



Rotary Club of Stirling

ANNUAL REPORT

2018/19

President's Report Greg Russell 2018/19



As I was preparing this report I reflected on all the great work that the Rotary Club of Stirling has done in our community over more than 40 years. Many great characters have been involved and many good works have been done. I hope that the activities of the club in this past year have contributed to that record. As can be seen from this report the past year has again been a busy one for the club.

In Brief

Welcome Andrew Cass

Honorary Member Josh Teague MLA

Farewell David Wing, Ruth Chapman, for their contribution to our club. We will miss you.

80th Birthdays Colin Fraser
John Osborne

Illness and Loss We send our thoughts and support to our members who have been unwell or have lost a loved one.

"If our hopes of building a better and safer world are to become more than wishful thinking, we will need the engagement of volunteers more than ever." – Kofi Annan

Volunteerism and Rotary

It is important to recognise just how important volunteerism is in Australia. It is a big part of our national character. Yet today, some people are being turned off becoming volunteers partly because of ridiculous rules and red tape which we have allowed to permeate through our national life.

An additional challenge for Rotary, like so many other voluntary organisations, is that our membership is ageing. We need to be more effective in attracting younger members who are balancing the demands of work with family responsibilities. We think part of the answer is to undertake practical and visible works in our community that prospective members can relate to and in which, hopefully, they would like to be involved.

It is in this context that Rotary is seeking to reinvent itself and ensure that we are relevant to a changing society that needs us.



We are always very happy to meet and greet our Rotary members from all over the world!

Catering van gets thumbs up for a bountiful and delicious menu

A year of great work in our catering van, serving a wide selection of food to the public and to fellow Rotarians. We've also spent time upgrading and fitting out the van, streamlining our service and improving our BBQ trailer. We have improved our signage - new flags and menu boards, purchased a new marquee and even have our EFTPOS machine available for public events.

We are currently replacing the sink and hot water service in the van, which will continue our commitment to food safety, but also further our plans to hire the van to caterers and service clubs in our district. Special thanks to some of our catering providers, particularly to Kazim at K&R Produce Murray Bridge for their freshly picked garden vegetables, Gumeracha Butchers for their delicious wurst for our popular Posh Dogs, Baker's Delight Stirling for their fresh bread, and Stirling Variety Meats for the sausages. Thank you!



Stirling Christmas Pageant
What a great day to sell our delicious Posh Dogs and our children's Snack Packs.
We all had a terrific time!

Events and Fundraisers

Whether it's a quiz or a Christmas party we always seem to have a great time together.....

We love to get out there and have fun together, even when we're out fundraising! There's always room for a scrumptious meal and a glass of wine!

Summer time is a busy time for all Clubs as there are so many events on. We have engaged in a host of events, which regularly takes the Rotary brand out into the community. These range from the Stirling Christmas Pageant, Forest Nature Play, the Callington and Uraidla Shows, The Tour Down Under, the Farmer's Drought Appeal, Australia Day breakfast at Mylor, Bike SA ride, and the Stirling Theatre redevelopment strategy. We have worked closely with the Stirling Business Association and have moved the SBA trailer on more than thirty occasions throughout the year. My thanks to David Hogan for all this work.



Of course we do find time to get together and have some fun! It's not all about fundraising but fellowship is a great part of our club too.

Our annual sojourn to Dick and Liz Wilson's house for the BBQ is always a great night. No bonfire this time as the weather prevented it, but we made up for it with great food and wine.

Once again our Christmas Party was a great success and Neil's Christmas Quiz, delivered by Veronica, put us

through our Christmas paces. Our thanks to Mark for inviting us to his property once again, and to Grant for driving for hours to pick up the food!

We have a couple of regular community dinners too. The Heathfield High School dinner which is catered for by the Year 11/12 students, and the Stirling Hospital dinner, remind us of the importance of supporting our local community.

Lastly, our wine bottling is always a favourite with club members, and not just because we get to taste the goods as they are bottled. Thanks to Colin Fraser for organising this important club fundraiser.



Youth & Education: Welcome HHS Generations Connect - Our new Interact Club!

What a terrific year it's been! We are all thrilled to welcome the students of Heathfield High School Years 8-12 to our Rotary family.



The Interact club has been in the planning for a couple of years and it's been a very positive and exciting journey, thanks very much to the work from Coordinator Jayne Fulbrook, our school liaison. The students have elected their office bearers and have been deciding what to do with the seeding money of \$1000 from our club. It will be terrific to see what they come up with and to know that these young people are budding community volunteers. The morning tea, to launch the Interact Club, was attended by Club members (Greg Russell, Veronica Forsayeth, Pauline Annear, Neil Wickens), DG Kim Harvey, Principal Roy Page, Coordinators Jayne Fulbrook and Lucy Arnold, our local MP Josh Teague and of course the enthusiastic HHS students. It was an extra bonus that all the students received a piece of celebratory cake!



**Did you know
there are 20,372
Interact Clubs in
the world, with
468,556 members
in 159 countries?**

This year our club sponsored several young women to Rotary Youth Programs and it's been great to hear that they have really enjoyed their experience.



Timor-Leste Water and Sanitation Project – Now Complete!

The water and sanitation project in the mountains south of Dili in Timor-Leste was successfully completed and is providing safe drinking water and improved sanitation to more than 1500 people.

This \$64,000 project, led by our member Robert Koehne, involved funding and participation from Mount Barker and Murray Bridge Rotary clubs as well. Two site visits occurred at the beginning and conclusion of the project.

A donation of \$1,500 from Inner Wheel will be used for some additional work in a neighbouring village.

Our club members, Robert Koehne and Pauline Annear spent a week working and travelling in Timor-Leste in April this year. In conjunction with the Rotary Club Dili Lafaek and local communities, the water and sanitation project was completed.

There is still much to be done in Timor-Leste and we look forward to growing the links we have made through this project.



Speakers Program 2018/19 Highlights

T Port developments in SA - Freddie Bartlett
Your Rotary Foundation - Sam Camporeale
Indigenous Land Regeneration - Nic Kentish
Helping Babies Breathe - Gilian Mibus Australian College of Neonatal Nurses
China in the Pacific - Ron Malcolm
District Governor - Kim Harvey
Summit Mental Health Services - Janet Devlin
Voyage across the Pacific - Phil Tassicker
The Changing Face of ENT - Dr Theo Athanasiadis, Stirling Hospital
Watching Variety SA Grow - John Gibson
Cardiac Emergencies -
Rose Coldwell and Chris Taliangis, SA Ambulance Aldgate
Stirling Residents' Association - Jon Hill
The Timor Leste Project - Robert Koehne
The New Club Website - Dan Edmonds
Communities Caring for Charities - Neicy Hayward
The Inner Wheel - Jennifer Read and Marilyn Schultz
India Votes Past and Present - Professor Peter Mayer
A Walk through History, Hahndorf Yesterday and Today - Sharon Pippas
Indigenous Health Scholar - Dr Jess Beinke
RSPCA - Paul Stevenson
Water purifier for Developing Countries - Joshua Schmidt
Global Grant Scholar - Adam Burford
Developments in Cardiology - Dr Angus Hains, Stirling Hospital
Youth Night - Shelby Adams, Kaitlyn Howlett and Bonnie Coventry
Amnesty International - Laurie Lever and Sarah Burrage
Maralinga Visit - David Hogan, Dick Wilson and Greg Russell
Emergency Preparedness - Red Cross
Uzbekistan, A Jewel on the Silk Road - Neil and Socorro Wickens

Meeting Program

We are extremely fortunate to have had a varied, entertaining and thought provoking speaker program throughout the year.

Our meeting program has also seen a few changes to our regular format introducing a couple of informal meals downstairs in the bistro, and several wine and cheese nights. We were also very fortunate to dine at Tranquilo (one of our Friends of Rotary) and Loca Vore, enjoying their delicious food and service. Mixing it up has worked very well and we hope to bring more variety to next year's program.

Thanks very much to Dick Wilson for the Speakers Program, and Pauline Annear for her liaison with the Stirling Hotel – often not an easy job!



Highlights of 2018/19

Our Fundraising program supports our local community and those International Rotary projects close to home. We are very proud that our hard work goes towards such worthy projects and organisations.

Fundraising Distribution 2018/19

Heathfield High School Hospitality School -\$300

Heathfield High School Student Prizes - \$300

Stirling Hospital - \$1500

Farmers' Drought Relief Fund -\$1524

Upper Sturt Primary School Garden-\$500

Australian Rotary Health - \$200

End Polio Campaign- \$1000

Kids with Arthritis - \$250

National Youth Science Forum -Two students -
\$3150

Rotary Youth Leadership program - One student -
\$900

Conoco-Phillips Science Experience - student
attendee- \$190

International Timor-Leste Project - \$8000

The Rotary Foundation - \$3500

Interact Club Heathfield High School - \$1000

Restaurant Tranquilo Christmas Community Lunch
- \$500



Board Members 2018/19

President - Greg Russell

Secretary - Susanne Marie

Treasurer - Pauline Annear

Director - Club Administration:
Grant Andrew

Director - Youth & Education:
Veronica Forsayeth

Director – International: Robert
Koehne

Director – Community Outreach &
Engagement: Jill Mitchell

Directors – Events: Greg Russell /
Veronica Forsayeth / Jill Mitchell

Speaker Program - Dr Dick Wilson /
Pauline Annear

Sergeant At Arms - John Norris

Welfare Officer - Rob Hill

Meeting Coordination - Pauline
Annear / Don Reid

Special thanks to the Stirling Hotel
and staff for their services and
assistance throughout the year.

My thanks to our members, their
partners, and all those who have
supported our club during
2018/19.

My best wishes to incoming
President Susanne Marie and her
Board for a successful year in
2019/20

Greg Russell



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