



Rotary Club of Salamanca Inc

Rotary Year 2021-2022

Annual Report

Club Board 2021 - 2022

President: Mellissa Harvey

Immediate Past President: Pam Scott

President Elect: Anne Palmer

Secretary: Debra Sealy

Treasurer: Tom Goninon

Directors

Administration: Rosanne Burton-Smith

Membership and Fun Fellowship:
Cassie Van Gray and Michael Woods

Public Relations: Cecilia Lawler

Rotary Foundation: Susan Hepburn

Projects: Andrew 'Drew' Baker

Rotary Club of Salamanca - Presidents				
Year	President		Year	President
1993-1994	Fiona Buchan		2008-2009	Anne Palmer
1994-1995	Ian Scott		2009-2010	Michael Woods
1995-1996	Leone Gregory		2010-2011	Rosanne Burton-Smith
1996-1997	Wolf Ebert		2011-2012	Tony Colman
1997-1998	Jill Savell		2012-2013	Wilmar Bouman
1998-1999	Barry Cruise		2013-2014	Irene Gray
1999-2000	Chris Ellis		2014-2015	Susan Hepburn
2000-2001	Cecilia Lawler		2015-2016	Ainstie Wagner
2001-2002	Bruce Lipscombe		2016-2017	Keith Scott
2002-2003	Irene Gray		2017-2018	Karen Badcock
2003-2004	Andrew Gray		2018-2019	Ruth Temple-Smith
2004-2005	Gill Whitehouse		2019-2020	Gerry McGushin
2005-2006	Di Stow		2020-2021	Pam Scott
2006-2007	Christine Andrews		2021-2022	Mellissa Harvey
2007-2008	Finian MacCana			

President's Report

Well what a year as we slowly emerge from COVID restrictions.

With major decisions to be made around our venue, fundraising activities and deciding on projects, Survey monkey became our friend. This allowed a clear representation from all our membership. Thank you for organising this Pam.

I'd like to thank members for contributing to the two very productive club planning forums, we have an exciting three years planned in our new Strategic Plan 2022-2025. Special thanks to Deb Sealy and Pam Scott for their wisdom and support.

December saw a change of venue. We farewelled our COVID home, at the Botanical Gardens, returning to Salamanca. Salamanca Inn have given us a wonderfully supportive welcome.

The 'zoomers' have now become the new norm of our Board and Cub meetings. This has been a well utilised mode of sharing for members out of Town, unwell or isolating.

We have rationalised our Fundraising activities, with one last gig at the Brooke St Market, and finishing up our long running catering at the HCC flower shows. Thank you to Coordinator, Rosanne Burton-Smith.

Our Major fundraising event, the BookFest, has now become a biannual event. A very hard working and committed committee led by Pam Scott and Ruth T-S and supported by the newly formed Bookenz craft group led by Cassie van Grey, have made this project a success.

We have broadened our Club Projects this Year. We have begun supporting a school in Nepal and are hoping to organise a visit to Nepal by our members in 2023.

We successfully provided logistics and funding to support Chris Williams, a RHH Paediatric intensivist doctor to transport hospital equipment to Laos. Thank you to Mike Woods for championing this project.

A focus this year has been promoting ourselves and engaging with local media. The Public relations team led by Cecilia Lawler have achieved amazing results with a number of articles in the Hobart Observer and Mercury newspapers.

We are very proud of the recipients of our youth projects, scholarships and school awards, and have enjoyed hearing their stories at our meetings. A positive for both the recipients and the club members.

This year we have welcomed 3 new members reaching our recruitment target. We have farewelled 3 long term, valued members who have evolved to become Friends of the Rotary Club of Salamanca.

Thank you to the 2021-2022 Executive, Directors and Members for their amazing support and contributions. I wish Anne Palmer and her Board all the best for the coming year.

Melissa Harvey
President 2021/2022

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 2020/2021 period was \$27 323.55. Up to 24th June, 2022, the Club generated an income of \$42 047.71 and had incurred costs of \$57191.58. The balance as at 30th June, 2022 was \$12,179.68

Following is the list of the major Projects towards which the Club has made a contribution, from the Service Account during the 2021/2022 Rotary Year.

Food Plant Solutions	\$5000.00	Rotary YouthProgram of Enrichment	\$1000.00
Paraquad Tasmania - Frame Runner	\$4889.50	Rotary Youth Leadership Award	\$950.00
Interplast	\$1500.00	Tree sponsorship to mark 100 years of Rotary	\$250.00
Medical Equipment to Laos	\$4025.00	School Achievement Awards	\$2500.00
Nepal School Project	\$1400.00	Shelterbox	\$6000.00
National Youth Science Forum	\$950.00	Sky Hydrant - Disaster Aid Australia	\$5000.00
RHH playground	\$3000.00	Spoken Language Identification Project	\$1000.00
Rotary Foundation	\$2874.00	RAWCS Flood Appeal	\$5000.00
Hobart City Mission	\$2000.00	Rotarians Against Malaria	\$2000.00
End Polio	\$2000.00		

Principal sources of income were (rounded values):

Bookfest 1 and 2	\$14800.00	Flower Shows	\$2650.00
Bunnings BBQ's	\$1700.00	Lea Camp Catering	\$6700.00
Clinical School BBQ	\$1200.00	Donations	\$1550.00

General Account

The amount brought forward from 2020/21 was \$1210.40 with a balance as at 30th June, 2022 of \$1461.34.

Member subs were set at \$270 per member for the second consecutive year.

A move from the Botanical Gardens, Succulent Restaurant to Salamanca Inn has proved, positive from both a member and Club cost perspective. Breakfast now costs each member \$21 compared to \$25 at Succulent Restaurant and the minimum number of meals for which the Club has to pay each week is 18 compared to 20 previously.

Tom Goninon
 Treasurer 2021/2022

Administration

Guest Speakers

Rotary Club of Salamanca Guest Speakers 2021 - 2022		
Date	Guest Speaker	Topic
29/6/21	Phillipa Hay	Royal Navy
6/7/21	Club Forum	Visit to centenary tree in Botanical gardens sponsored by the Club
13/7/21	No speaker	
20/7/21	Rod Ledington	Mawson's Hut
27/7/21	Una Hobday	Food Plants Solutions
3/8/21	Club Forum	Mike Patten "Increasing Club Membership"
10/8/21	Basil Samson	First Nations Treaty
17/8/21	Cari Delarue	Out Bush on Country
24/8/21	Heather Chong	Official DG visit
31/8/21	Mike Gaffney	Dying with Dignity
7/9/21	Club Forum	RACT - Hobart Mobility Plan
14/9/21	Dr Annette Barratt	Board member of AMA
21/9/21	Yvette Cehtel	CEO Women's Legal Service
28/9/21	Rod Stacey	Westpac Rescue Helicopter
5/10/21	No meeting in lieu of Group 1 Forum meeting	
12/10/21	Luzie Gillard and Eva Tsolakidis	National Youth Science Forum
19/10/21	Meeting cancelled due to COVID	
26/10/21	Grace Ring RACT	Misunderstood Road Rules
2/11/21	Melbourne Club breakfast	
9/11/21	Rob Grey - Hobart Legacy	Impact of Service on ADF members and veterans
16/11/21	Club Forum	Results of club meeting survey
23/11/21	Vocational awards presentations	
30/11/21	Club Forum	Tom Goninon - Rotary Foundation
7/12/21	Club's AGM	

Rotary Club of Salamanca Guest Speakers 2021 - 2022		
Date	Guest Speaker	Topic
14/12/21	No meeting in lieu of Club's Christmas Dinner	
11/1/22	No meeting due to COVID	
18/1/22	Club Forum	Laos neonatal unit project
25/1/22	Zoom meeting	
1/2/22	Zoom meeting	
8/2/22	Dr Chris Williams - RHH	Neonatal Care in Laos
15/2/22	Rob Johnston - Drug Education Network	Vaping, Smoking and other aspects of addiction
22/2/22	Eve Tsolakidis	Report on participation in NYSF
1/3/22	Member thumbnail sketches	Mary Armsby, Narelle Traille and Jenny Manthey
8/3/22	Club Forum	
15/3/22	Andrew Moore	Club's Tasmania
22/3/22	Colony 47	Advantage Thinking
29/3/22	Janet Saunders	Hobart Women's Shelter
5/4/22	Club Forum	
12/4/22	Prof. Pam Sharpe	UTAS Relocation: the Case Against
19/4/22	Informal meeting due to the non-show of guest speaker	
26/4/22	Kevin Faulkner - Paraquad Tasmania	Frame Running
3/5/22	Club Forum	Projects
10/5/22	Erica Larcombe - Colony 47	Youth Housing
17/5/22	Arezo Hami and Tiffany Adkins	College award Recipients
24/5/22	Pam Scott	ShelterBox
31/5/22	Heather Chong	RAWCS
7/6/22	Club Forum	
14/6/22	Tom Wilson	The RYLA experience
21/6/22	Martin Robinson	Macular Degeneration

Meeting Venue and Meeting Charge

During the year the Club membership voted to change the meeting venue from Succulent Restaurant at the Botanical Gardens. The restaurant's management had imposed a minimum charge for its cooked breakfast whereby 20 members needed to attend. A number of times funds had to be found from the Club's general account to cover absent members.

The current arrangement with Salamanca Inn is working well with a flexible approach by the Inn's management to attendance and a lower charge for a cold buffet breakfast. Club members may pay either electronically or in cash. Members filling Steward 1's duties have generally mastered the Square system with occasional assistance from the Treasurer. Electronic payments attract a fee of 40cents per transaction. In a further step toward cashless transactions, members can also purchase tokens to pay for fines.

Zoom Meetings

The Zoom facility instigated during the COVID outbreak has proven an asset allowing flexibility in attendance both for board meetings and the Club's general meetings. Difficulties have been experienced with the sound system at Salamanca Inn during general meetings, but have recently been sorted out. Thanks to Pam Scott for her diligent attention to the tech.

Steward Roles

With shrinking club membership steward roles were rationalised, re-distributing Steward 3's responsibilities between the Chair and Steward 2. Revised duties are as follows :

Chair: meet, greet and introduce visitors to president; run the meeting; vote of thanks to speaker. *Steward 2:* Heads and Tails prize; set up and pack up; corporal duties.

Steward 1's duties remain the same: cash collector; record apologies.

The new arrangement has worked smoothly to date. However, on several occasions Heads and Tails prizes have been lacking; part of Steward 2's duties. This issue will need to be addressed in the new Rotary year.

Roster

The officer creating the roster requests notification of periods of absence before setting up the roster for steward duties and it has worked well this year. Club members have willingly substituted at short notice for those who cannot fulfil duties due to illness or unforeseen circumstances.

Guest Speaker Program and Sergeant's Role

Due to family commitments the coordinator for guest speakers was temporarily unable to continue in the role. Club members stepped in, arranging for several excellent guest speakers. Club members themselves also filled gaps in the guest speaker program, with member memoirs.

Gerry McGushin provided fun and folic in his ongoing role as Sergeant, with a steady stream of jokes, quizzes, fines, and anecdotes. This is an important part of making meetings enjoyable. Fines continue to be by default, 50cents rather than the \$1.00 suggested during the Rotary year. Club members are free to pay more if they wish.

Working with Vulnerable People Certification

The majority of club members now hold the requisite certification covering the Club's activities with minors and other vulnerable persons. Only two members currently have outstanding applications for this process. Certification is essential for insurance purposes, and no member without the requisite paperwork should attend events where the Club membership comes into contact with vulnerable persons.

Club Calendar, Documents, Archives, and Uniforms

The Club Calendar is an important planning tool so that Club activities can be regulated over the Rotary year. President Melissa took on the task this year and activities ran smoothly without problematic overlap. The Club continues to preserve documents and electronically archive them. Archives are important for Club anniversaries, or when previous members need to be contacted. Several new members joined the Club this year and were provided with the opportunity to purchase polo shirts and other monogrammed clothing items. They provide advertising for the Club at fundraising and other events where the Club is in the public eye. This year high-visibility vests were also made available to Club members for purchase, supplementing the monogrammed vests the Club already had in stock.

Fundraising

Catering

The Club successfully catered four City of Hobart floral shows with modest returns. An analysis of earnings per volunteer hour for different catering events indicated that floral show catering was the least profitable of all. A trend of decreasing returns was found, even before the COVID 19 shutdowns. This is due to an overall downturn in the popularity of the shows with the general public. Internal problems in the Hobart Horticultural Society have not helped organisation/promotion of the floral shows. The Board endorsed a recommendation to cease flower show catering from March 2022, in favour of developing other, more profitable fundraising activities. Notification letters were sent to the Events Coordinator City of Hobart with copies to the presidents of the Orchid Society and the Hobart Horticultural Society.

The Lea Scout Camp catering involved a large proportion of the Club membership preparing and serving food to resident school groups. Analysis has shown Lea catering is the Club's second most profitable catering activity, but figures may be inflated by Club members donating food. Some food is pre-prepared at home, while other items are prepared in The Lea's commercial kitchen. The November 2021 catering provided eight meals to fifty students over three days, while the March 2022 catering was reduced to a single lunch due to COVID-related restrictions.

Two Bunnings barbecues returned impressive profits for the Club; making the barbecues the Club's best catering earner in terms of volunteer hours. Problems in rostering during the October 2021 event led to a rationalisation of the team approach, the Club reverting to an opt-in roster which has worked well for other fundraising events. The Club secured a barbecue at short notice on ANZAC Day 2022 with all supplies provided gratis by Bunnings. The first hour of the barbecue involved providing free sausages to the public, nevertheless the event was a profitable fundraiser for the Club. Leftover sausages and bread were stored in Club members' freezers.

The freezer donated to the RC of Salamanca will be housed at Rosanne Burton Smith's residence from 22nd June 2022 onwards. Former Club member Gill Whitehouse has been its custodian for the past several years, but it is now more convenient and appropriate for the freezer to be located at a club member's residence. The RC of Salamanca will continue to extend to other Rotary clubs the service of storing food in the freezer; initiated by Gill.

The Club successfully catered District 9830's end-of-year event at TMAG, providing canapés for 80 attendees. Feedback regarding food and service was very positive and the Club made a modest profit of around \$500 for its efforts.

Bookfest

Two successful Bookfest events were held at the Sea Scout Hall Marieville Esplanade. This venue has proved more accessible for transfer of books than the former venue at the Arts Centre in South Hobart. Gerry McGushin has kindly stored book donations and most Club members have been involved in different capacities, before the event and during it. Both Bookfests have returned impressive profits with modest outlays for hall hire, advertising, and office materials.

Craft Sales

A craft group repurposing books has met regularly during the year at Cassie Van Grey's house supplying items for the Bookenz stall at Bookfest. Two stalls have so far raised over \$1200, with little or no outlay. The Club has successfully applied for a charity stall at Salamanca Market in late 2022 and the craft group is preparing suitable items with a Christmas theme

Rosanne Burton-Smith
Administration Director 2021/2022

Membership and Fun/Fellowship

Membership

During the Rotary year we welcomed Jenny Manthey, Narelle Traile and Mary Armsby as members. We also farewelled from our membership, Keith Scott, Annie Graham, Gill Whitehouse, Deb Sealy and Sue Scott. At the time of writing our active membership stands at 25 members.

Average weekly attendance at meetings is 20.2 which has been enhanced since 18th January when the option of attending by Zoom was offered to members. On average 2.3 members attend via Zoom.

Rotary Club of Salamanca - Paul Harris Fellows as at 224nd June, 2022			
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

Fun and Fellowship:

This Rotary Club of Salamanca year has seen the reintroduction of member face to face activities and the expansion of our opportunities to get together in a collegial atmosphere.

Activities included:

1. Big 'O' birthday and celebration dinners – recognising significant milestones for members and their family.
2. Book Enz – craft group. The group has met on a 9 occasions and crafted a number of items that have been sold at Bookfest and other club events. The activities of the group have generated nearly \$2,000 in fund raising over the past year.
3. Gingerbread house making - two occasions at which members tested their creative skills in the kitchen were held in the lead up to Christmas.
4. Rotary Club quiz nights – The rotary Club of Salamanca has been very active in attending and supporting other Rotary Club quiz nights, with some success.
5. Augmas - Christmas in August – represented an opportunity for club members to socialise and connect. Thank to Mike woods for hosting.
6. Spring at Acton Daffodil Open garden. Thanks to Wilmar Bouman for hosting.
7. Film Night at the State Cinema in July. Thanks to Wilmar Bouman for organising.
8. Melbourne Cup breakfast held at our first regular breakfast meeting in November. Thanks to Sue Scott for organising.
9. Waratah walk on the kunanyi, Mt Wellington in December followed by lunch at Fern Tree tavern.. Thanks to Jane Keble-Williams for organising
10. Weekly after meeting coffees.

Cassie Van Gray and Michael Woods

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



Projects

Vocational Award

The RCoS presented Vocational Awards to two worthy recipients at the meeting, 23 November. The theme this year was to present to recipients who had contribute to the community during the COVID pandemic.

The recipients were:

1. **Dana Weir**, hairdresser from Jakadjari Hair Salon, (nominated by Michael Woods). Dana was recognised for her continuous service throughout the pandemic to all of her clients. She made each and everyone feel happy and safe during their appointments.
2. The **Molecular Medicine team** at the RHH lead by Jan Williamson was nominated by Pam Scott. This team were responsible for developing and conducting the COVID Testing Services for Tasmania and provided one of the most exemplary testing services in Australia.

Cecilia Lawler

Vocational Visits

Three vocational Visits were conducted this year.

1. July 9th – Foodbank followed by lunch at St Albi's
2. 22nd April – Mawson's Hut and lunch at Fish Frenzy
3. 27th May – Convict Women's Tour followed by lunch at the Cascade Hotel

Wolf Ebert

International

ShelterBox / Disaster Aid

ShelterBox teams work with disaster-hit families around the world, offering emergency shelter and other essential items to support them in rebuilding their lives.

The green ShelterBoxes contain family-sized tents specially designed to withstand the elements and provide people with temporary shelter until they are able to start the process of rebuilding a home. The kits and boxes also contain the items that help transform shelter into a home, like cooking sets, solar lights and activity sets for children.



This year the club has provided funding for 6 Shelterboxes.

Wilmar Bouman, Pam Scott

Laos Project

In December our Club was approached by Dr Chris Williams, a neonatologist at the RHH, who is volunteering for 6 months at the Friends Hospital in Luang Prabang, Northern Lao. He requested our help with the logistics and cost of packaging and transporting 2 ventilators and assorted support equipment decommissioned by the RHH to Laos. Dr Williams intends to set up a Paediatric High dependent Unit providing advanced care not at present available. Thanks to Mike Woods for facilitating this project completed May 25th.

Mellissa Harvey

Nepal Project

We made contact with the Rotary Club of Kathmandu North East with a view to providing support to a Nepalese school. The Kholekharka Adharvut School in Shivapura Rural Municipality Ward No. 1, Bagmati Province, Nuwakot District, a remote region approximately 35km from Kathmandu, was identified as a school needing support.



The school has students from the age of 3 to 17 and the request was for jumper, shorts and trousers for each student. We supplied uniforms for 80 students.

There are continuing discussions about further ways to help the school and the area, such as water filtration, scholarships or helping women's cooperatives groups.

Pam Scott

Interplast

Despite the continuation of COVID-19 into 21-22, Interplast has done some great work in training and providing on line support to many overseas medical staff and critical medical supplies to the Asia Pacific region. These staff have performed life changing procedures, which would not have been possible otherwise. To support this, District 9830 needed to raise funding, within the difficult economic conditions, in 21-22. The committee consisting of Debra Sealy, Karen Badcock, Cassie Van Gray and Val Manuelpillai put in the following actions in place, and were given substantial support by the RC of Salamanca.

1. An info stand at the district off-site in Nov 21, articles in the 9830 district news-letter and periodic messages on 9830 Rotary friends Face book page with a donation link
2. Planned for a major fund-raising function at the Royal Hobart Yacht club to be held in June 22. However due to the impact of COVID, this function has been postponed to Nov 22
3. Sent an e-mail to all Tassie clubs, requesting for possible donations direct to Interplast, before the close of this financial year.

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 who have donated in 21-22. With Rotary's support, Interplast continues to help patients across the Asia Pacific. Interplast is in the process of sending volunteer medical staff to our neighbouring nations, starting from Aug 22. There are quite a number of patients on the waiting list for life saving surgeries and aftercare!

Val Manuelpillai

Food Plant Solutions

Food Plant Solutions (FPS) is a Rotary Action Group (RAG) based in Tasmania. We had the chair of FPS (Una Hobday) address our Club on 27th July, 2021 during which she outlined the work of her organisation.

The key purpose of FPS is to provide accessible information to people all over the world on how to grow local food crops and details on the nutrient profile of each plant. Their work draws heavily on the plant database of edible food plants developed by Tasmanian Bruce French. This database has information on over 30 000 edible plants

The Rotary Club of Salamanca provided \$5000 towards the work of FPS during the Rotary year.

Tom Goninon

Youth

Rotary Youth Exchange Program

Not held this year due to pandemic considerations

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

George McAvoy and Thomas Wilson were our applicants this year. As we only had funding for one applicant, George was able to be funded by the North Hobart Rotary Club, allowing him the opportunity to attend. Tom was nominated by Mike Woods and George by Robbie Baker. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you both for nominating each of the candidates.

Tom came back to our Club as a Guest Speakers on the 14 June. His presentation was filled with such admiration and Tom thanked the Club for the opportunity to attend such a great week of comradeship and knowledge gained and new friendships found.

Annie Palmer

Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment

After a hiatus of 2 years, 2021 RYPEN Combined North/South Camp was held at Woodfield Adventure Park, Dysart. It was a great success with students travelling from the Tasman Peninsular and the North and North-West of the state enabling them to network and team up with peers outside of their comfort zone. The RYPEN program contained a diversity of events designed to encourage students to get to know each other and develop teamwork. Approximately 30 students took part and the feedback was positive. The RYPEN 2022 Committee is a vibrant and exciting young group from Rotoract, Howrah, Kingston, Salamanca and Launceston Rotary. Planning is well underway and the camp is scheduled held at Camp Clayton, Ulverstone on 17-19 September 2022.

Sue Hepburn

Rotary Youth Driver Awareness

A program for Year 10 students focusing on attitude and awareness with the aim of making students better and safer road users was conducted at the Showgrounds in Hobart from 23rd August until 14th September, 2021. The sessions include Road Safety, Police statistics, survivors of road crashes and speeding and stopping times and the impact of road fatalities on families and friends. By attending the program, students are credited 5 hours towards their log book hours. Rotarians volunteer their time to the program by being facilitators of sessions, and marshalling students to and from sessions.

Sue Hepburn



Science and Engineering Challenge

One of our Club members, Ruth Temple-Smith, was involved as a Rotary activity supervisor.

National Youth Science Forum

Eve Tsolakidis, a former student from St Mary College and now studying at Elizabeth College was Salamanca Rotary Club's delegate chosen to participate in the 2022 program. The program was held in Hobart in January.

Due to the changes in format of NYSF for this Rotary year and last year due to COVID restrictions meant that some of the content was delivered by video conferencing and some were face to face locally. Eve came back to our Rotary meeting on the 21 February as a Guest Speaker and spoke very favourably of the program. It has given her a better understanding and a broader knowledge for her studies in the science area for her future years ahead. She will certainly encourage her peers to apply for the NYSF's program for next year.

Annie Palmer

Science Experience

The club hosted a successful BBQ at the University of Tasmania (Sandy Bay Campus) on 2nd December 2021. 38 aspiring young scientists attended the day.

Mike Woods

Winward Bound Youth Leadership Challenge

Not held this year due to pandemic considerations.

College Awards

Tiffany Adkins from Hobart College and Arezo Hami the Elizabeth College, both recipient's of the Rotary Club of Salamanca Achievement Scholarship for 2021, addressed member's of the club on 17th May 2022, in fulfilment of the scholarship guidelines.



Tiffany, who is currently studying at the University of Tasmania, is a talented musician who is also passionate about the 'behind the scenes work' of recording and producing music. Having studied Music Technology at Hobart College and two years of a University Connections Music Technology course, she is well on her way to becoming an audio engineer in a field currently dominated by men. She informed members that she is loving the first semester of the 3 year Bachelor Degree in Music Technology, and the scholarship money will allow her to invest in equipment that she can use at home in the event of further COVID restrictions, and in future endeavours and personal music projects.

Arezo Hami is from Afghanistan. Born in Iran she has lived most of her life as a refugee. In Iran Afghan girl's were unable to study. Moving to Australia in 2015 Arezo started her school journey with no English, but with the help of her teachers is now studying for a Bachelor of Commerce and Business Degree at the University of Tasmania. Arezo spoke movingly about life as a refugee, overcoming the many barriers to gaining an education, and how the Elizabeth College Achievement Scholarship would assist in achieving her

goals. Arezo is active in the refugee community, often finding herself as spokesperson and advocate on a wide range of issues they face. Arezo would like to start a business, perhaps filling the gap in the provision of modest fashion for Tasmanian women in a way that satisfies their spiritual and stylistic requirements for reasons of faith, religion or personal preference.

Their presentations elicited a great deal of interest and questions, particularly in relation to Arezo's life journey as a refugee and educational achievements thus far achieved. The Rotary Club of Salamanca Achievement Scholarship is well worth continuing and I look forward to liaising with the respective college's in anticipation of the 2022 awards. Hopefully with lifting of COVID-19 restrictions we will be able to attend future award presentation events in person.

Alex Brownlie

Primary Scholarship

Lucas Mundy, and Gemma Kemp from the Clarendon Vale Primary school were each awarded a \$250 Scholarship for outstanding performance in Year 6.

Mike Woods

Model United Nations Assembly

Cancelled this year and program is to be revise by district.

Community

Men's Shed

This project has ceased to become a priority of the club since suitable buildings could not be identified and the Rotary Club of Hobart were successful in gaining a \$350,000 grant to build a shed at McRobie's Gully.

Service Veteran PTSD and Yoga research Project

RSL Tasmania asked for a funding proposal for this project in December 2021. A proposal was forwarded to the RSL board for discussion in January 2022. Recent correspondence indicates this proposal was not presented to the board or seen by the CEO. The program was costed at \$36,000, 1/3 of which has been collected. The future of this proposal and project will be considered over the next few months.

Colony 47

In this Rotary year, the Rotary Club of Salamanca approached Colony 47 to form a partnership, that could enable us, to directly help some of the disadvantaged youth in our community. The benefit for our club would be to see the impact first-hand, of our activities, directly helping some of the young people in Hobart, especially in the areas of, personal development, education, careers and relationships.

The examples of the support we discussed with Colony47 are as follows;

- Mentoring – homework, career presentations etc
- Projects – working together with the young people in projects that will help in their personal development, e.g., cooking, craft work etc
- Financial management – preparing personal budgets etc.

To assist RC Salamanca to prepare for these activities, Colony47 provided the following support;

- A presentation on the objectives and operational activities of their organisation
- A good insight into the 'Advantage Thinking' process, that Colony uses, with their clients and staff and how it has helped in achieving their goals
- A presentation on the operational activities of their youth shelters.

The next step, is for the committee (consisting of Mellissa Harvey, Pam Scott and Val Manuelpillai) to meet the co-ordinator of their youth shelters and agree on a draft plan of action for 22-23. This will be submitted to our members to get their agreement. We are hoping for a successful year in 22-23, that will provide us some satisfaction, in helping some of our youth, to achieve their potential in life.

Val Manuelpillai

Spoken Language Identification Project

The Club's Board provided support to this Project which involves the upgrading, to an industry ready standard, of a piece of unique, Tasmanian University student designed and developed, software which has the capability of identifying in a matter of seconds, the language spoken by an individual. The software or 'app' resides on a mobile device such as an internet capable tablet. The project had its origins with the Glamorgan/Spring Bay SES unit, which identified a significant issue in communicating with crash victims who did not speak English and indeed were speaking a language which the SES responders could not identify.

The Rotary Club of Salamanca sponsored a RAWCS project 'Spoken Language Identification Project' with a view to providing the opportunity for other Rotary Clubs and other organisations to make tax deductible donations towards the development of this innovative 'app'. The Club donated \$1000 to the RAWCS project.

Tom Goninon

Ronald McDonald House

The club provided a Christmas BBQ in December 2021 in support of families needing support. A \$200 food hamper was also supplied during the year. Going forward RMCH has requested we resupply their pantry a couple of times a year with non-perishable foods.

Mike Wood

Clarendon Vale Community

Club members provided children's books which were delivered to the Centre by Ruth Temple-Smith just before Christmas.

Ruth Temple-Smith

Andrew Baker
Projects Director 2021/2022

Public Relations

This Rotary year has seen progress in the Rotary Club of Salamanca public relation and marketing efforts. In August we commenced developing a strong relationship with the journalists at the Hobart Observer. Thanks go to Pam Scott and Annie Palmer who created this awesome contact. The club has featured in several feature articles through the year.

Hobart Observer Articles:

1. **September:** Hobart Observer featured a general article about the Rotary Club of Salamanca, projects and membership and featured a photo of the Huon Pine tree that we sponsored in the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens.
2. **November:** The article featured Eve Tsolakidis, our student who attended the National Youth Science Forum. The journalist also interviewed newly inducted members, Narelle Traill and Marky Armsby for this article. The Rotary Club of Salamanca NYSF delegates for 2021 and 2022, were St Mary's College students, Luzie Gillard and Eve Tsolakidis.
3. **December:** An article on the Vocational Awards recipients was featured. The recipients were Dana Weir, hairdresser from Jakadjari Hair Salon, (nominated by Michael Woods) and the Molecular Medicine team at the RHH lead by Jan Williamson (nominated by Pam Scott).
4. **March:** An advertisement and editorial article with an accompanying photo promoting Bookfest appeared in the March Hobart Observer.
5. **April:** A story/photo of Dr Chris Williams featured in the April on page 6. It discussed the Rotary Club of Salamanca's logistical support to transport the decommissioned medical equipment to Lao for use in the *Lao Friends Hospital for Children*, Phoumork village.

Bookfest October 2021 and April 2022:

1. October 2021 ABC Radio: Alex Brownlie was interviewed on Saturday morning radio about Bookfest.
2. 2022 Bookfest Marketing/Public Relations
3. Road signage erected on all highways leading to Hobart.
4. A new large sign placed at Marievill Esplanade.
5. Sandy Bay homes in the vicinity letterboxed
6. Flyers displayed in Salamanca businesses
7. Bookfest promoted through the Rotary Club of Salamanca Facebook
8. Signage at the University of Tasmania Sandy Bay campus.
9. Salamanca Market Flood Fundraising: Signage and flyers displayed at the market stall.
10. The Mercury featured Bookfest article and photo in Saturday Mercury, page 2; Gold!!
11. ABC morning radio on Saturday morning featured Bookfest
12. Andrew Moore distributed Bookfest promotional material to the people on the Clubs Tasmania membership list.

General PR Activities

1. **Hard Drive Backup:** the Rotary Club of Salamanca has purchased two hard drives (additional one back-up drive) for Jane to store high resolution photos to use in written media PR. These will also be useful in converting the club's archives to electronic copies.
2. **Salamanca Mews:** A short article on the Rotary Club of Salamanca and a copy of our membership recruitment brochure were submitted to be distributed with the September *Salamanca Mews* newsletter. The article included an invitation for interested people to attend a breakfast meeting.

Ongoing PR Activities:

1. *Salamanca Market's Charity Stall* application sell repurposed Christmas Decorations has been completed and submitted to the Hobart City Council. The application will be for a date in November/December.
2. *Hobart Observer article* re Nepal school uniforms project ongoing.
3. Public Relations strategy meetings with Andrew Moore and Deb Sealy
4. *Year 12 Scholarship recipients*: Alex is drafting an article for submission in the Hobart Observer
5. *Planned for 2022- 2023*: Develop an integrated club print media, radio, Facebook, digital channel strategy.

Cecilia Lawler
Public Relations Director 2021/2022

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.

As has become the custom of the Rotary Club of Salamanca we again, during the 2021/2022 Rotary year, supported the Rotary Foundation through a donation of \$2874 which amounted to \$100 per member plus some further individual member donations.

Susan Hepburn
The Rotary Foundation Co-Directors 2021/2022