



Preloved Bookshop

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Rotary Club of Beecroft

ANNUAL REPORT

2021-2022

OUR LOCAL & GLOBAL IMPACT

250

We helped strengthen intergenerational bonds with 250 school children engaged in Rotary Young at Heart art competition

Emerging from the isolation and restrictions of COVID, Beecroft Village came alive with the Rotary Young at Heart Festival

2500

Over 2500 people in a rural community in Western India have access to water with 9 check dams we helped build over 3 years

400

We brought over 400 people from the Beecroft Cheltenham community together for ANZAC Day commemoration

\$120,000

We got one step closer to eradicating polio with \$120,000 raised through Rotary Train Ride to End Polio

35

High school students learnt about motivation and self improvement with our Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment

3000

Over 3000 people in rural India get access to private toilets bringing hygiene, security and dignity to their lives (delivered over 3 years)

\$7,000

worth of prizes from our Rotary Christmas Raffle were given on Christmas

Preloved Bookshop has given the opportunity for numerous Community members of all ages to Volunteer and give back to the Beecroft Community

60

High school students researched, debated and negotiated on global issues through the Rotary Model United Nations

"Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves" - Paul Harris (Rotary Founder)

FROM THE PRESIDENT



It has been an honour and privilege to serve as President of the Rotary Club of Beecroft for the past twelve months. I want to thank the club members for their support and the community we work and live in for their financial and generous support of our Club. Without the community backing, the work that Rotary has achieved over the past twelve months could not have happened. After 2020-21, we thought we had seen the worst of COVID. However, 2021-22, COVID continued to present its challenges to our Club and the Community. Our Club continued to deliver services to the local and global communities despite the restrictions COVID presented.

Disappointingly some of our traditional annual events had to be cancelled: Carols on the Village Green and the Community Bookfair. Our Club, ever resourceful, turned the Carols On The Green into a Christmas Music and Song event in Wongala Crescent Railway Park in Beecroft. A big thanks must go to Northbeat Music and, in particular, to Felicity Cameron and John Romeo. They assisted by putting together a Christmas Music and Song celebration with students from Northbeat Music. John supplied the sound system for the music to be heard throughout the village.

Although the Bookfair was cancelled, the Rotary Club of Beecroft has opened a small retail store in Hannah Street Beecroft as a Preloved Bookshop. The excitement among the club members and thence the community has been palpable. The shop has been set up almost entirely from donations: from the bookshelves, signage, plantings, and obviously, the books. The landlord has been extremely generous and accommodating, and the club is most grateful for their support. The shop will be staffed entirely by volunteers from Rotary and the community. We are hopeful that the shop will become a permanent fixture in Beecroft. It is opening with trading on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, however, the vision is to extend the trading hours if we can rally enough volunteers.

Our annual Christmas Raffle was conducted again this year. With businesses only reopening after being in lockdown because of COVID from late June to mid-October, the Board was concerned that we might not receive the support we usually would from the business community and the community supporting ticket sales. We were once again very humbled by the business community's response when we received more products and services than in previous years to be raffled. Another record amount of funds was raised from the raffle - \$14,500.

In April, we conducted the ANZAC service. Thanks to John Romeo for providing the sound system on the day, Felicity Cameron, and Northbeat Music for the soloists performing the National Anthems of both Australia and New Zealand. Other thanks go to the Beecroft Garden Club for providing the wreaths, Castle Hill RSL Pipe Band, John Simpson for his ANZAC Day address, the schools and community groups who laid the wreaths, and most importantly, the community who supported the Service by their presence at the ANZAC Service.

Our Club delivered on many of the Youth Commitments, with ten students participating in the RYPEN Program (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment). We also delivered on the Young at Heart Program, with many children submitting their pictures for the event. Unfortunately, RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) was cancelled. Our student nominee Maddy Johnston will attend RYLA in January 2023.

Mark and Dave Anderson, who run the Rotary District "Train Ride to End Polio," could not have an "in-person ride" this year and came up with a novel way to raise funds by holding a virtual Train Ride.

Global Grant; Prevention of Malaria

Beecroft Rotary has approved the funding of another Global Grant. The project aims to provide a scholarship to support a Ph.D. of a dedicated researcher on "parasitology and microbiology" to study the prevention of Malaria. Malaria is an acute febrile illness caused by parasites, spreading to people through the bites of infected mosquitoes. In 2019, nearly half of the world's population was at risk of Malaria. In 2019, it caused an estimated 229 million clinical episodes and 409,000 deaths. Young children and pregnant women are the groups most affected. (source: WHO) Source: Centers for Disease Control and prevention – July 2020 CDC. The Global Grant Scholarship will fund the Ph.D. program tuition fee, books, research supplies, and living expenses. The project's budget is \$32,975USD, and Beecroft is partnering with District: 2440 Club: Rotary Club of Izmir Efes. Our Board has approved the funding from our Club. We are waiting on Rotary International to advise when funds are required. The Rotary Club of Beecroft's financial commitment is \$3,800.

In closing, I wish Madeleine Sherwood the best for her year as President and 2022-23 board the best of success.

Yours in Rotary

Russell Zimmerman

President Rotary Club of Beecroft 2021-22

The Rotary Club of Beecroft acknowledges the Wallumettagal people as the traditional custodians of the land in Beecroft, and pay our respects to elders, past, present, and emerging.

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WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE DO

We belong to a network of 1.2 million individuals across 36,754 Rotary Clubs worldwide. Founded in 1905 by Paul Harris, Rotary is an international organisation and a locally based community club.

In Australia, there are 25,880 members in 1056 clubs in 19 districts. The average number of Rotarians in Australian Rotary clubs is 25. Beecroft Club, with 38 members, sits above the average. I would like to make special mention of our new members, Jaythene Hiscock, Daniel Dummer, Martin Levine, and Tim Abrams

OUR VISION

Together we see a world where people unite to serve to change lives. Rotary is an organisation that looks to make an impact both globally and locally within our communities.

OUR MISSION: - THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of Service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

First: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for Service;

Second: High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society.

Third: The application of the ideal of Service by every Rotarian to their personal, business, and community life;

Fourth: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world of fellowship of business and professional people united in the ideal of Service.

ROTARIANS BELIEVE IN THE 4 WAY TEST

- Will it build Goodwill and Better Friendships? (Fellowship)
- Will it be Beneficial to all concerned? (Empathy)
- Is it Fair to all concerned? (Accountability)
- Is it the Truth(Trust)

ROTARY'S SEVEN AREAS OF FOCUS

We believe that as Rotarians, we have a shared responsibility to take action on our world's most persistent issues: We work together to:

1. Fight disease
2. Provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene
3. Save mothers and children
4. Support Education
5. Grow local economies
6. Promote peace
7. Protect the environment

ROTARY VALUES

Since Rotary was founded in 1905, our world today has changed and continues to change. The pace of change has accelerated, demographics have shifted, and technology has created new opportunities for connection and Service. What has not changed is the need for the values that define Rotary: Fellowship, Integrity, Diversity, Empathy, Accountability, Service, and Leadership. By honouring our past and embracing our future, we continue to evolve and keep our Club not just relevant but thriving.

HOW WE GOVERN AND MANAGE OURSELVES

Chartered on 20th June 1972, the Rotary Club of Beecroft is into its 50th year. The Club is an incorporated association registered in NSW under the *Associations Incorporations Act 2009*. It is constituted and governed in accordance with the bylaws of the Rotary Club of Beecroft Inc. The bylaws are structured to reflect the Standard Rotary Club Constitution prescribed by Rotary International. The Club is governed by the Board consisting of President, Vice President, Immediate Past President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Directors, to lead portfolios including membership, club administration, service projects, Rotary Foundation, fundraising and public image. Directors and officers of the Club are elected annually in accordance with processes set out in the Club's bylaws. The Club abides by the Rotary Code of Conduct.

OUR STRATEGIC PLAN AND PRIORITIES

Our strategic priorities are a confluence of our local presence as a service club in the local community and our global Rotary presence and purpose. Our priorities and deliverables for 2021 to 2022 were aligned with the Club's strategic plan for 2018 to 2022, strategic prioritisation planning by Club members in October 2019, and the Rotary International Action Plan for 2024. In May of 2022, the Strategic Plan was reviewed, and our plan and priorities for the next five years were reaffirmed. A copy of the outcomes is included in this report.

ROTARY CLUB OF BEECROFT STRATEGIC PLAN 2022-27

Vision: Beecroft Rotary will create lasting positive change in our community and the wider world, through the collective application of our skills and resources.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

INCREASE OUR IMPACT

- Build a stronger presence in the Beecroft/Cheltenham community, including by interacting with community groups and individuals to determine community needs and collective means to address them.
- Continue to deliver community service projects, both locally and globally, that generate lasting change and enhance both the lives of individuals and the communities in which they live.
- Maintain a high level of support, both as individuals and as a Club, for the Rotary Foundation and its programs and engage strongly in the District Grants and Global Grants programs.

Expand our Reach

- Develop a coherent and comprehensive membership recruitment and retention strategy, seeking to increase both member numbers and age, gender, and ethnic diversity.
- Encourage membership growth through each member seeking to introduce a new member, in line with RI's "Each one, Brings one" program.
- Develop a Friends of Beecroft Rotary initiative, allowing for recognition of both individual volunteers and businesses, and enhancing their level of engagement with the Club and its activities.

ENHANCE PARTICIPANT ENGAGEMENT

- Encourage members to consider what being a member of Beecroft Rotary means to them, in terms of both opportunities and responsibilities, and the extent to which they see themselves as fulfilling that role.
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- Ensure members are fully informed about the Club's programs and developments at District and Rotary International, using a variety of communication channels.
- Ensure that all members have a defined job or membership of a project team, including new members, who should be given such a role at induction.
- Monitor the level of member engagement in the life of the Club, including in projects and at meetings. Devise and implement strategies to increase that engagement.
- Strengthen the guidelines as what new members need to know and understand regarding the opportunities and responsibilities of membership, including engagement in Club life and projects.
- Encourage members to undertake Rotary knowledge and skills development, and to seek involvement and leadership in projects and structures beyond the Club.

INCREASE OUR ABILITY TO ADAPT

- Require each incoming Board to consider how its planned program for the year ahead supports and advances the elements of this Strategic Plan and to report its findings to the Club.
- Use Club Forums and other processes to solicit perspectives and potential activities and projects from members, and to enhance their sense of participation and ownership.
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HOW WE ORGANISE, RESOURCE AND COMMUNICATE OUR WORK

Our skills, time, and expertise by our members, friends of Rotary, volunteers, and other Rotarians are the fuel of our work and activities. Projects are planned and approved by our Board. Committees meet to action the activities and coordinate and manage the projects with our member's help and assistance. We commence our year with a budget and aim to archive the budget through our various fundraising activities. All work is done in a volunteer capacity, and sometimes a project is in partnership with other Rotary Clubs.

Service at home and overseas is achieved through our five avenues of Service.

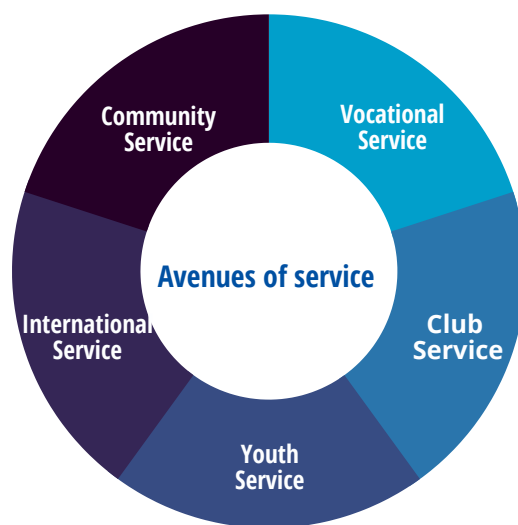
Club Service – Administration focuses on making our Club strong through good fellowship for our members and visitors to our Club.

Vocational Service - asks Rotarians to contribute their expertise from their vocation to solve society's problems and issues.

Community Service - looks for ways to assist and improve the quality of life or services for residents of our community

International Service - amplifies our global reach. This is achieved by sponsoring international projects via the Rotary Foundation and volunteering for projects in other countries generally that are less fortunate than we are in Australia.

Youth Service – we offer various leadership development programs run throughout our district. We support these by direct involvement (assisting in person) and ensuring that we have local young people given a chance to develop leadership skills by attending these programs.



CLUB ADMINISTRATION

The cost of administering the Club is paid for by Club members – including our weekly meeting venue costs, meals, and our fees to Rotary District Rotary Down Under and Rotary International. All money received for the operation of the Club is held in an administrative account.

All funds and donations received by the Club are directed to Service Projects (non-administration). When the Club contributes to approved global humanitarian activities with sustainable, measurable outcomes, the funding we put into the Rotary Foundation is multiplied. The multiplier effect is 3.8. That is, we delivered Projects to a value of 3.8 times the value of funds raised. From a donor perspective, this is an outstanding value.

The Rotary Foundation has the highest ratings from Charity Navigator. Charity Navigator monitor Financial Health, Accountability, and Transparency. Their ratings show donors how efficiently a charity will use their support, how well it has sustained its programs and services over time, and its level of commitment to accountability and transparency. The image of our Club is essential, and the way we tell our story ensures that people in our community and our broader reach understand what Rotary does and how we do it. We want people to realise that Rotary is different and how we aim to make an impact both locally and overseas.

We use multiple channels to tell our message, including social media, physical displays, and videos to communicate our story.

OUR MEMBERS

A club will only remain strong if its members support it. Our members are dedicated people who share a passion for community service, fellowship, and friendship. Our Club has a clear and robust diversity policy which we value. Contributions to our Club, both monetary and in-kind, come from people of all different backgrounds of, which we highly value. Contributions come from all backgrounds, regardless of age, ethnicity, race, colour, religion, socioeconomic status, culture, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

The Rotary Club of Beecroft has 38 members. We inducted three new members this year.

Over the past few years, we have strengthened our membership base, participation, and engagement. We are continuing to increase the representation of women and younger age groups, along with greater diversity to reflect the demographic composition of our local community.

SERVING OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES

The Rotary Club of Beecroft has a network of members, volunteers, local businesses, schools, community organisations, and residents to assist in delivering projects. This included

- Supporting older residents in our area by regularly engaging with them via phone, online, or face to face, ensuring that we assist with looking after their mental well-being.
- We increased our relevance by showcasing our concern and commitment to pressing social issues such as equal rights for women and supporting the environment.
- During the height of COVID restrictions and lockdown, we ran weekly virtual Friday night drinks for both members and the community to ensure connection.

YOUNG AT HEART FESTIVAL

Following on from the 2020-21 Inaugural Rotary Young at Heart Festival, we again held our Young at Heart Festival:

Objectives:

- Increase community awareness about the contribution of the elderly
- Shine a light on issues and challenges faced by the elderly and the role every community member can play to help address these.
- Increase connections and engagement between younger and older age groups

Build presence and license with local business and school community to set up future events and initiatives for success

Outcome:

Beecroft Primary School assembled a team of 5 staff members interested in supporting the Young at Heart Festival. They brainstormed and executed activities aligned to the theme. This highlights the power of strong partnerships with schools

Teachers designed homework activities around the theme of connecting with the elderly



- Conducted Primary School Art and Poetry competition where students were asked to reflect on elderly persons in their life and what made them special
 - Received 60+ entries of art and poetry competition entries (see examples)
 - \$200+ worth of prizes shared with entrants sponsored by local businesses and community members (big thank you to Spark Shoes, and Bees Bells and Whistles for providing prizes)
 - Virtual art and poetry exhibition on display - link here - <https://rotarybeecroft.org.au/exhibition>. The artwork was also displayed in local businesses in Beecroft. Parents finding their child's artwork in the village was a very uplifting experience for them and also generated traffic for businesses.
 - A positive response from parents E.g. "Thank you for giving the children a good opportunity to do what they like for the community during the COVID-19 tough time."

The world is hard,
 Full of dark turns and twists,
 Temptation lurks in every corner,
 But you are here,
 The wise,
 The strong,
 The intelligent
 The bold
 The admirable.

The world needs you.

You are my inspiration,
 You have done everything,
 Experiences that I may never have.
 Stories with deep and sagacious meanings.
 Words with perceptive definition.



In the dull evening, she'll say
 I hope you had a bright day.
 The faces of the neighbours
 I Feel astonished at every layer.

A person who wipes precious tears
 And has absolutely no fears.
 A person who makes a great deal
 To act for me as a guarded shield.

Even though she is exceptionally blind
 She is somehow very proud and kind.
 Who always encourages me to try and try
 But if not, she supports me with a huge sigh.

Toying every day, for consistent long hours
 Until our vivid tongues get dry and sour.
 Oh, those old memories we'll never forget.
 It will continue to go on without regret.

- Facilitated interviews between current Beecroft Primary students and alumni from the 1950s and 1960s (see image).
 - School experiences, laughs, and stories were shared between the generations
 - Three alumni, two students, and two teachers were present in each session. There were two such sessions



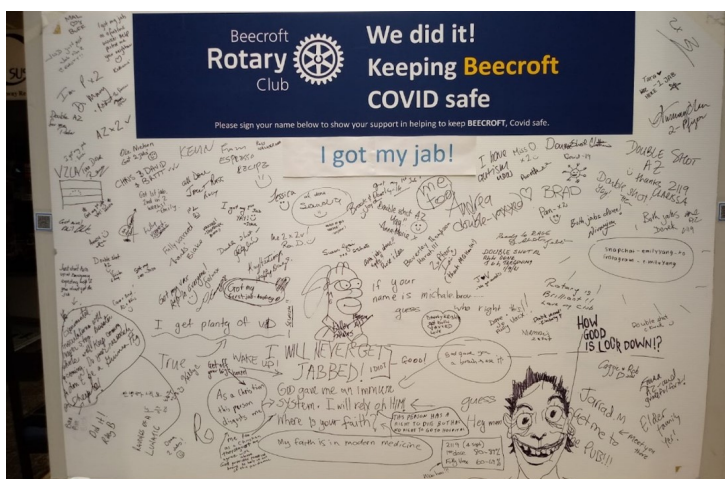
- A project toolkit was sent from the Rotary Club of Beecroft to Tania Mace of the Rotary Club of Lane Cove - as they had expressed an interest in running a Young at Heart Festival.

KEEPING BEECROFT COVID-SAFE WALL

Objective: Promote community cohesion during severe lockdowns by recognising the efforts of community members who were vaccinated, encouraging the vaccination momentum of the community.

Outcome:

- Rotary branded murals with pens were placed in the Beecroft Village Arcade where community members could sign off "I did it" or positive messages about being vaccinated
- Strong momentum in the community which included 70+ signatures, including lots of positive and uplifting messages



CHRISTMAS MUSIC IN THE VILLAGE

For the second year in a row, the Rotary Club of Beecroft could not deliver Carols on the Green due to COVID – 19 restrictions. Contact was made with Northbeat Music, and a mini Carols was held in Wongala Crescent near the Cenotaph on a Saturday morning early in December. Under the guidance of Felicity Cameron and John Romeo, with the assistance of the Rotary Club of Beecroft, we delivered Christmas Music. Many talented musicians and singers were on hand to bring a new and updated Christmas Carols experience to the Beecroft community.



Christmas Music & Song in Beecroft

Saturday 4 December
Beecroft Station Garden - Wongala Cres
10:00am - 1:00pm



Wishing you a
Merry Christmas
from



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We hosted the Memorial Service on ANZAC Day with the help of past Lions members. Over 400 community members joined the event and presentations were made by local schools, local councillors, and State and Federal Government members of Parliament. We recognised those who served our nation, often at tremendous personal cost.

TREE OF JOY

We again had a tree of Joy outside Woolworths in Beecroft Place, where the community again supported Taldumande

- We collected 39 gifts/gift cards from the community for Taldumande
- The committee decorated the Christmas tree with all the tags.
- We coordinated with Taldumande and delivered all the gifts in time for Christmas giving.

We thank our local traders and the community for the support they give to Rotary to assist people who are far less fortunate.



BEECROFT MONOPOLY

Our Club has been seeking innovative ways of raising funds. During the year, we learned that it is possible to purchase unique monopoly games. Over the past few months, a committee has been working on developing a Monopoly Board Game based on the suburb of Beecroft. To set the board up we will be selling off the “real estate” on the Monopoly Board to local businesses. Time constraints have not allowed us to present the marketing to the local Beecroft businesses. The Club intends to begin marketing the Beecroft Monopoly in the new Rotary year. Having investigated this with the committee, we believe it is possible to raise between \$80K to \$100k in sales. (What this space if you would like your own unique Monopoly game based on Beecroft



<p>Rotary Club of Beecroft Charity Haircut Auction in conjunction with zalmhair all money goes to the Rotary Club of Beecroft Charity Projects </p>	
	<p>bid on either 1st Cut & Style after lockdown or 1st Cut, Colour & Treatment after lockdown</p>

1ST HAIRCUT AFTER LOCKDOWN AUCTION

With the support of a local hair salon in Beecroft, Zalm Hair, we auctioned the first appointment for a colour and cut and the first appointment for a cut after 13 weeks of lockdown. We had two very appreciative ladies, and thanks to Zalm Hair for donating the services and product to the two highest Auction bidders.

SPEAKER TRAIL EVENT

Our Club held a series of Speaker events via Zoom where prominent Rotarians delivered a one-hour informative and educational discussion on the seven focus areas of Rotary. Although this was not designed as a fundraising event, it did produce support income for the club during a time of restricted activities. It was a very informative series, and those attending gained a deeper insight into the seven focus areas. It was well organized and ran efficiently.

BEECROFT ROTARY INVITES YOU TO JOIN






SPEAKER TRAIL EVENT

Join our expert speakers on-line to discuss one of these topics every fortnight

- **Community** Economic Development
- **Disease** Prevention and Treatment
- **Education**, Basic Education and Literacy
- **Environment**, Protecting the Environment

- **Maternal** and Child Health
- **Peace** Building and Conflict Prevention
- **Water**, Sanitation, and Hygiene

\$12 registration fee per session
\$70 registration fee for 7 session

All the funds raised at speaker trail event go towards





DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY
20th February, 2022



3 ROTARIANS
+
3 FRIENDS OF ROTARY

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A CAUSE, WITH
**SKYDIVE AUSTRALIA,
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JUMP 4 JOY

The sky is the limit!

RAISING FUNDS FOR





JUMP FOR JOY

One of the more unique and challenging events of the year had to be jumping out of an airplane at 15,000feet, all in for the purpose of raising money for Rotary. Congratulations to the brave five individuals who lived to tell the tale!

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Following last year's successful International Women's Day event, a panel discussion was held with students from 2 different schools – Cheltenham Girls High School and Marsden High with three students from each school. Students highlighted their suggestions for policy changes to promote gender equality. Following on from our panel discussion on equal rights for women, we wrote to both the Premier of NSW and the Prime Minister, giving them an appraisal of what our school students saw as the important matters that affect them and their generation.

A considered response was received from the Prime Ministers' office. This event showcased the talented young ladies in our schools and their depth of thinking to contribute to forming policies for the future.



President Russell Zimmerman invites you  to celebrate International Women's Day 2022 #BreakTheBias Monday 7 March 2022 with an exciting Panel Discussion with students from Marsden High School & Cheltenham Girls' High School

Panelists

- Chloe
- Tahnee
- Tamsin
- Kaitlyn
- Shirley
- Shivi



6:30 pm for 7 pm start, West Pennant Hills Sports Club, 103 New Line Rd, WP Hills
RSVP by Friday 4 March to beecroftrotary@gmail.com
Food & Drinks can be purchased at the venue - please place your orders by 6:30 pm and be seated for 7 pm start



AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

The Rotary Club of Beecroft and the Rotary Clubs of Carlingford and North Rocks conducted an Australia Day Celebration. We commenced with a flag-raising ceremony assisted by the North Rocks Scouts at John Wearne Reserve at 8 am. A sausage sizzle breakfast followed afterward for those in attendance. In the afternoon-evening entertainment was provided from various cultures and groups. As night fell, a movie was shown in the Amphitheatre at John Wearne Reserve. Many local residents from Beecroft, Carlingford, and North Rocks gathered to enjoy the summer evening and the movie Paper Planes.

ANZAC MEMORIAL SERVICE

With the assistance of Past members of the Lions Club, Northbeat Music, and John Romeo, the Rotary Club of Beecroft hosted an ANZAC day service at the Cenotaph in Beecroft.

State and Federal Politicians, Councillors, Schools, and local community groups presented wreaths. The address was given by a local resident John Simpson. We recognized those who had served our nation, often at extreme personal cost.



VIRTUAL NEIGHBORS

Launched on April 20, 2020, the Rotary year of 2021-22 saw a continuation of Virtual Neighbours. Virtual Neighbours is a service that provides connectedness and assurance through regular phone or web calls to the elderly. We aim to reignite that 'local community feeling' of being valued and included.

ROTARY CLUB OF BEECROFT PRELOVED BOOKSHOP

Due to the restrictions of COVID-19 for the past two years, our Rotary Club has been unable to operate our Annual Book Fair, a major fundraising event for our Club. Unfortunately, without this major event, it has hampered our ability to give back to the community much needed support funds. An opportunity presented to open our Preloved Bookshop, which commenced trading on Saturday, June 18, 2022. With the support of a benevolent landlord, we have arranged to pay a percentage of gross takings for rent.

Our venture is for the community, involves Rotarians and the community as volunteers, and creates a meeting hub for community connection. At the same time, we are promoting Rotary and its objectives within the community.

Our Board hopes that we might be able to make the Preloved Bookshop a permanent store within the community.



SERVING OUR GLOBAL COMMUNITIES

TRAIN RIDE TO END POLIO

Over the past four years, club members Mark Anderson and Dave Anderson have been the driving force behind this project. Over this time, the event has raised more than \$480,000 in contributions to The End Polio Now campaign.

It was a simple idea from Dave Anderson's passion for trains. He had read that there is an all-stations challenge in London to see how fast a person can catch a train that stops at every station on the London Underground network. Dave thought that we should try this idea in the Sydney train network.

This idea became a fundraiser, where we would ask individuals, clubs, and corporates to sponsor. Individuals at \$1 per station, Clubs at \$10 per station, and for corporates, a donation. The idea was successful and continues to grow in popularity each year. Each successive District Governor has listed The Train Ride to End Polio as an official District event, encouraging all Clubs to engage and be involved.

This plan was not achievable this year due to COVID and the reliability of the Sydney trains timetable. We adapted and conducted a virtual train ride. We produced a network map and asked Clubs and individuals to go to their local railway station, take a picture of themselves with their END POLIO NOW Tee-shirts on, and send the donation to the page on the Raise for Rotary website. While we raised less money for this event this year, we did draw a lot of attention to the cause and kept the event alive.

The End Polio train ride event takes place on World Polio Day, October 24. We have generated publicity via radio interviews throughout the event. While there is no longer Polio in Australia, we must keep fundraising to contribute to the nearly \$1b per year costs to eradicate Polio. There are still two endemic countries, and the virus is only a plane ride away.

Thank you to the Rotary Club of Beecroft for all the support and contributions to this campaign, and we will see you all on the next train ride on Monday, October 24.



REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

Continuing with the trend of the last six years, our club partnered with Rotary clubs from other parts of the world to bring medical facilities to those who would otherwise go without due to prohibitive costs. All the three pledges from last year came to fruition this year.

Our club's Chair for International Projects visited two of the three sites in India and met with Rotarians and delivery partners that had worked together to ensure successful execution.

Work continues to build the pipeline of more such projects, with current efforts in the direction of water purification in eastern India and mosquito control in Turkey.

1) Voice and Speech therapy clinic equipment for Sassoon Hospital in Pune – with Roaray Club of Katraj, Pune

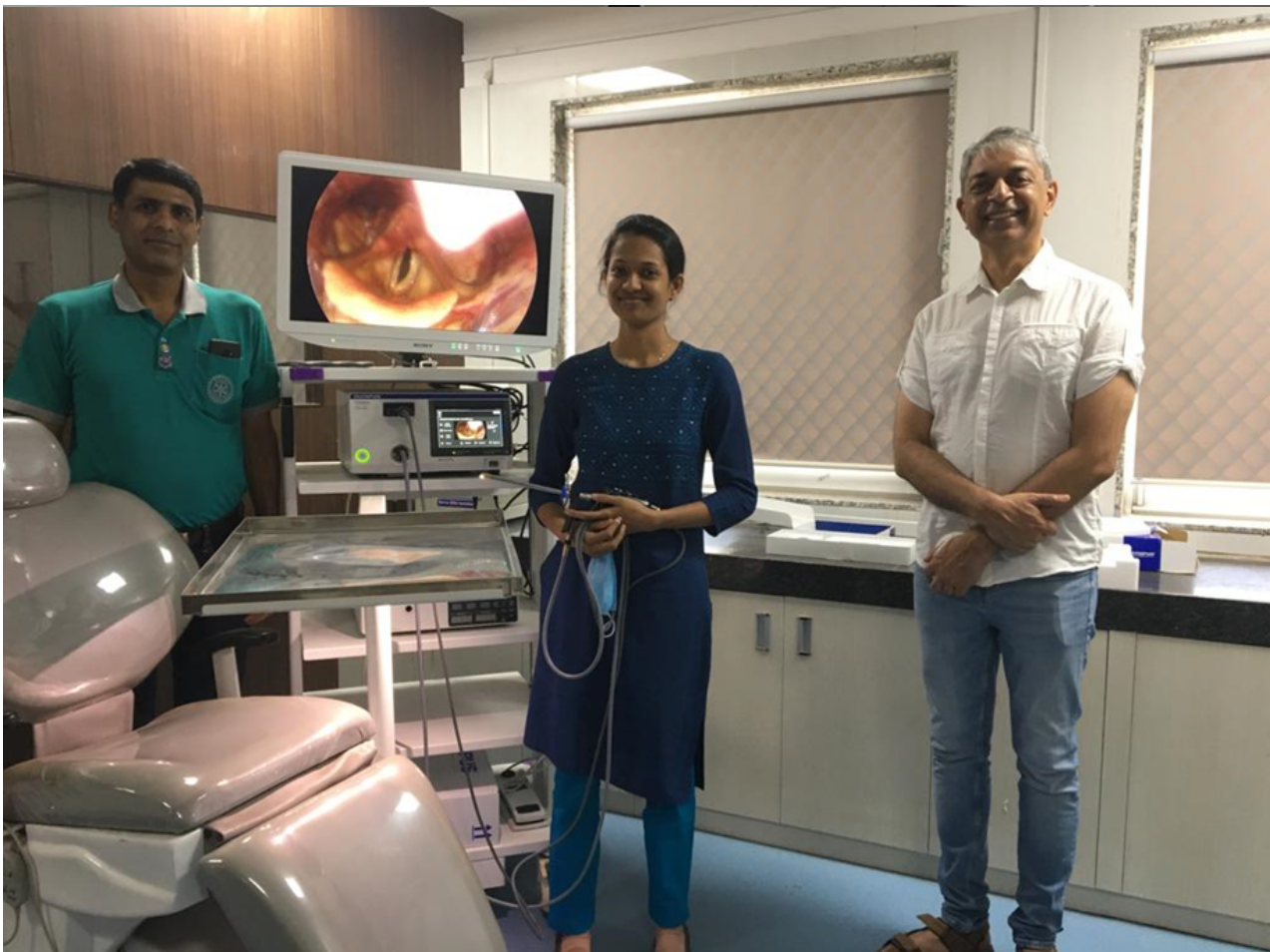
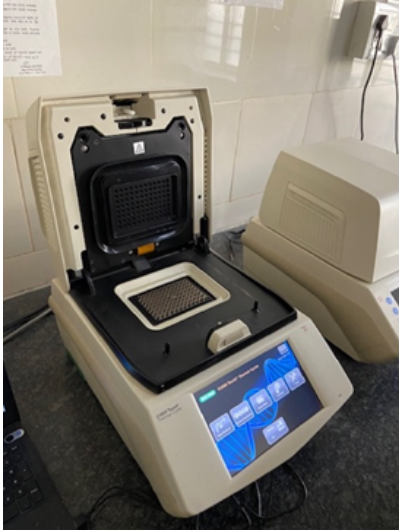
We contributed \$6700 to a GG project of \$130,000 in partnership for equipment in this clinic to provide voice and speech therapy to people with limited financial resources. The project was inaugurated on April 7, 2022.

Niranjan Deodhar visiting the site with Dr. Anuradha Mache of the Voice and Speech therapy clinic at Sassoon Hospital, Pune, and Pushkaraj Muley of the host club (RC Pune Katraj) – this is the equipment.



COVID TREATMENT FACILITIES, PAEDIATRIC WARD MIRAJ, INDIA

We contributed \$5000 for a Global Grant project worth \$53,000 in partnership with Rotary Club of Sangli Midtown to equip the paediatric ward of Govt Medical College with COVID treatment equipment. Following is an example of a previous similar project conducted by the host club at the same medical college.



Niranjan with host club Rotarians and the team of microbiologists at the hospital

GIVING TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

At the time of writing, the Rotary Club of Beecroft had another exceptional year with its support of The Rotary Foundation. The standard Club constitution for a Rotary Club states that support is expected, and our Club has delivered in spades

At the base level, we had 36 contributors who are Centurions (A\$100), which is our second highest number in the past five years. We also achieved eight members that made personal contributions of US\$1,000 or more. In any Rotary club, this is an outstanding record.

This year, we gained two more Major Donors at the highest level of personal giving. That is members with cumulative contributions of greater than US\$10,000. Our Club record is now:

- Major Donor Level 4 – 1 (US\$100,000 or more)
- Major Donor Level 2 – 2 (US\$25,000 or more)
- Major Donor Level 1 – 6 (US\$10,000 or more)

These members are very special Paul Harris Fellows of the highest level.

We were also the third-highest overall contributor to the Foundation in D9685. This past year was also our third-highest ever in contribution terms—this comprised club and member contributions to Annual Fund, Polio Fund, and Global Grant Projects.

It is gratifying that our membership truly understands the impact of what is achievable to do good in the world through Global Grants. We obtain value for the funds contributed because of the multiplier effect in terms of the overall project value. We can deliver projects with an \$80 - \$100k value with a project contribution of US\$5,000.

This year we also gave significantly to the eradication of Polio. Also, at the time of writing, we were the number one Club in our District for Polio Contributions. This has been partly driven by the generosity of members who have supported the END POLIO TRAINRIDE for the past four years.

The Club takes this opportunity to thank all members for making The Rotary Foundation one of their charities of choice. Without the member and friends of the Club, we could not contribute and deliver the project value we do.



DEVELOPING THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS

During 2020-21 the Club delivered significant programs in keeping with our strategic priorities to engage with youth and develop the next generation of leaders and engaged citizens. Our programs help young people build leadership skills, expand education and learn the value of service.

THE MODEL UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY (MUNA)

For the first time, the Rotary Club of Beecroft assumed the responsibility of coordinating the Model United Nations Assembly for the District. This year 23 teams of 3 students each from high schools in the district came together for the event, including a team from Cheltenham Girls High School which was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Beecroft. Our future leaders debated various resolutions, advocating for the national interests of nations they represented. They gained an understanding of the working of United Nations and developed perspectives on how to solve real world issues and shape international policies.

ROTARY YOUTH PROGRAM OF ENRICHMENT (RYPEN)

This was held in March over two weekends with 35 students (from Year 9 and 10) participating. RYPEN helped our young people develop increased motivation, improved life skills, better self-image, an understanding of setting and achieving goals, and increased confidence to overcome problems and take control of their future. By interacting with peers from different backgrounds, it also gave students an improved appreciation of diversity.

This program is usually held as a residential camp. With COVID-19 restrictions, the program was reshaped this year as an online event. It was led and facilitated by our members who worked tirelessly to reorganise it into an online format and deliver an engaging and fun virtual experience for the students.

As is commonly the case, many found the experience "life changing". In a survey, participants said they found it very different to school and rated it highly in helping with teamwork, leadership skills and self-reflection. As one participant said, "they have changed my life in some ways, helping me see things from a different perspective." This year's RYPEN also had an impact on the facilitators with them getting as much out of the event as the students did.

NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM (NYSF)

For many years the Rotary Club of Beecroft has been a strong supporter of the National Youth Science Forum. Our Club, in previous years, has put forward applicants to attend the NYSF with mixed success. This year the Rotary Club of Beecroft had two students approach our Club, requesting their names be put forward for the National Youth Science Forum. After conducting our interviews, we felt that both students were worthy of having their names put forward to the NYSF, and both our students were successful candidates for this prestigious event.

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA)

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards are a transformational 7-day program facilitated by Rotary to develop the leadership qualities in today's youth. Open to young people with leadership potential based between North West Sydney and the Central Coast. RYLA is an awe-inspiring program to empower Australia's next generation of superstars. At RYLA, the attendees will meet life-changing people, be enthralled by inspiring stories, and develop skills through challenges and activities designed to put your leadership into practice in a supportive and encouraging environment. The Rotary Club of Beecroft has participated in RYLA since it was Chartered, and we have sent at least one person each year. Maddy Johnson was our chosen candidate for 2022. Unfortunately, due to Covid, RYLA was postponed for 2022. We have secured and paid for Maddy Johnston to attend in January 2023.

COVID RESTRICTIONS

Due to COVID, several programs that, as a Club, we have previously been involved in were cancelled or postponed. These were: Science & Engineering Challenge, Winter RYPEN, RYLA Oceania, and a Trade Information Night. We committed to these programmes on their outstanding merit and included them in our budget, yet unfortunately, COVID severely impacted our ability to deliver.

COVID has had wide-reaching ramifications in our community and the entire world. It impacted our club activities and our ability as a Club to serve the community, raise funds, and remain connected and operate as a Club. We again actioned Rotary's strategic goal, "To increase our ability to adapt," and by being agile, nimble, and entrepreneurial, we continued to create and amplify our impacts in times of COVID.

CREATING NEW CLUB EXPERIENCES

Due to the Government Lockdown, our Club could not hold face-to-face meetings from July to November. Our meetings were conducted via Zoom in the first half of our Rotary year. The safety of our members was paramount. Like Rotary Worldwide, we moved to hold virtual meetings while in the grip of lockdown. As we came out of lockdown, we moved to hold hybrid meetings so that those who felt safer by meeting virtually could, and those who felt comfortable meeting face to face could regain the fellowship that comes from a meeting in person. One advantage of Virtual and or Hybrid meetings is having speakers from anywhere in Australia or globally. Having a vast array of speakers has enhanced the speaker selection. Our speaker seeker has done a fantastic job of seeking some genuinely interesting and varied speakers over the past 12 months.

FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

The District Conference is a time to gather for learning and enjoyment. This year District Governor Lindsay May held the District Conference at West Head Quarters in Blacktown. Although the Conference was only over a Friday night and Saturday, the Club could meet together for drinks and fellowship on Friday night in the Presidents room. We arranged several social meetings.

In March, we held a Rage@Russell's, when we had a fellowship evening of food, drinks, and games at the President's home. Many of the more senior members learned to Play - Beer Pong. Dominos x 9s, jigsaw puzzles, table tennis, and mind-bender puzzles challenged throughout the evening.



FINANCIALS

PROJECT ACCOUNT	Income	Expenses	Donations
ANZAC Day Wreaths	\$ 120.00	\$ 122.00	
Beecroft Place Window Costs		\$ 97.70	
Bank Fees (Includes repair to Tap Terminal)		\$ 519.44	
Book Shop	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 121.00	
Centurions Payments Received	\$ 2,700.00		\$ 2,800.00
Christmas Raffle	\$ 17,027.00	\$ 1,440.00	
District Grant ****	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00	
Funds from Paypal Jump for Joy and Haircut	\$ 2,282.20		
Global Grant Fundung			\$ 19,162.78
***Global Grant Mosquito Project			\$ 3,800.00
Music in Beecroft Costs		\$ 288.00	
National Australia Day Funds	\$ 26,982.00		
National Australia Day Council Event		\$ 25,462.76	\$ 1,536.67
POS Tap/Polio Day Funding/other	\$ 995.00		
Polio Train Ride			\$ 2,580.00
Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment			\$ 1,200.00
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards			\$ 980.00
Rotary Foundation Valued Donor			\$ 2,900.00
Shelter Box Donation			\$ 1,000.00
Valued Donners Contribution	\$ 2,900.00		
Vacanation Board Costs		\$ 104.50	
Young at Heart prizes			\$ 70.00
Totals	\$ 55,256.20	\$ 29,405.40	\$ 36,029.45
Balance of Project Account carry Forward	\$ 5,640.00		
***NB: District Grant was unable to be used and will be returned'			
***NB Global Grant Mosquito Project funding held until RI request			
** National Australia Day Event is a community event and no profit is expected. A small profit was made and distributed to the Tsunami			
* Doesnot include Income or exp after 20th June			

GENERAL ACCOUNT	Income	
Members Dues	\$ 10,820.08	
Fines & Raffles	\$ 2,048.20	
* Meals Members & Guests	\$ 12,010.00	\$ 10,762.00
Rage @ Russells	\$ 1,225.00	\$ 1,306.71
Ukranian Fine Session	\$ 697.25	
Bank Fee	\$ 439.57	\$ 439.57
MYOB Accounts Package Fee		\$ 464.10
Changeover /Gifts & Floral		\$ 1,797.12
Raffle Prizes		\$ 448.53
Members Dues		\$ 10,263.00
General Advertising & Mobile Phone		\$ 229.90
Totals	\$ 27,240.10	\$ 25,710.93
* Doesnot include Income or exp after 20th June, other than the expected Cost for changeover meals		
**Meal income and Expenditure will show less than previous years as post COVID, members purchased their own meals unil March 2022		

MY THANKS

Vice President, Foundation and International – Mark Anderson for governance and administration support to the Board and promoting the Rotary Foundation

Treasurer - Dee Habib for her keeping of the financial records

Club Secretary and Administration Director – Madeleine Sherwood for keeping the Boards records of meetings, minutes circulation, and all administrative matters.

Membership and Past President – Niranjana Deodhar for setting up and delivering to members the “elevator pitch,” promotion of membership, and general guidance and advice as a Past President.

Youth Service – Christian Kirkendall for promoting the program of youth services.

Community Service and Public Image – Isha Deodhar for promoting and coordinating the program the work for community service and public image projects.

Vocational Service – Greg Keighran for promoting Vocational Service and supporting Youth Projects at a District level.

Special Projects and 50 year - Cathy Sherwood for developing of the Beecroft Monopoly project, assisting Paul Young with the electricity sub-station project and 50th year celebrations.

Public Image and Marketing – Bob Catherall for window displays and merchandising; Jaythene Hiscock and Johanna Johns for Facebook; Dave Anderson for Instagram; Sophie Lloyd and Niranjana Deodhar for the new website

Weekly Bulletin – David Ellyard; Jaythene Hiscock

Recognition Committee – David Rands, Zenda Spry-Pohl and Cathy Sherwood

District Conference – Johanna Johns

Changeover Committee – Cathy Sherwood, Madeleine Sherwood, Sophie Lloyd, Daniel Dummer, Ed Sice, Greg Keighran

Guest Speaker Seeker – David Rands

Speaker Trail Series – Johanna Johns

Jump for Joy – Johanna Johns

For the Community and International Service support projects of ANZAC Day, Australia Day Celebration, Christmas raffle, Rotary Virtual Neighbours, International Women's Day, Train Ride to End Polio, Foundation Giving, Global Grants I wish to thank the leads and members of those committees who have assisted in running these events.

PAST PRESIDENTS, PAUL HARRIS RECOGNITIONS & BEQUESTS

BEECROFT ROTARY PAST PRESIDENTS

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

PAST PRESIDENTS - OTHER CLUBS

1976-77 David Rands - Western Hut, NZ
 1997-98 Mark Anderson - Morningside, SA

DISTRICT GOVERNORS

1984-85 Don Keighran
 2011-12 David Rands

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW RECOGNITIONS

1977 Keith Spark
 1979 Don Keighran
 1980 Tony Dehlsen
 1981 Ray Stanton
 1982 Reg Burgoyne
 1984 Alan Keighran
 1984 Rob McIntosh
 1985 Bob Adcock
 1986 Des Morton
 1987 Geoff Tweedale
 1987 Jim Sullivan
 1988 Alan Bowden
 1988 Arthur Gabb
 1988 Keith Forrester
 1988 Alan Reid
 1988 Dorothy Evans
 1988 Max McGill
 1988 Bob Daniells
 1988 Ken Wonson
 1988 Ted Workman
 1988 Ian Sheaman
 1989 Geoff Goldman
 1989 Keith Seale
 1989 John Yeaman
 1990 Jack Bonner
 1990 Russell Zimmerman
 1994 Don Keighran
 1991 Cecil Cheng
 1992 Don Parsons
 1993 John Nance (Posthumous)
 1993 John Hodgson
 1993 Alan Chapman
 1994 Micheal Schwarz
 1994 David Rands
 1994 Dorothy Adcock
 1996 Alan Dawson
 1997 Geoff Kelly
 1997 Wallace Donald
 1997 Bob Adcock
 1997 Alan Keighran
 1998 Geoff Goldman
 1999 Geoff Baxter
 2000 Wendy Wonson
 2000 Ken Odbert
 2001 David Ellyard
 2001 Margaret Goldman
 2002 David Dart
 2002 Geoff Brunner
 2003 Arthur Gabb
 2003 Rod Seares
 2003 Ian Burrows
 2003 Deke Zimmerman
 2004 Bill Grant
 2004 John McIntosh
 2005 Bob Catherall
 2005 Alan Reid
 2005 Bob McIntosh
 2006 Tim Fenton
 2006 David Dart
 2007 Miriam Jacka
 2007 Mark Anderson
 2007 Micheal Schwarcz
 2008 Graham Grant
 2008 Shirley Grant
 2008 Ross Gilkeson
 2009 Ken Odbert
 2009 Peter Holst
 2009 Julie Keighran
 2010 Cam Marshall
 2010 David Ellyard
 2010 K Ryan
 2010 Anne Rands
 2010 Minette Ozen
 2010 Colin May
 2011 Marion Zimmerman
 2011 Brian Banfield
 2011 Ed Sice
 2011 Di Hammond
 2011 Greg Keighran
 2011 S Charlesworth
 2011 David Rands
 2011 Margaret Dart
 2011 Dorothy Bamett
 2011 Lynne Anderson
 2011 Lucy Gabb
 2012 A Hansen
 2012 Alan Reid
 2012 John Duffy
 2013 Patricia Spark
 2013 Rob McIntosh
 2013 Cathy Sherwood
 2013 Maryanne Samson
 2013 Kay Holst
 2014 Elizabeth Fenton
 2014 Roslyn Sice
 2014 Ilias Yaseen
 2015 Bill Grant
 2015 Bob Catherall
 2015 Alan Keighran
 2015 Jaythene Hiscock
 2015 Lingam Ramanathan
 2015 F Tan
 2016 Des Morton
 2016 Di Hammond
 2016 Peter Holst
 2016 Sue Ellyard
 2016 Dave Anderson
 2017 Jane Jackson
 2017 Lionel Jackson
 2017 Hilary Hannam
 2017 David Dart
 2017 Christine McPhillips
 2017 Brian Banfield
 2017 Bindi Shah
 2017 Johanna Johns
 2017 Anne Wright
 2017 Paul Young
 2017 Minette Ozen
 2018 Val Parmar
 2018 Niranjana Deodhar
 2020 Melanie Lewis
 2020 Bob Catherall
 2020 Greg Keighran
 2021 David Dart
 2021 Cecil Cheng
 2021 Ray Pohl (Posthumous)

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW RECOGNITIONS

2022 Carolyn Goldsmith
 2022 Lorraine Grant
 2022 Cathy Sherwood

AVENUES OF SERVICE CITATION

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

ROTARY FOUNDATION CITATION FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE

2019-20 David Rands

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARD

2019-20 David Rands

DISTINGUISHED CONTRIBUTION AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

2020-21 Mark Anderson
 2020-21 David Rands
 2020-21 Russell Zimmerman
 2021-22 David Ellyard
 2021-22 Paul Young

MAJOR DONORS

Level 4 David & Anne Rands
 Level 2 Bob Adcock & Lucy Gabb
 Level 2 Mark & Lynne Anderson
 Level 1 Dorothy Barnett
 Level 1 Geoff & Keren Heise
 Level 1 Alan Keighran
 Level 1 Paul Young
 Level 1 Anonymous
 Level 1 Edwin Ikwe

BEQUEST SOCIETY

Level 2 David & Anne Rands
 Level 1 Alan Keighran
 Level 1 Julie Keighran
 Level 1 Paul Young
 Level 1 Lionel Jackson

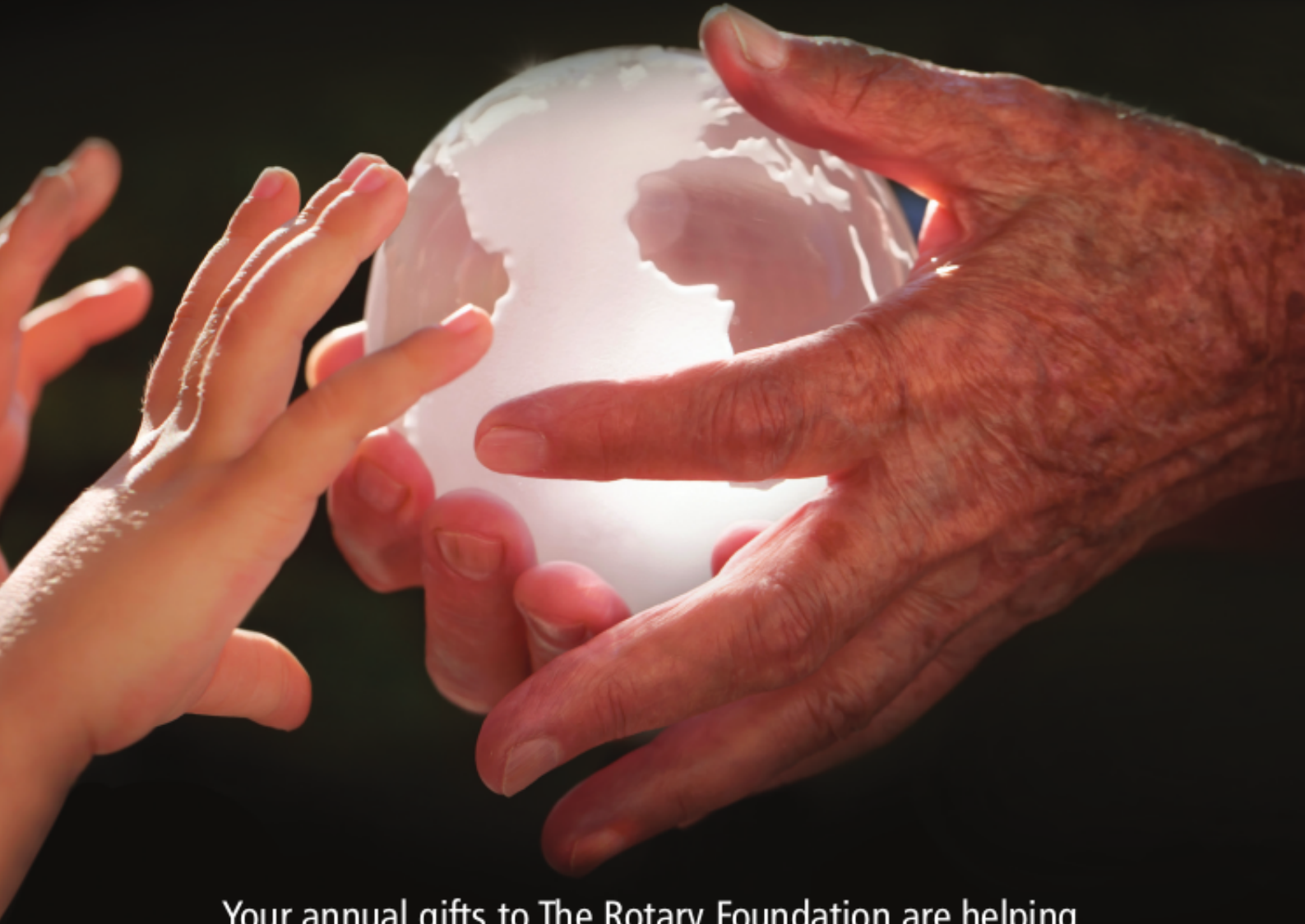
DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S SHIELD TO ROTARY CLUB OF BEECROFT

2002-03
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PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY

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 David Ellyard
 Geoff Heise
 Paul Young
 David Rands
 Anne Rands
 Anonymous
 Madeleine Sherwood

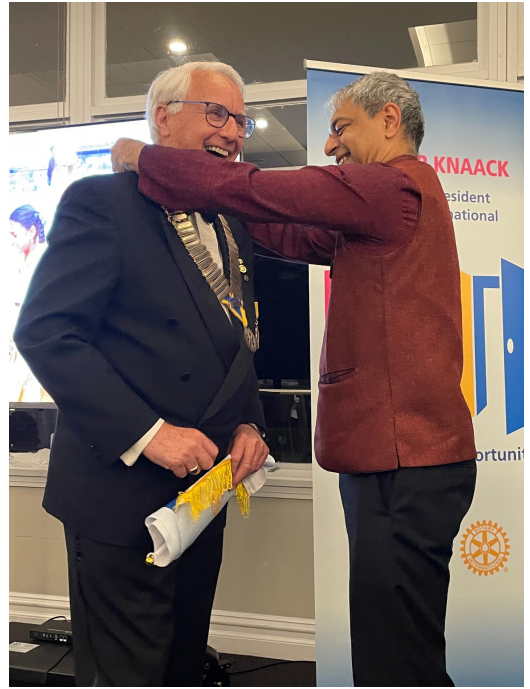
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