



ANNUAL REPORT
2020/21



President's Report

I want to thank all the wonderful members of the board who have worked so hard to make our year successful despite many trials and tribulations that have befallen us. Despite the unexpected events that have occurred, we have carried on regardless and very successfully too.

It is great to have our changeover dinner where we can all be present in the same room. Last year the event was spread over a number of homes with limited numbers in each.

We witnessed bushfires that impacted on our long-time club member Don Reid and wife Donna and we saw people rally to support under the guidance of Greg Russell. We saw Nick Ditter face a tragic event followed this year with a joyous event as he and Maddie welcomed the birth of their first child Hamish. The warm caring and support of our club has enfolded both these families.

Covid 19 has continued to impact us in a number of ways. The Small Acreage Field Days event had to be postponed twice and then cancelled and we thank Greg for the amount of work he has put in to the continuing journey that we hope has not yet concluded. By the same token, the Sculpture Exhibition was able eventually to go ahead, even though we experienced a lock down part way through. Thanks to the cooperation of National Trust and Stangate House committee and club members, we were able to continue on despite a hiatus in the middle. Thanks to all who came to the fore to ensure it became the super success it was, particularly Tim Boon and Jan Lyon.

We have experienced Zoom meetings, changes of plans, restrictions on meeting at the hotel, but the great thing is our club has continued on bravely. Well done to you all.

Our Christmas Party at Mark Higgins' home was wonderful, we have had a number of super guest speakers in a varied programme, we sponsored a RYLA candidate and much more.

I commend the Directors' reports to you for your perusal so you can see just how much we actually have achieved in this year. Most commendable!

I ask that you give incoming President Stephen Blacketer your full support and guidance as he steers a new path in his life and for our club. Welcome to President Stephen Blacketer!

Yours in Rotary

Susanne Marie June 2021

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CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE 2020 - 2021

DIRECTOR: JOHN OSBORNE

Members: Dan Edmonds, Don Reid, Grant Andrew, Greg Russell, John Goslett, Ken Jeffery, Stephen Blacketer, Andrew McArthur.

As this Rotary year end approaches and we reflect on issues that have impacted on the Rotary Club of Stirling. We, like all volunteer organisations, can only say this has not been an easy year. The lockdowns necessitated by the covid 19 pandemic, prohibited members coming together for meetings and other gatherings.

Thanks to the efforts of Dan Edmonds for getting Zoom meetings organised between members. Thanks for effort Dan.

Early in the year our President Neil Wickens resigned from our Club.

With the lack of a President, the remaining Board members decided the way forward would be best achieved with past Presidents taking turns to stand in as '*Acting President*' to conduct meetings pending the installation of the President Elect for 2021-2022 on 25 June 2021. Thanks to those who helped cover these additional tasks.

Bushfires have been an issue again this year. On 24th January this year an aggressive and extensive fire burnt through a large area of the Hills from Mt. Bold towards the freeway. The home of member Don Reid and his wife Donna plus all their possessions were burnt. Our club and its members have done what is possible to help as best they are able.

The Rotary storage facility and our property is an ongoing responsibility. This will be made easier when additional storage racking has been acquired and installed. Naming of locations within the racks is planned. A donation to Rotary has been received by our Rotary Club to enable effective and additional storage and retrieval of our property.

Increased Membership is always at the forefront of future goals. We have a good club and I thank members for their support to ensure we can grow in the future.

My thanks to all members of my team.

John Osborne

Feb 2021. Combined Meeting with RC of Onkaparinga
NYSF student speaker.



Community and Outreach Committee Report 2020-2021 - Pauline Annear

Service and Fundraising:

In spite of the constraints of COVID and its impact on our fundraising capacity we managed to complete 16 service projects involving 1,400 hours of service. Many thanks to all involved in giving so much of their time. However, a good number of these projects were not fundraising based. Huge thanks go to David Hogan for over 30 hours given to transporting 'Floozie' everywhere she was required during the year. (Even though the SBA contributes \$2500 per year for this service, that is still a lot of David's time). Thanks, must go also to ten of our members for their careful nurturing of the Trees for Life seedlings (300 hours) and the small band of members who have been collecting from Food Bank on Tuesday mornings to stock the Food Pantry at The Hut (120 hours).

In terms of fundraising the Sculpture Exhibition was the highlight, raising just over \$12,000. A huge effort by all involved, especially Tim and Jan. Other highlights include our first sparkling wine bottling which raised \$2400, our Movie Night which raised \$500 and our only Bunnings BBQ which raised close to \$1000. In total we raised nearly \$19,000 for the year. To this we must add \$6816 from our two red wine bottlings for the year – many thanks to Colin for continuing to organise these fun events. Thanks also to Colin's mates who have bought over half of that amount. All in all, not such a bad year.

A special mention must also be made of members who were involved on three occasions in the clean-up of Don and Donna Reid's property after the devastating loss of their home in the Cherry Gardens Bushfire in January. Approximately 17 members gave 50 hours of their time so thank you to all – the true spirit of Rotary was at work here.

Donations:

Of course, it is the money we raise that allows us to contribute to the community we live in and to projects around the world. While there were not many applications this year for our Community Grants, we were still able to give to three very worthy causes.

Donations record 2020-21:

<u>Community Grants</u> Old School Community Garden - \$500 Uraidla Bushfire Safer Place Signage - \$500 Adelaide & Hills Koala Rescue - \$820	\$1820
Australian Rotary Health	\$1500
Rotary Foundation Annual Fund	\$3000
Rotary Foundation Polio Plus	\$1000
Shelterbox	\$1000
Stirling Hospital	\$1000
RAWCS Bushfire Appeal	\$2000
Don and Donna Reid	\$1000
<u>Heathfield High School</u> Hospitality School - \$500 S4S Hamper Challenge - \$200 Student prizes - \$300	\$1000
NYSF (Ben Gast)	\$475
RYLA (Charli Denver)	\$950
Sumatra School Roofing Project	\$2000
Total:	\$15, 745

International and Vocational

While Covid restrictions during the year constrained planned International and Vocational programs there were several notable achievements during 2020/21.

- Stirling Rotary contributed funding to the \$29000 being raised by the Unley Rotary Club to build a Water, Sanitation and Health project in the Solomon Islands. The work involved installation of water harvesting infrastructure, construction of toilets, a health shelter, chicken coop and raised vegetable gardens for the betterment of the local village.
- Stirling Rotary worked with Sue and Sean Delaney from Sinclair Wines to facilitate improvements to another primary school in North Sumatra. The Club had in 2019/20 provided funding to the Porli Primary School to rectify a leaking roof, repair a damaged wall and to acquire a pump and piping to connect well water to the children's toilets. In the current year Stirling Rotary provided \$2000, together with a successful grant application for a similar amount, to replace a damaged roof and ceiling and internal wall of one classroom building at the MIS Al-Washlayah, Timbang Lawan, Primary School in North Sumatra and this work has now been successfully completed. Further stages of work at the School to upgrade other classroom buildings are being considered for 2021/22.
- Finalisation of reporting for the completed clean water and sanitation project in Timor Leste has been undertaken by Rotarian Robert Koehne. Robert has been keen to sign-off the project with Rotary Foundation to enable new projects to proceed in Timor Leste but has been frustrated that the final site inspection has not been able to take place during the year due to travel restrictions. Summary information has however been assembled and forwarded to the Foundation together with un-spent project funds.
- Stirling Rotary has again donated to the eradication of Polio fund.

Unfortunately an intended vocational visit and social event proved to be difficult to lock in with local businesses due to people number restrictions and has been deferred until later in the year, and vocational awards for local businesses and employees also fell off the agenda when financial survival became the priority.

We look forward to a return to a less restrictive coming year.

Ken Patterson



Speaker 31/08/21
Henry Muradzikwa and
Zambezi Crafts

Youth and Education 2020.2021

This year the key youth activities were:

I visited Heathfield high and I saw the presentation of environmental projects the Rotaract/ leadership team were developing.

We half sponsored one participant to NYFS with RC Mt Barker and Sponsored one participant to RYLA. Both these young people came and presented to the club

I also chaired the RYLA committee throughout the last 2 years.

Nick Ditter



10th August 2020. Heathfield High School Dinner. Great night!!

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