

# **ROTARY CLUB OF BEECROFT INC**

**Chartered 1972**

## **REPORT OF THE BOARD FOR 2018-2019**

Greg Keighran : President

David Rands : Secretary

Paul Young: Vice President

Russell Zimmerman : Treasurer

Johanna Johns : Administration and President Elect

Mark Anderson : Membership

Anne Wright : Public Image

Geoff Heise : Foundation

David Ellyard: Community Chair

Niranjan Deodhar : International Chair and President Nominee

Bob Catherall: Vocational Chair

Melanie Lewis: Youth Chair

# THE PRESIDENT

## Greg Keighran

Rotary – Be The Inspiration. This was the theme selected by Rotary International President Barrie Rassin as his theme for this Rotary year.

This year, our Club has been in transition with the moving from the Pennant Hills Golf Club under renovation to our current venue Pennant Hills Bowling Club and would like to acknowledge Cathy Sherwood and Russell Zimmerman for managing this transition in venue which has resulted in reduced weekly cost to members.

This year I elected not to have a specific Fund Raising and Projects Directors on this year's Board but to encourage the participation of the Avenue of Service Chairs to step up and attend Board Meetings. This I believe has worked particularly

well with our Projects being repeated from last year and Fund Raising following on from last year being controlled by the Chairs and other Board Members rather than one specific Director.

As individuals, we all join a Rotary Club in the hope that in doing so we can make a difference to someone's life. We not only made a difference to the people of Beecroft but also to many unknown individuals overseas through our success in finalising the Dialysis Equipment Installation and Training at Lautoka Hospital - Fiji Global Grant, continuing the Mewat – India Global Grant begun last year and applying for a Check dams for Water Conservation – Bhiwandi, Maharashtra – India Global Grant from the Rotary Foundation.



Our members continue to be strong supporters of The Rotary Foundation and this year we have contributed nearly \$46,000 from both Club and personal giving. This year, we are currently the second highest overall contributor to The Rotary Foundation in our District.

In August 2018, we ran a very successful Book Fair. In terms of fundraising, this year has built on the successful year in 2017-18 with \$19,300 raised and this I believe was because of our continued marketing through Facebook that attracted increased donations and interest in the local and wider community.



We continued with the Melbourne Cup Trifecta tickets selling which brought an additional \$2,600 in fund raising and thanks to all those members who sold and purchased tickets.

Our second major fund raiser, our Christmas Raffle was undertaken over a five (5) week period leading into Christmas and contributed over \$9,300 to our fund-raising efforts.

In September 2018 we held the Spring Lunch for Seniors and Retirees at the Pennant Hills Bowling Club. The entertainment, the gift bags and decoration of the room all delivered a great day out for our more senior community members and a very big thank you to Anne Wright and Johanna Johns for their organisation.





We supported Mark and David Anderson with the Ride to End Polio where they raised in the order of \$240,000 which was tripled by the Bill and Melinda Gates foundation to \$720,000 for the continued work in the Eradication of Polio from the Planet.



Big thank you to all who participated in the toiletry collections and Tree of Joy for the Taldumande Youth Services headed up by Anne Wright

Our Carols on the Village Green in early December 2018 continues to deliver great community engagement and by the numbers of people that attended, it would appear that this year was the biggest in a very long time. I think the weather and the marketing combined to deliver an outstanding Beecroft community event.

For our Youth, we continue to provide support for the Debating Awards to a girls and boy at Beecroft Public School, sent Keeley Clarke on Youth Exchange to Switzerland, Science and Engineering Challenge, we sponsored a MUNA team from Cherrybrook Technical High School, one (1) RYLA awardee and two (2) students from Loreto to attend Summer RYPEN, one student from Arden to Winter RYPEN, two (2) Ethics Award for medical students at the SAN Hospital – University of Sydney medical school.

We have also committed our Club to running our districts MUNA 2020 – 2022.

We also supported the Inala Golf Day in May 2019 by sponsoring a Hole and a team and provided a number of our members and former members to assist in the organisation and running of the day was much appreciated with what was a major fundraising success for Inala.

Public Image continued to impress with three (3) shop window displays in the Place Shopping Centre in Beecroft,

Youth Programs - August 2018  
Ride to End Polio - November 2018  
Rotary Awareness - April 2019

Special thank you to Anne Wright and Bob Catherall for their time and effort in putting these displays together.

Our Club brochure and copies of Rotary Down Under have a permanent stand within the Place in Beecroft Shopping Centre and our Facebook page and our new Club website. All of this activity has given what we do more exposure to the residents of Beecroft and surrounding areas, than we have ever had.

The delivery of a strategic plan in 2017-18 was another outstanding achievement in the previous year and special thanks to David Ellyard in seeing this through the process. The Board is reviewing our Clubs progress in relation to the Plan in the June 2019 board meeting

In terms of fellowship, we continue to offer a very strong speaker program that is of value to our members. If we use our attendance at our weekly meetings as a measure, then the program offered is a

measure of our success.

Membership is always a strong indicator of the health of our Club and we have grown our Club by three (3) with Melanie Lewis, David Anderson and Madeleine Sherwood all aged below 40 and lost one (1) with PP Bob Adcock passing.

I understand that in the coming year, we have a number of potential members in the wings which will help us deliver stronger and diverse Club in the coming year.

Our meetings continue to be the connecting point of our membership and this year Mark and his team have managed to deliver an outstanding program of speakers on a wide range of topics. Thanks to all members who continue to attend, I have really enjoyed their fellowships and support throughout the year.

This year would not have happened the way it did without the strong support from all the Board Members. We delivered on our promise to hold regular board meetings with comprehensive minutes as well as up to date financial statements from Russell.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the Board for their dedication and inspiration to managing the Club and wish Johanna and her team the best for the coming year under the theme of "Rotary Connects the World"

## **TREASURER**

### **Russell Zimmerman**

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

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 of the weekly funds each week.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge both David and Margaret Dart for their continuing efforts in assistance at the Rotary Book Fair. Unfortunately, I was overseas in August 2018, and both Margaret and David spent the Saturday & Sunday at the Book Fair, counting and recounting checking and depositing the Book Fair funds. David and Margaret, the Book Fair rely so much on your help and support, and as treasurer, I appreciate your assistance.

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.

All credit card funds are deposited to the General Account and then a transfer is made to the project account as and when required after funds are received for the project account.

During this year we have been able to move to pay 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. All transactions still require two (2) signatories at all times.

**Income General Account:**

General advertising by merchants in the district	\$ 750.00
Members Dues	\$10,366.00
Fines:	\$ 1,506.00
Meals	\$26,506.00
Raffle	\$ 1,544.00
Hunter Valley Bus Trip	\$ 2,545.00
Other Misc Income	\$ 575.80
<b>Total income to the General Account</b>	<b>\$43,792.80</b>



### **Expenditure General Account**

Advertising costs	\$ 1,782.86
Members Dues	\$ 9,685.03
Changeover costs L/Y	\$ 1,000.00
Meals	\$26,339.00
Hunter Valley Bus Trip	\$ 2,405.00
Raffle Costs	\$ 720.00
Bank fees and Credit Card charges	\$ 736.88
Raffle Expenses	\$ 625.12
Membership Costs RLI	\$ 219.85
Gifts and other	\$ 691.11
<b>Total Expenditure General Account</b>	<b>\$43,487.84</b>

### **Project Account**

The main source of income over this financial year came from two main fundraising ventures, the Book Fair and the Christmas raffle. I do not believe that the club can underestimate the value that the community derives from the Annual Spring Lunch and the Carols on the Green.

The Spring Lunch does not produce a profit, and the Carols on the Green being a Community Service costs the club money to run. I believe that the community not only expects these events but looks forward to these events with anticipation.

This year I have broken 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.

### **Income Project Account**

Book Fair – Excluding Advertising	\$19,466.00
Carols on the Green	\$ 5,037.90
Inala Golf Day	\$ 2,900.00
Donations	\$ 115.40
Quest Terminal	\$ 420.00
Melbourne Cup	\$ 4,005.30
Christmas Raffle	\$ 9,396.55
Spring Lunch	\$ 2,626.30
Taldumande Project	\$ 1,015.20
<b>Total income Project Account</b>	<b>\$44,982.65</b>

### **Expenditure Project Account**

Book Fair Costs	\$ 2,500.00
Purchase Quest Terminal	\$ 537.44
Carols on the Green	\$ 7,706.50
Donations (refer below)	\$25,206.00
Melbourne Cup include prize	\$ 1,400.00
Bank & Quest fees	\$ 97.12
Christmas Raffle	\$ 380.00
Spring Lunch	\$ 2,920.00
<b>Total Expenditure - Project Account</b>	<b>\$40,747.06</b>

**includes donations as listed below:**

### **Donations from the Project Account**

Clown Doctors -	\$ 500.00
Rotary Foundation – Train ride	\$ 1,870.00
Rotary Club of Condoblin Drought Relief	\$ 2,000.00
Rotary International	\$ 4,080.00
Shelter Box	\$ 1,100.00
Sydney Adventist Hospital - Prizes	\$ 1,000.00
Guide Dogs – A Bowden -	\$ 100.00
Science & Technology Challenge	\$ 1,000.00
Taldumande Youth Services	\$ 3,941.00
Inala	\$ 7,465.00
Fiji Project - Nursers cost reimbursement	\$ 300.00
Youth Exchange Costs	\$ 375.00
Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment	\$ 870.00
<b>Total donations approximately</b>	<b>\$25,206.00</b>

NB: Other expenses and donations not shown are members funds received into the Project account paid to Rotary International for Centurion Fund,

Finally, I would like to wish Greg Keighran the very best after such an active year as President, Greg has been a big support to me in my role as Treasurer, I wish to also thank the board for their support of me as Treasurer, and wish Johanna Johns the very best for her year as President for 2019 to 2020.

# **ADMINISTRATION**

## **Director: Johanna Johns**

Firstly, thanks to all Beecroft Rotary members who formed the committee of the Administration/ Club Service.

Our meeting location was changed to the Pennant Hills Bowling Club due to the renovations to the PHGC. Most members are enjoying the change and the lower cost by \$10.00 for our meals.

A great job from PP Mark Anderson as our “Speaker Seeker” for this year, with a good line up of Speakers spread throughout the year. Outstanding young speakers like Annabel Anderson RYLA and Louise Azzopardi World Skill Australia, both under the age of 25. The very confident Rebecca Fry who also addressed the District Assembly gave us an insight to her busy world in Rotaract. Other memorable speakers for me were John Dodd- Youth Exchange and Phillip Ruddock- Hornsby Shire Council and Dr Ian Nicholson “Open Heart International”. Our own members do a great job too with their presentations inspiring us with projects and professional responsibilities. Like our fairly new members Niranjan Deodhar & Vinita Deodhar and their project Water & Sanitation - Toilets for Mewat – India. Vinita gave us an insight to her world in our NSW Treasury Department. We had a great night with Melanie Lewis in the chair as she introduced us to our Youth Exchange Student Keeley Clarke leaving for Switzerland. Our Vocational Visit organised by Bob Catherall was pretty special at PCYC Waitara remarkable Rotary involvement.

Room set up (Housekeeping) by Bob Catherall decided to create a Room set up Roster this year which was published in the bulletin each week, which also included the taking down and putting away of all our paraphernalia.

Child protection was again managed by Geoff Harris, he takes this responsibility very seriously and keeps us up to date from time to time at our meetings.

Risk Management & Insurance has been handled by PP Christine McPhillips again this year and always happy to lend a hand with all we need to know when working within our different projects.

Our Public Officer is PDG David Rands this post is usually filled by the Club Secretary, again a very experienced Rotarian in this position.

Our Welfare Officer this year was PP Cathy Sherwood who happily included Dr John Hodgson keeping our members informed when one of us is in hospital or with a death in their families. We also appreciate knowing about the welfare of past members.

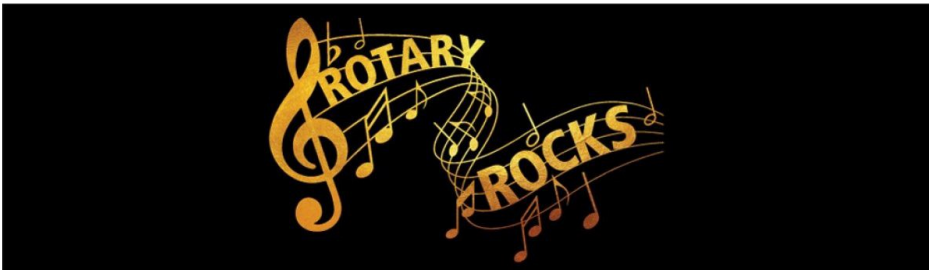
Nigel Sturt took on the position of Conflict Management insuring we understand the direction from District to implement the Bullying & Harassment Policy. There were no cases to report this year which is good news.

Jack Su has once again has done a sterling job of producing our Bulletin each week! Most members know I love the Bulletin because I understand the effort it takes for people to contribute each week. Our President Greg Keighran opening paragraphs have all been informative and to the point. When last minute changes happen with speakers etc, Jack needs to be informed asap so the Bulletin can be a reliable source of information for all our members.

This year the Club Historian and Club Photographer were moved to Public Image.

Our Social Events (Partners Nights) we had a few more than last year starting in August 2018 with dinner at the PH Hotel private dining room with a total of 14 members including partners attended. October 2018 an outing to the Hunter Valley Winery for Lunch organised by Geoff Heise and Cathy Sherwood a lovely day out for all of us, with a bus provided to ensure we all got home safely. November 2018 was a Restaurant Dinner at the Maharaja's on Carmen for 16 people, great food and company! December 2018 was our Christmas Party again Rawson's Restaurant at the Epping Club. Many members had extreme difficulty getting to the venue due to unbelievable weather and trees

down which caused havoc on the roads. We finally ended up with 28 members including partners. January 2019 was Fish & Chips Waterside at Palm Beach again the weather let us down a bit and members pulled out but those who came had great fish & chips and good fellowship. The Christmas in July 2018 event and the September 2018 Pie Night and the Picnic in the forest booked in for March 2019 were all cancelled as we did not have the numbers to go ahead. But all in all we had a great time socially outside the club meeting atmosphere. Having a couple of drinks with your fellow Rotarian is always nice!



As the conference chair, our District Conference was in Newcastle on 29 – 31 March 2019 with 13 of our members including some partners attending, a very good turnout for our club. Our District Governor Susan Wakefield had a little surprise for us just a little different to previous years and had drinks and finger food for us on the Friday night to begin the conference followed with speakers on Youth. As most members know I am very pro district conference, always a reliable source of information and a wonderful line up of speakers this year like Emmanuel Musoni for Peace & Development International (GLAPDI) and Dominic Teakle – CEO, PCYC NSW.





I especially loved both Martha Jabour – CEO, Grace’s Place a very moving presentation and Associate Professor James Charles, no matter the circumstance and upbringing you too can get an education if you fight for it!

One of the most difficult jobs to get right under admin is the attendance records. This job is not for the faint hearted, but with a little help from Cathy Sherwood and new member Madeleine we do get there in the end. The thing is if the numbers we book are let’s say 28 and only 25 turn up we need to pay for 28 that is a cost of \$90.00 for our Club so we are motivated to get it right each Monday. Hence it is important our members get their apologies in on time.

I have enjoyed my time on this board with Greg Keighran at the helm, I have learned a lot this year and have had lots of other duties and meetings to attend as President Elect and as Ambassador for ShelterBox.



## **MEMBERSHIP**

### **Director: Mark Anderson**

Our Club membership can be measured in a number of ways, but the usual method suggests that we look at what we started with and what we finished with. In this case we continue the steady growth path with a net gain of one. The year we have inducted three new members and may well induct more before the changeover, so it has been a pleasure to induct Melanie Lewis, Madeleine Sherwood and Dave Anderson to our ranks. We farewelled PP Bob Adcock who passed away in April and we also said goodbye to Nigel Sturt, but who may return later.



We also measure our membership in terms of weekly attendance and this year we have seen a steady increase in numbers that attend our weekly meetings. While the Bowling Club may be a temporary arrangement, it does demonstrate that cost is a factor and that the lower cost at the bowling club, may be a factor in better than average attendance. With the induction of our new members the average age of our membership also looks a lot brighter. Younger members help spread the load across all our portfolios to get the job done.

While it is always great to introduce new members to Rotary, our member retention continues to be at all-time high. This demonstrates that we deliver the right mix of social and project activities as well as an enjoyable meeting atmosphere. The feedback on our meeting process is that we deliver in all aspects of Rotary and will continue to improve our delivery as times change. It has been a pleasure to be the Club Membership Chair for this Rotary year and wish next year's team every success.



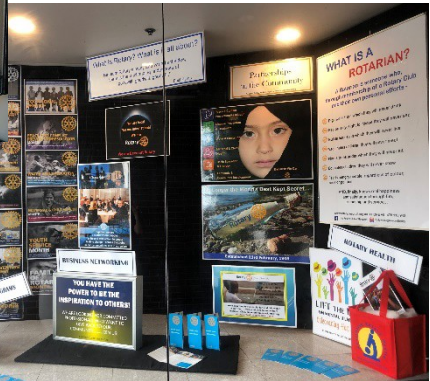
# PUBLIC IMAGE

Director: Anne Wright

## Beecroft Place windows

We have continued to take advantage of the Beecroft Place window which is a free space for us to display more of what Beecroft Rotary does and show off the Rotary brand. The public image our Club and the brand receives from these displays with our local community is precious.

This year our displays were Rotary Beecroft Youth Programs, End Polio Train Challenge and Rotary Awareness – What is Rotary and we are currently working on the display for 1 July which is Beecroft Rotary People of Action. A big thank you to Bob Catherall for his time, creativity, artistic flare at window dressing and his commitment.





## New Brochure Stand

Another successful push of our Clubs public image and the Rotary brand this year was through our new brochure stand which I purchased July 2018 and strategically placed in Beecroft Place. It is now a permanent fixture in Beecroft Place on which we have been placing Rotary Down Under magazines with our Clubs contact sticker on it, together with our Clubs brochure attached. This exercise has proven to be a winner to date, with the merchandise being snatched up by interested locals which we ultimately hope will sell Rotary and provide potential members and/or volunteers for our Club. Thanks, Mark Anderson, for being a wonderful supporter.

## Rotary Tree of Joy

I purchased a Christmas tree this year and Bob Catherall and I set up our first Rotary Tree of Joy to collect Christmas presents for homeless kids at Taldumande Youth Services. It was just too easy, with our wonderful members and people in our community providing gifts to put a smile on these kids' faces. Having our own Rotary Tree of Joy display shows off the great work Beecroft Rotary is involved in and again the Rotary brand! We have decided once again to do the 2019 Rotary Tree of Joy for Taldumande Youth Services.



## **Taldumande Toiletry Starter Kits**

We collected over 9,500 toiletry items which provided 500 toiletry starter kits for the homeless kids in the services of Taldumande Youth Services. We had toiletry bags made up with the Rotary brand and our Club's name on each of them. We used one organic post on Facebook which was shared out to our local community and it received a reach of 29.2K viewers.....fabulous public image for our Club and the work we do! This post still stands as the best performing post for our Club since its inception onto Facebook. Having more drop off addresses I believe is the key tool, as it allowed us to market to a wider audience which had a huge impact on the reach we received. Thank you to everyone who helped with the collection, packing and delivery.



## **Social Media and the Internet**

Facebook has once again exceeded expectations. Key points are:-

Page Likes = 1,025

Engagement = 10,635 (how many clicks, comments and shares we received)

Reach = 126,746 (the number of people our posts reached, therefore our name and the brand)

The most popular Facebook posts this year were Taldumande, Dress for Success, End Polio Now Train Ride, Rotary We Do Good Poster.

Instagram is making slow progress and requires more work to be done on this platform in the coming 12 months to expand our reach and followers to attract a younger audience.

Our website is now one year old and most of the fine tuning of the site that the public can view has now been completed. Public viewing is on the increase with the average person visiting 7.45 of our website pages each visit. As a result of the increase visits, the number of people subscribing to our public newsletter is also building therefore I will bring the launch of this newsletter for the public forward to September 2019.

Looking further forward, more work will also be done in the coming year to pull in the local businesses and community groups to join us on our site, our members on the back end and we will also work with fury to ensure we have a steady flow of new stories hit our pages.

### **Public Image at our events**

This year the public image was successful as we once again increased our visuals at all our events, on social media and once more sponsored events such as Inala, where all 200 players from different corporate sectors received our Club's brochure.

We are currently creating a Beecroft Rotary bookmark with the aim of the public taking Rotary into their homes and we will begin the launch of this public image campaign by distributing this out to all who purchase a book at our upcoming Book Fair. Hopefully this will encourage people to think of Rotary Beecroft whenever they sit down with their favourite book!

I will continue to review and build on our public image through our events, collections and marketing campaigns, while keeping the image of Beecroft Rotary looking fresh! I find my position as Public Image Director to be very rewarding and I would like to thank everyone for their continued support. Thank you Bob Catherall for being part of this years public image team and making so much of the above happen with ease.



# THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

**Director: Geoff Heise**

The Rotary Foundation is an intrinsic part of our Rotary movement, where while Rotary International is responsible for Administration and Leadership globally, the Rotary Foundation is our charitable arm, responsible for raising Funds and distributing them highly effectively to Educational and Humanitarian projects around the world. It consistently is rate in the top few charities in the world based on its governance standards and its effectiveness in using the donated dollar to make the world a better place.

Our club is the second most generous club in the District thanks to our regular club donations, and the high number of Centurions and 11 Paul Harris Society members, who give very generously. In particular, we have 7 Major donors which demonstrates the value our members see in the Rotary Foundation.

Our donations at the end of May total \$46,000 AUD, against our record giving of over \$65,000 AUD last year. Last year's figure included club shares of two global grants amounting to \$14,000 AUD, so even though we are still a little behind we may well match last year's giving across the Annual Fund and the End Polio Fund.

Late September 2018, Mark and Dave Anderson ran a promotion for End Polio by organising to visit all metropolitan and suburban stations in a



single day. This promotion was well supported by our club and many other clubs across the two Sydney districts, and raised a total of \$240,000 including a bequest from an Estate through Belrose Rotary, which will be repeated this year and will be also run in Melbourne and possibly New Zealand.

We have actively been using the Foundation to support club projects, in particular our two global grant International projects – our Supply of Dialysis equipment to the Lautoka Hospital in Fiji, now complete, and the building of toilets in the village of Mewat, just south of New Delhi, India.

Both projects have been highly successful and have saved lives and improved the quality of life for disadvantaged people in those countries. The combined value of these projects is over \$200,000 AUD thanks to our initiative. Thanks to Ilyas Yaseen and Val Parmar for their leadership in Fiji, and Niranjan Deodhar for the effective delivery of the toilets in Mewat.

Closer to home we have used a District grant to supply \$6000 worth of special chairs for Inala, and we thank Anne Wright for pushing this project through on behalf of the club. By using the Rotary Foundation we have doubled our Club contribution of \$3000.



# COMMUNITY SERVICE

**Chair: David Ellyard**

Once again, we had a busy and successful year in Community Service.

Spring Lunch 21 September 2018: this popular annual event was held at the Pennant Hills Bowling Club, due to the unavailability of the Golf Club. With 160 retirees and seniors present, the program was headlined by the garden guru Graham Ross, whose presentation was very well received. Entertainment was provided by the ever popular SaM singing group, and the Arden Singers. The three hours passed quickly and pleasantly, and on departure guests received a “gift bag” full of goodies donated by local businesses. The large attendance attested the value of early advertisement, which had begun in January. The event once more all enjoyed the support of Sparks Shoes, Dentistry for Life, Denny Pharmacy, Longshot Café, Azizi Family and Di Jones Real Estate.

Remembrance Day 11 November 2019: our Club again supported this community event, and the President laid a recent on behalf of the Club.

Carols on the Village Green 10 December 2018: helped by balmy weather, we enjoyed one of the largest attendances in recent memory



at this popular community event, which we have staged every year since our incorporation in 1972. Leading and supporting the singing, and otherwise providing entertainment, were the Golden Kangaroos Discovery Band, Tim Ferrier and the North Sydney Wind Ensemble, the Beecroft Public School Choir and String Ensemble, Amanda Sneddon and our favourite singing group SaM. The Scouts provided some new food options this year which proved popular, and the face painter did good business. Santa made his usual entrance aboard the fire truck. The bucket brigade collection went to the Taldumande Youth Services which our Club supports. We acknowledge gratefully the support of the following businesses Transurban, Di Jones Real Estate, Britannia Travel and the Commonwealth Bank.

Clean up Australia Day 1 March 2019. Several of our members took part in this annual community event.

Anzac Day 25 April 2019 : Our Club again supported this community event, and the President laid a recent on behalf of the Club.

Community Service Awards 13 May 2019 for the first time in a number of years, the Club staged a presentation of awards for outstanding service to the community. This event was combined with our annual Pride of Workmanship awards. Awards were made to Beecroft Cheltenham Civic President Ross Walker, and tireless community worker Bindi Shah.



# VOCATIONAL SERVICE

**Chair: Bob Catherall**

## Vocational Visits

Our First site visit was to PCYC Waitara on Monday 22nd October 2018.

Peter Kirkwood, President of Hornsby Kuring-Gai PCYC was our host for the night and took us around the new facilities which were very inspiring. The next site visit was to Cochlear at Macquarie University on Monday 18th February 2019 where we were hosted by Kate Obermayer, Customer Engagement Co-ordinator. It was a very informative tour. We adjourned to The Ranch for the evening meal.

## Pride of Workmanship Awards

Our Annual Pride of Workmanship Event on Monday 15th May 2019 was a great success with the following five (5) Pride of Workmanship Awardees from the local community.



- Duncan Webster – Butcher, North Carlingford
- Kevin Tran - Pennant Hills Bowling Club
- Roz Reynolds – Di Jones Real Estate
- Ross Rapmund – Pennant Hills Community Nursery
- Peter Laws – Laws Interiors, Beecroft

All were worthy recipients who aspire to high ethical standards in their vocations.



# YOUTH SERVICE

## Chair: Melanie Lewis

Firstly, I'd like to thank my fellow Board and Club members for entrusting me with the responsibility of Youth Chair for Beecroft. I took this challenge on within the first few months of joining Rotary and I have found it to be most fulfilling. It has provided me with a deep understanding of the leadership that Rotary as an organisation can offer our next generation and it has been an exciting induction into the Rotarian world. Additionally, it has been both a privilege and an honour to engage with our community of young people and help them achieve new skills and personal growth through our amazing programs. But I certainly still have a lot to learn through the fellowship offered so generously within our Club. So, thank you for your patience, as well.

It seems rather fitting that this year's theme set by our Rotarian International President, Barry Rassin, was "Be the Inspiration". From what I've seen firsthand from my personal involvement, and what we as a club have witnessed from our nominees' post-program presentations, is nothing short of multidirectional inspiration: from us, for us, and for the future.

We have been a busy club this year!

- A) We sponsored the attendance of two female students from Loreto Normanhurst in the summer Rotary Youth Enrichment Program (RYPEN) at Narrabeen. On the Friday evening of the camp, I was there as both our Club's representative and a Camp Facilitator. It was an exciting yet uncertain drop off for all the attendees but culminated in some newly forming friendships that developed throughout the weekend. With a myriad of leadership challenges, team games, group learning activities and reflections, the students developed take away skills that have translated to new experiences that we heard from them themselves when Ella and Ava visited our Club and delivered excellent presentations. Their interest in establishing an Interact Club at school is testament to the value offered from such Rotary programs and will be placed on the next year's agenda for conceptualisation.



- B) We also awarded an outstanding emerging community leader with a prestigious Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA). Annabel used her week long experience to galvanize an already impressive C.V. and impressed both me and Paul Young at the Gala Dinner held mid-program. She later delivered a memorable presentation to the club, and we shall eagerly continue to follow her progress through periodic check-ins over the next several years as her career direction develops further.
- C) For the first time in some years, we have enabled an outbound exchange student to spend a year overseas immersed in a different culture and language. This has been a whole club contribution, with many members guiding me through uncharted waters and taking the reins to help get Keeley on her way - many, many thanks for the learning experience. We can all be very proud as we hear of her triumphs and tribulations over the remaining six months of her journey and welcome her back to the club transformed and truly representative of the global citizen we sent her off to become.



- D) Several members of the club were contributors to the amazing pool of volunteers across our District that helped provide a successful Science and Engineering Challenge event. I wish to acknowledge their efforts and encourage their continued involvement. David Ellyard's help in coordinating members of our Club is very much appreciated.
- E) Similarly, the Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) within the last few weeks of this Rotary year will be a success due to the wonderful volunteer contributors of our Club. A special mention here to Club President Greg Keighran for his efforts in coordinating the helping hands. This year we have sponsored a team from Cheltenham Girls High School and will be shadowing the Rotary Club of Epping in order to receive the administration responsibilities for 2020-2022.
- F) We also have a male student from Arden Anglican School attending the winter RYPEN camp in the Blue Mountains next month. Gilbert is looking forward to the opportunity to develop team building and communication skills and will be visiting our club in later weeks.

Evidently, it has been a very productive year for our Youth Service avenue, and we can only expect it to grow bigger and more impactful as our Club administratively takes on both MUNA and RYPEN in the following years.

I am undeniably excited for what the future holds and how many next generation leaders we can develop through our programs and offerings. Keep up the great work Rotary Club of Beecroft!

# INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

## Chair: Niranjan Deodhar

This year saw our project in Toilet and Sanitation project in Mewat, Haryana (India) move forward with TRF approval, and the beginnings of a new grant application for check dams in Bhiwandi, Maharashtra (India).

### Toilets Installation and Sanitation Training in Rural Mewat, Haryana, India

Rotary Club of Beecroft is partnering with Rotary Club of South Delhi Metro to improve health and sanitation outcomes in rural Mewat, in the state of Haryana in India. Provision of toilets for rural communities is also in line with the Government of India's Clean India campaign and has been recognised as a critical element of improving health and sanitation for families and providing dignity for women in particular. A number of Rotary Districts across Australia, India, New Zealand and the US, as well as Rotary Club of Crows Nest have contributed valuable funds into this Global Grant Project.



As at the end of last year, we had just commenced working with the host club in India – over this year the project moved forward with TRF approval, followed by construction of bulk of the toilets completed as of April 2019. A total of 250 toilets will be completed by July of this year.

During a visit in December, club members Niranjan and Vinita Deodhar

met with many of the residents of Ghasera and Nuh. In both places, and across all the houses we visited, we were greeted with enthusiasm and thanks for the work being done. It was obvious from the personal stories narrated by the residents that access to basic hygiene had made a big difference to the health and dignity of everyone, in particular the women of the village. I met an old lady who was visual impaired. Before her house was provided with a toilet, she used to walk slowly for 30 minutes each way, while assisted by a family member, to get to a spot in the fields where she could have some measure of privacy. Vinita spoke to women folk of a number of households and reported similar themes.



We inspected toilets that had been recently built as well as those built in previous rounds to ensure that on-going maintenance and usage was as desired. Previously built toilets were in good condition and had all the signs of being maintained and being in use. The current project is expected to be complete by July 2019. About 90% of the houses in the selected villages will have been covered by then. This is through a combination of Rotary projects, government initiatives, and some relatively well-off households taking the initiative to invest on their own, in response to the progress they see around them.



## **Check dams for water conservation – Bhiwandi, Maharashtra, India**

- Rotary Club of Link Town Airoli (D3142), just east of Mumbai is the host club and will contribute funds from their side as well.
- Check dams are small barriers (a few meters long) constructed on creeks and established water run-off routes. They are known to help hold rain water long enough for better replenishment of the water table, and also provide for a second crop. Income lifts in such investments are significant, to the tune of just one year of income lift paying back the capital costs. There are allied health benefits as well.
- Each dam costs around \$5K; and we propose to build around 10 in one GGP. A needs and sustainability assessment has been prepared and will be detailed in the GGP application.
- Beecroft has agreed to contribute \$5K; plus we have approached our district for DDF as well to match that amount.



# PAST PRESIDENTS

<b>Year</b>	<b>President</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>President</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>President</b>
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	PE Niranjana 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	
<b>Other Clubs</b>			<b>District Governors</b>		
1976-77 David Rands Western Hut NZ			1984-85 PDG Don Keighran		
1997-98 Mark Anderson Morningside SA			2011-12 PDG David Rands		

## Paul Harris Fellows Recognitions



1977	K M Spark			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
1991	C G Cheng	2005	R Catherall	2011	D Barnett
1992	D Parsons	2005	A Reid	2011	Lynne Anderson



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2011	Lucy Gabb	2015	B Grant	2017	Jane Jackson
2012	A Hansen	2015	B Catherall	2017	Lionel Jackson
2012	A Reid	2015	A Keighran	2017	Hilary Hannam
2012	J Duffy	2015	J Hiscock	2017	Christine McPhillips
2013	R Mcintosh	2015	L Ramanathan	2017	David Dart
2013	C Sherwood	2015	F Tan	2017	Brian Banfield
2013	M Samson	2016	Des Morton	2017	Bindi Shah
2013	K Holst	2016	Di Hammond	2018	Joanna Johns
2014	E Fenton	2016	Peter Holst	2018	Anne Wright
2014	R Sice	2016	Susan Ellyard	2018	Paul Young
2014	I Yaseen	2016	David Anderson	2018	Minnette Ozen

## Paul Harris Society

Bob 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
Bob 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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