



Rotary Club of Salamanca Inc

Rotary Year 2020-2021

Annual Report



Club Board 2020 - 2021

President: Pam Scott

Immediate Past President: Gerry McGushin

President Elect: Mellissa Harvey

Secretary: Sue Scott

Treasurer: Tom Goninon

Directors

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Fun Fellowship and Membership: Anne Palmer and Wilmar Bouman

Public Relations: Ruth Temple-Smith

Rotary Foundation: Susan Hepburn

Projects: Gillian Whitehouse

Rotary Club of Salamanca - Presidents				
Year	President		Year	President
1993-1994	Fiona Buchan		2007-2008	Finian MacCana
1994-1995	Ian Scott		2008-2009	Anne Palmer
1995-1996	Leone Gregory		2009-2010	Michael Woods
1996-1997	Wolf Ebert		2010-2011	Rosanne Burton-Smith
1997-1998	Jill Savell		2011-2012	Tony Colman
1998-1999	Barry Cruise		2012-2013	Wilmar Bouman
1999-2000	Chris Ellis		2013-2014	Irene Gray
2000-2001	Cecilia Lawler		2014-2015	Susan Hepburn
2001-2002	Bruce Lipscombe		2015-2016	Ainstie Wagner
2002-2003	Irene Gray		2016-2017	Keith Scott
2003-2004	Andrew Gray		2017-2018	Karen Badcock
2004-2005	Gill Whitehouse		2018-2019	Ruth Temple-Smith
2005-2006	Di Stow		2019-2020	Gerry McGushin
2006-2007	Christine Andrews		2020-2021	Pam Scott

President's Report

Firstly I would like to thank the 2020-21 Board for their support, dedication to their portfolios and wise advice during the year. It has been a team effort in a year that was like no other, not only for Rotary but for people and organisations around the world.

As a result of COVID pandemic the club moved to meeting via Zoom during the times when group gatherings were not permitted. Whilst this was not the same as face to face it did allow club members to keep in touch. Once face to face meetings resumed we were asked to have our meetings at the Botanical Gardens to make catering easier as no other groups had yet resumed at the Hobart Function Centre. This venue has continued to be our meeting place and will be for the time being.

Many of our activities for the year will be described by others later in this Annual report but I would like to mention just a few here.

In light of changes at the Rotary International level we reviewed and revised the Club Constitution and By Laws. Thanks must go to Mike Woods and Ruth Temple-Smith in particular for persevering with this challenging project. Thanks also to David Wallace for his legal opinions on the wording.

We also reviewed the Club Strategic Plan and conducted a club survey to see what members thought about the club and areas of focus for the year ahead. Membership and Fund raising were high on the list, as well as having fun while we worked!

Again because of COVID our opportunities for funding raising were very limited but eventually we secured more Bunnings barbecues and extended our catering expertise to groups staying at The Lea Scout Camp. We did run the Bookfest again as a major fundraising project and that involved many members of the club (thank you!) but could not have happened without the efforts of Gerry and Sally McGushin to whom the club is indebted for all they did to prepare, store, sort and transport the books. Thank you, Gerry and Sally!

On a sad note we lost a very valued club member in Tony Colman in October 2020. Tony epitomised Rotary and was a past Club President, a Past Assistant Governor, Past District Governor and a Paul Harris Fellow. Tony, and his dry, quirky humour, is sorely missed at the Club. There is a further tribute to Tony later in the Annual Report.

At Christmas 2020 we were able to renew our connection with Ronald McDonald House and provided a breakfast for those staying at the house.

We also re-instigated our New Members afternoon/evening with a very congenial gathering to welcome our newest members and inform them about Rotary in general and the Rotary Club of Salamanca. Thank you to Cassie van Grey for opening her home for this event.

As a first step in seeking new members we created a brochure to advertise the club. The brochure has since been used as a template by other clubs to create their own version. Since the brochure we have also added flyers to our advertising material.

Thank you once again to the 2020-21 Board and to club members for their support and contributions during the year. I wish Mellissa Harvey and her Board all the best for the coming year.

Pam Scott
President, Rotary Club of Salamanca, 2020/2021

Financial Report

The financial accounts of the club are divided between the “General account” and the “Service account”. All funds raised from the public are deposited in the “Service account”, from which they are directed to service projects whereas most funds raised from club members are deposited in the “General account” and are used in the running of the Club.

Service Account

The amount brought forward from the 2019/2021 period was \$17 812.82. The table below shows the income and expenditure for each program as of 11th June 2020. The reconciled account balance for the same date was \$27 729.55.

Rotary Club of Salamanca Service Account Profit and Loss as of 11 June 2021				
Receipts	Account Fee		\$6.00	accf
	Australian Rotary Health		\$1960.00	ARH
	Bookfest		\$7969.23	SHBS
	Bunnings BBQ		\$3398.38	BBQ
	Clinical School BBQ		\$0.00	CSB
	End Polio		\$215.00	EP
	Five Cent Collections		\$486.70	FC
	Flower Show		\$515.28	FS4
	Interplast		\$3123.36	IP
	Lea Camp Catering		\$9263.47	LC
	Rotary Foundation		\$344.00	RF
	Rotary Youth Leadership Awards		\$950.00	RYLA
	Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment		\$250.00	RYPEN
	Shoes for Homeless		\$1000.00	Shoes
	Wrong Account		\$517.40	WA
	Total Receipts			\$29998.82
Expenditure	Account Fee	\$48.00		Accf
	Australian Rotary Health	\$2000.00		ARH
	Clinical School BBQ	\$134.19		CSB
	End Polio	\$215.00		EP
	Interplast	\$3623.36		IP
	National Youth Science Forum	\$950.00		NYSF
	Ronald McDonald House BBQ	\$192.20		RM
	Rotary Foundation	\$2700.00		RF
	Rotary Youth Leadership Awards	\$950.00		RYLA
	Sandy Bay Regatta	\$363.00		Regatta
	Achievement Awards	\$2500.00		SA
	Shoes for the Homeless	\$4650.00		Shoes
	Vocational Awards	\$301.00		VA
	Windward Bound	\$847.95		WB
	Wrong Account	\$517.40		WA
	Yenesew	\$90.00		Yen
Total Expenses			\$20082.10	
Profit/Loss			\$9916.72	
Bank Reconciliation as at	11 June 2021			
Opening Balance 1st July 2020			\$17812.82	
Add Income	\$29998.82			
Less Expense	\$20082.10			
Cashbook Closing Balance as at	11 June 2021		\$27729.54	
Bank account Balance as at	11 June 2021		\$27729.55	

General Account

The amount brought forward from 2020/21 was \$186.41. The table below shows the income and expenditure for each program as of 13th June, 2021. The reconciled account balance for the same date was \$1616.24.

NB The transactions recorded under 'Wrong Account' relate to payments received through the 'Square' device which allows the Club to receive payments by card. The device is linked to the Club's General Account thus any payments received from fundraising ventures must be transferred to the Service Account

Rotary Club of Salamanca General Account Profit and Loss as of 13 June 2021				
Receipts				
	Account Fee		\$18.00	AccF
	Administration		\$200.00	admin
	Changeover dinner		\$1250.00	CoD21
	Christmas Function		\$1754.14	xmas
	Donation		\$24.40	don
	Fines		\$1097.10	Fines
	Guess Who's Coming to Dinner		\$640.00	GWCTD
	Heads and Tails		\$1574.13	H&T
	Meals		\$21832.84	Meals
	Member services		\$20.00	mem
	Member subs		\$7546.38	Subs
Wrong Account		\$7662.55	WA	
			\$43619.54	
Expenditure	Account Fee	\$40.50		AccF
	Administration	\$970.48		Admin
	Audit	\$275.00		Audit
	Christmas Function	\$1920.00		xmas
	District Dues	\$1724.91		DD
	District Insurance	\$1251.90		Ins
	Guess Who's Coming to Dinner	\$150.00		GWCTD
	Meals	\$22753.00		Meals
	Member Services	\$566.37		mem
	R I Dues	\$3227.00		Ridues
	Rotary Down Under Magazine	\$928.00		RDU
	Samsung tablet	\$220.00		tablet
	Web	\$374.00		web
	Wrong Account	\$7662.55		WA
	Zoom meeting expenses	\$126.00		Zoom
	Total Expenses		\$42189.71	
	Profit/Loss		\$1429.83	
	Bank Reconciliation as at	13 June 2021		
	Opening Balance 1st July 2020		\$186.41	
	Add Income	\$43619.54		
	Less Expense	\$42189.71		
	Cashbook Closing Balance as at	13 June 2021	\$1616.24	
	Bank account Balance as at	13 June 2021	\$1616.24	

Administration

Guest Speakers

Coordinated by Steve Barker, the Club enjoyed presentations by a diversity of excellent speakers during 2020-2021. Subject matter included charitable and community outreach programs, scientific talks, club member presentations, and feedback from participants in Rotary programs sponsored by the Club. The Guest Speaker Program is vital for making Club meetings attractive to new members.

Rotary Club of Salamanca Guest Speakers 2019 - 2020		
Date	Guest Speaker	Topic
14/7/20	Dr Pat Baines	Dementia Australia - Making a Dementia Friendly Community
21/7/20	Jules Carroll	Relationships Australia - More Than Marriage Counselling
28/7/20	Tim Leonard	University of Tasmania - 3D Printing PPE for COVID-19
11/8/20	Hugh Barker	RV Investigator - The Ship and its Work
18/8/20	Jeff Bednell	Homeless in Hobart
25/8/20	Simon Terhill	St Vincent de Paul - Louis Van After Hours Mobile Support
8/9/20	Jake Vincent	Stroke Foundation - Stroke Education
15/9/20	Amanda French	Dress for Success
22/9/20	Sarah de Jong	100 Hearts: A Kindness Project
29/9/20	Michael Plunkett	District 9830 District Govenor
13/10/20	Alex Luttrell	RACT - Hobart Mobility Plan
20/10/20	No meeting in line of Group 1 Forum on 19th October	
27/10/20	Dr Colin Smith and Holly Taylor	National Skin Cancer Centres - Skin Cancer
10/11/20	Deb Sealy and Val Manuel-Pillai	Interplast
17/11/20	Pat Flanagan	Hospice Volunteers
24/11/20	Vocational Awards Presentations	
8/12/20	Dr Clive McMahon	University of Tasmania - Seal Tracking
15/12/20	No meeting in lieu of Christmas Function held in the evening	
19/1/21	Jenny Kerrison	Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM)
26/1/21	No meeting - Australia Day	Melbourne Cup breakfast
16/2/21	Luzie Gillard	Report on her involvement in 2021 National Youth Science Forum
23/2/21	Emily West	A report on a year in the USA as a Rotary Youth Exchange student
6/4/21	Mellissa Harvey	Royal Hobart Hospital K Block and COVID-19 preparations

Rotary Club of Salamanca Guest Speakers 2019 - 2020		
Date	Guest Speaker	Topic
13/4/21	Alison Matthews of Standby	Post Suicide
20/4/21	Chelsea Emery	Ronald McDonald House
27/4/21	Ursula Taylor CEO Derwent Estuary Program	Managing the Health of the Estuary
1/5/21	Edna Pennicot	Helping Hands
18/5/21	Carole and Robert Higgins	Foodbank Tasmania
25/5/21	Penny Egan	Cancer Council
8/6/21	Alan Gifford President Association for the Identification of Spoken Language	Spoken Language Identification Program
15/6/21	Benedict Bartl and Alex Bomford	Tenants' Union
22/6/21	No meeting - Changeover Dinner in evening	
29/6/21	Philipa Hay	R.A.N.
	First Tuesday of each month	Club Forum

Anne Palmer proposed that a more generous gift for guest speakers be approved by the Board. Currently speakers are offered a monogrammed pen. Tasmanian produce was one suggestion. Budget implications for this change will need consideration, and a decision will be carried over into the new Rotary year.

Club Sergeant and Fines

In his role of sergeant-at-arms and fines master Gerry McGushin added levity and lightheartedness with jokes, quizzes and funny fines to an otherwise grim year of pandemic.

Meeting Venue Change

During Tasmania's COVID 19 lockdown period the Club experienced for the first time online Zoom meetings in May and June 2020. The Club resumed face-to-face-meetings on 23rd June 2020 at Succulent Restaurant, Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens. This change was in response to a request from the owners of the Elizabeth Street Function Centre. Club membership voted to make this a permanent change of venue for the Rotary Club of Salamanca. Discussions have been held regarding Salamanca Club signage, as well as marking our presence in The Gardens with a tree commemorating the centenary of Rotary in Australia.

Board meetings have continued using Zoom as a more convenient *modus operandi*, funded until November 2021 by District. Board members have largely mastered the e-format and meetings have been successfully conducted over several months.

Club Roster

With current membership at 27 James Graham reported that filling the duty roster for meetings was becoming increasingly difficult. In response the Director proposed a revision of roles for running meetings. Greeting and introducing guests to the President, and thanking the guest speaker were added to the

Chair's duties; while Steward 2 now takes on the Corporal duties formerly the responsibility of Steward 3. In this way the roster was rationalised to include one less person. Steward 1 duties remain unchanged.

At the request of the Speaker Coordinator, meeting duties for the holder of this portfolio are now limited to Chair, since the other steward duties are incompatible with the Coordinator's responsibilities of making guest speakers welcome, shepherding them during the meeting, setting up audio-visual equipment and organising presentation of gifts and letters of thanks.

Protection Officer

Val Manuepillai reports that the majority of Club members have secured Working with Vulnerable People certification. This endorsement is essential for a number of the programs the Club routinely runs during each Rotary year, specifically youth programs and any which might involve aged individuals and those with disabilities. Obtaining certification is members' individual responsibility and involves a fee.

Uniforms and Club Name Badges

Susan Hepburn and Anne Palmer were responsible for these items during the 2020-2021 Rotary Year.

High visibility vests with the name of the Club on the back were obtained in several sizes for the Club's community service program at the Brooke Street Twilight Market where Club members collect COVID19-relevant contact information from the public. The vests will also be used at fundraising events such as parking administration at the Sandy Bay Regatta and at outdoor catering.

Several new members to the Club during the 2020-2021 Rotary Year received name badges. Personal name badges assist in new members and visitors to the Club become familiar with the Club's membership, so it is important for all members to wear them at meetings as well as at other Rotary gatherings.

Club Archives

Administered by Ruth Temple-Smith and Jane Keble-Williams the Club's archives include paper-based and electronic documents. The Club website also holds potential historically important Club information, as do the weekly Club Bulletins, edited by Jane Keble-Williams.

In celebration of the Centenary of Rotary in Australia, previous Club members over Salamanca's three-decade history have been identified including the incoming Governor of Tasmania.

Budget Control and Fundraising

With the advent of the COVID19 pandemic, the Club's regular fundraising events during the 2020-2021 Rotary Year were severely curtailed. These included Sandy Bay Regatta parking, Bunnings Barbecues and floral show catering. Consequently the Club's budget which includes several ongoing financial commitments to Rotary and other regular programs, as well as one-off requests for financial support, required critical attention from the Treasurer, Club President, and Board during June – December 2020 in particular. Requests outside the Club's regular financial commitments undergo an established decision-tree process of evaluation.

With Tasmania free from COVID 19 outbreaks during the latter half of 2020, restrictions on public movement were lifted. Fundraising events including a Bunnings Barbecue, floral show catering and the Bookfest went ahead during February and March 2021.

Gerry McGushin and his wife Sally received, stored, and sorted the books for the 2021 Bookfest at their residence. Discussions were held at Board, Bookfest committee and Club level regarding the future direction of the Bookfest. Issues identified included ongoing storage of unsold books, transport of books and the small size and poor accessibility of the current venue, Soho Arts. Culling of unsold and unsaleable books was considered essential in the light of holding an additional book sale in October 2021. Club-wide discussions included moving the venue and value-adding to the sale with book-related products and refreshments on site. The Scout Hall in Marieville Esplanade Sandy Bay has been inspected as a possible alternate future venue.

An added fundraising bonus were the catering contracts for school groups attending The Lea Scout Camp during November 2020 and March 2021, coordinated by Gill Whitehouse, which, in total, were a significant

source of funds for the Club during 2020-2021. Four Bunnings Barbecues were successfully held during this Rotary year, coordinated by Drew Baker. Money boxes placed at strategic businesses are an ongoing modest fundraiser. Responsibility for administering these boxes is devolved to individual Club members. For the amounts raised by different fundraising projects during Rotary year 2020-2021 please see the Treasurer's Report.

Rosanne Burton-Smith
Administration Director, 2020/2021

Fun/Fellowship and Membership

As Directors we have had much pleasure in organising functions. It has been a busy year and we hope that you have enjoyed yourselves.

At the time of writing, the Club membership stood at 27 members. 5 members retired through the year. They were Jill Gatty, Ginetta Rochester, Past President Christine Andrews, Past President Di Stow and Marita Holding.

Fellowship Activities

On reflection here are some of the functions that were held:

- An afternoon of fellowship for our new members was held at the home of Cassie Van Gray, on Sunday 20 September 2020. A most enjoyable afternoon with member Gill Whitehouse being our guest speaker.
- A big thank you to Mike Woods for being such a fine host for the AUSMUS dinner held at his home in July. The food was delicious, wine was flowing and St Kilda won (hooray!!).
- The opening of the Mike Temple-Smith memorial garden located at the Acton Park home of Wilmar and Matthew was held on Sunday 13 September 2020. There were over 60 Rotarians and guests in attendance and was certainly a lovely occasion indeed.
- A trip away to Stuart's Bay over the weekend of 20-22 November 2020. This was organised by the District and we had 9 members who attended. This weekend also coincided with one of the Australian Rotary Health Forums.
- On Tuesday, 3 November 2020 our Melbourne Cup Breakfast and an invitation extended to members of the Hobart Rotary Club to come and join us for this special morning. A highly successful event and a big thank you to Sue Scott and Wilmar Bouman.
- Guess Whose coming to Dinner – well these are always very special events. We are so lucky having such great hosts and venues for these dinners, lunches, etc. A very big thank you to Steve Barker, Cassie Van Gray and Drew and Robbie Baker for their superb hosting. How lucky are we to be able to appreciate some exquisite food and fine dining.
- Movie Nights with a dinner to follow have proven popular.
- On 15 December was our Christmas Dinner at the Botanical Gardens and was a lovely lunch and it was great to see some of our former club members joining us as well as members from the Hobart Rotary Club.
- Bushwalks have proven to be popular during with two organised throughout the year with one leaving from Seven Mile Beach to Lauderdale and another along the Alum Cliffs.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish Cassie Van Grey all the best as she takes on the role of Fun/Fellowship and Membership Director in the 2021/2022 Rotary year

Past District Governor Tony Colman

On Saturday 24 October 2020, the Rotary Club of Salamanca lost an esteemed member and friend with the passing of Past District Governor Tony Colman. Tony was:

- a Paul Harris Fellow Sapphire
- Past President. Rotary Club of Salamanca (2011-2012)
- District 9830 Chairman - Australian Rotary Health.
- Charter member of the Rotary Club of Lindisfarne in 1973.
- President Rotary Club of Lindisfarne (1994-95)

He was a highly respected member of our Club, and of the District and contributed many years of Rotary Service. Tony, a true gentleman with a wonderful sense of humour and will be greatly missed.

Anne Palmer and Wilmar Bouman

Co-Directors - Fun/Fellowship and Membership 2020-2021

The Rotary Foundation

The Rotary Foundation is a non-profit corporation that supports the efforts of Rotary International to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs. It is supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world.

The mission of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

Rotary Club of Salamanca - Paul Harris Fellows as at 23rd June, 2020			
Christine	Andrews	Susan	Hepburn
Karen	Badcock	Jane	Keble-Williams
Wilmar	Bouman	Cecilia	Lawler
Fiona	Buchan	Finian	MacCana
Rosanne	Burton-Smith	Sally	McGushin
Andrew	Campbell	Gerry	McGushin
Melissa	Carlton	Anne	Palmer
Anthony	Colman	Miki	Pohl
Elizabeth	Colman	Nick	Proud
Barry	Cruise	Pam	Scott
Wolf	Ebert	Suzanne	Scott
Jill	Gatty	Di	Stow
Thomas	Goninon	Michael	Temple-Smith
Annie	Graham	Ruth	Temple-Smith
James	Graham	Ainstie	Wagner
Paul	Gray	Andrew	Walker
Irene	Gray	David	Wallace
Andrew	Gray	Gill	Whitehouse
Coral	Hardman	Michael	Woods

As has become the custom of the Rotary Club of Salamanca we again, during the 2020/2021 Rotary year, supported the Rotary Foundation through a donation of \$2700 which amounted to \$100 per member.

Susan Hepburn
The Rotary Foundation Co-Directors 2020/2021

Projects Report

I wish to thank all Project Leaders for their diligence and commitment which has resulted in this report of highly productive and service-driven activity. Thanks also go to all Board members who have exhibited much patience, tolerance and generosity towards my regular requests for varying types of support .

Good wishes go to Drew as he takes over responsibilities as Projects' director for the coming year.

Youth

Rotary Club of Salamanca Achievement Scholarships

2020-2021 year saw the Club institute its new Achievement Scholarships which offered a substantial scholarship to two students at year 12 level intending to proceed to further education and two students at the end grade 6 level.

The College level Achievement Scholarships of \$1000 are to be made available to a year 12 student from both Hobart College and Elizabeth

- from either an Indigenous, migrant or refugee background.
- who will be undertaking a university or TAFE recognised course of study in the following year.
- who has attained high levels of academic excellence.
- who has a passion for learning and self-development.
- who is recognised by the College as coming from a family with limited financial resources.

The recipients of the inaugural, year 12 Rotary Club of Salamanca Achievement Scholarships were

Magali Rakotondrabe (Hobart College) and

Salahdin Abdi Mohammed (Elizabeth College)

The The Primary school Scholarships comprise two awards of \$250 to be awarded to two students in grade 6 at Clarendon Vale Primary School in December of each year.

The awards are to be made in recognition of the student's high achievement across a range of areas, along with a strong commitment to:

- learning,
- community,
- self development and
- continuing education at the secondary level.

The recipients of the inaugural grade 6 Rotary Club of Salamanca Achievement Scholarships were

Miley Moore and

Montana Jacques
of Clarendon Vale Primary School

Model United Nations Assembly-

Project Leader Mike Woods

The Club did not sponsor a team to the 2021 MUNA.

Tasmanian Youth Science Forum-

Project Leaders Anne Palmer, Pam Scott

Unable to be held due to COVID - 19

Windeward Bound Youth Leadership Challenge

Project Leader Gill Whitehouse

The Club is to be thanked for consistently over years having contributed \$1000 as a dollar-to-dollar donation with RAWCS Compassionate Grants funding. This has supported New Tasmanians on the Youth Leadership Challenge Voyage; and in the past year there were x8 participating in December 2020

Administrative responsibilities taken on by a couple of us included application to RAWCS for the grant, working with the WB Trust about how payment from the Club to them was arranged (thanks Tom) and for me to complete a report (i.e. as was required of all grant funded recipients).

We are aware that the young sailors had an amazing voyage and Captain Sarah reported that this was an exceptionally wonderful selection of young people

Great Youth Adventure voyage (new program) celebrating Rotary 100 is an Eastern seaboard of Australia voyage from Hobart to Brisbane/return, altogether lasting for 6 months

Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)

Project Leader Anne Palmer

Our candidate Fay Power, a Forensic Technical Officer, send her application to attend RYLA but due to other commitments she could not attend the full week.

Due to the nature of the course it is necessary to have participants on site for the full week and so unfortunately Fay has had to defer for this year however she was very much interested in attending in future when able. Hopefully next year for Faye!

Due to the short time frame in finding a suitable candidate RYLA's Secretary Callum Bartely did advise that they have some other participants in the Hobart area who have self-nominated and are looking for a club to sponsor them. Our Club's new nominee now to represent our Club to attend RYLA is Zoe Nguyen, aged 22, and is connected to the Rotaract Club of Sandy Bay.

RYLA Camp was held at Camp Clayton in Ulverstone over the week commencing Sunday 2 May 2021 – Saturday 8 May 2021. Age group 18 – 30.

*Unfortunately due to personal reasons Zoe was unable to attend RYLA. The Club was reimbursed payment for her non attendance by the District.

Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN) South-

Project Leader Sue Hepburn ,

Report submitted by Gill Whitehouse RYPEN South Secretary and District RYPEN Chair

RYPEN South Multi-Club Committee ably led by Chair Sue Hepburn has worked extremely hard in planning their respective 2001 events. However, in spite of the hard work, an insufficient number of registrations was received preventing the program from being viable.

However we are heartened were to have feedback from those students who had registered that they would remain keen to participate in a re-scheduled RYPEN 2021 event

Sue and I are currently communicating with relevant Rotary people and holding the program at a later date appears to be a likely prospect

We're aware that schools remain cautious due to COVID about their students going on overnight trips as a group which remains a barrier to the student number uptake. .

Progress report-

It has been proposed by the Sue and Steve Jones (RYPEN North Chair) and me that we hold a combined RYPEN in a central Tasmanian location in Semester 3

I have been in contact with Incoming DG Heather Chong and Youth Services director Gerard Blizzard about the proposition. The feedback from both of them is positive and supportive.

A scoping exercise has now begun to see if we can make the re-scheduled united RYPEN program happen

The proposal at this stage is that such a RYPEN weekend would be held in 3rd semester and somewhere in a central Tasmanian location .

Science and Engineering Challenge

Project Leader Pam Scott

Susie Haley from UTAS to addressed our Club on Tuesday 19th March

She gave guidelines to Club members about going ahead as a volunteer for the S&EC South (last week in May)

Rotary Youth DriverAwareness-

Several Club members enrolled as volunteers to assist with escorting students and one helped with catering for volunteers' lunches

Science Experience-

Not run because of COVID-19

National Youth Science Forum (NYSF)

Project Leader Anne Palmer

This program is offered to all Tasmanian students with an interest in science, who are entering year 12. The program is a unique opportunity for student to test drive careers and learn about study options in the fields of science, engineering and technology (STEM subjects).

Successful students were offered a place in the well established 12 day NYSF program held in Hobart commencing on the 14 to 15 January 2021 with 18 students in attendance.

Luzie Gillard was Salamanca Rotary Club's selected nominee.

Due to the change in format of NYSF for this Rotary year, which meant that some of the content will be delivered by video conferencing and some were face to face locally so participants will not be travelling interstate. Cost per candidate is \$1900, which was much more affordable than in previous years. As agreed previously our Club will pay half the costs of Luzie's attendance and her family will pay the full amount upfront and then we reimburse them the sum of \$950.00.

President Pam Scott was one of the presenters on Forensics. Other presenters included representatives from IMAS, TasNetworks, Antarctic Division, and BioBarcode Conservation Genomics.

Luzie gain so much from her experience with NYSF. In an email sent she wrote:

"I just finished NYSF today and wanted to say thank you to you and the Rotary for endorsing me to go.

This has been the most amazing experience I have had so far, meeting other people like me, and getting lectures from some of the most amazing scientists throughout the program talking and discussing science with us was fabulous. This experience was amazing, and I was in tears today when it ended, the people who I met were wonderful and I think I may have just met some of my future best friends and colleagues.

Thank you so much for allowing me to go to this I am eternally grateful that I was able to go, and I owe you and the Rotary so much for helping me on this path. Every moment of NYSF was wonderous and I truly wish that it had not ended so soon.

Thank you and the Rotary so much for this it truly means the world to me."

Warmest Regards, Luzie Gillard

Youth Exchange Program Project Leader Gill Whitehouse

Our sponsored Student 2020-21 Emily West had a most unique exchange year and experience from January 2020-January 2021. Because she resided in Buffalo (West New York, USA) she faced particular challenges because of the COVID pandemic then, its influence on daily life and public health conditional requirements. She faced those stoically and bravely although with uncertainty at times e.g., episodically

having understandable thoughts about coming home. However she endured the 12 months stay and although she had to undertake her education through 'home schooling' in the dwellings of 4 different host families, she executed herself well. Her school grades were excellent and she made many good American school friends.

She advised us that her living in lockdown arrangements in York were sometimes more constraining than others, but we understand that she contributed to family life and her commitment was guided by her desire to participate as a 'normal' youth exchange student. She gave her presentation on 23rd March; this was well received by the Club members present especially when learned so much about a teenager living in NY during the pandemic and a year of turbulent American politics and civil unrest.

Community

Shoes for Homeless People - a Club sponsored Rotary Australia Compassionate Grant (RACG) project

Project Leader Tom Goninon - RAWCS Project 135-2019-20

The Shoes for Homeless People project was the brainchild of past District Governor, Tony Colman. Established in the first half of 2020 as a project to supply quality new shoes to homeless people throughout Tasmania by providing funds to a range of service NGO's. Tony recognised that while people living on the streets have a tough life, it is particularly tough during the winter months and so his aim was to have shoes available for the winter period of 2020.

A RAWCS Compassionate Grants project (made possible by a most generous donation to RAWCS by Dick Smith) was proposed as a means of promoting the project and, hopefully, securing matched funding. Rotarian Michael Whitehouse (former RAWCS Finance officer) played a crucial role in not only advising Tony but also in crafting the application which went to RAWCS resulting in the creation of the Shoes For Homeless People project, RAWCS number 135-2019-20, which was proudly sponsored by Tony's home Club of Salamanca.

Following the RAWCS registration of the Project, Rotary clubs statewide were invited, with strong support from the District, to contribute, with the following Clubs responding to Tony's call with donations.

- Rotary Club of Salamanca
- Rotary Club of Launceston
- Rotary Club of Deloraine
- Rotary Club of Bellerive
- Rotary Club of Moonah
- Rotary Club of Westbury
- Rotary Club of Hobart
- Rotary Club of Ulverstone
- Rotary Club of Central Coast
- Rotary Club of Glenorchy
- Rotary Club of Derwent Valley
- Rotary Club of Somerset
- Rotary Club of Ulverstone West
- Rotary Club of Sorell
- Rotary Club of D'Entrecasteaux Channel
- Rotary Club of Devonport North
- Rotary Club of Burnie

Several donations from private individuals were also received.

The total amount raised was \$5725.00 which resulted in \$5567.56 being available to the Project. (RAWCS deducts a fee of 2.75% to all tax deductible contributions made to projects). This amount was matched by a donation of \$5725 from the Dick Smith donation to RAWCS giving a total of \$11 292.56 GST exempt funds available to the project. This translated into a retail (GST inclusive) expenditure of \$12 421.00.

The Project ended up funding the purchase of 269 pairs of new shoes purchased during the winter of 2020 and the first four months of 2021. The average cost of shoes purchased was \$46.17 per pair.

Tony Colman oversaw the initial phase of the project, with the support of his wife Liz, from its beginning in early 2020, until his sad death in October, 2020. Needless to say work on the project came to a halt for a period following Tony's death. A new manager for the RAWCS project had to be found and then that person needed to gain an overview of where the project stood by studying documents which Liz Colman was able to provide. The Rotary Club of Salamanca, as the sponsor of the project, appointed myself as Project Manager in March 2021 with Mellissa Harvey remaining as deputy manager.

Funding for shoe purchases was delivered through the following charitable organisations.

- St Vincent de Paul,
- Salvation Army
- Bethlehem House,
- The Richmond Fellowship,
- Hobart City Mission, and
- Launceston City Mission.

Contacts were made with several retail outlets including:

- Harris Scarfe
- Tradewear
- Paddy Pallin

Negotiations with senior managers at these outlets ensured that purchase orders from the Project, given to designated service organisations would be honoured with the understanding that payment would be received, post purchase, from RAWCS. The project is indebted to these outlets for their willingness to become involved and also, in several instances, for making shoes available at much reduced prices.

The Project is indebted to:

- Tony Colman for his vision, tenacity and compassion.
- Belinda Griffen, National Administrator, RAWCS, for facilitating prompt payments of invoices and in guiding me through the necessary RAWCS administration processes.
- Merv Williams, National Project Director at RAWCS for his support in making the necessary changes in the management of the Project following Tony's death.
- Mellissa Harvey for her consistent support and encouragement of me in the role as Manager.
- support provided by the Board of the Rotary Club of Salamanca
- all donors, for without their generosity this project would not have been possible.

In excess of 250 homeless people have been provided with new shoes as a result of Tony Colman's initiative and one would hope that this work has provided a small patch of light in what must be a fairly dark world for many of these unfortunate people.

Spoken Language Identification Project - a Club sponsored Rotary Australia Benevolent Society (RABS) Project

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Registration of as a RABS project - with valuable assistance provided by Michael Whitehouse

Progress Report- the Club has agreed to be the sponsor Club for a RAWCS Australia Benevolent Society Project entitled Spoken Language Identification Project, the focus of which is to further develop a mobile device application which identifies the language a person is speaking. The project arose from a State Emergency Service (SES) volunteer identifying a need for first responders at road crashes to be able to communicate with people who may be involved.

Pre COVID the SES were attending a significant number of crashes in which international tourists were involved and quite often, the SES volunteers were unable to identify the language those involved were speaking, thus making the task of providing assistance and care extremely difficult. The delay in engaging

in effective communication could be potentially life threatening. The application was developed by final year Tas Uni students as a course project and has the capability of identifying 12 languages covering 80% of the languages spoken by international visitors to Tasmania. The working version developed by the students is a proof of concept program and now needs to be made industry ready, which is the reason for the establishment of the RAWCS project. It enables the project to attract tax-deductible donations. The project is being driven by the Association for the Identification of Spoken Language Inc. and the Rotary Club of Salamanca is represented on the Association's committee

Clarence Plains Child and Family Centre Project

Leader Ruth Temple-Smith

In November, Deb Sealy, Liz Colman and myself delivered 64 beautiful books to Clarence Plains Child and Family Centre in time for Christmas. Club members had donated the books for 0–5-year-olds for the Centre to use in their literacy and numeracy programs. These programs are aimed at helping mothers engage with their children in literacy and numeracy by reading to them at home from an early age. The Centre sincerely thanked the Club for their generosity

Ronald MacDonald House

Project Manager Mike Woods

At the end of 2020 Mike arranged a very successful Breakfast BBQ on site . Although few of the 'residents' were able to join in, the idea was appraised as being worthwhile by th manager, staff and volunteers . Mike continue to be in contact with

The manager who advised the R M H might well be supportive of our club offering a couple of evening BBQ dinners before Christmas. Planning to be ongoing.

Interplast

Project leader Val Manuepillai Interplast District 9830 Chair.

We started 20-21 with a new District chair (Val Manuepillai) and a committee consisting of Debra Sealy and former chair Karen Badcock. Also, Gerard Blizzard and Paul Hansen agreed to help from the north of the state. In 20-21, COVID-19 threatened to put a halt to Interplast's life changing work across the Asia Pacific. Hence, actions were put in place, to develop hands on training courses on-line, for medical professionals, as well as to send critical medical supplies to the target nations. To support this, D9830 needed to raise substantial funding in 2020-21, within the difficult economic conditions, created by Covid-19.

Our activities to date were as follows;

Sent e-mail communications to all D9830 clubs and face to face presentations at selected club meetings in the South

Info stands at the District off-site in Nov 20 and the District convention in March 21

A major fund-raising function at the Royal Hobart Yacht club in May 21.

The funds raised by D9830 are as follows;

Donations from D9830 Rotary Clubs (mainly Evandale, Salamanca, Scottsdale, Westbury, Howrah & Glenorchy) \$8,500

Net funds raised at the fund-raising functions \$4,000

Total of \$12,500.

My heartfelt and sincere thanks go to the tireless work of the D9830 committee members and the Rotary club of Salamanca. Also, we are very grateful to the clubs and individuals that have donated and also helped to raise funds at the function.

With Rotary's support, Interplast continues to help patients across the Asia Pacific. Thanks to the vocational training delivered by Interplast's volunteers, patients of the future will also receive life-changing care.

Vocational

Vocational Service Awards

Project leader Cecilia Lawler

The Rotary Club of Salamanca presented Vocational Awards to worthy recipients at the breakfast meeting on Tuesday, 24 November. This year there were four successful individual recipients and one successful organisation recipient.

Vocational Awards recipients:

- Lisa Kløver, Senior Family Partnership Coordinator, the Smith Family, Bridgewater, (nominated by Gill Whitehouse)
- HOPES Inc. Moonah, a not for profit organisation working towards the development of self-managing, co-operative housing options for people living with acquired and/or neurological disabilities, (nominated by Gill Whitehouse. This was an organisational award and it was received by Karen Falls, Eliza White and Chris Oriel)
- Van Vuong Dao, -Justin is the restaurant front of house manager for Elizabeth Street Pier and Succulent restaurants who has served breakfast for our club members for over 18 months. (nominated by Wilmar Bouman)
- Danielle Hodge, Practice Manager, Kingborough IPN Practice (nominated by Gerry McGushin)
- Emily Kruse, Trainer and Assessor in Aged Care and Community Service, Work and Training (nominated by Drew Baker)

Components that added to the success of the Vocation Awards 2020:

- The nominators each gave a short (2 - 3 minutes) presentation outlining who the recipient was and why they deserved to be a Vocational Awards recipient.
- Recipients were invited to bring family or guests with them to the Vocational Awards.
- Nomination Assessment Panel: Wolf Ebert, Rosanne Burton-Smith and Cecilia Lawler
- Certificates: David Wallace printed and framed the recipient's certificates.
- 2021 Continuous Improvement initiative: Drew Baker has created an online application for the Vocational awards 2021.

Gillian Whitehouse

Projects Director 2020/2021