

ROTARY CLUB OF
Mont Albert & Surrey Hills

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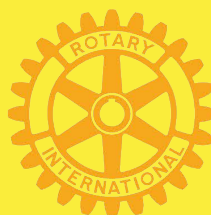
Annual Report 2019-20

President - Anne Teese

District 9810 - Victoria - Australia

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President's Report 2019-20

When my year as President commenced on 1st July, I never imagined how the final three months of the year would play out. At times there may be one or two countries affected by a virus or other catastrophe but it is such a long time since the whole world has been impacted so dramatically at the same time. Many parts of Australia were already suffering due to the 'Black Summer' fires. The fires caused so much damage and loss of human life, wildlife, homes, fences and vegetation. Communities were just starting to rebuild when COVID19 became a reality and this has certainly presented extra challenges.

The theme of the 2019-20 Rotary International President, Mark Daniel Maloney, has been 'Rotary Connects The World'. In many ways the world has been more closely connected and in others it is so far apart.

As a club we initially continued to meet weekly at the Box Hill Institute and then adjourn to the Box Hill RSL Club for dinner. Flexibility is what MASH is all about; some members are unable to stay for dinner and on occasion members who have been unable to attend the meeting arrive in time for dinner. Dinner is a great opportunity to catch up socially and it also allows for that bit of extra Rotary conversation that is necessary for a particular project or event. Since April we have been conducting Zoom meetings and it has been very pleasing to see more members at meetings each week. Thanks to Carol and Chris for setting up Zoom and hosting the meetings. We have had a variety of very interesting speakers throughout the year and thanks to Richard for ensuring the Speaker Program has run smoothly.

A club does not function without members and I would like to thank you all for the contribution you made to MASH and Rotary this year.

The Committee Chairs prepare each month to ensure the projects of the club are discussed and then reported to the Board. When compiling the reports it makes me proud - as a small club we have achieved some huge results.

Unfortunately a number of projects and fundraising events in April, May and June had to be cancelled or postponed to a later date. The Surrey Hills Dawn ANZAC Day Service in Surrey Gardens was unable to be held but instead many people stood in their driveways at 6am and paid their respects. All youth events were cancelled. Fortunately we had already achieved a lot by the end of March.

The Retro, Antiques & Collectables Fair had been held for 11 years but following the May 2019 fair, and after a lot of discussion, it was decided that it would not continue. A Trivia night was held in October and this was a lot less work. Congratulations to Patt on a successful event.

The club has been working towards local businesses joining MASH as Organisational Members. I would like to congratulate Nicole Osner (Membership Chair) and Alex Starr (member since 2013) on successfully securing the first Organisational Membership, Ross-Hunt Real Estate. The club has a very good relationship with the Bendigo Bank in Surrey Hills and they will become our second Organisational Member and inducted at our Changeover event. It was also very exciting to induct our youngest member, Kai-Xing Goh, who has already made a huge contribution to Rotaract and her journey now continues with Rotary. I hope all new members enjoy their Rotary experience.

We have very good relationships with both Alkira and KARA House and were pleased to be able to complete projects at both these facilities this year.

Congratulations to Nigel for continuing to lead the International Committee. He has been able to see a couple of ongoing projects completed and has instigated our very own project in the Solomons. The annual Sunday morning get together to pack birthing kits is a great hands-on project as well as a social day. Something which is so easy for us makes such a difference for those less fortunate.

We continued to provide a meal on the First Friday of each month for the needy. This changed in April and it was take-away. Thanks to David for overseeing this activity.

As always we have had a mix of social activities. As DG Shia says you need to put FUN into Rotary and these social activities provide that.

Congratulations to MASH member, Shia Smart who has served as District 9810 Governor for 2019-20. To Shia's family, Duncan and Flynn, I know you have both been a huge support to her in this role, well done. I am sure it has been a year to remember for all of you.

I would like to thank my Board for their support and assistance. Thanks to Rob, for bringing me back to reality when needed.

How do I sum up my year – I was a little apprehensive taking on the role of president but I am so glad that I have been able to contribute to the Rotary Club of MASH and Rotary in general. I have learnt a lot. We may not have achieved everything we set out to do but we still made a difference to many who are less fortunate.

I wish incoming President, Valmai Crees and the Rotary Club of Mont Albert & Surrey Hills all the very best for the 2020-21 year as 'Rotary Opens Opportunities'

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President 2019-20

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Vice President
Immediate Past President
President Elect
Secretary
Treasurer
Board Member

Anne Teese
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Nicole Osner
Valmai Crees
Carol Hampton-Chubb
Joe Somers
Graeme Battersby

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Community
Environment/Vocational
International
Youth Services
Fundraising
Membership
Public Image and Social

Susan Smith
Graeme Battersby
Nigel Cooper
Rob Teese
Patt Gagliardi
Nicole Osner
Gill Somers

Other roles

President Elect
On the Radar Editor
Club Program
Website
Social Media

Certificates of Appreciation
Foundation

Valmai Crees
Rob Teese
Richard Groom
Richard Groom/ Rob Teese
Rob Teese /David Winter/
Nicole Osner/
Chris Hampton-Chubb
Richard Groom
Richard Groom

1. Club Operations

Club Operations covers fundraising, public image/social, membership, and our guest speaker program. The following reports have been prepared by the chairs of these areas of operation.

1.1 Fundraising – Patt Gagliardi, Committee Chair

Committee Members: Barb, Simon, Rob S, Graeme, Carol and Alex.

The 2019-20 Fundraising year has been unusual to say the least.

Whitehorse Farmers' Market - The market has been operating since November 2006 and is held on the second Sunday each month. The market is run by the six Rotary Clubs and the Rotaract Club within the City of Whitehorse. As well as helping with market set up, manning the gates and collecting stall holders fees, MASH members were rostered on for the August and March bacon and egg stall. Due to COVID-19 the April and May markets were cancelled. Fantastic news that the market recommenced in June. All funds raised must be used for projects within the City of Whitehorse.



Sausage Sizzles

Hamilton Street (Graeme Battersby/Rob Stamp/Rob Teese)

The weekly sizzle continues and funds raised this year amounted to \$5448.10, not bad since sizzles ceased at the beginning of April. A donation tin raises extra funds.

Bunnings - MASH held a Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings on January 17th and raised \$545.60. Another Bunnings Sausage Sizzle was organised for April 5th however, this was cancelled due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Bunning's donated a \$500 gift voucher to MASH which was a nice gesture and much appreciated.



Special thanks to David Winter and Bread Street for the very generous donations of bread and onions for the Sausage Sizzles.

Christmas Fruit Mince Pies - sales proved another winner on the fundraising front and a total of 436 dozen Mince Pies were sold and raised \$6,100. Again a huge thank you to David Winter and Bread Street once again for donating same.

Trivia Night - MASH held a Trivia Night on 12th October at Taralye Oral Language School for Deaf Children. It was a very successful evening and almost \$4,000 was raised on the night. Special thanks to James Worlidge from Taralye for Taralye's very kind gesture of the facility for the evening. My personal thanks to all MASH members who assisted with the Trivia Night (raffle, coin throw etc.) and made it such a success. A special mention to Simon Barnard for his "Hi Tech" contribution in operating the temperamental audio etc.

Another special Thank You to my dear friend Jane Caulfield (Fletcher's Real Estate Canterbury), for being Auctioneer & MC on the night. I know I speak for all MASH members when I say Jane did a wonderful job at the Trivia Night and was part and parcel of making the evening a huge success. Local businesses need to be congratulated and thanked for their support in providing vouchers and other items raffled or auctioned on the night.



Walk Talkathon Rotary – Alex Starr and her committee spent many hours organising a "Fun Walk" fundraising event for April. Unfortunately the event has had to be postponed to a later date.

Community Raffle - MASH is once again participating in the Waverley Rotary Club Community Raffle and proceeds of all ticket sales by MASH are retained. The raffle was due to be drawn in June, however this draw date has now been extended till October 2020. This will allow us to sell tickets for the extra months.

My thanks to all the Fundraising Committee members and MASH members for their assistance throughout the year. Under extraordinary circumstances, we have still raised over \$25,000 for the 2019-20 year. I have had a great time being chair of fundraising and look forward to whatever 2020-21 MASH year brings.

1.2 Public Image and Social Committee – Gillian Somers Committee Chair

Committee members: Richard, Chris, Rob T, Joe, Jon and Susan

Public Image

Our committee identified an important objective this year was to raise the club's profile both through our online presence and our presence in the local community. We developed several strategies to be undertaken to achieve this objective.

Social media - Our club's online presence needed to be raised. To support us in our actions, in August 2019 members of our committee attended a District seminar on "Public Image and Communication". This seminar outlined the need for Rotary to change and adopt a variety of social media tools, while also outlining social media guidelines that should be followed. Our committee chose two areas on which to focus its attention, namely updating our club's website and increasing our Facebook presence:

Website – Rob Teese working with two media students from Swinburne University reviewed and updated our website to improve its overall presentation, relevance and accessibility.

Facebook – members were encouraged to post articles and pictures of our proposed and actual club activities.

Raising awareness in the local community - A variety of posters were designed and put up in prominent places (e.g. Box Hill Institute Nelson Road campus, community noticeboard in Hamilton Street, Mont Albert and Bread Street noticeboard) to invite interested people to come and attend meetings. Articles and photos about packing Birthing Kits and the First Friday Dinner were printed in the Whitehorse Leader.

Following the article about the First Friday Dinner an anonymous donor gave the club \$1,000 to support the dinner and Xuechen Jiang, a journalism student at Monash University approached the club to make a YouTube video of the First Friday Dinner.

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On The Radar has been produced weekly and thanks to Rob Teese for keeping the club members, friends, honorary members and partners of MASH up to date with what is happening at MASH.

Social

Early on this Rotary year we held a range of social events where members met and enjoyed each other's company. Our opportunities to socialise with each other after March 2020 became much less due to the restrictions placed on us by our effort to combat the coronavirus. For many of us, the telephone, Facebook and ZOOM became our social platforms or the occasional crossing of paths when out on our daily walks.

Dinner Party - On Saturday 10th August three members (Richard, Shia and Nigel) hosted dinner parties for eight diners. The host provided the main course with the other diners providing pre-dinner nibbles, entrée and dessert. These dinners provide a fabulous opportunity for members and their partners to socialise together.



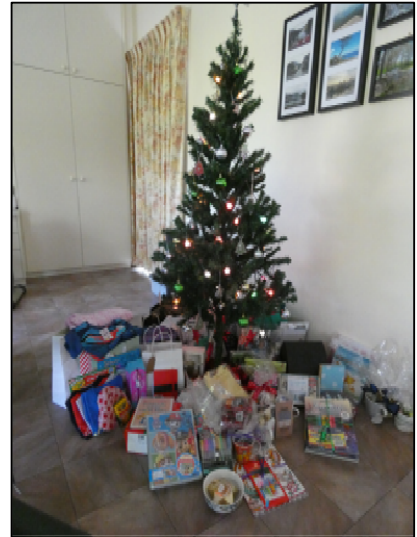
Lunch with our partner club – Rotary Club of Beaufort - This joint function was held at The Plough Hotel in Myrniong on Sunday 22nd September. MASH attendees reported that they enjoyed good food, good company as well as it being a good venue. It was decided by both clubs that this should certainly become an annual event.



MASH 15th Birthday party on 22nd October - The Corner Room at the Auburn Hotel in Hawthorn was the venue for a fun night where 27 members, partners and past members celebrated this milestone for our club. It provided an opportunity to celebrate and reflect on what the club has achieved over the past fifteen years.



MASH Christmas Party - Our annual Christmas Party was celebrated on 10th December at the home of Anne and Rob Teese. Rob took charge of the ham and Anne prepared the turkey – both were succulent and plentiful. Members excelled themselves with their offerings of salads and dessert. We broke with our traditional Kris Kringle and provided unwrapped gifts that were given to Kara House. These gifts were then distributed to their clients as a gesture to brighten their Christmas.



First Meeting for 2020 - David and Bev opened their home to 26 members and friends and generously provided nibbles and drinks. To show our thanks members made voluntary contribution and \$210 was donated to “Basil Brush Wildlife Rescue” a Bushfire charity in Gippsland on David and Bev’s behalf.



Towoo Restaurant, Balwyn on 18th February - On a cold, wet and windy night 22 members and friends participated in a Korean social night where our chills were immediately taken away by the charcoal burner (Hwaroo) sitting in the middle of our tables. The food was plentiful, sharing the delights of the extensive menu – starting with banchan (Yeonguen muchim (lotus), oden (fishcake) kimchi and pickled purple radish. Next came a beautiful crispy seafood pancake (Haemool-pa-jeon). The charcoal burner then came into action cooking different meats that were so tender and tasty. Still more Dolsot-Bibimbap (cooked vegetables, boiled rice, egg and beef) was served in a very hot clay pot which was delightful, then to be followed by king prawns and scallops. This wonderful culinary experience was made even more enjoyable as Jon and Cloe provided explanations and stories for us about the food we were eating.



March and beyond

By necessity all forms of socialising were put on hold pending our social distancing restrictions being lifted.

Friday night drinks via Zoom on 29th May - This was a great opportunity for members to connect without leaving their homes.

1.3 Membership – Nicole Osner, Committee Chair

Committee members: Nigel, Jan, Murray, David, Mick and Janelle

This year the Rotary Club of Mont Albert & Surrey Hills has inducted 3 new members. Jong Sun Yoon (mentor Graeme) was inducted at our change over dinner last June. Kai-Xing Goh (mentor Nicole) was inducted August. In January 2020 Ross Hunt Real Estate became our first Organisational member with Alex Starr and Jeff Anderson (mentor Nigel) representing this organisation which has been a long-time supporter of our club.



Our Club consists of 13 male and 13 female members ranging from 23 to 80 years of age which provides a diversity which more closely represents our community. A stronger representation of the younger age groups (<50) needs to be our focus in coming years.

Note: Membership on 26 June will be 28 with the induction of the Bendigo Organisational Members, Maggie Stamoulis and Anjai Marcou

With the COVID -19 pandemic as well as our weekly meetings via Zoom, 'Connecting MASH' was set up to ensure that members remained connected during the isolation period by means of a weekly phone chat.

1.4 Meeting and Guest speaker program 2019-20 – Richard Groom

Our Tuesday meetings have again reflected the culture of our club and our involvement in our community. We offer our sincere thanks to all our speakers and guests for giving their time and support and sharing their stories with us.

Date	Speakers	Topic
02 July	Committee Meetings	
9 July	Norm Fary U3A	U3A
16 July	Ken Mirams	Youth Protection
23 July	Richard Groom	Richard's Quiz
30 July	Visit by DG Shia Smart	
06 August	Committee Meetings	
13 August	Primary School Speech Competition	
20 August	Bob Glindemann	Donations in Kind
27 August	Mark Balla	Operation Toilet
03 September	Committee Meetings	
10 September	Loretta Smith	Kew Car Business
17 September	Ali (PSSC winner), Alice (RYLA) and Richard Groom	Chatham Primary School
24 September	Carolyn Finis	Summer Foundation
01 October	Committee Meetings	
08 October	Susie Lachal	Schools in Cambodia
15 October	BHI Scholarship Recipients	
22 October	MASH 15 th Birthday Dinner	
29 October	Committee Meetings	
05 November	Melbourne Cup Day - No Meeting	
12 November	AGM and RI website	Joe Somers
19 November	Barrie Dempster	Lifeline
26 November	Kelly Lawson	Peace Scholar program
03 December	Committee Meetings	
10 December	Christmas Party	
17 Dec to 7 Jan	No meetings	
14 January	Social activity	David & Bev's
21 January	Gladys Liu	Chinese Contribution
28 January	Committee Meetings	
04 February	Kai Xing and Val	Member behind the Badge
11 February	Graham Thorley	Heidelberg Historical Society
18 February	Social Night	Korean Restaurant
25 February	Cally Berryman	Women and Gambling

03 March	Committee Meetings	
10 March	Rochelle Anderson	You Matter
24 March	No meeting	COVID 19
17 March	Michael Willis	RAWCS
31 March	No meeting	COVID 19
	Zoom Meetings begin	
07 April	Committee Meetings	
14 April	Don McQueen	Strath Creek
21 April	Kurt Langfelder	Enemy Alien
28 April	Bob Slater	Coppin
05 May	Committee Meetings	
12 May	Richard Groom	30 years in Rotary
19 May	Club Assembly	
26 May	Betty Kitchener	Organising a Book Fair
02 June	No meeting	
09 June	Mark Thomas	First Responders
16 June	Carolyn Pethick	35 Years in the Police Force
23 June	Blaise van Hecke	Walk Across Spain
26 June	Changeover	
30 June	No meeting	



2. Club Service

Club Service covers community, environment/vocational, international and youth services. The following reports have been prepared by the chairs of these areas of operation.

2.1 Community – Susan Smith, Committee Chair

Committee members: Alex, Richard, Nicole, Barb and Mick

Beaufort Relationship (Nicole Osner)

Myrniong Luncheon - In September 2019 we enjoyed the second annual lunch at the Myrniong Hotel with the members of the Rotary Club of Beaufort. Good food, good wine and great company further fostering the wonderful relationship between our Rotary clubs.

Beaufort Show - As has become tradition, this year nine MASH members spent the weekend with our friends at the Rotary Club of Beaufort. The Saturday night dinner was again held at Rob and Kate's and



it was wonderful to tour the property and see all the changes. Since our last visit many more bare rooted apples etc. are grown and sold now. The night provided a great opportunity to catch up with members of the RC Beaufort in particular Jenny and Roger who have chosen to make Beaufort their home.

The Agricultural Show affords MASH Rotarians the opportunity to volunteer in a variety of roles: working at the shearing competition, manning the gate, selling raffle tickets, judging the Miss Show Girl competition etc.

From a first time attendee the comment was 'I learnt that selling raffle tickets is a negotiation'. This sales pitch was quite effective: '2 dollars for a new car is a pretty good deal'.

I also learnt that the sheep shearing competition isn't just about sheep shearing. There were three competitions in one, shearing, roustabout and wool grading. As Anne B pointed out when it's your livelihood on the line, you want to ensure that your fleeces are presented with maximum effect.

All in all, we had a fun day and are spreading the word amongst the city slickers. A great weekend and thanks to the Beaufort Rotarians for their willingness to open their homes to us.

Defying the Drift - MASH again sponsored the Defying the Drift Program (started by Rotarians at Rotary Club of Beaufort) which is a weekend for 16-18 year-old students providing them with options for staying on a rural location, personal development and the opportunity to connect with their peers. Graeme Battersby and Richard and Jill Groom attended the program dinner at Longereng College, Horsham and were inspired by the enthusiasm of the participants.

Bike Ride for Medical Research - Australian Rotary Health -

In addition to our club's annual donation, Nicole participated in this annual event riding 460km in total to raise funds for ARH. This year the ride Silos, Plains, Lakes and Arts Tour travelled around Western Victoria. On the penultimate day lunch was provided by our friends from the Rotary Club of Beaufort - another example of the Rotary network works together.



Other Community projects



Kara House - Once again we supported our local women's refuge, Kara House, for women and children escaping family violence by donating \$630 towards prams for women with babies who often arrive at the refuge with nothing. Thanks to a \$2,966 grant received from the Bendigo Bank MASH was able to fund the replacement of a retaining wall and fencing as part of a garden refurbishment project.

Alkira - The refurbishment of a home in Gracefield Drive which was commenced in 2018-19 was completed in 2019-20. Thanks to the commitment of \$5,000 each from Alkira, Whitehorse Rotaract and MASH and a matching grant of \$15,000 from Dick Smith Compassionate Grants the kitchen and bathrooms were refurbished. Alkira are grateful for our ongoing support.



International Women's Day - Organised by members of the Whitehorse Rotary Clubs and Whitehorse Rotaract, the International Women's Day breakfast was held on 4 March 2020 at the Box Hill Town Hall. The theme was "She's on a Roll - Embrace the Challenge". Tickets sold out fast with breast cancer awareness activist and actor Samuel Johnson OAM, environmentalist and women's rights activist Sophia Grubnic, and psychiatrist and advocate for prevention of family violence Dr Manjula O'Connor as our guest speakers. Allira Howe and 3 students from Koonung Secondary College were guests of MASH. \$10,000 was raised to support Love Your Sister - a charity committed to vanquishing cancer.



First Friday of the Month Dinner (The Barn) - Led by member David Winter and together with Whitehorse Rotaract, Koonung Interact members and other friends of MASH, our club continued to provide a FREE two-course meal to those in need on the first Friday of every month at the Baptist Church in Box Hill. Established in 2012, the purpose of the project is not just to provide a well-balanced home cooked meal in a safe, warm and friendly community environment but also to provide an opportunity to meet with others. A meal was still provided during the isolation restrictions but in form of take-aways.



Police Mentoring Programme - Patt Gagliardi is taking part in the Rotary Police Mentoring Program for a second time. She has also been invited to join the selection panel of future applicants who wish to make a contribution to our community through this important role.

Inala – Christmas morning tea - The Choir from St Luke's Primary School again entertained the residents at Inala Village. Both the students and the residents enjoyed the morning of interaction. The residents always enjoy mince pies with their cup of tea. Thanks to Barb for organising and Gill and Joe for assisting on the day and Bread Street for supplying the mince pies.

Christmas Tree Sales, 1st Mont Albert Scout Group – As a thank you for allowing MASH to store a container at their venue, club members assisted with selling trees again this year.

2.2 Environment/Vocational, Committee Chair Graeme Battersby

Committee members: Chris, Jan, Murray, Janelle and Jon

Tree Planting - This year again, Landcare programs dominated the club's environmental activities. The now traditional tree planting in the Beaufort area took place on Sunday 21st July, in conjunction with the Rotary Clubs of Doncaster, Box Hill Central, Lilydale, Canterbury and Beaufort and Rotaract Clubs of Monash and Whitehorse. Approximately 850 seedlings were planted, with a further 300 to be planted by the landowner (David Morcombe) and his family at another site at a later date. This brings the total planting in the area in the past 8 years to approximately 13,000 trees. A seed planting day was held on February 15 this year, in preparation for the 2020 tree planting in July/August.



Chatham Primary School - MASH was again involved in the Community Planting Day at Chatham Primary School on 31st August which involved the regeneration of their Koori garden to attract native bees, birds and butterflies.

Recycling - MASH members have also been leading by example in the reduction of plastic waste ("keep cups") at meetings and on the home front.

Envision Hands - The plastic bottle top collection on behalf of Koonung Interact for the "Envision Hands Project" has unfortunately been TOO successful and due to production difficulties, the program has been paused.

2.3 International – Nigel Cooper, Committee Chair

Committee Members: Carol, Rob S, Simon and David

This Committee of just 5 members achieved a lot more than was anticipated at the commencement of the year as new projects came on board during the year.

At our first meeting we recommended, and had approved by the Board, a total of \$19,400 for projects during the year. This included projects we annually support such as Polio, Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children, Malaria, Donations in Kind, Wheelchairs for Kids, Disaster Aid and Birthing Kits. Our club made donations totalling \$6,225 for these ongoing, worthwhile projects.

In the case of Polio, the \$2,225 we donated extrapolated into AUD\$14,820 when matching contributions were received from the District, the World Fund and the Gates Foundation contributions. A further donation of \$785 was made to assist with the eradication of Polio.



Other projects that we completed, are ongoing, or are being developed, are as follows:

Solomon Islands – this is an ongoing project initiated by MASH last year which involves the provision of water, sanitation and educational materials to Carlisle Bay Primary School on the Island of Nendo in the Solomons. A budget of \$2,000 has been approved, although this will not be utilised this year as the project is going to take a while to complete. To date we have gained the support of the Rotary Club of Honiara and had the Solomon Islands Rural Water Supply and Sanitation programme (RWASH) department complete a technical assessment of the school's requirements. These have addressed the re-establishment of the water supply and construction of toilets. Additionally, we have collected 8 boxes of educational materials and forwarded these to the school via Donations in Kind. Our next stage is to undertake a site visit to ascertain equipment/tools, labour availability, materials and associated costs. Once the budget is known, we expect to seek grants and assistance from other Rotary Clubs to finance the project.

Lighting for Timor Leste - this involves the installation of pay-as-you-go solar lighting to 250 homes in East Timor villages. The project, initiated by the Rotary Club of Doncaster in 2016, has now come to fruition and a global grant has been obtained. Our commitment to the project of \$2,500 was contributed in this financial year.

Birthing Kits – we again were involved in the assembly and packing of Birthing Kits. This year 994 kits were dispatched via Donations in Kind to Timor Leste and Vanuatu. Thanks go to Rob Stamp for coordinating the supplies and delivery to DIK, and also to Simon and Caroline Barnard for the use of their home to pack the kits and for the excellent lunch afterwards.



Provision of Educational Materials request from Rotary E Club of South Africa One – last year a request was made from one of Richard Groom’s cricketing friends, Gerald Sieberghagen, of the Rotary E Club of South Africa One for funding for the provision of teacher workshops and manuals, library materials, reading books and teacher training and support. The total cost of the project is USD\$43000 and has been financed by sponsor funding, DDFs and a Rotary World Fund match. The project has now been fully funded with our club donation of USD\$1,000 (AUD\$1500) matched by a grant from our district making a total contribution of USD\$2,000.

Thank you to Richard Groom for his dedication and initiative in promoting this worthwhile project and for also initiating the District grant.

2019 Taveuni Eye Project – following an approach from the Rotary Club of Boronia we were pleased to donate \$500 to this project which involves the correction of children’s and adults’ sight in remote villages in Fiji.

Umoja Building refurbishment project – Tanzania - this involves the refurbishment of a new site that the school has acquired. The project will take some time to come to fruition. A local architect has completed design drawings. The next move will be to obtain costings of materials and labour and then seek approval of a Global Grant application to be made via RC of Arusha. It is expected that the project will not be completed for 1-2 years. Meantime our club has committed \$2,000 towards this project to support the Global Grant. Our thanks to David for keeping us informed and this project alive.

Mobile Health Unit – Punjab, Pakistan - again, from Richard Groom’s introduction, we are supporting the purchase and fit out of a mobile health unit in Gujranwala district. There are 4 million people in the district and the health unit is expected to treat more than 20,000 patients a year with ultrasounds, immunisation and other diagnostic testing. The local health authority will provide the staffing. The Board has approved USD\$1000 towards the Global Grant which the Rotary Club of Ruryila is seeking. USD\$62,400 is sought and already substantial donations have been received from Rotary clubs in Korea and Singapore.

Koshish - an attempt – Graeme Battersby had visited India to build dams in a joint project between the Rotary clubs of Delhi Megapolis and Sanford-Springvale. He heard about the efforts of the Delhi Megapolis club to assist the primary education of impoverished youngsters who do not qualify to attend government schools in the area. Over 2500 children have been assisted to date. The provision of midday meals, the distribution of track suits and shoes and setting up of libraries has also been achieved. Our club felt this was a worthwhile project and this year we donated AUD\$500.

In summary our payments/donations were:

- \$6,225 to our annual projects mentioned above
- \$5,025 to one off projects
- \$5,500 carried forward to the new year for projects currently in progress.

Total committed/spent \$16,750 out of budget of \$19,400.

2.4 Youth Services – Rob Teese, Committee Chair

Committee members: Patt, Gill and Joe

The Rotary Club of Mont Albert & Surrey Hills continued to support our youth through a range of events, projects and activities.

Interact (Nigel Cooper, Joe and Gill Somers) - The Interact Clubs (Senior and Middle School) of Koonung Secondary College have continued to prosper under the guidance of Joe & Nigel (Senior) Joe & Gill (Middle School) and the school's teacher coordinators Peter Hodgkinson and Allira Howe. Senior Interact presidents Tom Kerr and Elizabeth Odria (2019) – Hayley Mason and Elisha Punay (2020) together with their committee & members have again done a great job.

These Interactors again demonstrated their leadership qualities both at the school and within the broader community. Their community and fundraising efforts were varied and included the following:

- A film night which raised \$600.50 for Backpack Bed for Homeless. MASH matched this with a further \$600.50. President Anne presented a cheque to the Interact club at a school assembly where a sample backpack was shown.
- A joint meeting In August of Interact, Rotaract & Rotary where Catie Muir updated us on the activities of Interact.
- A number of Interactors assisting MASH at First Friday Dinners during the year.
- Three students being sponsored by MASH to attend the International Women's Day Breakfast in March.
- Interact offering to assist with the MASH - Walk Talkathon project which unfortunately did not proceed due to COVID-19.
- A 'Mysterious' Trivia night which was held in September with the \$2,000 raised going to Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM). A number of MASH members attended.
- Six Koonung Interactors attending the Interact District Assembly Day (IDAD) along with members from 14 other Interact clubs.
- Middle School Interact club running a pizza lunch fundraiser in aid of the Books in Homes project (our DG family Project).



Finally, we acknowledge the wonderful support that Koonung has given our club to allow our interaction with their students. Principal Marianne Lee and Allira Howe (Director of Learning: Middle School) and Peter Hodgkinson (Director of Learning: Engagement and Leadership), have assisted us at every stage. Allira was awarded a PHF last year for her community work and her fantastic support of Interact at Koonung. The PHF was presented by President Anne at a school assembly in September.

A number of MASH Members also enjoyed the Koonung Musical - Legally Blond during the year (this was not an Interact event).

Whitehorse Rotaract - Our close relationship with Rotaract has continued this year. MASH members have been regular attendees at Rotaract meetings and activities. Several MASH members also attended the Rotaract Changeover. We are always made to feel very welcome at their activities.



Rotaractors again assisted this year with the International Women's Day Breakfast run by Rotary. In August we held a joint meeting of Interact, Rotaract & Rotary with guest speaker Mark Valla. Jasmine Wolrige and Dana Kirimof from Rotaract spoke at this meeting. This year, Rotaract again covered the cost of The Barn hall rental, and regularly assisted at the First Friday Dinner at The Barn. Rotaractors also assisted at

the annual Beaufort tree planting. Amelia Savage spoke to our club about her planned participation in RYLA Oceania and MASH subsequently partly sponsored Amelia to attend. Rotaract were also big contributors to the planning of our proposed Walk Talkathon (later postponed due to isolation rules)

Box Hill Institute Scholarships (Rob Teese) - Boosted by a grant from the Bendigo Community Bank four deserving students at Box Hill Institute received \$1,000 each in July to assist with their study fees or materials. These students presented to our club in October and demonstrated that they were worthy recipients. The students had provided written applications which were then assessed by MASH members (Richard Groom, Gill Somers and Carol Hampton-Chubb) and the Institute.

The process has commenced again for the current year. Richard Groom has managed to obtain a grant from District 9810 of \$2,500 to support the current year scholarships. Applications have been sought and students will then be selected and presented with their Scholarship later in the year.

Literacy Grants (Rob Teese) - This year we provided grants of up to \$550 per school. The offer was taken up by the following six schools: • Our Lady's Primary School • Wattle Park Primary School • Surrey Hills Primary School • Mont Albert Primary School • Our Holy Redeemer Primary School • Koonung Secondary College. This year we were very fortunate to receive a grant of \$3,500 from Bendigo Bank to help cover the cost of these payments.

National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) - Unfortunately NYSF was cancelled this year due to the severe smoke pollution associated with the extensive bushfires around Canberra.

Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) - MASH sponsored Alice Terrill from Rotaract this year. Alice said the course provided high level training in teamwork and leadership. She was pleased to have successfully made a presentation and would love to return next year as a leader. Freda Meng from Rotaract also attended and was sponsored by Nunawading RC. We also sponsored Amelia Savage to attend RYLA Oceania.



Primary School Speech Competition (PSSC) (Rob Teese) - This year we had eight schools participating. Students are in Year five or six. This year Box Hill North Primary was the host school. Again the speeches were of a very high standard and our three winners were Ali (Chatham), Siena (Our Lady's) and Annabelle (Mont Albert). President Anne presented all speakers with participation certificates and awards to the winners. Many thanks to MCs Tony Kuc (MASH) and Marlene Sinclair (Toastmasters) for their efforts. Also thanks to the Toastmasters judges, MASH members for timekeeping and supper and to Box Hill North for hosting. Ali was unable to attend the District final but Siena ably stepped in and took out first prize in the District final. A great effort Siena!



Model United Nation Assembly (MUNA) - MASH again planned to sponsor two teams – one from Koonung Secondary and one from Beaufort Secondary. However due to the Coronavirus Pandemic MUNA was cancelled.

Citizenship Awards - Anne, Joe and David attended the Koonung Secondary College Presentation Night at Deakin University. Anne presented Citizenship Awards to two worthy recipients, Arun Olifent and Catie Muir. The Award reflects those who exhibit exemplary citizenship and take on voluntary and extra-curricular roles in their student life. David also presented the Umoja award. A great night predominantly run by very accomplished students.

Mock Interviews at Koonung Secondary (Gill Somers) - Gill organised this new program for MASH to provide mentoring to Koonung students by way of mock job interviews. MASH members and friends assisted. The first interviews were completed very successfully in March. Further sessions are planned for later in the year subject to isolation rules.

Financial Position as at 31 May 2020

The following is a summary of the Club's financial position at the end of May 2020. There are approximately \$14,000 of commitments that will fall due over the next two months. This amount includes the Rotary International dues and the Rotary District 9810 levies that will be due in July.

Details of bank accounts on 31 May 2020 were:

	31 May 2020	30 June 2019
Community bank accounts		
Administration	7,777	9,005
Fundraising	17,342	10,459
Term deposit	5,403	5,364
Whitehorse Farmers Market	7,141	8,181
Floats	150	150
Total available funds	\$37,813	\$33,159

Whitehorse Farmers Market

The Club started the Rotary year with a balance of \$8,181 in the Whitehorse cluster's Farmers Market account and was allocated its share of \$5,260 from the earnings of the monthly market. The entire earnings of the January market were donated to the East Gippsland Fire Relief effort. Government regulations relating to the COVID-19 pandemic prohibited the holding of the market in the months of April and May. Of the funds available \$6,300 was requested and utilised towards projects within Whitehorse.

The Market management committee produces quarterly financial reports, generally several days after the end of the quarter. The figures provided above were taken from the most recent report for the period ended 31 March 2020.

Sources of Funds

Members of the club work hard throughout the year raising funds that are deployed towards projects within Whitehorse and within Australia. This year these fundraising efforts were curtailed for the last quarter of the year due to the Coronavirus pandemic. The funds raised are used to support local and overseas projects, and to provide some relief to areas impacted by natural disasters or endemic poverty. Over the years we have been fortunate to be able to supplement these funds with grants from the Rotary District and Bendigo Bank.

This year our Club received two grants from the Surrey Hills Branch of Bendigo Bank:

Towards garden renovations at Kara House refuge for domestic violence victims	\$2,966
To assist with the Literacy Grant program for local schools	\$3,500



The Club was also successful in obtaining a matching grant of \$2,500 from our Rotary District 9810 to assist with 5 scholarships for students at Box Hill Institute.

The Club is very grateful to Bendigo Bank for making the grants available, as well as for the \$1,785 payment we received as part of a community relationship arrangement.

We were also fortunate in receiving an anonymous donation of \$1,000 to be applied towards the cost of food our club provides for the needy through the First Friday Dinner program.

Listed below are many of the sources of the funds that supported the Club's programs and projects.

Mince pies	\$6,332
Sausage sizzles	\$5,994
Trivia Night	\$4,037
Whitehorse Rotaract – Rental of The Barn	\$1,200
Collection tins	\$ 891
Weekly sergeant's prize contest	\$ 424
Whitehorse Farmers Market	\$6,300
Raffle	\$ 900

Use of Funds

As a community based organisation the Club has many financial obligations. These are met from the Administration account given in the table above. Operational costs of administering and running the club are also met from the Administration account.

The funds in the Fundraising Account are utilised towards meeting the objectives of Rotary and the Club. The range of projects and global programs undertaken by our Club are detailed elsewhere in this Annual Report. Listed below are some of the direct beneficiaries of this year's fundraising.

Programs

Birthing Kits to assist women in remote parts of developing communities	\$ 92
Supporting the Interact club at the local secondary college	\$ 600
Primary schools speech competition for years 5 and 6	\$ 439
Light up Timor project - Timor Leste	\$2,500
Taveuni Eye Medical Project in Fiji	\$ 500
Reading materials for a disadvantaged school (e-Club of South Africa)	\$1,555
Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) – two participants	\$1,150
Literacy grants to local primary schools and the high school	\$2,999
Citizenship awards to two secondary students active in community	\$ 150
Defying the Drift – program for young people about careers in the country	\$1,000
First Friday Dinners – providing meals for needy people	\$3,216
Kara House – home for victims of domestic violence	\$ 614
Alkira – Gracefield Drive property refurbishment	\$2,324
Tree planting at a regional location	\$ 360

Donations

DG Shia Smart's Books in Homes project	\$ 250
Disaster Aid Australia - SkyHydrants	\$1,000
Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM)	\$ 500
Taralye - supporting children who are deaf or hard of hearing	\$1,250
Wheelchairs for Kids	\$1,000
Donations in Kind – Footscray	\$ 500
ROMAC – Rotary Overseas Medical Aid for Children	\$1,000
End Polio	\$2,834
The Rotary Foundation	\$3,000
Australian Rotary Health	\$1,000

The Rotary Foundation - Richard Groom (Project Manager)

Numerous grant applications were made in the current 12 months.

- Bendigo Bank \$2966 for Kara House garden project. SUCCESSFUL
- Josh Frydenburg Community Grants \$3000 for FFD. NOT SUCCESSFUL
- Bendigo Bank \$3500 for Literacy Grants project SUCCESSFUL
- Australia Post Community Grants \$3000 for FFD NOT SUCCESSFUL
- District 9810 \$2500 matching thru District Grant for Box Hill Institute scholarships SUCCESSFUL

In addition the Board has approved a MASH contribution of \$USD 1000 for a Global Grant application by RC of Ruryila (D3272) in Pakistan. The application is pending currently at The Rotary Foundation.

Sponsors and Supporters

Thank you to our sponsors and supporters, without whom we would not be able to successfully run our activities and projects.

Sponsor and supporter	Program supported
AHP Dental & Medical, Med Con and Concept Amenities	Birthing Kits
Bendigo Community Bank	Provision of sponsorship of projects - KARA House and Literacy Grants
Box Hill Institute	Provision of room at Nelson Road campus for weekly meetings
Bread Street	Provision of mince pies, supply of bread and onions for our sausage sizzles, supply of bread and other products for the First Friday Dinner.
City of Whitehorse	Venue for Whitehorse Farmers' Market and use of Box Hill Town Hall for the International Women's Day
Fletchers Real Estate	MC for Trivia Night
Interact Club of Koonung	Students assisting at the First Friday Dinner
Koonung Secondary College	Information night venue and provision of location for Real Estate board display for the Trivia Night
Kwik Kopy Burwood	Printing of MASH Annual Report as well as other documents/promotional material
Leader Community Newspapers	Contribution of articles about MASH projects
Box Hill North Primary School	Provision of venue for Primary Schools Speech Competition
Ross Hunt Real Estate	Supply of Real Estate boards for Trivia Night
Rotary Cluster Clubs in Whitehorse	For ongoing commitment and support in the running of the Whitehorse Farmers' Market and other projects as they arise.
Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre	Surrey Hills ANZAC Day Dawn Service
Taralye	Venue for Trivia Night
Whitehorse Rotaract Club	Project partners First Friday at The Barn, payment of rental and ongoing assistance at The Barn, partnering on other projects
1 st Mont Albert Scout Group	For allowing us to use part of their outdoor space for our club's container storage facility

Membership of the Club as at June 2020 – including 7 Charter members

Jeff Anderson	January, 2020	
Simon Barnard	August, 2014	
Graeme Battersby	Charter Member	
Jan Cook	February 2016	Past President 2017-18
Nigel Cooper	August 2007	Past President 2014-15
Val Crees	June 2017	President Elect 2020-21
Patt Gagliardi	February, 2015	
Barb Gay	August 2018	
Kai-Xing Goh	July, 2019	
Richard Groom	May 2014	
Carol Hampton-Chubb	Dec 2018	
Chris Hampton-Chubb	Dec 2018	
Janelle Kuc	May 2018	
Anjai Marcou	June 2020	
Murray Neilson	Charter Member	
Nicole Osner	Charter Member	Past President 2018-19, Past President RC of Burwood 2002-03, Assistant Governor 2004-05, District Governor 2019-20 Past President 2009-10, Assistant Governor 2011-12
Shia Smart	Charter Member	
Susan Smith	May 2018	
Gillian Somers	Charter Member	
Joseph Somers	Charter Member	Past President 2010-11
Maggie Stamoulis	June 2020	
Robert Stamp	November 2008	
Alex Starr	March 2013	
Anne Teese	May 2006	President 2019-20
Robert Teese	May 2006	Past President 2016-17
Michael Willis	April 2005	Past President RC of Burwood 2004-05 Past President MASH 2007-08
David Winter	Charter Member	Past President 2015-16
Jong Sun Yoon	June 2019	

Club Presidents

2004-05	Phillip Pearson (Charter President)
2005-06	Leonie Moran
2006-07	Ern Hermeler
2007-08	Michael Willis
2008-09	Roger Coburn
2009-10	Shia Smart
2010-11	Joe Somers
2011-12	Tony Kuc
2012-13	Jenny Coburn
2013-14	Annette Kiernan (resigned December 2013), Tony Kuc – Acting President
2014-15	Nigel Cooper
2015-16	David Winter
2016-17	Rob Teese
2017-18	Jan Cook
2018-19	Nicole Osner
2019-20	Anne Teese

Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) Recognitions

At MASH we recognise members and others who contribute “above and beyond” to the activities and projects of our club by awarding those members with a “Paul Harris Fellow Recognition”. This award is also made to those who contribute \$USD1,000 or more to The Rotary Foundation.

MASH Members & Past Members

Name	Level	Years
Geraldine Battersby	PHF	2007-08
Graeme Battersby	PHF & 3 Sapphires	2007-08, 2012-13, 2014-15, 2017-18
Kevin Chewlun	PHF	2006-07
Jennifer Coburn	PHF & Ruby	2008-09, 2012-13 RC MASH, Box Hill Central & District 9810
Roger Coburn	PHF & 3 Sapphires	2004-05, 2006-07, 2012-13
Jan Cook	PHF	2016-17
Nigel Cooper	PHF & 3 Sapphires	2010-11, 2014-15, 2016-17, 2019-20
Michael Crichton	PHF	2011-12
Val Crees	PHF	2018-19
Kay Dunn	PHF	2014-15
Patt Gagliardi	PHF	2015-16
Anita Galileos	PHF & Sapphire	2010-11, 2012-13
Richard Groom	PHF & 4 Sapphires	1997-98, 2001-02, 2005-06 (RC Hawthorn), 2015-16, 2018-19
Ern Hermeler	PHF & Sapphire	2007-08, 2012-13
Annette Kiernan	PHF & Sapphire	2011-12, 2012-13
Rosemary Knight	PHF	2010-11
Tony Kuc	PHF & Sapphire	2011-12, 2013-14
Marilyn Lambert	PHF	2008-09
Greg Moran	PHF	2006-07
Leonie Moran	PHF & Sapphire	2006-07, 2009-10
Murray Neilson	PHF	2012-13
Nicole Osner	PHF & 3 Sapphires	2004-05 (RC Burwood), 2008-09, 2011-12, 2013-14
Phillip Pearson	PHF & Sapphire	2008-09, 2015-16
Robyn Pearson	PHF & 4 Sapphires	2005-06, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2014-15, 2015-16
Shia Smart	PHF & 2 Sapphires	2010-11, 2013-14, 2015-16
Gillian Somers	PHF & 2 Sapphires	2009-10, 2013-14, 2016-17
Joseph Somers	PHF & 5 Sapphires	2009-10, 2013-14, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2016-17 (District 9810), 2017-18
Alex Starr	PHF	2017-18
Robert Stamp	PHF & Sapphire	2013-14, 2016-17
Anne Teese	PHF & 3 Sapphires	2009-10, 2013-14, 2015-16, 2017-18
Rob Teese	PHF & 3 Sapphires	2009-10, 2011-12, 2014-15, 2019-20
Jill Turner	PHF	2014-15
Michael Willis	PHF & 2 Sapphires	2006-07, 2010-11 (District 9810), 2012-13 (RC Alice Springs)
David Winter	PHF & 4 Sapphires	2004-05, 2006-07, 2007-08, 2012-13, 2018-19

Community & Beyond the Club

Susan Anderson	PHF	2008-09 Antiques Fair & Bush Fire Auction
Hon. Anna Burke MP	PHF	2012-13 Support of club and community
Allira Howe	PHF	2018-19 Support for Rotary Youth programs at Koonung Secondary College in particular the Interact.
John Maddock	PHF	2005-06 Recognition for Box Hill Institute
Trevor Rowe	PHF	2018-19 contribution to preventing family violence
Marlene Sinclair	PHF	2010-11 Toastmasters – Primary School Speech Competition
Bev Winter	PHF & 1 Sapphire	2011-12, 2019-20 Recognition for contribution to Blaze Aid and Fostering Children
Peter Wright	PHF	2015-16 Recognition for Koonung Secondary College
Annie Wysham	PHF & 2 Sapphires	2016-17 Recognition for coordinating “Friends” & strong support of MASH (previous PHFs from RC Richmond)

Other Significant Achievement Awards

Avenues of Service Citation

Jennifer Coburn – 2005-06

Robyn Pearson – 2010-11

The Ken Scheller Award (for a literary contribution of outstanding merit)

PDG Jennifer Coburn 2009-10 Honourable mention for article in Rotary Down Under

Companion of Australian Rotary Health

David and Bev Winter 2013-14

Achievement Awards for MASH

Presidential Citation 2009-10, 2010-11, 2012-13, 2014-15, 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019 (Gold Distinction)

District 9810 Award for Outstanding Rotary Club for Club Building, Club Projects, Club PR and Communication 2018-2019

District 9810 Award for Club PR and Communication 2016-2017

District Award for Club Building 2014-15

District Club Award for Strategic Planning 2013-14

Rotary International Significant Achievement Award 2012-13

District 9810 Outstanding Rotary Club in 2012-13 for Club Building, Club Projects and Club Public Relations/Communication (two only awarded in District). The Club also received certificates in each of the three areas.

District 9810 Award for Public Relations and Marketing 2010-11

District 9810 Award – Best Club Newsletter/Bulletin and Best Club Web Site 2009-10

Note: Awards received prior to 2009-10 have not been included

District Involvement

Additional Involvement of our Members in our District (and beyond)

This year eight members of MASH undertook roles beyond the club. We acknowledge their involvement and say thank you.

Nicole Osner	National Youth Science Forum Committee, Ride for Medical Research
Murray Neilson	District Sustainable Communities Committee
Shia Smart	District Governor
Jan Cook	District Conference 2020 committee
Kai-Xing Goh	District Conference 2020 committee, District Social Media
Susan Smith	District 9810 Project Funds Ltd
Joe Somers	District Model United Nations Assembly Committee
Michael Willis	RAWCS National Project and Volunteers Manager

My year as District Governor by DG Shia Smart



It has been a sensationally fun year in the role of District Governor (DG) for District 9810, challenging but rewarding, with the last 4 months being nothing I, nor anyone, could have imagined 12 months ago.

All the 41 D9810 clubs were visited in 4 months. The visits provided club members with the opportunity to ask the DG questions and connect to what is happening in the District and Rotary worldwide. I experienced tremendous support for the DG Family Project, Books for Kids which resonated with all clubs. The fact that my family Duncan and Flynn were made so welcome at the club visits made the role an extremely easy one to do and include them in.

I also had the opportunity to engage with innovations and issues with the others DGs from Australia on a regular basis. I organised Mark Maloney, the Rotary International President, to speak to District members via Zoom, a great event.

When COVID 19 restrictions are lifted and various activities resume, I am looking forward to experiencing more of the work the wonderful Rotarians of D9810 are involved in and having fun at MASH.



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