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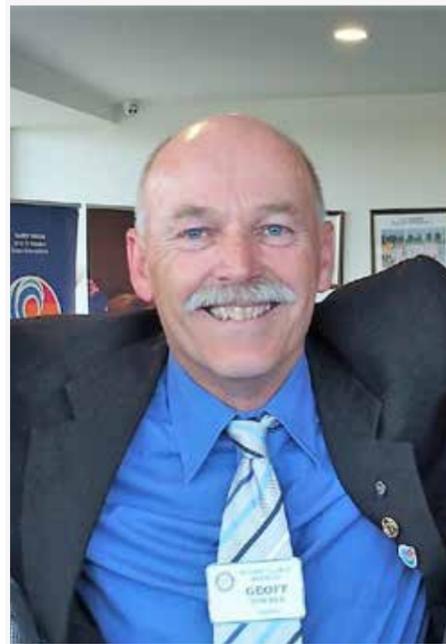
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## PRESIDENT REPORT

It has been a great honour to be the President of the Rotary Club of Berwick. Due to the resignation of Lea Paton in October last year, I was once again inducted as the President on the 21st of November for the remainder of the 2018 - 2019 Rotary year. I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank Lea and Steve for all the work they did with the Club over many years and a huge thank you to PP Gerald Treasure for stepping up and leading the Club whilst we were without a President.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Jim Wilson, John Rosenthal and Peter Mangan (even though he was very unwell at the time), David Button, Jack Kraan, Gary Castricum and the rest of the Board for their mentoring and support of me and the Club in general, over this period of change.

With my induction as President, there was a change of roles for a few members, and I would like to thank PP Adrian Funston for taking over the role as Sergeant and Jack Kraan for looking after vocational visits. The vacant membership position on the Board was eagerly filled by PP Jim Wilson. As part of a restructuring of the projects directorship, we welcomed Gaetano Fina to the Board to run Youth and New Ideas. Another change to the Board structure means that future immediate Past Presidents will now remain on the Board in the role of Vice President, to help in the transition of each Board to the next and to provide support for each new President.

I know some of the monthly Board meetings have perhaps been a bit longer than always planned, but I believe in open discussion and I thank all members for their cooperation and understanding as there were many challenges that had to be addressed throughout the year.

After all the changes, resignations and transfers, I would like to see all members continue to support this great Club and help in its future growth by being positive and supportive of all members, projects and new ideas.

Over the past eight months I have found all members eager to help wherever possible and to help grow the Club. All our projects and fundraising activities have been conducted in a professional and enthusiastic manner, resulting in very good experiences for everyone concerned. The work done by our members in running our annual Carols event, chaired by Diana Gomez-Fullaway, Australia Day, chaired by Isobel Caulfield, the Golf Day chaired by Jim Armstrong and strongly supported by Bob Lay, Deb Balls by the great team of Pete and Sue Batterham and the art screens by Laury Gordyn and his team of helpers has been exceptional. Adrian Funston has been instrumental in keeping the annual Berwick Cemetery clean-up, Wilson Botanic Park works and the Bowls night, this year held at Monbulk, running. Unfortunately, we were unable to bring home the bowls shield, meaning that I have the dubious record of two losses against my name! As well as our fundraising events, the Club is very grateful for the ongoing support of the St John of God Hospital, Berwick and the Beaconsfield District Community Bank Branch, Bendigo Bank. The corporate sponsorship the Club receives from both of these organisations helps us to give extra funds to our local community.



There are also many jobs that are carried out tirelessly every week by members without which the Club would not function like it does. In particular I would like to acknowledge PE Isobel Caulfield, PEN and Secretary David Button, Treasurer Gary Castricum, photographer and Joker's Wild expert Sandi Tarant, Sam McCurdy as Spoke 'N' Word editor, Di Double for her work as attendance officer at each meeting and all the other members that help set up and pack up the venue each week. All their hard work does not go unnoticed.

Unfortunately this Rotary year we have lost three valuable and much-loved members of this Club. They were PP Peter Mangan and PP Murray Newby and our last surviving charter member, PP Bill Minns.

At the time of writing my report, final figures from fundraising and therefore disbursements have not been finalised, but the usual recipients will be The Rotary Foundation, Berwick College and many of the Rotary youth programs that we always support. We are also looking at carrying some funds forward this year, and in future years, to assist in the funding of projects or requests for support or grants that may arise early in each

new Rotary year.

We still continue to support lots of projects both locally and internationally and conduct local community events such as the Carols evening at Edwin Flack Reserve and the Australia Day celebrations at Pioneers Park, with more information about these being provided throughout this annual report.

We have had a great array of guest speakers and social events, including a wonderful evening at Jason's Restaurant in Beaconsfield Upper for our Christmas celebrations and a fantastic weekend away to Paynesville. I would like to say a special thank you to Di Double for the success of these events. The vocational visit to the Narre Warren CFA was also a highlight and very well supported and many thanks to Jack and Daniel Kraan for organising this.

In the last couple of weeks of my year I have also had the pleasure of being able to present a Paul Harris Fellow on behalf of the Club to Susan Magee, from Casey North Community and Support Services, in recognition of all her work in helping the local community. This was followed by a transferring induction of Rotarian and Past President of the Rotary Club of Pakenham, Roger Thornton. Roger is passionate about the work of DIK and his support for Timor Leste, in particular, Balibo, and he will be a great asset to our Club.

Our meeting venue continues to be the envy of other Clubs in the District, and I would like to thank Naomi, Adam and the team from Khan's for continuing to provide us with a top quality venue and delicious meals each week.

Once again the clock has struck and the time has come where I too, become a feather duster again, but before I head back to the laundry cupboard, for a second time, I would like to wish Isobel and her incoming Board all the best for the 2019 - 2020 Rotary year and to Di and Scott for their continued support of my time in Rotary.

# ABOUT THE ROTARY CLUB OF BERWICK

The Rotary Club of Berwick is part of an international network of business, professional and community leaders who strive to make the world a better place through practical efforts. Through Rotary International, the reward of paying it forward unites men and women from different backgrounds, cultures, religious and political beliefs the world over, allowing ordinary people to make a difference & be the inspiration to others.

We direct our efforts in six areas to enhance our local and global impact. Our most successful and sustainable projects and activities tend to fall within the following areas:

1. Promoting peace
2. Fighting disease
3. Providing clean water
4. Saving mothers and children
5. Supporting education
6. Growing local economies



### OUR MISSION

We provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.



### OUR VALUES

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



### OUR UNITY

The collective leadership and expertise of our 1.2 million members helps us tackle some of the world's biggest challenges, locally and globally. We are united by common values and vision for the future as we sharpen our focus with targeted specific causes that will reach communities most in need.

**Together we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe in our communities and in ourselves.**

# WHAT WE DO? HOW WE DO IT ?

The members of the Rotary Club of Berwick are committed to serve the community while building new skills and friendships along the way. By using the existing network within Rotary, members are able to draw from a large skill base to tackle a wide range of projects.



### ACTION PLAN

More than a century ago, Rotary pioneered a new model of service leadership grounded in person-to-person connections. Today, those connections are a network that spans the globe—bridging cultural, linguistic, generational, and geographic barriers—and shares the vision of a better world. As People of Action, we understand that fulfilling that vision requires a plan. All plans of course need a set of tools to bring the plan to reality.

The world today is not the same as it was when Rotary began in 1905. Demographics have shifted, the pace of change has accelerated, and technology has created new opportunities for connection and service. What hasn't changed is a need for the values that define Rotary: fellowship, integrity, diversity, service, and leadership. With our action plan, Rotary will honor our past and embrace our future. We can evolve and keep Rotary not only relevant but thriving.

### MIXING IT UP

The Rotary Club of Berwick is fortunate to have members from a broad range of backgrounds and experience. This is important as it takes a few skilled people to make a great project.

Rotary has the advantage that if we are in need of extra skills, there is always someone in our Rotary network to lend a hand. One of the advantages of being a member of Rotary is that you can add to your own skill base, build long lasting friendships and help people who you will never meet. Rotary is certainly a place for young professionals to build their business skills from experienced members within the Club.



## ABOUT OUR TEAM



### GEOFF DOUBLE

President

Geoff comes from a horticultural background and has run his own arboricultural and horticultural company for over thirty-five years.

He has been a member of the Rotary Club of Berwick for over fifteen years and is passionate about helping in the community



### GARY CASTRICUM

Treasurer

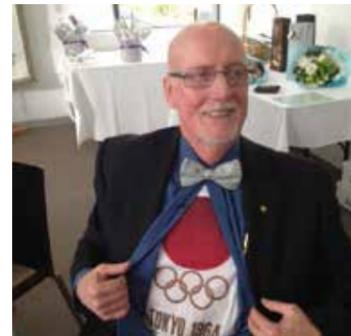
Gary has a strong business background in the export meat market. He is currently the Chairman of Windemere. Gary is a new member of Rotary and brings with him a fresh approach to managing some aspects of Rotary. Gary is a strong advocate for local community projects. He especially likes Carols by Candlelight and the Australia Day projects that give something fun back to the community.



### DAVID BUTTON

Secretary

David has been working in the horticultural industry for 40 years and runs a production nursery in Devon Meadows with his wife Judy. He has been involved with Rotary for 15 years and is impressed by the huge range of opportunities that come from being a member. David has worked in Rotary programs in Youth, Public Image and International Projects. Rotary has given David the ability to make a difference to communities here and also internationally.



### BOB LAY AM

Projects Director

Bob Lay is a former Australia Olympian and Commonwealth Games Sprinter. He has devoted his working life to sports Administration and Marketing and joined Rotary to give back to the community. Rotary has given him the opportunity to realise his passion to make a difference in the lives of our youth and to working on the many charity and fundraising projects for his Club.



### ISOBEL CAULFIELD

Administration

Isobel is known as the "dog woman" She cared for dogs and cats at her Boarding Kennels & Cattery for 20 years. Now she likes to go for very, very long walks. With Rotary she is still caring for those that need a helping hand, or paw when needed.



### GUS DOMINGUEZ

Fundraising Director

Gus was born in Argentina and lived in Australia for the last 30 years. He is a project manager and joined Rotary as a way to make a meaningful contribution to the community. Gus is the Club's Tango expert!

## ABOUT OUR TEAM



### GERALD TREASURE

Vice President

Gerald comes from a strong business background in hardware and has been a member of the Club since 1988.

Gerald has put a lot of effort into the Club this year in guidance and is a great asset to the Club.



### JIM WILSON

Membership Director

Jim is accomplished senior business executive in finance and manufacturing operations.

He is on the Committee of Management for local crisis centres providing emergency relief to the underprivileged.



### GAETANO FINA

New Projects and Youth

Gaetano joined the Board halfway through the year to start developing new ideas for the Club and also take over the Youth portfolio. Gaetano is a man of vision and brings plenty of experience with him to get projects into action.



### DI DOUBLE

Foundation and International Director

Di is Assistant Principal at Tecoma Primary School. She has been a teacher for more than 35 years and is a long standing Rotarian. Her passion centres around children. She believes that every child, no matter where they live in the world, has the right to an education, good health, clean water and sanitation.



### RICARDO BALANCY

Public Image Director

Ricardo has had a long career in the Tax department and is currently working through a law degree. Ricardo has been very active in Rotary between his studies and has brought new energy to the Public Image portfolio.



## Projects



### Annual Report - Service Projects – Bob Lay AM

As Director of Service Projects, I acknowledge and thank all Chairs and their committees for their commitment and enthusiasm to 'make a difference' in the community. Earlier in 2019, The Board decided to move all Youth Projects from Service Projects to a new portfolio - New Project Development and Youth with Gaetano Fina the responsible Director. The following reports reflect this.

### Australia Day - Isobel Caulfield

Our Australia Day event again proved very successful led by Isobel Caulfield. We had a great turn out from Rotarians and Inner Wheel members. A compliment is that all the vendors

and displays said they would return next year. Attendance was down somewhat on other years, but all had a good day.

A new event was the presenting of Community Awards by The Federal Member for Latrobe Jason Wood MP. It was well received and will be continuing. The usual childrens entertainment and flag raising were a highlight. Our Australia Day Ambassador Sue Stanley proved to be a warm and genuine addition.

### Carols by Candlelight - Diana Gomez-Fullaway

The 2018 Berwick Carols by Candlelight was a successful family event due to a fantastic club effort and a dedicated committee. Approximately 3,500 families enjoyed an evening of Christmas celebration, capped off with a visit by Santa and a spectacular fireworks display. Our Club is very proud to bring this fantastic family community event to the City of Berwick.

#### Improvements this year included:

- The 6.00 pm start and the free children's entertainment & face painting
- The addition of more food trucks and extended trading hours
- Introduction of two new segments Raise the Candle & Sing - Along and; The Selfie Competition - 38 selfies were posted for voucher prizes donated by local businesses.

Thanks to Sharmaine & Isobel.

- Sound and Lighting by Tony Hunt and his team improved the sound reach
- The black draping at the back of the stage improved the look and acoustics.
- Christmas stage decoration was excellent, however we need to enhance the Rotary branding
- Santa & kid's corner area and the lost children area were popular.
- Media promotion was excellent thanks to Ricardo and Sam. Sam regularly drip fed Carols up dates information on the Carols Facebook media
- The traffic management plan was a Council requirement adding to costs

Thank-you to all our sponsors The City of Casey, CFA, South East Water, Berwick FC & Cricket Club, Berwick Inner Wheel, Narre Warren Rotary Club, Casey News, Abrehart Transport, Berwick Neighbourhood Centre and our local Berwick businesses for their donations. To my committee - Cheryl Zuhlsdorff, Viv Armstrong, Sam McCurdy, Bob Lay, Gus Dominguez, Ricardo Balancy, Sharmaine Squire and Gaetano Fina a big thank-you.

### Dream Cricket – Coordinators PP Jim Armstrong / Bob Lay

Dream Cricket is a voluntary run Rotary Project. The Bowral-Mittagong Rotarians were the first to volunteer as part of their humanitarian services to the community. Since its inception, the program has expanded throughout Australia including District 9820 with Warragul Rotarian Peter Dell its regional Coordinator. Peter spoke to our club meeting and demonstrated the specially modified cricket equipment aimed at helping those with special needs to achieve confidence and personal best.

Our Club purchased a Dream Kit and donated it to the Officer Special School. Peter assisted by Club Members, Sandy Tarant, Jim and Viv Armstrong, Mark and Isobel Caulfield and Bob Lay demonstrated the various activities to the students. We are committed to working with the teachers and carers as needed.



## Projects

### Vocational Visits – PP Geoff Double

**AVAN IN PAKENHAM** - In November 2018, 30 Members of Pakenham & Berwick Rotary, their partners and some children were treated to a guided tour of the AVAN Caravans factory in Webster Way, Pakenham. AVAN is the second biggest manufacturer in the industry (behind Jayco) and produces approximately 2000 caravans a year.

**MARENGO REDOUBT VINEYARD IN MOOROODUC** - On a sweltering and sunny Sunday in February, twenty-nine Rotarians, partners and friends visited the Marengo Redoubt vineyard in Murrays Road, Moorooduc, to taste their range of wines and learn about Bee Keeping. Our hosts, Rosslyn and Andy Thompson, treated us to a barbecue lunch with a taste of their wines. During lunch, Andy gave a fascinating presentation on beekeeping and the production of good honey. Thanks to Di Double for organising the visit.

**CFA in Narre Warren** - Wednesday 17th April saw our Club meeting a vocational visit to the Narre Warren Country Fire Authority station. Brigade members gave us an overview of their role, showed us over their trucks and equipment and recounted some of their experiences in the recent Tonimbuk / Garfield North bushfires. The CFA Auxiliary provided us with a two-course meal.

### Donations in Kind (DIK) – David Cutler

Throughout the year several collections and deliveries were made to the 'Donations in Kind' warehouse in West Footscray. Members Cheryl Zuhlsdorff, David Cutler, Andy Merrill and Diana Gomez – Fullaway organised the collection of computer monitors (Vulcan and Nossal High School), medical equipment (trolleys, examination bed, blood collection chairs from St John of God) and a massive number of caps and scarves (donated by the Melbourne Rebels).

Andy Merrill also organised medical equipment to be shipped to Echo Island, Northern Territory in support of local doctor LT Tan.

Donations in Kind is an essential part of the Clubs International Rotary projects.

### Rotary Shed Clean up / Audit

In May 2019 the Rotary Shed, located on City of Casey land in Narre Warren underwent a clean-up and equipment audit. The shed shared by RC Narre Warren, Inner Wheel Club of Berwick and District 9820 houses the Club event equipment including the BBQ, Art Screen Trailers, Australia Day, Carols by Candlelight, Golf Day, Marquis, signage and historical records. Vermin have

destroyed polystyrene BBQ essentials storage boxes and other club items. Metal storage boxes are to be purchased, and it's planned to check all marquis and replaced as required. Rob Wingrave will be the custodian of the shed

### Community BBQ's - Club Members

**Very Special Kids** - In July we provided and manned our Club BBQ at the Eden Rise Shopping Centre in support of the Commonwealth Bank's (CBA'S) annual fundraiser for Very Special Kids. CBA provided the sausages, bread and sauces while Rotarians volunteered the BBQ labour. Of the \$1,500 raised by CBA for this cause \$450 came from the BBQ. My thanks to the BBQ team for supporting this worthwhile community cause.

### Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS)

David Nutter enlisted our club help with the RFDS Charity Golf Day held on Friday 23rd November 2018 at Cardinia-Beaconhills Golf Links. As in previous years, the Club had no hesitation in supporting the RFDS and provided a gourmet barbecue to the players preceding the play. Special thanks to club Members for helping David.

### Christmas Cakes - Cheryl Zuhlsdorff

Cheryl coordinated the ordering and distribution of the Christmas Cakes / Puddings. Many members donated their orders to the Berwick & District Benevolent Society. Cheryl has suggested this project be moved to the Berwick & District Benevolent Society as part of their Christmas food collection.

### Children's Book Collection - Rosemary Hughes

Basic education and literacy is one of Rotary's six areas of focus. We know that basic education and literacy are essential for reducing poverty, improving health, encouraging community and economic development, and promoting peace.

In September Rosemary coordinated the collection of children's donated books. They were then distributed to Edrington Park Child Care & Kindergarten and the Casey North Community Information and Support Services. Rosemary will continue with this project and plans to organise a regular collection of children's books over the year and to widen the distribution in the community.



## Projects

### School Mock Interviews – PP David Collier

Following discussions with Carley Pearson, Senior School Coordinator at Berwick College, the Club agreed to provide a team of Rotarians to run a Mock Interviews with one class of Year 10 students to prepare them for the workforce. As this had not been done with the College for some years, it was agreed to commence with a small number of students and build from there. So, on Wednesday 31st October 2018, 23 students were put through Mock Interviews using just 5 Rotarians. In June 2019, at Nossal High School over two days, 204 students were interviewed. Eight Rotarians and two Rotaract members, (Ben Hill and Lachlan Hall) were needed for each day.

### Project Development & Youth – Bob Lay and Gaetano Fina

#### Youth Exchange Program

**Outgoing student** - This year, our Club is sponsoring Tara Wilkinson a student at Berwick College as our International Exchange Student. Tara, one of six students from District 9820 is now six months into her exchange in Grand Rapids Ohio USA, hosted by the Grand Rapids Rotary Club in District 5580 Minnesota. She is attending the Grand Rapids High School. Her Counsellor, Clare Gandeton reports Tara is enjoying her school, her host Rotary Club and host families and the cold weather! Her monthly reports are on time. We're very proud of Tara and delighted she is representing our Club and Australia. A big thank- you to Clare, who embraced her Counsellor role by working with the District 9820 Youth Team and preparing Tara for her life time experience.

**Incoming student**– In sponsoring Tara, our Club is also hosting an incoming student. Sixteen-year-old Andrea Rangel hails from Rock Island, Illinois USA and is sponsored by the Rock Island Rotary Club. She arrives in July for a 12 months exchange and will be attending the Beacons Hills College at Pakenham. Her Club Counsellor will be Jenny Marshall. The Caulfield and Double families have agreed to be host families.

We look forward to Andrea's exchange and her regular reports at our club meetings.

### Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) – PP Ricardo Balancy

This year our Club sponsored Dana Ezzat, to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) 3-day camp aimed at 18-25-year-olds. RYLA's objective is to teach participants about different leadership styles and to develop their interpersonal skills within a fun environment.

Twenty-one year old Dana came to Australia with her family from Egypt 3 years ago and is currently studying psychology at Deakin University. Dana is now the secretary of the Casey-Cardinia Rotaract Club. Dana spoke at a club meeting relating her experience and how it has helped her to gain confidence and communication techniques. She thanked The Rotary Club of Berwick for providing her with the opportunity to participate in a life-changing experience.

### National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) – Sam McCurdy

Upani Mapala-Gamage was endorsed by the Club for the NYSF program in 2019. Upani, from Lyndale Secondary College, was subsequently successful in being selected at the District 9820 NYSF interviews and attended the 12-day program held at the University of Queensland in Brisbane in January.

Upani addressed the Club at a weekly meeting in March, to outline her experiences in the program. It was reassuring to hear her state that it was one of the best experiences of her life. She thanked the Club for their support.

In May we interviewed Amy Chu from Nossal High School, who sought our endorsement to participate in the NYSF program in January 2020. The program has been recommended to her by her friend Upani Mapala-Gamage. Amy proved to be an excellent candidate, and we have endorsed her application. We wish her every success at the District 9820 selection interviews in July.

### Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) – PE David Button

The District 9820 delegation to the 2018 MUNA Assembly Max Walton-Briggs (Berwick Grammar) and Yebin Yang (St Margaret's Berwick) won the Peace trophy in the MUNA national finals held in Canberra.

These two amazing young people, proudly sponsored by the Rotary Club of Berwick are another good example of the opportunities afforded through Rotary's youth programs! Both students, along with Sean Peiper (Berwick Grammar Teacher) were guests of our Club and gave an inspiring talk on their experience and thanked the Club for providing them with this opportunity. Sean added the change to Max and Yebin's maturity levels due to the MUNA experience was phenomenal and one reason that he is a teacher. A great endorsement "Rotary is Making a Difference."



IT IS NOT A MATTER OF BRINGING MORE PEOPLE INTO ROTARY, IT'S RATHER A QUESTION OF GETTING MORE ROTARY INTO PEOPLE.

HAROLD THOMAS



## Administration

### Administration Report - PE Isobel Caulfield

This year had been busy from an administration point of view. It's the behind the scenes work that keeps the club running smoothly.

**The Multi-District Conference** was a first for us. It proved to be a fantastic format with members meeting old and new friends from all over the state. It shows that Rotary Clubs come in all shapes and sizes. Thanks to PP Ricardo Balancy for encouraging members to attend.

**The member's handbook** is being continually updated by PP Gus Dominguez. It's a big job to make sure all the names, positions and numbers match up. Well done.

**The Paul Harris Fellow committee** of Di Double, PP Gerald Treasure, PP John Rosenthal and PP Bill Minns have had a busy year. Deserving PHF's were awarded to Amanda Stapledon and Susan Magee.

**Socially, we have had a busy year.** Di Double has organised a weekend away to Paynesville which was enjoyed by many members. Christmas cheer abounded at Jason's restaurant in Upper Beaconsfield. The long tradition of a BBQ in January continues. Thanks to Jack and Ann Kraan for being gracious hosts. Bee keeping and a winery lunch proved an enjoyable if hot summers day outing. A progressive dinner with the Inner Wheel Club of Berwick was a fantastic way to meet and dine with people we don't usually see.

**PP Adrian Funston** took on the role of Sergeant following PP Geoff Double. Both have ably kept the meetings in order and added some fun in their unique way.

**Attendance** at meetings fluctuates depending on the time of year. The winter months have a decrease in numbers due to members heading north to leave the cold. Attendance have continued to be managed by Fred Edwards. This critical job ensures that we keep the caterers happy with accurate numbers for meetings. David Button and Isobel Caulfield have also assisted in delivering those numbers to the caterers.

**Club protection** is becoming an increasingly involved topic. Graham Johnstone continues to have all our insurances and youth protection responsibilities under control. It is a changing world, and community expectations mean that as a club, we have to be compliant. This not only protects the people we deal with but our own members also.

**The meeting duties** of attendance and fellowship have been coordinated by Steve Paton. Following on, volunteers have been called for each meeting. Di Double has run the EFTPOS machine taking payments at each meeting.

**We have had some fascinating speakers for our meetings.** Our Program Coordinator Di Scheepers assisted by Geoff Double can be thanked. We have been informed, challenged and entertained throughout the year. Off-site vocational visits including Avan Caravans in Pakenham.

**The Bulletin Team** Sam McCurdy as editor with photographers Sandi Tarant and Di Double documented what is happening within the club. The Bulletin and Facebook page are definitely enhanced by Sam's content with Sandi and Di's images.

**Jokers Wild** again have members trying to pick the elusive Joker from the pack. Sandi Tarant is to be thanked for her continued excellent work for encouraging us to part with our money for a good cause.

**Informing the members at meetings** about Rotary can only be a good thing. Jim Wilson is a font of all knowledge on Rotary Information. At meetings, members have been encouraged to read out about different aspects of the Rotary world.

**The Rotary Shed** is under the keeper of the keys, Rob Wingrave's care. A major undertaking was a cleanup morning. A small but merry band found and disposed of many items that were no longer needed. A very well packed trailer with 700kg of rubbish found its way to the tip. The shed is much neater and cleaner now. Well done.

I wish to thank everyone for their assistance over the year, especially as I was away for some of it. We have an active club that will continue to evolve and overcome the challenges that arise.



## Fundraising



### Fundraising Report – PP Gus Dominguez

We commenced the year with set fundraising targets, and at the end of the year, I can say we have achieved the targets with a stellar performance of all fundraising activities.

I would like to thank PP Laury Gordyn for his continuous management of the Art Screens hire over the years as he devolves this function to other members of the Club. My thanks also go to PP Peter Batterham and his wife Sue for the successful delivery of the Deb Balls, to “Sir” Bob Lay AM for his assistance with the Sponsorships, PP Jim Armstrong and PP Garry Cooper

for organising a very successful Golf Day and to PP Mark and PE Isobel Caulfield for their contribution to the Bunnings BBQs.

Of course, the team leaders mentioned above would not have been able to deliver if it wasn't for the participation of all Club members. Fundraising is a key component of Club life, as it is through the funds raised that we can enhance the lives of local and international communities through education, health and improved living conditions.

My most sincere thanks to all members of the Club.

### Golf Day – PP Jim Armstrong

The annual Charity Golf Day was held on 1 March 2019 at the Cardinia Beaconsfield Golf links and was fully subscribed with 20 teams. The weather conditions were reasonable, with a shower or two dampening the golfers at times, although the rain was welcome as drought relief.

We had more teams than last year, one Gold Sponsor and two Silver Sponsors. The weather was very hot up until a front came through and brought heavy rain, so some teams had to abandon play with a few holes still to go.

Through cost-cutting measures and increased revenue, we had a profit of approximately \$14,000, which is well up on last year.

My thanks go to the whole golf day committee, but especially Bob Lay and Laurie Fenton for their tireless work. I also wish to thank all those who pitched in to help on the day in tiring conditions.

The whole day ran like clockwork and was a treat to be a part of, both socially and financially.

### Arts Screens – PP Laury Gordyn

The hire out of our art screens has seen a steady increase in the hire requests.

Our capacity to deliver and setup has been somehow impacted by an aging workforce, although the service provided a significant portion of the Club's fundraising, circa \$24,000.

To improve the experience for the Rotarians delivering the service, we are in talks with a potential buyer of the larger 3-metre screens (a school in the district) that could see the heavy screens replaced by lighter, 1 metre screens that are easy to lift and carry.

Thanks to the supportive group of Rotarians that at short notice and without fuss, volunteer to tow and set up the screens.

In a milestone for the service, PP Laury Gordyn will transfer the leadership of this activity after many years of service in which the Screens Hire fundraiser has grown from a small operation to a professional hire service used and appreciated by many organisations in the Melbourne metropolitan area. Laury will continue to be involved with the screens as a mentor to the new coordinator and towing when needed.

### Coles Collection – PP Gus Dominguez

This small but simple to carry fundraiser delivered approximately \$1000 thanks to the generosity of the public donating spare change and of the Coles supermarket Managers, who keep the collection boxes visible to the public.

The boxes are in Fountain Gate, Casey Central, Eden Rise and Berwick, With Eden Rise being the location where more donations occur.

The service could be expanded but to do this we'll have to work with the supermarkets in the design of the checkouts, as the boxes sometimes interfere with the work of the checkout attendants and supermarket management moves them from the checkouts to the customer service counter, where fewer donations are collected.

Our thanks also extend to the staff at the Beaconsfield District Community Bank for their patience dealing with the coin deposits.

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## Fundraising

### Presentation Balls – PP Peter Batterham

This is a very worthwhile project that benefits Rotary fundraising and Berwick College. This year there were 68 debutantes partnered by 64 boys (some of whom partnered two debutantes). This substantial increase in participation meant that we needed to have 3 Balls on Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 May at our usual venue; The Grand on Cathies Lane in Wantirna South. Having the extra Ball meant that the rehearsals had to be extended by 80 minutes each week.

The accounting has not yet been finalised, but the fundraising is expected to be similar to last year's amount.

Pete and Sue have enormous gratitude to those who willingly pitched in to make the project a great success this year and indeed over the past 3 years.

Rehearsals and support team: Laury Gordyn, David Grant, Betty Tudge, David Collyer, Sandi Tarant, Sue Batterham.

On the days of the Balls: MCs - Ricardo Balancy, Adrian Froggatt (with Wendy) and Gus Dominguez.

Volunteers – Sandi Tarant, David Button, David Collyer (with Rosemary), Geoff and Di Double, Adrian Funston, Bob Lay, Sam McCurdy (with Pat); Tim and Jane Moore; and Sue Batterham.

I would also like to mention a number of local businesses and service providers that supported the project;

1. Minuteman Press,
2. Desflora,
3. Miss Gowns,
4. KDPG,
5. Dance Teachers - Joanne Mills and Judy Blackhurst,
6. the Band ENVY and
7. Rebecca and John Hewatt for photography and Video production.

Essential for this project is the processing of money inputs and the prompt payment of invoices; for this I recognise the efforts of our club treasurer - Gary Castricum.

### BBQ – PP Gus Dominguez - PP Mark Caulfield

With two bookings at Bunnings Narre Warren and a function on our Council's behalf early in the Rotary year, the BBQ service delivered close to \$2,000.

With a continuous stream of people passing by the BBQ, The Bunnings BBQs have been a great opportunity for social interaction between the Club and the community. We have already secured a booking for the coming spring.

Thanks to Isobel and Mark Caulfield for the organisation of the events and to all Rotarians that contributed with their time to the successful fundraising.

### Corporate Sponsorships – PP Gus Dominguez & Robert Lay AM

The Beaconsfield District Community Bank branch of the Bendigo Bank and St John of God Hospital, Berwick are two major donors supporting the activities of the Club.

Their sponsorships deliver vital funding to the Club and are distributed among many projects including the Golf Day and Carols by Candlelight. Our sponsors are indeed generous institutions that deserve our appreciation and gratitude.

This year we saw a diminishing income in the sponsorship revenue, with a total of \$12,000 raised through this activity.





## Public Image

### Public Image Report - PP Ricardo Balancy

After two years of absolute focus on Public Image by my predecessor, Jane Moore, I did not have much to do in this portfolio except to keep the light on. From my perspective, all the key elements of a good Public Image programme were already in place to sustain us during the 2018-19 Rotary year, and I felt it more appropriate to provide the incoming Public Director with some clear air to tailor a spending programme with the 2020 District 9820 Changeover in mind. The Club will play a lead role in the organisational aspects of the event in support of our very own DGE Adrian Froggatt, and the Conference will no doubt be the centrepiece of our Public Image efforts for the coming year. My recommendation to the new Board is to plan the purchase of new promotional materials and new member gear to coincide with the event.

Continuing the work Jane began some three years ago now, we promoted the Rotary brand by telling our Rotary story and demonstrating it across the many different mediums available to us. Although I might have occupied the role of Public Image Director on the Board, our members are our public image ambassadors. It is through their deeds and conduct that we as a Club, and the Rotary brand, are perceived and judged.

From the community BBQs to the Carols, the Australia Day Celebrations, the Golf Day, The Deb Balls, the mock interviews, the working bees, the art screen hire service and the many club and community events and engagements, our members have been at the frontline promoting our Club and the Rotary brand.

We have used Facebook to share our colourful stories with our 685+ page followers and their hordes of friends. Thanks to PE Isobel and PEN David Button for their collaboration with the Facebook posts. Our weekly newsletter, the 'Spoke n Words' continues to be delivered weekly thanks to Sam McCurdy, and the positive stories are uploaded onto the RotaryBerwick.org website thanks to PE David.

In January I was interviewed on the Mauritian programme on 3zzz Public Community Radio which gave us an opportunity to reach a whole new section of the community. In March, PE Isobel

and I attended the City of Casey Service Clubs Annual Forum, and we got to record a 5 minute video telling our Rotary story as part of a promotional programme commissioned by the City of Casey to shine the light on local service clubs. The video compilation will be available shortly!!

Thanks to Di Double and PE Isobel, we have a living club brochure that gets updated twice a year and which gets distributed at all Club events and whenever there is an opportunity to promote the Club. For example, Isobel and I took the opportunity to distribute the brochure at the Service Clubs forum in March and they were very well received by Council and other Service Clubs in attendance.

The suite of uniform items created by Jane, including women's and men's business and casual shirts continue to be quite popular. Members will have the opportunity to order new uniforms very shortly, especially with the District Conference around the corner.

I take this opportunity to thank the Members of the Board, especially President Geoff, for their cooperation and patience during the year, having missed most of the meetings with conflicting study and work commitments. I also thank our members for doing what they do to keep the Rotary flame burning.

At the risk of plagiarising my predecessor, I shall conclude with the same message from last year's Annual Report (thanks Jane).

Every club member can further enhance our image by:

- promoting Rotary and its core values in what you say and do, always remembering you are an ambassador
- wearing your club polo or uniform items to our events and projects
- using the correct Rotary Club of Berwick logo on everything you produce
- Contributing news and project information to the Public Image committee so it can be publicised.
- Inviting your Facebook friends to "like" the Rotary Club of Berwick Facebook pages and sharing the posts.

I wish the incoming Board all the very best for 2019-20.



# Secretary

## Secretary Report-David Button

This was one of those years when everything happens at once. My business has been hectic. The Club presented a plethora of extraordinary challenges and, my job as the Multi-District Conference registration Chair was crazy. I like to be busy, but maybe not quite that busy. It was tough to keep it all together. The massive workload got to me in the end as I ran of time to get everything done.



I was very fortunate that many Rotarians around me jumped in to help. Vice President PP Gerald Treasure did a sterling job as interim President. PP Peter Mangan made a significant impact by drafting documents where he could. The senior members of the Club, DGE Adrian Froggatt, PDG Tim Moore, PP Jim Wilson and PP Bruce Shaw were on hand to guide, mentor and advise as were other Rotarians from other Clubs and Districts. The upsides to my personally created crisis (work, family, Rotary + more Rotary) is

that I found out more about my own limitations and also saw the internal strength of our Club. We have great people in our Club, willing to put in!

The focus of the Board has, for the most part, been to look towards the future of the Club. There has been some criticism directed to the Board that our members do not have enough opportunities to do hands-on work in the community. There has been a strong resistance to work with outside groups, which seems to centre around insurance compliance and the Rotary brand. Graham Johnstone with some help from DGE Adrian Froggatt has been working on the insurance compliance issues. The insurers of Rotary have updated many insurance policy conditions, which means there is significant work to be done to meet the requirements. This includes ensuring all members in contact with minors has a Form 3 declaration. These changes affect all Districts and Clubs in Australia and are not isolated to just District 9820. Graham has made significant progress in this area.



## Volunteering

There are many ways that people can volunteer for different causes these days. It is important that our Club looks for opportunities to partner or be involved with other groups to expand our appeal as a service organisation while bringing fresh ideas into the Club and perhaps potential members. Rotary gives its members a pathway to donate their time in a wide range of areas while enjoying a common bond which is just being a Rotarian. Through just being in Rotary, I have been able to be involved in many local projects, international projects and oddly enough projects from other Rotary Clubs and Districts..

### Charity Bike Ride

A number of Club members and Rotaract were involved in a bike charity ride, raising \$8000 for a young girl with cerebral palsy. This could have easily been a Rotary project. We turned up as Rotarians and had a terrific day out chasing bike riders around Westernport Bay. This was one of the best experiences for me of the year.

### Donations in Kind

Occasionally I get a call to pickup donations to take to Donations in Kind in West Footscray. I have done two deliveries this year with Computer monitors (Diana Gomez Fullaway), Medical equipment (David Cutler), Sports scarves (Cheryl Zuhlsdorff), Glasses (Jim Armstrong) and Computers (Nossal through Mark Humphries). I still have in my garage a full dental chair and x-ray as well as two pallets of school books (ex Nossal library), a wheelchair and a hospital bed. My most exciting job was arranged by Cheryl Zuhlsdorff. It was a storage room full of sports scarfs donated by the Melbourne Rebels.

One Saturday morning, David Cutler and I went down to a storage facility in Richmond. It was like Fort Knox! We were met by an official from the Melbourne Rebels and shown where the boxes were. Cheryl had sent me a few photos and, it looked like a carload. Well, she must have taken the photo from a long way off as it ended up a whole truckload! David and I were eagerly met at Donations in Kind to unload. It was a very satisfying mornings work,





## Foundation

### International and Foundation Report - Di Double

The 2018-2019 Rotary year began with Club members Geoff Double, David Button and myself joining Roger Thornton, Greg Peck (from the RC of Pakenham), Doug Hemmingway (RC of Port Melbourne) and David Dippie ('Mr DIK' from the RC of Keilor), taking part in a Friendship Exchange to Balibo, a small village in Timor Leste.

Balibo achieved notoriety as the site of the killing of five Australian-based journalists now known as the Balibo Five, by Indonesian forces in 1975 during an incursion by Indonesia into what was then Portuguese Timor.

In 2003, our Victorian Government purchased the house where the five journalists had stayed. They renovated it and gifted it to the community... as the Balibo Community Learning Centre (known to many as Balibo House or The Australian Flag House). Balibo CLC has been responsive to the needs of the local community. They have delivered practical training in textiles, motor mechanics, carpentry and woodworking and computer skills. There is also a gift shop selling craft produced by a local women's co-op as well as a cafeteria. The centre hosts a memorial room dedicated to the Balibo Five and the local people killed during the Indonesian occupation of Timor Leste.

The Balibo Dental Clinic is also housed in this building and has been in operation for almost 3 years. It is staffed by volunteer dentists from Australia. Dependent on volunteer availability, the clinic operates approximately four to five times a year. The clinic also employs two Timorese dental assistants to support the dentists and help with translation. The assistants gain valuable work experience and also help deliver oral health prevention and education programs in the community throughout the year. Our Club was instrumental in supplying the clinic with one of its dental chairs, and it was fantastic to see it in use during our visit.

The Balibo township is home to a 400-year-old fort, which was the scene of several battles during the Indonesian invasion in 1975. The fort has recently (2016) been converted into a Hotel, and we were fortunate to be staying in the Fort Hotel during our stay in Balibo. Our Club gave significant

financial support to fit-out the Conference Centre which has recently been completed at the Fort, which we were shown through during our visit.

During our time in Balibo, we visited over 20 kindergartens, schools, and one boarding house/orphanage, delivering pencils, books, paper, toys, sewing material, wooden blocks, first aid kits and computers, all of which were sent from Australia through Donations in Kind (DIK), and many of these resources were delivered to DIK by members of our Club, under the watchful eye of David Button and his truck.



One of the highlights of our time in Balibo was visiting the site of the new school, which was being built when we were there, in Belola. The Balibo Trust, in partnership with a number of Rotary Clubs and 'Spend it Well', were in the final stages of building this 3 roomed school, complete with a teacher's office, toilets and a rainwater tank. DIK, with our Club's assistance, provided the furniture and other resources for the school and in March this year, the Belola Prep-2 School was officially opened. The school

has the capacity to hold 100 students, and at present approximately 60 students attend the school, and they now are now receiving an education; an opportunity they would not have had without the generosity of our Club.

At present, our Club has put aside \$3000 in the hope we can, through the support of PDG Charlie Speirs, receive a matching grant so that we can make a life-long difference to the lives of the students and teachers at Rauli School (near Balibo).

Both David and Geoff visited this school during our visit to Balibo. This is the school which left the greatest impression on those who visited it and those of us who heard about the conditions which children are learning in and dedicated teachers are teaching in. These happy, smiling, eager to learn students, are working in ruins, on dirt floors, with dilapidated, barely readable blackboards, and the list goes on and on. However, it was the fact that there is no power, the



## Foundation grants

The Foundation awarded \$86,677,399 in funding to 1,306 grants during fiscal year 2018. Here is a breakdown of causes the grants supported.



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nearest water is around 2km away from the school and that there are no toilets that left the greatest impact on us all. As part of our ongoing commitment to support Balibo and its surrounds, it is hoped that this matching grant can come to fruition, and that water and toilets can be available at this school in the near future.

### The Solomon Islands Dental Clinic

The Solomon Islands has a population of 625,000 scattered over more than 900 islands and is internationally rated as one of the poorest nations on this planet. Its GDP (wealth) is ranked 173rd out of 185 countries. It has a high unemployment rate and suffers from a high incidence of tooth decay, gum disease and an Oral Cancer rate that is one of the highest in the world.

The National Referral Hospital (NRH) receives the most acute medical cases from all over the country. Currently, the Hospital provides dental services out of a caravan donated years ago by Canada and, with the closure in 2017 of the prosthetics lab (false teeth making) due to the risk of injury posed by precarious tools, the service is reduced to the last resort treatment of dental extractions.

After an initial visit in September 2017 by PP Gus Dominguez and PP David Goldsmith (RC Ballarat West), to establish the actual need, the Rotary Clubs of Berwick and Ballarat West signed an agreement in 2018 with the Solomon Islands Government to provide the dental department with modern equipment and facilities to run dental services to a population ravaged by poverty and the consumption of betel nut, a cultural curse affecting the health of a large part of the community.

In early 2019, a 20-foot container was delivered to the NRH with the assistance of the Rotary Club of Honiara. The contents included:

Eight A-dec Cascade dental chair operating units with curing lights and scaler connections (replacement cost >\$250,000)

16 dental stools, 7 Amalgamators, models trimmers, denture polishing unit, lathes, X-ray developers, electrosurgery machine, Hi-Vac suction trolley, Oil-free compressor and central

suction motors

A large amount of general medical supplies and 6 sewing machines.

The 8 dental chairs and complementary equipment was donated by the Royal Adelaide Hospital through Donations In Kind. A skilled bio-technician travelled with Dr Goldsmith to install the chairs and to teach local bio-technicians to perform chair installations and maintenance, building local capability and capacity. At the time of this report, 3 chairs and a prosthetic lab are operational.

The sustainability of the service is assured, as it is run by the NRH through the employment of more than 20 dentists and who, without this project, would lose their skills as they cannot practice their profession.

Another delivery is scheduled for August 2019 providing cabinetry, sterilisation, x-ray and other equipment, while more volunteers will visit the Hospital to perform electrical, plumbing and cabinetry installation work in the building. All this equipment, except the cabinetry which is still to be acquired, is currently stored at the homes of Gus, David Button and David Goldsmith.

There is a need to equip the building with a cyclone-proof roof and a waiting area platform in the centre of the building, for which further fundraising will be sought in 2019.

I would like to acknowledge all the work done by Gus with this project. His ongoing commitment and passion to see this through is commendable.

### SkyHydrants in the Philippines

In 2016 PDG Tim Moore submitted an application for a global grant to provide clean, safe drinking water to communities in the Philippines. Our Club has committed over \$7000 and, together with District Designated Funds (DDF) from District 9820, this project is about to commence.

As well as providing clean water, this project will also train suitable local people in the Philippines in the setup and use of the SkyHydrant water purification systems. This training will ensure the SkyHydrants are maintained and serviced for the life of the equipment.

The SkyHydrants, donated and provided by the work of Disaster Aid Australia and the Sky Juice



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Foundation, will be located in communities to provide safe and clean drinking water. Each member of the community over the next 10 years will benefit.

Educating locals in sanitation is part of the installation and maintenance training provided to local communities.

The recipients of the training will be trained in the basic design and function of the units, in basic sanitation practices and will be able to identify the best practice of location and setup of the units. They will also have hands-on practice on using the units in the local environment and gain knowledge in assembling, servicing and long term maintenance of the units.

Over the next few months, we will hear more about this project as things start to happen in the Philippines. Another outstanding project which the Rotary Club of Berwick is involved in and one we must thank Tim, the driving force behind it, for.

### The Rotary Foundation

The Rotary Foundation (TRF) and its many programmes are supported through contributions from the Rotary Club of Berwick and through individual Rotarians.

Under the 'Every Rotarian, Every Year' programme Rotarians are encouraged to give something to the Foundation, and contributions are recognised as follows:

Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member: a commitment to give US\$100 annually

Centurion: a commitment to give AU \$100 annually

Paul Harris Fellow (PHF): accumulated contribution of US\$1,000

Multiple PHF – for each cumulative US\$1,000

Paul Harris Society: a commitment to give US\$1000 annually

Major Donor – accumulated giving reaches US\$10,000 (level one – further recognition is given at higher levels)

Contributions to the Annual Fund, Polio, the Permanent Fund and some other approved grant activities are all eligible for recognition

Rotarians can also make contributions to the Permanent Fund in their will. Those pledging US\$1,000 will be recognised as a benefactor, and those pledging US\$10,000 will be recognised as a Bequest Society member.

When either a club or an individual has contributed US\$1,000 to TRF, a Paul Harris Fellow may be designated. Many clubs present Paul Harris Fellows to a worthy Rotarian or a member of their community who embodies the Rotary ideal of "Service above Self". Throughout the world over one million people proudly wear the PHF pin to celebrate the work of the Rotary Foundation

I would like to thank David Grant, who has worked tirelessly to ensure every member of our Club has the opportunity to give to the Rotary Foundation through the Centurion Club. David has kept all records up to date and given timely reminders to all members.

### Charlie Speirs' DG Partner's Project

PDG Charlie Speirs' DG Partner's Project for this Rotary year was to make sure that every child in the world has clean drinking water. The ability to be able to drink clean water leads to an improvement in attendance at school, which in turn leads to better education and the chance for communities to get out of a cycle of poverty. Charlie explained that Foundation has \$1 million sitting in the bank for Districts to use for District and Global projects.

Therefore, his aim was to raise \$15,000, which can be expanded by Foundation through a Global Grant, to facilitate the purchase and installation of SkyHydrants where they are needed most. To support Charlie with his goal, Foundation Tubes were placed on tables at meetings for members to fill, with all donations to be presented to PDG Charlie at the end of the year for his project. The Club will add to this amount to ensure PDG Charlie is on track to achieve his goal. I would like to thank all members of our Club for the work they have done this year, and I wish all the best to PP Jack Kraan who will be taking over this role in 2019-2020.





## Membership

### Membership Report- PP Jim Wilson

Since taking on the membership role in January 2019, the focus has been on:

- developing a committed membership team;
- reinvigorate the Club and get it back on the path to vibrancy; and
- developing some practical membership initiatives for an early start in Isobel's year.

We would have liked to develop the "Membership Plan" further, but practically we need to do much more thinking work around what we want to achieve as a club before we put pen to paper. As a club, we need to commit to membership attraction, retention and development.

Tim Moore completed some excellent work last year with the satisfaction survey, and I think we should re-visit some of that when we contemplate finalising the Membership Plan.

### Membership Numbers

In July 2017 the Rotary Club of Berwick had 62 members. In July 2018 we had 63.

At the time of writing the report in June 2019, our number is now 50. Since July 2017, we have had 18 leave the Club and 6 new members. In this Rotary Year we have decreased by 13, these being:

Lea & Steve Paton leaving the Club

Doug & Rhonda Anderson wanted to move north for Doug's health.

Jim & Viv Armstrong transferred to the E-club

Trevor Bailey also moved north for health reasons and joined Rotary Club of Nambour.

Rod Bowman transferred to the Rotary Club of Inveloch

Jeremy Jones resigned

And called to higher service were:

Peter Mangan;

Murray Newby and

Bill Minns (the last of the founding members of the Club)

It is highly likely before the end of this year we will have the transfer of Roger Thorton completed which will boost our number to 51.

### Members Called to Higher Service

#### Peter Mangan

**"got things done with great diligence and a minimum of fuss."**

Peter Mangan, passed away at the age of 69, on Friday, 28 December 2018.



He had a long association with Rotary and was a member of several different Clubs, becoming President of the Rotary Club of Ballarat and Secretary of Echuca Moama. He joined Berwick in 2009 and served as Treasurer for two years. He was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship in 2013.

Born on 30 May 1949 in Geelong. Peter attended St Mary's Primary School, Christian College, Geelong West Technical School, Gordon Institute and finally RMIT.

He married his wife Kate in Geelong on 1 July 1989. The marriage included 12-year old step-daughter Shavelle, who had effectively brought them together.

Peter's association with Local Government began at the age of 25 in 1974. He held senior administrative positions with several different Shire Councils, including Finance Officer, Deputy Shire Secretary, Shire Secretary, Chief Executive Officer, General Manager of Corporate Strategies at the City of Ballarat. He also provided consulting services to local government bodies.

Peter had great character and was quick-witted, loyal, meticulous, pragmatic and very professional. He was a gentleman, and members of the Rotary Club of Berwick are proud to have known him.



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### Murray Newby



#### **“a man of quiet action.”**

Murray Newby passed away peacefully on Saturday 19 January, aged 88 years, at Cabrini Hospital in Malvern.

Murray joined Rotary in 1975 and served as President and Secretary on several occasions with different Rotary Clubs. He devoted a lot of time to various youth programs, such as International Youth Exchange, and he was presented with a Paul Harris Fellowship (PHF) for his work in this area. Murray and Dawn were host parents to several international exchange students. He also assisted senior students in preparing for work by conducting mock interviews.

A large crowd of mourners attended his funeral service at Tobin Brothers Chapel in Berwick, on Friday 25 January.

Murray was born in Melbourne on 10 July 1930, although he grew up in Mallacoota in East Gippsland. He studied at Bairnsdale School of Mines and Swinburne College.

He worked as a civil engineer and surveyor for several councils including Mulgrave, Orbost, Dandenong and La Trobe. While working for Dandenong Council, he met his wife-to-be Dawn, and they married in Dandenong in 1964.

Eventually, they purchased 10 acres in Traralgon West and built a new home there. They lived happily on the farm for many years, as their family grew.

He was a man of quiet action, and members of the Rotary Club of Berwick are honoured to have known him.

### Bill Minns

**“a club legend, a committed Rotarian with 50 years plus of service.”**



Bill Minns passed away 22 May 2019 at the age of 91.

Bill was born in Preston on 14 November 1928 and moved to Berwick with his family at the age of 12. Bill was 8-years old when his father died, leaving his wife to raise four children. As the eldest, Bill had to take on the responsibility of looking after his siblings.

Later Bill's mother re-married, and four more siblings were added to the family, this meant Bill had to shoulder responsibility for others early in his life.

In 1943, Bill commenced work as an apprentice motor mechanic. During his apprenticeship, he learned to fly a Tiger Moth aeroplane and actually obtained his pilot's license before he was allowed to drive a car.

He married the love of his life, Joyce Brown, on 14 May 1949 and they subsequently had two daughters, Julie and Karen.

Unfortunately, Joyce passed away in 2015 after a long illness.

Bill set up his own business in Berwick in 1961, as the “Neptune Service Station and Workshop. Later in 1969, he built a new business as the Amoco Service Station, which he operated until he retired from ill health in 1986.

At Bill's funeral. Bill's brother, Arthur Ford, gave an intimate summary of Bill's personality. He stated that he always looked up to Bill. Bill actually set up a financial plan that enabled Arthur to attend Oakleigh Technical School, and he was always available to provide him with advice and support.

Arthur mentioned that their mum passed away at the age of 90 years, and Bill had always said that he would beat his mum's achievement. In fact, he managed to beat it by 1 year, passing away at the age of 91.

PP Adrian Funston also provided a moving account of their friendship and of Bill's relationship with the Rotary Club of Berwick. Bill was a founding member and President of the Club in the year 1969-1970.

The rotunda in Pioneers Park was named in his honour, in 2015.



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In addition to his work with Rotary, Bill contributed to the community in many ways: He was a committee member of Berwick State School for four years He was a volunteer firefighter with the Berwick Country Fire Authority for many years Bill was also a member of the Berwick Progress Association in the 1950s, a member of the Berwick Chamber of Commerce and a committee member of the Berwick Football Club. Bill was a legend in and around the Rotary Club of Berwick.

### Rotaract

Our Rotaract Liaison was Jen Marshall, and the Rotary Club of Berwick has continued building a strong relationship with Casey-Cardinia Rotaract. The 2019 Council on Legislation amended the constitutional documents of Rotary International to include Rotaract clubs as a membership type of Rotary International. This action elevates Rotaract and positions Rotary for a future that is innovative, inclusive, and adapting to the world around us. Rotary International is composed of its member clubs. The enactment, 19-72 in 2019 Council on Legislation, broadens the definition of membership to include both Rotary and Rotaract clubs. It elevates Rotaract clubs by acknowledging them in the RI Constitution and RI Bylaws as a unique membership type within RI. Rotaract clubs will still have their own standard constitution and will remain a separate club membership type from Rotary clubs. But by being recognised in the constitutional documents, Rotaract clubs will enjoy greater support from RI. This action shows that Rotary International recognises the unique value Rotaract brings to our organisation. Does this mean Rotaractors automatically become Rotarians? Actually No, Members of Rotary clubs are Rotarians, and members of Rotaract clubs remain Rotaractors.

### Training

Unfortunately, no ongoing training was conducted "in-house" for RCOB new members. However, I strongly commend that the STAR programme be reinstated for our Club. Members, new and old, can still avail themselves of Leadership Training and other district training programs. Conference and District Assembly attendance are valuable ways to gain information not only about how Rotary works, but about how other clubs function and the projects they do.

### Satellite Club

There has been little action this year in continuing with a satellite club.





## Treasurer

### Treasurer Report - Gary Castricum

At the time of preparing this report, we are nearing the end of the financial year and now have a good picture of how the Club has performed financially.

The Club's fund raising efforts have been very successful in 2018-19, increasing 25% despite discontinuing the Farmers Market and the South East Feast. Overall income from Projects was over \$190,000 with a surplus available for donation of over \$66,000. Fund raising projects including Deb Balls, Art Screens and the Golf Day which are run by members were the largest contributors to this surplus.

Our Club was fortunate to maintain generous financial sponsorship support from the St John of God Hospital and the Bendigo Bank.

### Major events

Major events which were run and manned by Club members for our local community - Carols by Candlelight and Australia Day, also contributed a small financial surplus. The Club's Board has decided to set aside a provision from this year's surplus to cover bad weather events which could adversely affect future such Events.

### Donations

This year, the Berwick Rotary Club has already donated \$4600 to Rotary programs NYSE, RYLA, MUNA and DIK. Members continued their support for the Sky Juice Programme with \$1146 and the Solomon's Island Dental Project with \$10,290. This leaves a further \$50,000 for the Club to support worthy local community and international programmes in 2018-19.

### Club accounts

The Club's Accounts were migrated onto QuickBooks on the Cloud at the start of the financial year. This allows Club Officers and Accounts Reviewer to sign into the Berwick Rotary Accounts remotely via the internet. The System is easy to use and well suited to Rotary's needs. It is linked to the Club's Bank accounts with transactions automatically updated on the system. Invoicing is streamlined with all invoices delivered by email. General Club Membership Accounts and Projects, while operated from separate bank accounts, have been integrated into the one reporting and accounting system. During this year, the Club opted for a card only payment system for meals which greatly assisted those on meeting attendance, and reduced work required by the Treasurer. More recently, the Club

has been considering moving to a Pay as you GO system for meals and attendance charges. The present invoicing system is very labour intensive, confusing and often results in disputed charges to members. Certainly the role of Club Treasurer will be made much less time consuming with the proposed Pay as you GO system. The introduction of GST and a Quarterly BAS Return for the Berwick Rotary Club has placed a further element to the role of Treasurer.

### Jokers Wild and Sergeant fines

The support of Club members for Jokers Wild and Sergeant at Arms has contributed about \$3200 to the Clubs provision for the District Conference in 2020.

I would like to thank Di Double, Steve Paton and Isobel Caulfield for managing meeting payments and attendance each week.

Assuming role of Treasurer was certainly challenging with the introduction of a new accounting system and the loss of our President early in the financial year. I am confident however, that simplified accounts structure and the new system has now reduced the complexity and time required for the role. The change proposed for meal payments will also greatly assist. With the continued support of Club members and officials, I have agreed to undertake the role of Treasurer for a further year.

Distributions	Current	Future Projects Account
Total available	71,745\$	\$33,600
Australian Rotary Health	\$2,000	
Balibo Project		\$3,000
Berwick & District Benevolent Society	\$1,500	
Berwick College	\$10,000	
Community Event Disaster Provision		\$4,000
DG Partner Project 2019	\$2,500	
DG Partner Project 2020		\$2,500
District Grant		\$2,000
Donations in Kind	\$585	
Donations in Kind	\$1,415	
The Rotary Foundation	\$5,853	
Kids on track	\$5,000	
Kids Under Cover	\$3,000	
Major Projects Initiative Provision		\$4,000
Member Sponsored Projects 2019-20		\$4,000
Mick Morland Memorial Award		\$2,000
MUNA	\$780	

Distributions	Current	Future Projects Account
NYSF	\$2,403	
Rotaract - Training	\$700	
Rotary Polio Project	\$4,000	
Rotary Skyjuice Project	\$1,147	
RYLA	\$1,440	
Schhol Awards	\$900	
Solomon Island Dental Project to be Paid 2019-20		\$13,000
Solomon Island Dental Project Paid 2018-19		\$10,291
Special Needs Disco	\$1,000	
St John of God Hospital	\$9,000	
Vocational Awards		\$2,000
Women's Property Initiative	\$3,000	
Transfer to Future Projects Provision	\$13,500	-\$13,500
TOTAL COMMITTED \$103,013	\$69,723	\$33,291



 **51**  
MEMBERS

 **20**  
LOCAL PROJECTS  
& FUNDRAISERS

 **3**  
INTERNATIONAL  
PROJECTS

The Rotary Club of Berwick members work hard to make the club run as an important part of the City of Casey community. Each member has unique skills that can be applied to a project or passed on to others in a project.

"It is well that there is nothing in Rotary so sacred that it cannot be set aside in favor of things better."  
Rotary founder-Paul Harris 1936



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