

# Club Reports 2021-22





# Presidents Report 2021-22

President Keith Ball

I will be the first of many to suggest that Covid19 had a significant impact on Club activities this past year.

The disappointment of **IPP Rosemary** was palpable, when she realised that we would not enjoy a Face-to-Face Changeover. After some 4 days, **Rosemary** had accepted the situation, and I was being harried, into organising a Zoom Changeover.

Indeed, the Club held Zoom meetings each Monday until November. We were well supported by **John Caruana**, who sourced several Guest Speakers of note. The most memorable, for me, was **Sharon Eddington**, a Rotary Peace Scholar, talking from Republic of Georgia.

From November we needed to coordinate with Springfield House, as that facility was in high activity reducing the backlog of deferred weddings.

We also started "Cheese & Crackers" Zoom meetings on Friday nights, to talk informally about life, et al, during the Covid19 shutdowns.

We did not hold our annual Trivia Night, and Garage Sale signature fundraising events. The Giant Book Sale was delayed by a month. Overall, we raised some \$36K, and donated some \$41K.

Member donations were outstanding. The Fundraising account received Centurion funds of \$3,600, Flood Relief donations of \$3,150, and "in lieu of flowers" for Stan of \$900.

Clearly, David's quiet talks:

- $\checkmark$  about the benefits of Foundation, and
- ✓ making the Foundation our "charity of choice"
- were effective.

**Cawas'** Tree of Joy team ran a most successful event collecting Christmas presents at both Cherrybrook Shopping Village, and Westleigh Shopping Village.

- ✓ The value of these Christmas presents would match or exceed the Club's monetary donations.
- ✓ The Street Libraries Project was another success. Tony Makin toiled to produce four libraries and was part of the team installing them.
- ✓ Club donations to Flood Relief exceeded \$10K.





At the start of the year, I suggested to **Peter** that NTA was not yet part of the Club psyche - I can no longer make this suggestion.

Peter's promotion of NTA has been constant and fastidious.

Additionally, the Club joined forces with four other Clubs to hold a Fundraising Dinner. Several Members and Partners contributed time and effort to ensure a successful event. The dinner was enjoyed by all attending and raised \$12K.

Club membership declined by one.

**Alex Jugueta** joined in August 2021. **Bill Mann** resigned to upgrade a country property. **Stan Baseley** left us to join God's Printers Guild.

**Carol's "Bring a Friend"** night was a success. I believe we now have three prospective members that may/will join in the new Rotary year.

I commend the Board members, both individually and in concert, for their inputs into making the Club function and serve the communities we serve.

Best wishes to **Janelle**, and her team. Her plans and direction will ensure the Club's continuing success.

Keith





# The Rotary Foundation – Report 2021-22

Director David Turnbull

The information on the Centurion Program is regularly published in the Bulletin and I have raised the issue on numerous occasions at Club meetings to promote the principle that the Foundation is 'our charity' and needs total support from club members.

We currently have twenty-one Centurions and one Paul Harris Society member within the Club. This is an improvement on previous years and is reflected in the level of donation from the club to the Foundation.

The Club, working with Lane Cove Club, obtained a Global Grant of \$5,000 from Foundation, to assist the NTA project run by International Director Peter Stanton, for water and sanitation works in Indonesia.

This project has been very successful and is on-going.

Our contribution to the Foundation this year was; Annual Fund US\$8,805 and Polio-Plus Fund US\$1,000 Both these figures exceed our committed amounts.

My thanks to Club members for their on-going support

David





# Membership Report 2021-22

Director - Carol Russell.

Committee – Kerry Mann, Keith Ball, Ros Hogan.

With another year under major impact from Covid and the restrictions on getting together face to face, and now in June 2022 with flue ravaging the community, our club in so far as membership goes, has retained its membership, meeting many times by Zoom which while in no way goes to be better than a face to face event, still held us together as a strong unit of likeminded people, united in the need to contribute to the community and by the friendships that endure among the members.

The club ended the year to June 30<sup>th</sup> having lost only one member due to work commitment, and another on the sad passing of Stan Baseley.

This has our club at membership of 41 members. However, it is becoming evident that new members are vital to our ongoing viability due to our aging demographic of the members.

In May we held a dedicated visitor night where we welcomed along 8 visitors, and from this we will shortly induct to the club one new member. It is planned that we will have these at regular times throughout each year. All members are responsible for attracting new members, considering who they meet in their daily lives, are they a person who might wish to contribute to the community, might they be looking for a new social outlet in their lives, perhaps they have just retired or reduced their working hours, and now needing to fill a void in their lives that working less or not working has left. These are all potential members

The Social aspect of our club is very strong with Partners of our members playing a major role in our viability, they are always there to decorate tables, work on any event we are conducting or anywhere help is needed, and we are forever grateful for their input. Thank you so much.

I also thank the Membership Committee for your help and valuable support in 2021/22.

We are looking forward to a more stable 2022/2023 in our lives and in our wonderful Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook.

Canal





## Fund Raising Report 2021-22

Director: Max Henderson

Committee - Rosemary Clarke, Ros Hogan, John Caruana, George Chenouda, Tony Coote and Andrew Little

#### Aim:

Support and encourage the various fund-raising activities to ensure another successful year, however, to be balanced with fellowship and covid restrictions. Having regard to the impact of covid last year our indicative net target for the year is \$30,000.

#### Strategy:

Continue to develop a practical "hands-on" culture in the fundraising committee. Foster a balanced inclusion (without necessarily interfering) with the coordinators of each fundraiser to ensure they have the required resources, as applicable.

Build on our established strengths in both the lead up to and the periods between events. Try to ensure that activities are enjoyable, satisfying & feasible.

Be adaptable, unforeseen matters such as the weather and covid may impact on key activities requiring modifications to minimise any adverse impact.

We will continue to seek new opportunities to fund raise during the year and members are encouraged to put forward ideas.

In summary to enjoy the fellowship of Rotary and raise some funds for our nominated charities.

#### Wrap Up:

On reflection we generally achieved our goals, certainly as expected covid had an adverse impact, resulting in the Trivia Night being cancelled, GBS being transferred from March to May and the Garage Sale didn't get a look in. With the relaxing of covid restrictions in the new year, some normality settled in, and we had a great second half.

#### In summary:

Sponsorships, coordinator Max





Whilst we couldn't entice our Gold sponsors back, we did maintain our two Silver sponsors and gained a third. We also retained our DIK Silver sponsor (stores our BBQ trailer).

#### Bunnings BBQs, coordinator Kerry

We had four throughout the year at Dural on the 31October, 12 December, 30 April, and 29 May.

Each BBQ had three shifts comprising AM, swing and PM requiring a total of ten members, providing both a good opportunity for fellowship and to promote the club.

Elections BBS, coordinators Peter and Tony C

We had two comprising:

- a) <u>Local elections</u> 4 November at Eurabbie Park Childcare Centre, Coonara WPHs coordinator Peter, and
- b) Federal elections 21May at WPHs Primary School, coordinator Tony C

Both BBQs provided us an opportunity to utilise our BBQ trailer, plus fellowship and provided us some excellent exposure.

Online Sales, coordinators Bev and Anne

With covid restricting our activities these ladies took the initiative to generate revenue via online sales and were very successful. Apart from anything else items sold included Covid masks and book sales.

#### Jolly Soles (sock) Sales, coordinator Ros Hogan

Another great initiative with colourful themed socks offered for sale at some of our BBQs and the Mini Book Sale.

Mini Book Sale and Plant Sale (MBS), coordinators, Andrew, Max and Neville

The club started these MBSs in the 2021/22 Rotary year following the cancellation of the 2021 GBS due to covid. Most were combined with another fund raising event from the Garage Sale with this one including plants.

#### Dooral Roundup, Neville

A monthly publication that provided us considerable exposure for our many and varied activities.

Giant Book Sale (GBS), coordinators, Andrew, Max and Neville





This was our major fund-raising event for the year requiring a committee of nine and apart from the coordinators, included Rosemary, Margaret, Bev, Bob, Keith and George, a great team.

We also successfully allocated some leadership roles by breaking the GBS down into specific sections encouraging member and partner participation. We were also supported by "Friends of Rotary" particularly doing the preparation days of the sale.

It also provided us a chance to acknowledge our sponsors by displaying their banners.

As for the actual revenue from these activities, reference should be made to our treasurer's report that provides a comprehensive breakdown.

I would like to thank everyone for their support this year and wish the new board all the best for next year.

Max





# Public Image Report 2021-22

**Director** Neville Hansen

**Committee**: Ros Hogan, Carol Russell, Roslyn Savio, John Tchetchenian

Our aim was to spread the word and to portray the Club as an active, involved group of individuals who have a common aim of bettering things for those who need the assistance the Club can offer.

Every month an article was published in the Dooral Roundup with activities completed and upcoming events. We send sincere thanks to Diana Paton and the Editor Mary Ord, for their support.

Articles have been posted on Facebook and Nextdoor nearly every week promoting our events and promoting our meetings and anything else of interest. Our Facebook followers has now grown to 1024 which comprises of local and international Clubs and individuals.

For our large events e.g. the Giant Book Sale etc, Facebook and Nextdoor have been a real conduit into the community.

I would like to thank Carol Russell who stood in for me for the half of the year while I travelled around Australia.

Neville





# **Community Service Report 2021-22**

#### Director Cawas Sahukar

Committee Alan Paynter, Colin Baxter, Colin Sharp, David Turnbull, George Chenouda, Neville Hansen, Steve Baker (as time permits), Late Stan Baseley.

COVID-19 had a significant effect on the work of the club during the 21-22 year though at the end we did achieve significant milestones.

1. **ARV Retirement Village** - Support local facility with a BBQ lunch in conjunction with owners of Cherrybrook Shopping Village.

Outcome: Cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions.

2. Tree of Joy - Our annual Christmas Event

Outcome: The Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook held its 30th Christmas Tree of Joy to provide joy to some in the community who have little of it at Christmas. The Club combined with the management of the Cherrybrook Shopping Village to place a tree in the village centre. We thank the community for its incredible support again this year.









"Awesome Generosity" is the only way to describe the number of gifts donated by those communities when people selected a tag from the trees and purchased a present for a child or adult as nominated on the card. The members of the Club and their partners and volunteers gathered to sort and label the donated gifts in preparation for them to be sent off to the children and adults who were to benefit. Ten charities: Anglicare, Associated Outreach, Camp Quality, Forster Care, Homicide Victims Support Group. Marayong Public school, Parramatta Mission, Taldumande, Shine for Kids, and Wesley Mission gratefully received the gifts for children and adults who would otherwise have had little joy in their lives at Christmas.

At the Cherrybrook Shopping Village against 1,105 labels displayed we collected 865 gifts achieving 78% which is what we have been achieving over the years.

Westleigh against 238 labels we received 194 gifts achieving 81%.

Combined from various charities that we support we received 1,343 labels incidentally this year was the highest number of labels that we have ever received against which we collected 1,059 achieving a staggering result of 79%. With an average value of \$40/- per gift it would equate to collecting over \$42,000/-We thank the management of Westleigh

Shopping Centre for the opportunity and the pharmacy for providing the collection centre.









#### 3. Street Library



Street Libraries are becoming increasingly popular and our club as a part of Community Service has built and manned 4 of them.

WHAT ARE STREET LIBRARIES - a beautiful home for books, planted in the front yard. They are accessible from the street and are an invitation to share the joys of reading with your neighbours. They are a window into the mind of a community; books come and go; no-one needs to check them in or out. People can simply reach in and take what interests them; when they are done, they can return them to the Street Library network, or pass them on to friends.

If anyone has a book or two that they think others would enjoy, they can just pop it into any Street Library they happen to be walking past.

They are a symbol of trust and hope – a tiny vestibule of literary happiness.

Some people once said...

"A library is the delivery room for the birth of ideas, a place where history comes to life" - Norman Cousins

"If you want to get laid, go to college. If you want an education, go to the library" - Frank Zappa

Not only will this help in promoting Rotary, our club but in fostering the love of reading improving literacy especially amongst our youth, building communities and the community spirit by giving the neighbourhood the opportunity to give, borrow and share a book. With





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an aim to connect the community with one book at a time and inspire a network of readers as reading is a passport to countless adventures.

This will also assist our club in spreading the love of reading as every child and adult should have the opportunity to easy access to books.



#### 4. Rotary Garden

The Rotary Garden at the Cherrybrook Fire Station has been renovated by pruning and planting new shrubs. The Australia/New Zealand Rotary 100 Year Centenary plaque was installed on a new rock placed in the garden by the Hornsby Council. An application to install a Rotary sign in the garden has been approved by the Council. Sign for the Rotary Garden has been collected.

#### 5. Pennant Hills High School Fete

We have received a request from Pennant Hills High School to assist with doing a BBQ for their Fete which they are planning to hold on June 25th between 3-9pm.

Outcome: A project team is tasked with supplying 1200plus sausage sizzles on June 25. (Day before Changeover) Two teams of twelve are planned using Members, Pres. Kaye Carter – RCPH, Girl Guides and Scouts.

Cawas





# International Service Report 2021-22

#### **Director** Peter Stanton

Our priority continues to focus our International Service efforts on the strong
ongoing programmes implemented by Nusa Tenggara Association (NTA) / Rotary
Small Grants Projects in Flores and West Timor. The programmes are authentic and
meet the criteria we had set for a sustainable relationship and meeting our
requirements for strong governance.

#### Three major events we achieved

#### 1 The District Grant Approved. Total \$10,000

<u>"Covid-19 Response to Schools and Rural Communities in Eastern Indonesia"</u> This allowed NTA to roll out COVID messaging and prevention measures quickly and easily including hand washing stations, soap, posters and banners into all of our schools and communities. They also worked with communities and local governments to help NTA supported schools severely impacted by the Cyclone Sejora to bounce back to full capacity.

#### Nusa Tenggara Association (NTA)

- Celebrated their 30<sup>th</sup> birthday, successfully implementing programs in Indonesia for 3 decades.
- NTA <u>Indonesia</u>, has shown great capacity and resourcefulness to maintain our activities around the COVID restrictions and while NTA- Australia is unable to visit Indonesia.
- A new program to promote traditional ikat weaving continues to expand and to attract high interest. This is aimed directly at improving livelihoods for women. Sewing machines and training is provided to diversify products, and improve quality and marketing.
- The management systems continue to improve through the development of computerised database systems. NTA-Indonesia now uses tablets (some donated by our club) to record activity progress and photographs and to record answers to questions. This information is uploaded to the cloud providing real time information flow to NTA in Australia.
- NTA work to continuously improve our efforts to protect vulnerable people and to focus greater effort on those in need. We have developed improved systems and are providing training and guidance to our Indonesian counterparts.
- COVID has re-energised and accelerated our efforts in health and sanitation. These are preventative measures not just for





COVID but also for a host of other diseases and health issues prevalent in the region.

2 A <u>Donation of 1000 washable Covid masks</u> was made possible by the generous donation and effort of Wendy Carritt (Probus) and Anne Sharp, Bev Davison (Rotary partners) The donation was greatly appreciated and sent a personal message that we care for the recipients during these difficult Covid times.

#### 3 A Combined Rotary fund raising

dinner was most successful with 141 attendees.

The presentations from Stephanie Heighes and Dignitaries which was much appreciated. The combined participation of our District Governor, 7 North Shore Rotary clubs strengthened the event's profile.

Importantly the attendance by the Sydney Consulate General of

Peter



Indonesia and two Consular officials and the Indonesian Business Council – Sydney, gives the opportunity for further links to support NTA.

- I must say our club support was magnificent- organising key roles to make the event a success.
- Dinner entry, Silent Auctions, Raffle, and personal donations for water tanks and sewing machine.
- Raised \$12,000 for the NTA Programmes in East Indonesia.



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## Youth Report 2021-22

Director: Rosemary Clarke

Committee: Bob Davison, Bob Whyms, Janelle Craig, John Caruana

What a year! With Covid still being on the scene, many of our usual programs were either cancelled or postponed. Schools did not allow visitors as they were busy with online learning for half of our Rotary year. But we "soldiered on!"

#### **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards - RYLA**

Kishaya Lye and Sasha Varman were selected to attend RYLA in January. The young ladies were interviewed by Bob Davison and me and were introduced to the club at our November Zoom Youth night. Both were very impressive speakers and Bob Whyms was all lined up to take the girls to Elanora Heights when we heard the program was cancelled due to Covid. Everyone was very disappointed but hopefully it will happen again in January 2023.

#### **Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment – RYPEN**

Due to Covid this weekend was held online at the beginning of February but unfortunately despite advertising it, we were not able to find a candidate. Again, we hope for a face-to-face program next February.

#### National Youth Science Program – NYSF

Harishan Nirumalan was a successful candidate for this amazing program. Unfortunately, the program could not be held face to face in Canberra due to Covid, however Harishan thoroughly enjoyed his online experience and had his eyes opened to the possibilities open to him in the scientific field. He spoke to us both before and after the event and was very grateful to the club. Well done, Harishan.

#### **Rotary Youth Exchange – RYE**

This program was cancelled for this Rotary year but should recommence in a limited way in 2023.

#### **Santos Science Experience**

Our connection with Coonabarabran Rotary Club has been enhanced by sponsoring students to this event. 3 girls were all set to attend in September being hosted by members of our club. Again, Covid raised its ugly head, and the girls were offered a one-day online course instead. Having spoken to one of the students it was



disappointing for them to have internet problems due to being on farms and they missed that opportunity. We hope for better things next Rotary year.

#### Rotaract

The Rotaract club of Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook that we helped to sponsor is struggling and at the time of writing this report looks like folding. It is a great shame, but we wish the former members success in further endeavours.

#### **Youth Nights**

Youth nights are a highlight of our Rotary year, and we held both via Zoom in November and February.

In November, Kishaya and Sasha were introduced to the club for RYLA, Harishan for NYSF and Amanda Barnes from District spoke about Youth programs especially in the Blue Mountains.

In February, Harishan reported on his NYSF experience, and the delightful Winnie Yip from District spoke about the Rotary Youth Exchange program and when that program would be recommencing.

#### **Local Schools**

We like to work with our local schools however no excursions etc meant there was no need for discretionary funds to Principals. We did provide money for citizenship prizes to Cherrybrook Technology High School, Cherrybrook Primary School and West Pennant Hills Public School for their annual awards presentations which were held by Zoom.

The "GPs in Schools Program" was unable to be held. Again, we look forward to further participation and cooperation when able.

It has been a frustrating year from a Youth perspective, but I must thank the Youth committee for their enthusiasm and support for those events that did happen.

Rosemary





# **Vocational Services Report**

Director Edwina Ruff

**Committee**: Rosemary Clarke, Douglas Lam, Cawas Sahukar, Keith Ball, George Chenouda, and Bernard Chandra

### Program Objectives 2021/22

Vocational Service calls on every Rotarian to work with integrity and contribute their expertise to the problems and needs of society.

Vocational Service is the shared responsibility of both Rotary Club and its Members. The role of the club is to implement and encourage the objectives by its own actions in dealing with the community and by the development of projects that enable members to use their vocational talents in the service of the community. The role of members is to conduct themselves and their businesses in accordance with Rotary principles, and support the Vocational Service projects that the club has developed.

#### **Results:**

- Identified 4 local places of work and individuals whose exemplary contributions to the chosen Vocations or Volunteering Service are worthy of public acknowledgement and present them with the Pride of Workmanship Awards dinner that has been arranged for 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022.<sup>1</sup>
- Vocational Service visit to Westmead Institute of Medical Research (organised in mid 2021) to take place in on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022, depending on COVID-19 Restrictions,

Edwina



<sup>1</sup> Originally planned for June, but circumstances forced the delay to July. Keith



# Club Services Report 2021-22

#### **Director** Janelle Craig

The effects of COVID-19 impacted the Club for another year, and this meant many roles within the Club Services portfolio were undertaken in trying circumstances. But once again, we stepped up to the challenges the pandemic brought to bear and managed, through creativity and good humour, to embrace these changes and value all the opportunities for fellowship that came our way.

Changeover occurred by Zoom and we continued to meet only in this mode until October 2021. Thereafter, meetings alternated weekly between face-to-face and online. I can't express how joyous it was to finally meet again in person, even if this meant QR scanning, vaccination passport checking, hand sanitising and wearing masks – it was all worth it just to be together again!

Throughout the year, the all-important Sergeant role was performed variously by Colin McG, David, Jim, John T, Max, Roslyn, and Tony C. Each brought their own flair to the role, and they are to be congratulated for inventing clever ways to keep members orderly and entertained.

John C took on the role of sourcing speakers for meetings. The fluidity of COVID meant this was a particularly challenging task requiring patience and tenacity as many meetings changed format at short notice or speakers cancelled due to illness. John did a great job here and managed to ensure speakers kept our members informed and engaged.

A job well done by Ros H for acting as Attendance Officer and informing Springfield House of attendees/apologies at face-to-face meetings.

A huge thank you to Douglas who was Bulletin Editor in addition to his busy role as Club Secretary.

Thanks to Tony C and Tony M for undertaking various Risk Assessments to ensure the Club remains compliant with government legislation and Rotary protocols.

Many thanks to Jim for his work as Welfare Officer, which because of COVID, meant he spent considerable time and effort regularly checking in with members (past and present) and partners.





I commend the hard work of Tony C and the Social Committee for continuing to ensure members stayed connected and having fun through a range of social events that accommodated our health and wellbeing requirements.

Finally, a shout out to all members who undertook their duties on the weekly roster and who helped to make my job just that little bit easier – I appreciate your assistance.

Janelle





# **Treasurer: Tony Coote**

# Treasurer's Report - Donations and Fundraising 2021-22

Month	Description	Amount	Description	Amount
Jul-21			Cherrybrook RFS	\$1,000
			Feed Phuket	\$1,030
Aug-21		-		-
Sep-21	Face Mask & Book Sales	\$277	Face Masks Ship to NTA	\$292
	NTA District First Grant	\$2,500		
Oct-21	Bunnings BBQ	\$361	End Polio	\$1,390
	On Line Sales	\$475	Foundation Joan Freeman Club	\$695
			NTA Schools & Villages COVID	\$5,000
Nov-21	Pop Up Book Sale	\$1,399	RYLA	\$1,960
	Cherrybrook Village Voucher	\$200	NYSF	\$650
Dec-21	Election BBQ	\$458	School Assembly Prizes	\$600
	Bunnings BBQ	\$726		
	Jolly Socks Sales	\$279		
	Member Centurion Donations	\$1,600	Member Centurion Donations	\$1,600
Jan-21		-		-
Feb-21		-		-
Mar-21	Flood App Collection Westleigh	\$2,197	RAWCS National Flood App	\$5,000
			RAWCS National Flood App	\$400
			Beyond Blue	\$589
	Hilda S. (Probus) Nat Flood	\$100	RAWCS National Flood App	\$100
	Member Donations NSW Flood	\$1,950	RAWCS NSW Flood App Members	\$1,950
	Member Donations National Flood	\$400	Hawkesbury Kitchen Members	\$800
	Member Hawkesbury Kitchen	\$800	Hawkesbury Comm Kitchen Club	\$500
April	Bunnings BBQ	\$662	RAWCS NSW Flood App	\$2,200
			Foundation Larry Jacka Club	\$1,330
			Santos Science Exp	\$190
			Foundation Annual Fund	\$1,000
May	Book Sale	\$14,081		
	Election BBQ	\$1,213		
	Bunnings BBQ	\$684		
	Member Baseley Memorial	\$900	Foundation Stan Baseley Members	\$900





Total		\$36,975		\$37,873
			Foundation Stan Baseley Club	\$697
			NTA Schools and Villages COVID	\$5,000
			Lismore Library Flood Support	\$500
	Member Centurion Donations	\$2,000	Member Centurion Donations	\$2,000
June			SAN Foundation - Martelli	\$500
	On Line Sales	\$1,215		
	NTA District Final Grant	\$2,500		

**Note:** For privacy, or other reasons, certain members donate monies direct to Foundation. Similarly, some members may have donated direct to "Rotary Charities" (viz ARHF, ROMA, Days for Girls). These transactions are not captured in the above information. **Keith** 

Tony

