Meeting Manager: Paul Young
Vinita Deodhar: Membership
Greg Keighran: Projects
Anne Wright: Public Image

Service Chairs

Cathy Sherwood: Club Service Chair
Paul Young: Community Service Chair
Niranjan Deodhar: International Service Chair
Zenda Spry Pohl: Vocational Service Chair
Melanie Lewis: Youth Service Chair

THE PRESIDENT

Johanna Johns

Rotary- CONNECTS THE WORLD This was the theme selected by the International President Mark Daniel Maloney as the Theme for this Rotary Year 2019-2020.

This year almost every board position was filled with a fully committed Executive Team and six Directors and five Service Chairs. But once again we were not able to fill the position Director of Fund Raising. For me it was important to carry on the work that IPP Greg Keighran commenced with filling all service chairs.

We had some outstanding results in the Youth Service Chair headed up by Melanie Lewis and the International Chair headed up by PE Niranjan Deodhar.

A new Community Project “Virtual Neighbours” ... (You are not alone) was created by Vinita Deodhar our Director of Membership. Vinita had a great understanding of her portfolio in as much as retention of members is far more important and can be difficult if you don't have the projects to keep members engaged. I am very proud to announce in the year of rotary connects the world we managed to add 10 new members to our club this year, six Women and four Men with three new members under the age of 30.

It was important to me to have a strong and committed Rotarian at the helm of Projects and I was able to convince IPP Greg Keighran he was the right man for the job. Greg did an excellent job by having the right members heading up the committees for each project.



The stand out for me was the Carols held in December 2019 this committee was headed up by Madeleine Sherwood a fairly new member to the club, this young Lady will go places in Rotary having the up to date tech knowledge and organizational skills. A very enjoyable Carols and well patronised by our Locals and those who live a little further afield.

Having PE Niranjana Deodhar onboard two years in a row as our International Chair has made it possible for our Club to achieve a great result with 2 completed International Projects which we signed off on only a couple of weeks ago!

1. The Water & Sanitation project- 250 Toilets for Mewat (near Delhi) India, with a final result 300 toilets installed.

2. The construction of 9 Check Dams for water conservation in Bhiwandi, India this will give the farmers water for their crops in the dry season. 8 Check dams have been constructed the last one being held up due to the Coronavirus Pandemic restrictions.

My dear friend and fellow Rotarian Melanie Lewis has blown me away with what she has accomplished in the Youth Chair for her second year. We introduced a new youth scholarship which was driven by our passion to do something for our past member PP Bill Grant. We needed to get this inaugural education scholarship award off the ground whilst his widow Shirley Grant was still here to enjoy the appreciation we have for her husband as a fine human being and upstanding member of our community and a great Rotarian William Grant!

Melanie worked on our clubs involvement in many District Programs, including:-

- 1.RYLA, (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards),
- 2.RYPEN,(Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment)
- 3.RYEP (Rotary Youth Exchange Program)
- 4.MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly)
- 5.RYLA Oceania a first for this year!

Simply a great effort for our Club this year, Melanie had lots of help and support mostly from Greg Keighran and Madeleine Sherwood.

Other Members namely Amal Westacott, David Ellyard, Paul Young, Zenda Spry-Pohl, Bob Catherall, Mark Anderson, Dave Anderson and Russell Zimmerman were all involved in one or more of the Youth Programs.

Our Community Projects included our annual Spring Lunch for Seniors which was enjoyable and we need to thank Marion Zimmerman for once again providing the gift bags. We filled them with gifts provided by our retailers and our community to give back to our Senior Citizens which they could take home which is so much appreciated.

Other projects like our Dress for Success where we ask our community to donate work clothing in good condition they no longer wear. This then gets sorted and all the great suits, dresses, skirts, blouses, shoes and bags are delivered to Dress for Success in Marrickville. All other clothing goes to Vinnies. Once again we need to thank Marion who did a awesome and efficient job with the sorting and Russell Zimmerman & Dave Sherwood for the delivery to Marrickville.

We again supported Taldumandi Youth Services this year by collating 250 shower packs with all the cosmetics provided by our community through collection. I would like to thank Anne Wright for all the collections and housing the stock till such time we were ready to sort and pack. This year we had some new members help with the sorting like Dee Habib and Roz Reynolds and our Youth Exchange Student Aleksandra Lammi, and our other community minded members in Cecil Cheng, Paul Young Also the other members on the day for delivery were Bob Catherall, Greg Keighran and Paul Young, we all drove out to North Sydney to deliver many boxes of shower packs.

We also supported Taldumandi Youth Services with our "Tree of Joy" display at Beecroft Place, the Christmas tree and all its decoration was erected by Bob Catherall, thanks Bob! This is such a great and easy project for us to do, as again all the new gifts and gift vouchers are all donated by our community.



Our Fund Raising projects like our annual book fair which our community looks forward to and responds to very quickly as soon as we open the doors to receive their used books.

The Book Fair has continued to improve each year for it's exposure on Social Media and our Flyers in Beecroft Village and of course our huge signs at the Village Green. This year we raised \$21,000.00 but we did have our doors open again to the second hand dealers early, so by the time the doors opened to the general public we already had substantial funds raised.

Then of course we had Andrew Sneddon back on the sales desk which also contributed to the increase in sales. Our specialty books table had great success with raising \$500.00 over and above the previous year, close to \$1,800.00.

The person I wish to thank for his creative work dressing the Scouts Hall year after year with such eye for detail is Bob Catherall, well done Bob we all appreciate the effort you put in to our Book Fair. Once again Zenda Spry-Pohl did a great job organising all our volunteers for the long job of sorting our books.

IPP Greg Keighran Project Director did such an amazing job getting everyone on board to take part in our annual book fair as there are many jobs that need doing to make this fund raiser a success.

Our other fund raiser the Christmas Raffle was a little down in fund raising to previous years, but as I always work in the old arcade I did definitely noticed the lack of shoppers this time leading up to Christmas. We usually have two spots in the old arcade but just not worthwhile this year. The new Beecroft Place is now where we should be, more people generating more funds.

Our Christmas Carols was so very enjoyable and we also erected our ShelterBox Tent to create extra interest. There were stalls to buy coffee and the scouts were there selling their BBQ sausages and the Girl Guides had their cakes etc. Our Friend of Rotary Kerrie Robson joined in and sang a few Christmas carols. Our own Dave Anderson did such a great job as MC I think he will most likely get this gig again!



Our final meeting for the year was our Christmas Party at a Russell and Marion Zimmerman house organised by Cathy Sherwood and her committee. Great Food, wonderful entertainment lots of our members had a very enjoyable night and way to end 2019.

The new year 2020 presented us with many challenges, from the Drought, to the devastating Fires in NSW followed by the floods. We managed to come to a agreement and do a Fundraiser for the NSW Fires by holding a BBQ sausage sandwich sizzle in the Wongala car park.



Russell Zimmerman and Greg Keighran got to work and organized setting up the space. Mark Anderson quickly had some flyers designed and printed which were distributed around the Beecroft Shop Windows.

I was able to have a banner designed and donated by one of our local businesses.

As we also had to prepare for a very hot day we organised for two shelters to be donated for use on the day. We set up tables with all the leftover DVD and CD's from the bookfair. We gave away the sausage sandwich one per person and as many DVD or CD as they wanted and asked for a donation in return. We had 10 donation buckets spread around on the tables, we ended up raising just over \$2,000. on the day.

We need to thank all the members who volunteered in this 44 degree heat on that Saturday, including Ed Sice, Amal Westacott, Niranjana & Vinita Deodhar, Bernadette Azizi, Dave Anderson, Zenda Spry-Pohl, Bob Walcot, Russell Zimmerman and Greg Keighran well done to everyone in that overwhelming and extraordinary heat!

By March we had to deal with a different world as the Coronavirus – Covid19 was officially announced as a Pandemic. Social distancing was set in place, we all had to learn new skills by meeting on-line via ZOOM.

This was a tough time for a lot of people as our freedom to come and go as we pleased was no longer safe. As hard as it was for some all in all I think we did really well as a club and continued to meet online for the remainder of the Rotary year.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Board members for their support and the dedicated work in keeping our Club active and relevant in such a difficult year. Their hard work and commitment to Rotary and "Service Above Self " is much appreciated.

I wish Niranjana and his Board the very best in the coming year of "Rotary Opens Opportunities".

VICE PRESIDENT

Mark Anderson

It was again a privilege to serve our Club as Vice President. The role is in place to support the President in the case of absence from Club or board meetings and to act as Chair on those occasions. Throughout the year this was only called upon on a small number of occasions.

One of the joys of the role is to also act as an advisor to the President and the Board. Given my role at Rotary International as a staff member, this advice was also called upon from time to time.

Outside of this role Dave Anderson support by myself took on the All Stations Challenge train ride to end polio. Dave and I were two of the seven that completed 100% of the journey, stopping at all 195 railway stations on the Sydney Trains network on October 24, World Polio Day. Along the way we managed to raise \$150,000 for Polio from Rotary Clubs and Rotarians. It was also very exciting to see the support that our Club gave to this event.



Pictured on the train is President Johanna Johns, presenting our Club contribution to the fundraising event.

TREASURER

Russell Zimmerman

Report to the members:

I want to thank the members of Beecroft Rotary Club for once again allowing me to serve the club as treasurer. It has been a most rewarding and fulfilling position to hold in the club, now for my third year.

In presenting this report, it would be remiss of me not to thank several people for their help and support. I firstly would like to

thank Maddy Sherwood for her support in setting up the weekly members list and making the calculations easy to attend to at the end of the meeting. I would also take this opportunity to thank Cathy Sherwood, who has ably assisted me at the desk in collecting money from the members and assisted in balancing the weekly funds each week. Greg Keighran has also assisted in reviewing the accounts for 2019 to the 2020 year, ensuring the accuracy of the final figures:

The book fair as one of the clubs major fundraising events, Maddy Sherwood was my assistant at the book fair, and her help in counting, bagging and writing deposits slips was much appreciated. It is interesting to see Maddy following in the steps of her grandparents as most members would be aware that Margaret and David Dart have been assisting with the book fair for many years. Margaret and David were sorely missed this year due to their travels interstate.

I want to thank the members, most who have moved to pay their dinner dues by credit or debit card, this makes the role of the treasurer far easier to manage. And I would encourage members to consider paying by card into 2020 to the 2021 year.

All credit card funds when received for fundraising activities are deposited to the General Account, we then make a transfer to the Project Account once the funds are cleared through the General Account

Another new initiative over the past twelve months has been the Quest Donation Tap Point. This was for a while in Dr. Whittle's surgery, more recently we have moved the terminal to Garry Choys (Denny's Pharmacy) in the arcade. Over the twelve months, we have processed approximately >\$1,000 through the Quest terminal, with a cost to operate the terminal at \$198.00.

During this year we have again been paying accounts by electronic funds transfer a number of the executive on the board have

obtained individual “banking dongles” for the account signatories which allows the payment of accounts or funds transfers to be set up and transferred at times to suit each signatory, this has reduced our reliance on cheques, with only one cheque being processed over the twelve months. All transactions still require two signatories at all times.

Overview of the Rotary Club of Beecroft Accounts:

General Account Income:

Refund for Changeover July 2019 (refunded back to members)	\$ 1,464.50
Members dues	\$ 9,944.50
Fines	\$ 2,474.65
Meal Income	\$19,349.00
Weekly Raffle	\$ 1,699.00
Total income	\$34,931.65

General Account Expenditure

Change over Deposit 2020	\$ 500.00
Membership dues, new member pack and badges	\$11,984.52
Bank Fees and MSF fee	\$ 955.54
Meal costs	\$21,236.81
Public Image costs	\$ 554.71
Weekly Raffle Costs	\$ 509.92
RYLA – Special cost for Oceania Student	\$ 1,600.00
Welfare costs	\$ 233.48
Total Expenditure	\$37,341.50

Project Account Income

Advertising	\$ 5,200.00
Bush Fire	\$ 2523.30
Book Fair Sales	\$21,128.90
Christmas Carols Income	\$ 2574.40
Melbourne Cup	\$ 2982.55
Mewat Donations	\$ 270.00
Christmas Raffle	\$ 8,142.45
Polio Plus	\$ 132.55
Spring Lunch	\$ 1,697.00
Tuldamande Project – Grant Income	\$ 3,000.00
Youth Exchange (Refunds)	\$ 350.00
Total Income	\$48,001.15

Project Account Expenditure:

Advertising	\$ 252.19
Bush Fire costs (Note funding holding to use with a grant for the project)	\$ 416.56
Book Fair Expenditure (Guides and Scouts Hall Hire and General costs)	\$ 3742.30
Bank Fees Cost of Quest Terminal MSF	\$ 224.10
Spring Lunch operational costs	\$ 2,987.83
Melbourne Cup Costs including Prize \$1,000	\$ 1,400.00
Christmas Raffle Expenses	\$ 511.54
Christmas Carols – operation cost, seen as Community Service	\$8,632.00*
Donations Tuldamande - \$6,009 Equipment (\$1405.25 Bag for products & other)	\$7,480.16*

Operational Costs	\$24,646.68*
Donations (Shelter Box)	\$ 1,000.00
Donations (Sydney Adventist Hospital – Student)	\$ 500.00
Donations Rotary Foundation	\$ 6,660.00
Donations to RYLA StudentsCamps	\$ 875.00
Donations RYPEN Students	\$ 660.00
Donations Bill Grant Award	\$ 1,109.65
Donations Youth Exchange Pocket Money	\$ 1,350.00
Donations Youth Exchange – Other	\$ 370.00
Total Donations	\$12,524.65
Total Project Account Expenditure	\$38,541.33
Balance in Project Account	\$12,134.98
Opening Balance in Project Account 1st July 2019	\$2,288.66

NB: The club is holding \$2,500 for the bush fire appeal, that we are currently seeking a grant from Rotary International to fund a project in the Taree district:

The two figures with an asterisk () next to them are showing as an operational cost, however, both the cost for Carol's and the Taldamande Project need to be viewed as a donation, not as full operational cost. Therefore total donations by the club equal \$ 28,636.81

Project Account

The main source of income over this financial year came from two main fundraising ventures, the Book Fair and the Christmas raffle. With the club considering giving away the Melbourne Cup raffle, we will need to consider other avenues of fundraising, hopefully without the heavy work that the book fair requires.

I do not believe that the club can underestimate the value that the community derives from the Carols on the Green, and although it does not produce a profit, Carols on the Green being a community Service costs the club money to run. I believe that the community not only expects this event but looks forward to the event with anticipation.

Again this year I have aimed to break down the expenditure in the Project Account showing the cost of running the project/event and then the donations to various charities/Rotary Projects as a separate amount.

Finally, I would like to wish Johanna Johns the very best after her year as President as she moves into a role with the district as a Assistant Governor, I wish to also thank the board for their support of me as treasurer. I look forward to continuing as treasurer during Niranjana's year.

I wish Niranjana Deodhar the very best for his year as President as well as Vinita as she supports Niranjana in his year as President.

ADMINISTRATION

Director: Cathy Sherwood

As Director of Administration for 2019 to 2020 it is my pleasure to write this report to the members of Beecroft Rotary Club.

I would like to begin by thanking Madeleine Sherwood for taking on the very thankless task of accepting apologies over the past year, having personally attended to this for many years in the past, I know the work that is required each week to ensure that the numbers for attendance are correct for Pennant Hills Bowling Club, Thank you very much Maddy. Mark Anderson has once again excelled himself in finding what I believe has been an incredible line up of guest speakers over the past year. Thank you, Mark, for making Beecroft Rotary meetings entertaining and interesting.

To Bob Catherall who has over the past months been at the venue early to set up the meeting hall, Bob and his small team has been stoic in their role. Thank you to Bob and his team. It is a thankless task and Bob does it amazingly well.

Christine McPhillips has ensured that the club has maintained our legal responsibilities and requirements, Christine thank you for the help to the board and club generally, by assisting us through the legal complexities of rule changes and risk assessment for our events. Whilst on matters of legal requirements thank you to Geoff Harris for assisting with the Child Protection Officer duties of the club. Many of the tasks in the legal area happen behind the scenes. Without their diligence and the support of

members who assist with these duties, our club would not remain compliant.

The club has conducted some events that have been well supported and have proven to have great fellowship. Of course, due to Covid-19 this has been curtailed in the second half of the Rotary year.

A very successful “Christmas in July” with 40 people attending, was held at The Burrow restaurant in Cherrybrook. A great time was had by all. Thank you to the Social Committee for organising.

On 14th December our Christmas Party was hosted at the Zimmermans. The Zimmermans and the Social Committee did an amazing job and it was a fabulous night. The Zimmerman family worked tirelessly before, during and after the event. A fabulous time was had by all.



I would like to thank President Johanna Johns, the Rotary Club Board and members of the club for the opportunity to serve on the 2019 – 2020 board, it has been a pleasure to serve the club.

FOUNDATION

Director: David Rands

Grant activity:

Avenues of Service did not have the opportunity in their activities to take advantage of the benefit of using a Foundation Grant to subsidise club monetary input.

There was no District Grant activated, and our Global Grant activity was related to projects approved in previous years, the last being at the end of 2018-19.

We have three global grants still in progress.

1. GG 1861902 – Toilets and training in sanitation in Mewat, Haryana, India. \$US80,454. The original project of building 250 toilets was completed in 2019. Money saved allowed a further 50 toilets to be constructed, so these were commenced, but unable to be completed due to the Covid-19 shutdown. Hopefully these will be completed in due course. The Foundation is making allowances for projects being late on account of the Covid-19 pandemic. Project a joint venture with South Delhi Metropolitan RC (Manjit Sawhney), but funding has been supported by Crows Nest club and several other districts contributing DDF.
2. GG 1982956 – Check Dams in Murbad and Bhiwandi Taluks, Maharashtra State, India. Beecroft and Link Town clubs are the lead partners; again we have had DDF support from other districts. 8 out of 9 dams were completed on time in 2019, but this project was then interrupted, first by heavy seasonal rains, and then by Covid-19. An Interim report has been completed that indicates our position.
3. GG 2001230 – Covid-safe latrines in Mewat, India. This grant covers latrines in individual homes in Mewat. This is a \$US60797 project and the grant has been submitted to TRF and is awaiting approval. We have budgeted to provide \$US4725 to this project.

Giving:

Our giving is significantly reduced this year - (\$US 26111.36 vs LY \$US 42356.85 – this figure includes the \$5275 for the check dams GG. Polio giving was up this year from \$US 3700 to \$US4845. With Dave and Mark Anderson leading the Polio Train ride again we were able to attract good levels of donations. The Annual Fund giving was down from \$US 32500 to \$US 21300. This is largely explained by our drop in PHS members from 11 to 6 in the year. The Paul Harris Society is open to all club members, friends and family who commit to donating \$US1000 per annum to the Rotary Foundation.

Centurions. We are pleased that our club has 31 Centurions – Rotarians who have donated \$A100 or more during the Rotary year. This is a strong amount of support; however, we will work hard in the coming year to encourage newer members to take part in this easy way to support or Rotary Foundation. It is our donations which allow us to partake in the sort of grant projects noted above – where in every case the multiplication of our own club money is substantial in enabling us to do so much good in the world.

Promotional activity:

Speakers / Sessions on TRF in the club. We are particularly fortunate having Mark Anderson's assistance in providing several speakers on the Rotary Foundation during the year. We are expected to host one district address each year on the Foundation, but we have enjoyed more than that.

We Look forward to further Foundation information sessions and talks during the coming year.



MEMBERSHIP

Director: Vinita Deodhar

List of new members 2019-2020:

 <p>Amal Westacott 01/07/19</p>	 <p>Peter Bliss 14/10/19</p>	 <p>Shipra Tewani 14/10/19</p>	 <p>Roz Reynolds 25/11/19</p>	 <p>Dee Habib 02/12/19</p>
 <p>Maurice Brunning 02/20</p>	 <p>Bernadette Azizi 16/03/20</p>	 <p>Isha Deodhar 04/05/20</p>	 <p>Sudin Dinesh 11/05/20</p>	 <p>Christian Kirkendall 15/06/20</p>

Rotary Beecroft Club T shirts for new members are being ordered

Exit survey from Melanie Lewis (member since 16 July 2018) received on 1 June 2020 and provided to Club Secretary:

Key points of feedback:

- Reason for joining Rotary Club was community service.
- Positive feedback:
 - Felt welcome at the Club and enjoyed her time.
 - Enjoyed learning about traditions of Rotary from senior members
 - Enjoyed doing service projects (Youth)
- Gaps in Club's offerings and experience, and opportunities for improvement:

- Did not know before joining how much Rotary membership would cost
- need for more structured induction
- Looked for more inspirational conduct at the Club; Board experience was not inspirational; need for better working together for the Board.
- The member felt more driven than most, and expressed the Club would perhaps find it harder to hold onto people with such drive
- Gaps/Improvement areas for club meetings: meeting location, meal cost, meal quality, opportunity to socialise

PROJECTS

Director: Greg Keighran

Projects undertaken by Rotary Club of Beecroft in 2019 – 2020 comprised:-

Book Fair - 3 and 4th August 2019

raised \$21,000 Held at Beecroft / Cheltenham Scout Hall in the Crescent at Beecroft. Well supported by Club Members with 4 week setup and sorting period in leadup supported by Volunteers and Club Members with Guide Hall retained for sorting and storage in leadup period. Facebook used for advertising and call for books from locals. Special Thanks to Zenda, David Ellyard, Maryanne Sansome, Lionel and Jane Jackson for all their work during the setup and sorting. \$ 2200 contributed to Scouts and Guides for the hire of the hall and Saturday lunch. DVD and CD's contributed about 10% to the total income.

Spring Lunch - 20th September 2019

At Pennant Hills Bowling Club for 95 patrons with guest speaker being Damien Tudehope – MLA speaking about history of Beecroft. The committee for the spring lunch led by Johanna Johns, Melanie Lewis, Paul Young, Zenda Spry Pohl. The afternoon went off well despite the low numbers of patrons attending compared to the previous year. We thank the Pennant Hills Bowling Club of their support of the function.

Melbourne Cup Trifecta - October 2019

tickets purchased from through Lane Cove Rotary Club for \$ 400 and folded by Club members at Rotary Meeting. Tickets sold for 3 weeks at Beecroft, North Carlingford , Pennant Hills Shopping Centres, support by members was poor due to Horse Racing hysteria . Project raised \$ 2400 and paid out winner \$ 1000 from Beecroft. Summary project poorly supported by majority of Club members this year and unlikely to undertake again in future years.

Christmas Raffle - November – December 2019

Raised \$ 8000 and prizes donated by Businesses of Beecroft and North Carlingford. Thanks to President Johanna and Bob Catherall and big thanks to Britannia Travel for their Window for the Months of November and December to showcase prizes. Raffle won by 2 local families. Thanks to all members who sold their tickets on weekend at Beecroft, North Carlingford Cherrybrook, West Pennant Hills and Pennant Hills shopping centres over 6 weeks leading up to 22nd December 2019 draw. Big thanks to Russell, Mark, Johanna for their ongoing support in selling and counting funds.

Carols - Beecroft Village Green on 9th December 2019

Committee : Madeleine Sherwood (Chair), Cathy Sherwood, Nigel Sturt, David Ellyard, Greg Keighran, Organised Stage and SAM, Goldern Kangaroos , Beecroft Public School Band , Carols singing and singing led by Kerrie . Well attended by Beecroft Public and introduced Mary Christmas for first time as well as santa. A good night was had by all.



Bush Fire Appeal - BBQ and DVD Sale - 1st February 2020

on a really hot day in car Parking area behind Sparks Shoes within Beecroft Shopping area, organised by Committee comprising Russell , Johanna and myself. Special thanks to Ed Sice and Cecil Cheng who manned the BBQ in the heat. Included a Mile of Money in the Beecroft Arcade raised about \$ 2100 for the Rotary Clubs of Taree and Manning Valley devastated by Bush Fire in October 2019.



PUBLIC IMAGE

Director: Anne Wright

The Board position of Director of Public Image for the first half of this year was held by Anne Wright, unfortunately Anne resigned in December 2019.

We want to thank Anne Wright for the wonderful work Anne completed in her years at the helm of Public Image. Without doubt Anne's work and dedication to this position is commendable! We appreciated the hours she put in to produce a Website that is now working wonders for us and starting up our FaceBook page which is also receiving results for RCB in attracting new members. Anne was an active Board member, also involving herself in many community projects, which is also so much appreciated.

It was decided not to replace Anne for the remainder of this Rotary year but instead to start up a active Public Image Committee headed up by Johanna Johns.

Positions were as follows:-

Website- Shipra Tewani

Facebook- Johanna Johns

Instagram, News Papers & Radio – Dave Anderson

Bulletin “Pinion” – Jack Su

Window Pod – Bob Catherall

Magazine Stand – Mark Anderson

Flyers & Posters – Shipra Tewani, Melanie Lewis, Greg Keighran & Mark Anderson



I would like to sincerely thank all the public image committee members, we got through the year with flying colours and good results were

received from keeping our website up to date, resulting in two new members and continually posting on our facebook page we increased our FB followers from 942 to 1360 in just six months, which increases our exposure to the wider community. We added new post such as

1. Member of the Month
2. #FlashBackFriday
3. Why I Joined Rotary
3. Why I Joined Rotary and Stayed and some Birthdays of members that like this to be posted.

Our Bulletin Pinion goes out beyond our club members to a long list of Friends of Rotary, very well presented and received.

Keeping our Window Pod at Beecroft Place up with 4 new window displays has resulting in further exposure of the work we do in our community.

Continuous stocking our magazine stand including our RCB brochure is exposure to our community.

We also had some exposure this year on the Radio Station HHH 100.1 “Rotary Matters” with the ShelterBox Story and also our new Community Project Virtual Neighbours. These interviews were both conducted via Zoom and are still available on some podcast like Spotify and also on YouTube.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Chair: Paul Young

Again another good year for club community service. But this year saw an exciting and innovative addition to our annual Book Fair, Spring Luncheon, Christmas Raffle and Carols on The Beecroft Village Green.



Virtual Neighbours

This community enterprise initiative was conceived, implemented and driven by Beecroft Rotarian, Vinita Deodhar. This is her report on the project:

“1 April we launched *Rotary Virtual Neighbours*. It addresses loneliness and isolation in our community by enabling Rotary volunteers to make regular virtual visits to service recipients over the phone or internet. The conversation is similar in tone and content to a neighbourly chat over the backyard fence.

The challenge of social isolation was made even more pressing as we face the COVID-19 pandemic. While *Rotary Virtual Neighbour* commenced during COVID-19, it is an ensuring free service that will continue beyond the social distancing times of the pandemic.

In establishing the need and designing the service, we have worked closely with our local community, like doctors, pharmacists and managers of aged care homes. The advisors have also provided us with referrals to top up the word-of-mouth outreach by Rotarians in our club.

We started the pilot in April. The project team in our club actively recruits recipients and volunteers, matches their profiles, and provides induction and support for the volunteers. A code of conduct and risk management framework has been put in place.

Rotary Virtual Neighbours has been made possible due to the commitment and time contribution of these club members- their contribution is gratefully acknowledged:

Virtual Volunteers who make regular calls to service recipients: David Ellyard, David Rands, Dee Habib, Ilyas Yaseen, Maurice Brunning, Roz Reynolds, Shipra Tewani, Sudin Dinesh.

Virtual Neighbours Project Team: Madeleine Sherwood, Bernadette Azizi, Isha Deodhar, Niranjana Deodhar, Shipra Tewani



Virtual Visits from a trusted
Rotary Virtual Neighbour
- ensuring no one feels alone

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**Building
connectedness and
inclusion**

If someone you know is experiencing loneliness or isolation, speak to us about how Virtual Neighbours can help. Contact us as below on Phone, Facebook, or through the Contact form on our website.

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**A free community
service by Rotary**

03

**Just being good
neighbours, virtually!**



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INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Chair: Niranjan Deodhar

This year saw a continuation of our recent trend of one new multi-year global grant project each year, that we fund and help direct the money to a good cause around the globe.

1. From 2017-18 - Construction of toilets for improved access to sanitation – Mewat, India. Club contribution - \$7K, project outlay including grant multipliers - \$100K.

This project is now nearing completion. In fact, one could say it is complete when compared to the original scope of 250 toilets that have been constructed and handed over. During that process, due to delays attributed to pollution controls mandated by the Government of India, the funds remained unused for a while and accrued some interest income. As a result, an additional 50 toilets could be funded. This additional construction is also now complete, pending final inspection and hand over as soon as the pandemic restrictions are lifted. A detailed report was provided to the club upon completion of the original scope – some excerpts from that report:



2. From 2018-19 – Construction of check dams for water conservation - Bhiwandi, India. Club contribution - \$7K, project outlay including grant multipliers - \$42K.

This project is also nearing completion, with 8 of the 9 dams constructed and ready to take in rain water during this year's monsoons expected in a few weeks. The 9th and last dam has been halted due to pandemic restrictions. We were hoping to complete it as soon as these restrictions are lifted, however given that's unlikely before the monsoons, construction will probably have to wait for the rains to recede later in the year. An interim report was provided to the club – some excerpts from that report:



3. For 2019-20, we have agreed to fund a second round of toilets in Mewat by contributing \$7.5K, for which the global grant application process is under way. The grant is expected to move fast under the COVID-19 fast-track process, given toilets and sanitation availability within homes becomes even more pertinent in the time of social distancing.

We will remain on the lookout for more such opportunities in future and align our commitments to our ability raise funds.



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VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Chair: Zenda Spry Pohl

Little happened in promoting this area of service excellence the second half of this Rotary year. Mainly because of the Coronavirus - Covid19 was officially announced as a pandemic, hence any workplace visits were not possible.

It also becomes more difficult over time to find new places to visit. The nature of work has changed greatly over the last 15 years and the concept of visiting a factory or site visit is more difficult.

Perhaps in the future we may be able to procure video of how places manage their work and what happens in those areas.

A visit to The Ambassador restaurant in Ryde TAFE had been planned but that was not possible due to the lockdown and social distancing.

Many people doing excellent work are in our community, especially in the bushfire and medical sectors. Perhaps we should honour these people with certificates from Rotary presented via zoom.

We trust Vocational Excellence can come to the fore in 2020-2021.

YOUTH SERVICE

Chair: Melanie Lewis

In a poll of members, Youth Service was identified as an enthusiastic avenue of service for many Beecroft Rotarians. The RCB continues to extend its New Generations portfolio and the two objectives for the 2019/20 Rotary year were fulfilled: 1) to further support District 9865 youth programs; 2) to develop the Club's own signature award in honour of Past-President William Grant in light of his dedication to excellence in education.

1) District programs

RYLA

Youth Service Chair, Melanie Lewis, nominated Christian Kirkendall for the 2020 Rotary Youth Leadership Award, after recognising his potential as a future Rotarian. The intensive week-long residential leadership program delivered an outstanding taste of what Rotary can offer a young person for personal development. Christian received glowing reports for his attitude and eagerness to challenge himself throughout the program and has since gone on to commit to membership with the Club and be accepted as a Facilitator for RYPEN 2021.

RYPEN

Two Year 10 candidates, Emma Jones and Abbey Pollard of Loreto Normanhurst, were selected for the Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment. Over the course of the weekend, they participated in outdoor team-building, problem solving, and self-assessment and met other students from across the District. RCB Youth Service Chair, Melanie Lewis, continued as a Facilitator and recommended Madeleine Sherwood join the team for 2020. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, planning for an innovative online delivery for 2021, Melanie and Madeleine were able to develop their own interpersonal skills as the RYPEN Facilitation Team met weekly via shared hosting of team socials from yoga to drawing to leadership typing and mind mapping to name just a few!

RCB Director of Projects, Greg Keighran, and Melanie received the handover of the RYPEN Executive from the Rotary Club of Mosman who

have administered the Program on behalf of the District. RCB will now take on this honour for at least the next three years.

RYE

This year has been a very busy year for the Club with the reestablishment of our Rotary Youth Exchange commitments. Incoming Finnish student, Aleksandra Lammi, received a warm welcome by President Johanna Johns and other Club members joining the District entourage at the International Airport.



Aleksandra Lammi - Inbound



Ben Kelly - Outbound

Aleksandra's almost full attendance at RCB's weekly meetings allowed members of the Club to witness the development of her English, public speaking, and confidence. Through the generosity of our three host families (Lisa & Ian Creak, Belinda & David Jones, Tracy & Phillip Hartshorne) she was able to enjoy some of the best of Australia, although her stay was cut short due to COVID-19 school closures and uncertainty. Despite lockdown measures, Melanie was able to celebrate her 18th birthday on behalf of the members of RCB.

A highlight of the 2019-2020 year was a social night at Spoonful Thai Beecroft to present outbound RYE student, Ben Kelly of Asquith Boys High School. After attending many Club meetings leading up to his departure, Ben landed to larger than life posters of himself in Brazil and has persevered in the program throughout the global pandemic. We look forward to hearing of his experience as an alternative example of lockdown!

MUNA

On the back of a very successful shadowing by many RCB members for the 2019 Model United Nations Assembly, Greg Keighran remained flawless in his receivership of the Executive handover from the Rotary Club of Epping. Unfortunately the lockdown prevented the 2020 Northern Sydney MUNA from going ahead, but RCB will now take the executive reins for the next three years and we look forward to engaging the Club's members in this fruitful and immensely enjoyable event next year.

RYLA Oceania

The first RYLA Oceania program was delivered in the 2019/20 Rotarian year, aiming to unite RYLA graduates and Rotarians across Australia and New Zealand. The residency program provided practical business and leadership skills as well as delivering important community benefit by way of challenges identified to be important to next generation leaders (such as the environment, diversity and inclusion, and other social innovation projects). RCB's young Secretary, Madeleine Sherwood, was selected to participate and funded by the Club. Her transformation was evident when she performed solo in a TedX style event, sharing Katy Perry's Roar on vocal and acoustic guitar! Youth Service Chair, Melanie was also invited to lead a Design Thinking workshop for attendees to further their creative thinking approach to their allocated community projects. Melanie continues to be the external Project Lead for the ESRAG (Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group) project and Maddy is diligently working with her team.

2) Development of an RCB signature event

The 2019/20 Rotary year was the inaugural year of the Bill Grant Memorial Award developed by President Johanna Johns and Youth service Chair, Melanie Lewis. The aim was to continue to inspire youth within our local community to pursue a career in education commensurate with the exemplary work of RCB Past President William Grant. Three schools were invited to nominate their best Year 10 candidates for the award, with applications judged by a panel consisting of President Johanna, Melanie, Community Director, Paul Young, and Vocational Chair, Zenda Spry-Pohl. Student applications were impressive, but ultimately the choice came down to a frontrunner, Sophie Elsmore of Cheltenham Girls' High School. A special Club meeting was

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attended by Bill's family, with guests enjoying a life-history of his great contribution to the education sector and culminating in the BGM Award trophy and cash prize presented to Sophie as her parents proudly watched on. Sophie has updated the Club with her plans beyond the HSC to put the money towards a teaching degree at Notre Dame University. We look forward to witnessing her progress towards her noble goal and know Bill would be delighted!



BGM Award Night



RYPEN

PAST PRESIDENTS

Year	President	Year	President	Year	President
1972-73	Keith Spark	1992-93	Bill Grant	2012-13	Geoff Heise
1973-74	Reg Burgoyne	1993-94	Ted Workman	2013-14	Paul Young
1974-75	Don Keighran	1994-95	Michael Schwarcz	2014-15	Christine McPhillips
1975-76	John Nance	1995-96	Geoff Kelly	2015-16	Lionel Jackson
1976-77	Ray Stanton	1996-97	Ken Odbert*	2016-17	PP David Ellyard
1977-78	Alan Keighran	1997-98	David Ellyard	2017-18	PP Mark Anderson
1978-79	Des Morton	1998-99	Tim Fenton	2018-19	Greg Keighran
1979-80	Bob Adcock	1999-00	Rod Seares	2019-20	Johanna Johns
1980-81	Arthur Gabb*	2000-01	Geoff Brunner	2020-21	Niranjan Deodhar
1981-82	Alan Bowden	2001-02	Alan Reid	2021-22	
1982-83	Bob Daniels	2002-03	Ian Burrows	2022-23	
1983-84	Ken Wonson	2003-04	Miriam Jacka	2023-24	
1984-85	John Yeaman	2004-05	Graham Grant	2024-25	
1985-86	Jim Sullivan	2005-06	PP Mark Anderson	2025-26	
1986-87	Geoff Goldman	2006-07	Ed Sice	2026-27	
1987-88	John Hogson	2007-08	Peter Holst	2027-28	
1988-89	Wallace Donald	2008-09	Bob Walcot	2028-29	
1989-90	PP David Rands	2009-10	Maryanne Sansom	2029-30	
1990-91	David Dart	2010-11	Cathy Sherwood	2030-31	
1991-92	Rob McIntosh	2011-12	Di Hammond	2031-32	

Other Clubs

1976-77 David Rands Western Hut NZ

1997-98 Mark Anderson Morningside SA

District Governors

1984-85 PDG Don Keighran

2011-12 PDG David Rands

Paul Harris Fellows Recognitions



1977	K M Spark	1992	D Parsons	2005	R McIntosh
1979	D G Keighran	1993	J A Nance	2006	T Fenton
1980	A E Dehlsen	1993	J H Hodgson	2007	M Jacka
1981	R S Stanton	1993	A Chapman	2007	M Anderson
1982	R F Burgoyne	1994	P M Schwarcz	2006	D Dart
1984	A K Keighran	1994	D Rands	2007	P M Schwarcz
1984	R McIntosh	1994	D Adcock	2008	G Grant
1985	R A Adcock	1996	A Dawson	2008	S Grant
1986	D G Morton	1997	G Kelly	2008	R Gilkeson
1987	G D Tweedale	1997	W Donald	2009	K Odbert
1987	J H Sullivan	1997	R A Adcock	2009	P Holst
1988	A G Bowden	1997	A K Keighran	2009	J Keighran
1988	A J Gabb	1998	G E Goldman	2010	C Marshall
1988	K Forrester	1999	G Baxter	2010	D Ellyard
1988	A L Reid	2000	W Wonson	2010	K Ryan
1988	D Evans (Mrs)	2000	K Odbert	2010	A Rands
1988	M H McGill	2001	D Ellyard	2010	M. Ozen
1988	R L Daniells	2001	M Goldman	2010	C May
1988	K D Wonson	2002	D Dart	2011	M Zimmerman
1988	E Workman	2002	G Brunner	2011	B Banfield
1988	I Shearman	2003	A Gabb	2011	E Sice
1989	G E Goldman	2003	R Seares	2011	D. Hammond
1989	K E Seale	2003	I Burrows	2011	G Keighran
1989	J Yeaman	2003	D Zimmerman	2011	S Charlesworth
1990	J Bonner	2004	W Grant	2011	D Rands
1990	R E Zimmerman	2004	J McIntosh	2011	M Dart
1994	D G Keighran	2005	R Catherall	2011	D Barnett
1991	C G Cheng	2005	A Reid	2011	L. Anderson

Paul Harris Fellows Recognitions

2011	L. Gabb	2015	A Keighran	2017	C. McPhillips
2012	A Hansen	2015	J. Hiscock	2017	B. Banfield
2012	A Reid	2015	L. Ramanathan	2017	B. Shah
2012	J Duffy	2015	F. Tan	2017	J. Johns
2013	R Mcintosh	2016	D. Morton	2017	A. Wright
2013	C Sherwood	2016	D. Hammond	2017	P. Young
2013	M Samson	2016	P. Holst	2017	M. Ozen
2013	K Holst	2016	S. Ellyard	2018	V. Parmar
2014	E Fenton	2016	D. Anderson	2018	N. Deodhar
2014	R Sice	2017	J. Jackson	2018	R. Walker OAM
2014	I Yaseen	2017	L. Jackson		
2015	W Grant	2017	H. Hannam		
2015	R Catherall	2017	D. Dart		

Paul Harris Society

Bobby Adcock	Paul Young
Mark Anderson	David Rands
Lynne Anderson	Anne Rands
David Ellyard	Anonymous
Geoff Heise	Johanna Johns
Andrew Stephens	



Major Donors

David and Anne Rands	Level 3
Bobby Adcock	Level 2
Mark and Lynne Anderson	Level 1
Dorothy Barnett	Level 1
Geoff and Keren Heise	Level 1
Alan Keighran	Level 1



Bequest Society

David and Anne Rands	Level 2
Alan Keighran	Level 1
Julie Keighran	Level 1
Paul Young	Level 1



Avenues of Service Citation

2014- 15	Bob Catherall
2015 -16	Peter Holst
2016-17	Alan Keighran
2017-18	David Ellyard



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