

# Rotary



## Club of Freshwater Bay, Inc.

District 9455

## Eighth Annual Report

2016 - 2017

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## 1. PRESIDENT'S REPORT



*Pres. Jeremy Foster*

The 2016-17 year was another successful year where the Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay shone with its projects. The various activities carried out by the Club are outlined in this report. They were all undertaken to help change the lives of needy and less fortunate people, both within Australia and globally. R.I. President John Germ's theme "**Rotary Serving Humanity**" was taken to heart by our Club and all Goals set by him have been achieved.

The Club started the year under the leadership of President Liz Hollingdale. In March, 2017, she resigned for personal reasons. We thank Liz for the contribution she has made during her years of Service and wish her well in the future.

As I was President-elect and had previously served as President of another Club, the Board requested I take over the position of President. I wish to thank all members of the Board for their confidence and support which has enabled the Club to achieve the excellent results that can be seen in this report.

Whilst many Clubs struggle with declining membership Freshwater Bay continues to grow. Membership has not increased significantly this year but we are looking forward to a renewed growth in membership and involvement by members in 2017-18. The main credit goes to Membership Director, PRID Ken Collins for his tireless efforts.

We continue to be involved in all five Avenues of Service. Due to the support of other Clubs and untiring efforts of CP Di Collins, the Microscopes in Schools Project continues to be our major fund raiser, although this Signature project is currently going well we must look to the future for other fund raising activities.

Community and Vocational has many wonderful projects that we continue to support with good effect under the Directorship of Jacinta Sirr.

Under the Directorship of CP Di Collins, Youth Service is another area of focus. Former President Liz Hollingdale supervised the Interact Club of Freshwater Bay for several years. New member and former Interactor Nishi Galhenage has capably taken over the coordination of the Interactors.

Liz Wharton has lead the International Service Committee with the latest project being the Rotary Vocational Training Team to Raipur, India. This is designed to help reduce the extremely high rate of perinatal maternal and infant death rates in that area.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Board and all Club members for their contribution and look forward to leading the Club in 2017-18.

**Jeremy Foster**  
President 2016-2017.

## **2. CLUB SERVICE REPORT BOARD FOR 2016-17**

President	Liz Hollingdale/Jeremy Foster
Vice President	PP Rajah Senathirajah
Secretary	CP Di Collins/ Esther Ngang
Treasurer	PRID Ken Collins
President Elect	Jeremy Foster
Club Service Director	Jeremy Foster
Community / Vocational Service Director	Jacinta Sirr
International Service Director	Liz Wharton
Youth Service Director	CP Di Collins
Membership Director	PRID Ken Collins
PR/Fundraising Director	Anne-Sophie Lesteven

Despite various changes on the Board during 2016-17, the Club has enjoyed another successful year.

CP Di Collins resigned the position of Secretary on 26th October, when Esther Ngang took over as 'Interim' Secretary. Esther resigned this position on 15th March when the Board requested that CP Di resume the role.

Pres. Liz Hollingdale resigned on 9th March, 2017, with PE PP Jeremy Foster agreeing to take over the Presidency of the RC Freshwater Bay at that time and continue as such for the 2017-18 year.

Dir. Liz Wharton was able to carry out her role as International Service Director for the whole year, despite returning to the UK to live and work due to visa restrictions. Some members are irreplaceable. Liz is one such member and will be greatly missed.

## **3. CLUB SERVICE**

The Club Service Committee, under the Directorship of PE (now Pres.) Jeremy Foster consisted of PRID Ken Collins, Sec. Di Collins, Dir Ann-Sophie Lesteven, Perette Minciullo for the entire year. Interim Secretary Esther Ngang joined the committee for four months, Naomi Bath and Victoria Wyatt also joined the committee during the year.

The Committee met regularly throughout the year, mainly on a Saturday afternoon. Now it is meeting on the fourth Wednesday of the month, immediately following the Club meeting at Moerlina School.

- The weekly program was handled by Pres. Mike O'Hara
- Bulletin was edited by Esther Ngang until her resignation from this position on 4th February, 2017
- Secretary CP Di Collins / Esther Ngang
- Treasurer PRID Ken Collins
- Membership was handled by PRID Ken Collins

### **3.1 Secretary**

CP Di Collins once again carried out the significant duties of Secretary for the majority of the year, producing the agenda and minutes for Board Meetings, carrying out her duties with the

utmost attention to detail and efficiency at all times. Esther Ngang took on the position as 'Interim' Secretary from November until mid-March.

### 3.2 Meetings

Prior to the commencement of the year, the members of the Club agreed to take advantage of the new opportunity to meet twice monthly. These meetings took place on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, however, it became evident that the weekly meetings were more successful and allowed members more flexibility and continuity. At the beginning of May, the Club resumed weekly meetings and updated the Bylaws accordingly.

The venue for Club meetings continues to be the Carnaby Community Room at Moerlina Primary School, 16 Brockway Rd, Mt. Claremont, at 6.00pm each Wednesday. Special thanks go to Rtn. Principal Perette Minciullo for the use of this facility. Attendance at weekly meetings has been variable, with some meetings quite well attended and others less so, primarily due to work and other commitments of members.

### 3.3 Weekly Program

The 2016-17 year has seen another array of excellent speakers at meetings, arranged by PP Mike O'Hara. With the reduction of meetings for ten months of the year to twice a month, it has been a challenge for PP Mike to fit all the speakers in who would like to make a presentation at the Club. Newer members are given the opportunity to present a "thumbnail sketch" about themselves to their fellow Club members. Other topics have included matters of historical, environmental and social interest and as in previous years the speakers have all been of an exceptional calibre.



*Penny Hooper - Days for Girls*

Very sincere thanks to PP Mike O'Hara who has carried out this task outstandingly for the past several years as he steps down from the position in the coming year.

### 3.4 Special Dinner Meetings



*Dr. Dorothy Erickson*

Three Special Dinner meetings were conducted during the year.

- The Rotary Club of Cambridge organised a Group 2 Dinner meeting for the *District Governor's Official Visit* on 28th September, at the Cambridge Bowling Club. Nine of our members attended.
- The combined *Christmas and 8th Birthday Celebration* was held on Monday, 19th December, at the Crowne Plaza, East Perth. This event was attended by 34. The speaker was Dorothy Erickson who spoke on the History of



Kings Park. A musical item was performed by Soprano Sarah Jackson.

Dir. Liz Wharton was presented with a Paul Harris Fellow Recognition for her support for the Rotary Foundation through contributions to Polio Eradication.

*Presidents & Past Presidents cutting the Birthday Cake*

The Changeover Dinner for this year is being replaced by a 'Celebration' Dinner as President Jeremy will be continuing in the position of President and there will be little change in the Board for 2017-18. It is to be held on 24th June, 2017, at the Crowne Plaza, East Perth.

Instead of the regular formal Rotary Changeover, The Hon. John McKechnie QC, Commissioner of the WA Commission for Crime and Corruption will be the Speaker. Mezzo Soprano Fleur Brockway and accompanist Kohan van Sambeek will provide the musical interlude.



*Pres. Rajah handed over to Liz Hollingdale held 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2016*

### **3.5 Board Meetings**

Monthly Board meetings were held throughout the year mainly on the third Tuesday of the month.

### **3.6 Committee Meetings**

All committees met regularly each month:

- Club Service on the first Saturday for the majority of the year, then on the fourth Wednesday from the end of April.
- Vocational /Community on the third Wednesday.
- Youth Service on the second Wednesday and
- International Service predominantly on the first Tuesday of each month.

### **3.7 Club Assemblies / Forums / AGMs / Special Meetings**

As the regular meetings of the Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay allow for open discussion at each meeting just one Club Assembly / Forum was held on 8th March, 2017.

The AGMs for the Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay Inc. and the Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay Charity Fund Inc. were held on 12th October, 2016.

Also at the meeting of 12th October, 2016, a Special Meeting to update the Club Bylaws and Constitution took place.

A Special Meeting to revert the Bylaws to meeting weekly took place at the regular weekly meeting on 16th June, 2017.

### **3.8 Social Events**

A few members dined at the Bentley Pines Restaurant on Friday, 16th October, 2016, where an Asian style meal was enjoyed.

The regular Club meeting on 11th January, 2017, was replaced by a well-attended Moroccan meal held in the Community Room at Moerlina on Thursday, 12th January. A number of visitors, including three from India enjoyed the delicious food prepared by former member Adam Fadil and his wife Nabila.



*Moroccan Dinner Moerlina School*

### **Alexandre da Costa – Stradivarius Under the Stars**

On Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> March a significant number of members attended a wonderful concert at the Quarry Amphitheatre. Members and friends enjoyed pre-concert food and drinks whilst listening to Violin Virtuoso Alex da Costa warming up for the concert. The event was organised by our member Victoria Wyatt.



*Performers warming up and members and friends enjoying pre-concert drinks and fellowship.*

### 3.9 Special Events

#### Fashion Evening

An outstandingly successful Fashion Evening was held on 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2016, in the beautiful home of member Max and Merran Hipkins in Dalkeith. Around 100 attendees enjoyed sparkling wine and chicken / cucumber sandwiches along with vegetable platters after a dazzling display of garments individually designed for each model by Klara Forrest.

Our member Anne Passmore was the excellent MC, the models were Pres. Liz Hollingdale, Esther Ngang, Liz Wharton, Ros Curbishley, Sandy Garber, Lesley Koenig, Amber Kane and 10 year old Tameka Kane. On the night Chrissie Jordan had the task of keeping all the models parading in the correct outfits, in the right order and in a timely fashion.

A great event as many members worked to make it the success that it was in raising \$3,550.00 for the Club's projects.

#### *MC Anne Passmore Fashion Evening*



#### Pride of Workmanship Awards

A Pride of Workmanship Award was presented at the meeting on 16th October, 2016 to Dr. Rob McEvoy (who was guest speaker for the evening) and his partner Jenny Heyden. They have raised funds for the disabled youth to enable them to sail.

#### The Changeover of Presidents of the Interact Club of Freshwater Bay

The Interact Changeover took place during the regular meeting of the Club on 23rd November, 2016 when Pres. Izzy Hollingdale from PLC handed over the position to Jamie Krige also from PLC. A number of Interactors attended on the night.



*Interact Pres. Izzy Hollingdale handing over to Jamie Krige*

**A Rotary Day was organised for Sunday, 12th February, 2017, at Mason's Gardens, during one of the City of Nedlands Summer Concerts. Unfortunately, due to very unseasonable weather of heavy rains and strong winds for much of the week leading up to the event, the Council decided in the early afternoon of Friday, 10th to cancel the entire event.**

## Movie Night

Dir. Anne-Sophie La Rosa Lesteven organised a movie night on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> May. The movie was the 'The Zookeeper's Wife', held at the Windsor Theatre in Nedlands. Ten members participated by attending, organising attendees and providing finger food. Amount raised was \$740.00.



*Movie Night at the Windsor*

**Cadet Day at Government House**, organised by the Royal Commonwealth Society, was held on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2017. Terry Spiro, President of the Society kindly gave the RCFB the opportunity to run the Sausage Sizzle at this event, which saw cadets from every area in the community involved with the Flag Raising Ceremony.

With the cancellation of the Rotary Day, most items required were already in hand. Thanks go to Mondo Butchers for the best sausages in Perth.

Due to no members of the RC Freshwater Bay with towing facilities on their vehicles being available to transport the Club trailer on the day, Rtn. Peter Mack from the Rotary Club of Morley, very kindly provided his services to tow the trailer. Those who assisted with the event were Pres. Jeremy Foster, Naomi Bath, PRID Ken and CP Di Collins, Nishi and Sam Galhenage and family, Victoria Wyatt and Aiden (who did a fantastic job with the cooking). As with last year's event, our Hon. Member Prof. Lyn Beazley strongly supported the Club.



*Sausage Sizzle at Govt House for WA Day*

### 3.10 District Appointments

- PP Mike O'Hara served as President of the Rotary Foundation Alumni of WA.
- CP Di Collins served as Secretary of the Rotary Foundation Alumni of WA.

- PRID Ken Collins served as District PolioPlus Chair and works on the District Peace Fellows Committee. He is also a member of the District. RF Committee. Plus serves as a member of the Rotary Foundation Alumni of WA Committee.
- PP Rajah Senathirajah served as Secretary of RAWCS Western Region.
- PP Mike O’Hara will Chair the District RF Scholarships Committee in 2017-18

### **3.10.1 International Appointments**

- PRID Ken Collins continued to serve as End Polio Zone Coordinator.

### **3.11 Attendance by Members at District and International Events**

- Presidents Meetings during the year were attended by Pres. Liz Hollingdale and then by President Jeremy Foster.
- RLIs – Dir. Liz Wharton attended level 2 and 3 in February, 2017, as did Esther Ngang
- District Conference 9455 –Three members attended. PP Rajah Senathirajah, PRID Ken Collins presented an update on PolioPlus and the recent RVTT he lead to India. CP Di Collins presented on the Microscopes in Schools project.
- PETS training 21-23rd April, 2017 - attended by President Jeremy Foster
- District Assembly 7th May, 2016- attended by Pres Jeremy Foster and Lahiru Mudunkotuwa
- District Grants Seminar 23rd April, 2017 - attended by PRID Ken Collins and Lahiru Mudunkotuwa.
- RIPE Dinner 12th April, 2017 – RIPE Ian and Juliet Riseley visited Perth and a joint District dinner was attended by PRID Ken and CP Di Collins, Naomi Bath and Hon. Member Tony Munday.
- Peace Fellow Dinner 1st May, 2017, in Canberra was attended by PRID Ken and CP Di Collins.
- RI Convention, Atlanta, Georgia, USA – attended by PP Rajah and Jes Senathirajah.

### **3.12 Weekly Bulletin**

Rotarian Esther Ngang took over the position of Bulletin Editor in the latter part of last Rotary year. She decided to change the format to Mailchimp early in the year with a number of ‘teething problems’ experienced. CP Di Collins filled in as Bulletin Ed. for four issues early in 2016-17 and then produced issues in mid-April and May to update members as Esther resigned as Editor on 4th February, 2017.

For the first year in many, the Bulletin has therefore not been as beneficial as in previous years in educating and informing members and ‘friends of the club’ about matters, projects and Rotary beyond the Club level. It has definitely shown that this lack of informative, regular communication impacts negatively on the health of the Club.

It is hoped that this situation will be remedied in the new Rotary year, however, at this time a new Editor has not been identified.

### **3.13 Membership**

PRID Ken Collins continued in the role of Membership Director and ‘Active’ members inducted since 1st July 2016 are:

- Naomi Bath – transferred from the RC Biloela, Qld
- Petrina Bishop – a former member
- Rodger Kohn – a former member

- Lahiru Mudunkotuwa – a former member of the RC Colombo Midtown
- Nishi Galhenage
- Victoria Wyatt

#### **Members who left at the end of June 2016:**

- Yogi Kanagasigam – business and family

#### **Members who resigned during the year**

- Nelson Cruz – financial
- Pao Guerrero – financial
- Sanjive Narendranathan – relocated to Melbourne
- Esther Ngang
- Liz Hollingdale



*Welcoming Naomi Bath into the RCFB - first new member for the year*

#### **Membership (Honorary)**

Honorary members of the Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay are:

- Prof. Lyn Beazley – Former WA Chief Scientist
- PP Simone Collins – Charter PE
- Graeme Prior – Aged Care
- Prof. Ralph Martins – Alzheimer Researcher
- Tony Munday – Goodeve Foundation Administrator
- The Hon. Bob Nicholson – Former RF Ambassadorial Scholar and Federal Court Judge.

### **3.14 Public Relations and Marketing**

The Club's Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/freshwaterbayrotary> is a key part of the Club's online presence. This Facebook page currently has 919 'Likes' and has many hundred views each week. The Facebook page is maintained by CP Di Collins. We are also on Twitter.

The Club website at [www.rotaryfreshwaterbay.org.au](http://www.rotaryfreshwaterbay.org.au) is in place, and PP Simone Collins has created a new, more modern site, however, it is a work in progress. A website for the Microscopes in Schools project is [www.microscopesinschools.com](http://www.microscopesinschools.com) and is maintained by PP Simone Collins. There is also a website for the Sports Exchange project at [www.sportsexchange.net.au](http://www.sportsexchange.net.au). Although currently in recess until it is able to be restarted, this project continues to attract a number of views each week on Facebook.

An excellent set of Club banners continue to provide a great backdrop for regular Club meetings and other activities. The majority of members have Club Shirts which are worn at club projects and events to raise the profile of the Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay.

### **3.15 Newspaper and Magazine Articles**

The following articles relating to the Club have been published throughout the year:

- "Microscopes in Schools" listing in the Office of the Chief Scientist of Australia's STEM Projects list 2016.
- "Article on Buddy Bench" – North Cottesloe PS Newsletter
- "Article on Buddy Bench" – Subiaco PS Newsletter
- "Everybody needs a Buddy" – July issue Rotary Down Under Magazine, page 17
- "Kids get close-up look" – Post, July 30, page 25

- “Hitting the catwalk for Rotary”- Post, October 8, page 50
- “Manna for Rotary” – Post, December 3, 2016, page 64
- “Microscopes in Classrooms” – West Leederville PS Newsletter, March 2017
- “Scouts and guides join cadet parade” – Post, June 3, 2017

### **3.16 Finance**

Treasurer, PRID Ken Collins has prepared and distributed Financial Statements for the Club Operating, Charity and Projects Accounts at the end of every month.

PP Jeff Trudgian from the Rotary Club of Hillarys is the Honorary Auditor for the Club and we thank him for his continued services to the Club.

The Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay Charity Fund Inc. was chaired by PRID Ken Collins, with CP Di Collins continuing as Secretary, Rtn. Max Hipkins as Treasurer, and PP Mike O’Hara as a member of the committee.

The Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay Charity Fund Inc. has not been active this year with the exception of \$250.00 provided to a child at Mt Claremont Primary School for uniforms and shoes, whose family are in ‘necessitous circumstances’.

*Note that all amounts shown in this report are subject to the final audit report.*

### **3.17 Fundraising Activities**

Funds raised were approximately \$xxxxx including personal contributions, which comprise the following:

- Grant from Nedlands City Council for RWADE \$73.81
- Raffle \$730.00
- Film Night \$740.37
- Fashion Evening \$3,550.00
- Sausage Sizzle \$695.00
- Microscopes in Schools \$9, XXX
- Money boxes \$313.91
- District Grants – Rotary Vocational Training Team Planning Visit to Raipur, India, \$3,100.00
- Grill’d - \$100 for Buddy Benches
- RYLA – Contribution from RYLA attendee \$50.00

### **Personal Contributions**

- Several Club members returned moneyboxes for Polio (see above)
- Liz Wharton - \$1,500 to PolioPlus
- Val Smith-Orr’s Triple B project – \$13,905.00 has been contributed for this Rotary year.
- Tony Munday on behalf of the Goodeve Foundation has given a total of \$51,875.00 to The Rotary Foundation.
- Liz Hollingdale – NYSF \$3,097.00
- Su Re Lau - \$2,000 to The Rotary Foundation

### 3.18 Awards and Certificates presented from the 2015-16 Year

- Presidential Citation from RI President Ravi Ravindran
- President Ravi Ravindran for the Interact Club of Freshwater Bay
- Certificate from TRF for exceeding the US\$1,500.00 budget for PolioPlus as set by the Rotary Foundation



*RI Presidential Citations presented to the RCBB and the Interact Club of Freshwater Bay (Pres. Izzy Hollingdale), by PRD Jerry Pilcher*

### Awards and Certificates

Awards for the 2016-17 year included:

- Tristan Clemons – UWA Science Faculty - Rising Star Award
- CP Di Collins – Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service
- PRID Ken Collins received an Alumni Award from the University of Adelaide



*Tristan Clemons - UWA Science Rising Star Award*



*CP Di Collins RF Citation for Meritorious Service*



*University of Adelaide Alumni Award to PRID Ken Collins*

### **Significant milestones for members**

- Tristan and Claire Clemons were married in September, 2016
- Anne-Sophie Lesteven and Vince La Rose were married in December, 2016



*Marriage of Claire Nunes & Tristan Clemons*



*Marriage of Anne-Sophie Lesteven & Vince La Rosa (this is not Vince in the photo)*

### **3.19 Speakers in the area of Club Service**

- Paris Mitchell – Transformation
- DG Patricia Canning
- Maurice Berettieri – Presentations with a difference
- Peter Mack – The Internal Combustion Engine
- Dorothy Erickson – The History of Kings Park

## 4. VOCATIONAL and COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

**Director:** Jacinta Sirr

**Committee Members** include: PRID Ken Collins, CP Di, Collins, Helen Hardcastle, Max Hipkins, Chrissie Jordan, Jen Martins, Laura O’Hara, Ian Passmore, Aroosha Safari, Nancy Warne and Roger Warne, Paul Winter and Nishi Galhenage has just joined the committee.

Due to a variety of reasons, personal issues and work commitments, the majority of members on this committee have not been actively involved with the committee. Hopefully, 2017-18 will see a renewed upsurge in attendance by members at the monthly committee meetings.

### 4.1 VOCATIONAL SERVICE

#### Pride of Workmanship Award

Organised by Chrissie Jordan, on 26th October, 2016, Dr. Rob McEvoy (GP) and his partner Jenny Heyden RN were recognised with a Pride of Workmanship Award.

Their tireless efforts for the annual fundraising event of the “Doc of the Swan” raised much needed funds for “Kids with Special Needs”.

The Medical Forum, their award winning magazine, started in 1995 now circulates to 5,700 GPs and Specialists, providing a forum to tackle difficult issues without fear or favour to consumers, corporations, health philanthropy and religious influences.

Rob and Jenny have sought to bring philanthropy to the fore by connecting potential sponsors to those with health needs both locally and overseas, along with being directly involved with the fundraising themselves. They have given their time and energy freely to the raising of vital funds for very worthy causes, enabling respite for parents of disabled children.



*Jenny Heyden, Pres. Liz, Chrissie & Dr. Rob McEvoy*

#### School Citizenship Awards

This project seeks to recognise young school-aged students who are deemed by teachers and those around them to be ‘good citizens’ or to have made significant progress in a particular area of endeavour. These awards supplement traditional academic and sporting achievement awards which are customarily recognised by schools. The awards took the shape of either a book or book voucher to the value of \$25.00 plus a framed Certificate and were presented during the end of year assemblies.

The presentations over the past twelve months were to the following:



*Mt Claremont PS Coco Wingham & Hannah Flynn*

- Swanbourne PS – ‘Caring Award’ was presented to Nicole Marcinkewycz.
- Dalkeith PS – ‘Science Award’ was presented to Marco Norman and Sinead Reading.
- North Cottesloe PS – ‘Male Citizenship Award’ was presented to Daniel Curtin.
- North Cottesloe PS - ‘Male All Rounder’ was presented to James Greenshields.
- Churchlands PS – ‘Churchlands Way Award’ was presented to Zoe Holmes
- Hollywood PS – ‘Numeracy Prize’ was presented to Yuika Sato
- Mt Claremont PS – ‘Caring Award’ was presented to Coco Wingham and Hannah Flynn.
- Loreto School – ‘Loreto Spirit Award’ resented to Lucy De Leo

### **Rotary Action Groups**

- Alzheimer’s – Hon. Member Prof. Ralph Martins and Stephanie Rainey- Smith are involved with this Action Group.
- Endangered species – CP Di Collins
- Disaster Relief – PRID Ken Collins
- Women and Child Mortality – PRID Ken Collins
- Water and Sanitation – P.P. Rajah Senathirajah

### **Rotary Fellowship Groups**

- Environment Fellowship of Rotarians – Hon. Member PP Simone Collins is a Board member and Webmaster, CP Di Collins and Jen Bardsley are members.
- International Fellowship of Rotarian Doctors – PRID Ken Collins and Jen Martins are members.
- Wine Appreciation Fellowship – PRID Ken and CP Di Collins are members along with PP Jeremy and Janette Foster.

### **Vocational Visit**

Two Vocational Visits occurred during the 2016-17 Rotary year.

The first was on Sunday, 30th October, 2016, organised by Chrissie Jordan. Through her contact she arranged for a small group of members to travel to Yarloop in a bus (borrowed from the Rotary Club of Mosman Park), enjoy a visit to a winery, a picnic lunch, look around the township and view the devastation caused by the bushfires of the early part of the year. Esther Ngang drove the bus, Pres. Liz Hollingdale, Chrissie Jordan, Liz Wharton and Anne-Sophie Lesteven attended.

The concept for the visit to Yarloop was to support a winery working to rebuild the town after the huge losses caused by the recent bush fire.



*RHS Pres. Bob Nicholson, Pres. Jeremy Foster & Dirk Hartog Plate*

The second replaced the regular meeting on Wednesday, 31st May, 2017 when 11 Rotarians and partners visited the Royal Historical Society in the Broadway, Nedlands.

Current President of the RHS and Hon. Member of the RC Freshwater Bay, the Hon. Bob

Nicholson, AO arranged the visit after a request from CP Di Collins.

Bob made an excellent presentation on the history, collections and future of the Museum. It would be accurate to say that all members present really had no idea of the absolute 'gem' right on our doorstep and no doubt will return to take a much more in depth viewing of the current exhibition and bookshop.

### **Vocational Expertise of Members**

Many members of the Club used their vocational expertise in various capacities within the Club and in projects extending into other areas of Service. Some such examples are with:

- Kids Right2See project where PRID Ken Collins, Aroosha Safari and Chrissie Jordan use their medical backgrounds.
- PP Simone Collins IT and Social Media expertise is utilised when she regularly updates the RCFB and other Rotary websites and Facebook pages.
- Tristan Clemons with his science background with workshops in schools with the RCFBs Microscopes project and interviewing and mentoring students for Rotary projects such as the National Youth Science Forum.
- Petrina Bishop with advice and guidance to the WAAPA Classical Voice students when they sought the assistance of the RCFB to stage a concert at Christ Church Claremont in October, 2017.



*PRID Ken Collins & RVTT*

## **4.2 COMMUNITY SERVICE**

### **Kids Right2 See**

Screening of 5/6 year old's eyes in schools has proven to be exceptionally popular with the results extremely pleasing and indicating the need for such a project.

With Prof. Yogi Kanagasingam resigning from the RCFB and working in the USA for six months of the year, the computers programmed with the Eye Screening tests have not as yet been handed over to the Club as had been the expectation. Two tablets which were purchased by the RC Freshwater Bay for this project remain unused, awaiting the Eye Screening tests to be transferred onto them. Aroosha Safari has arranged for the purchase of a book "Stereo Fly Acuity Test with Lea Symbol" which should be with the Club early in the 2017-18 Rotary year. It is the expectation of the Club to resume eye testing in the near future.

### **Manna Industries**

One collection took place prior to Christmas for non-perishable food items, toiletries, toys and blankets and were delivered by Dir. Jacinta to the Centre in Victoria Park just prior to Christmas.

Throughout the year beautiful blankets and toys were knitted by Mrs Olive Taylor, from St. Louis Estate as she underwent dialysis treatment. These items were gratefully received by Bev and John Lowe.

As many pensioners struggle from one fortnight to the next without adequate funds for food, living on tea and biscuits for 3-4 days each fortnight, Bev and John Lowe have set up a free market every two weeks, a few days prior to pension day. This is to provide pensioners with enough food to see them through to the next pay day. An opportunity for our members to become involved is by making cups of tea on a Thursday or Friday afternoon for 2 hours as pensioners will be given a cuppa before they 'shop'. The two hours would comprise half an hour to set up, an hour for the market and then half an hour to clean up. Markets are anticipated to cost \$500 each two weeks and it is possible to fund a Market day during the coming year.



*Bev Lowe with bags of knitted items*

### **The 'FFEET' Project**

The idea of this project is to run 'drop-in clinics' for community-dwelling older adults to access areas of frequent neglect in this age group in the areas of Food and nutrition, Feet, Eyes, Ears and Teeth. Assessments will be carried out at no cost by professional members of the Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay.

A trial was carried out in February, 2016, and resulted in fine tuning of the project and is awaiting Dr. Roger Warne to produce materials considered desirable if the project is to be ongoing.

In recent years mobile doctors have begun working with the homeless, such as the Street Doctors.

A project set up by the RC Heirisson, 'Socks in the City' is an ongoing project to provide socks for people experiencing homelessness <http://www.socksinthecity.com.au/> and would fit very well with the 'Feet' part of this project and is worthy of giving consideration to support.

### **Seedlings Program**

This project which was established by Di Wilcox is flourishing, having extended into Queensland and Texas, USA. The Seedlings Program targets children 7-11 years of age. It has been designed to cultivate a positive school community where children grow with good character and care for their peers, family and the wider community.

All children are encouraged to support one another and apply values such as respect, empathy, gratitude, confidence and self-discipline.

Children are also taught strategies they can apply in all areas of their life to assist them



*Workshop - Di Wilcox Magic Coat*

in leading healthy, happy lives and provide them with the ability to cope with setbacks that may come their way.

Di has produced a significant number of publications to assist teachers, school Chaplains and families. She has also extended into working with children with 'Magic Coats' and in the early part of 2017, communicated with the RCFB regarding having them produced by the Sewing and Embroidery project of the Club's in Sri Lanka. As a major sponsor has come along, this has been put on the side unless current plans do not come to fruition.

During school holidays Di has run 'Magic Coat' workshops in Hawaiian owned Shopping Centres such as Claremont Quarter.

The work with children developed by Di Wilcox is extremely valuable and the RCFB will continue to support when and where possible.

### **Book on Gallipoli Remembered**

The book on Gallipoli Remembered is the work by PLC Archivist, Shannon Lovelady, which the RCFB undertook to have published. Due to the lengthy period it has taken to bring this work to print, the \$10,000 grant offered by the National Trust towards printing was withdrawn. PRID Ken Collins recently met with the new CEO of the National Trust. This meeting resulted in the Trust advising they may provide \$1,000. Other commitments which have been procured by Shannon and Ross Lovelady are for a total of \$12,000 from local Western Suburbs Councils. This has come about due to the fact that many of the 'soldiers' in Shannon's book came from within the Western Suburbs Council areas.

### **Student in Necessitous Circumstances**

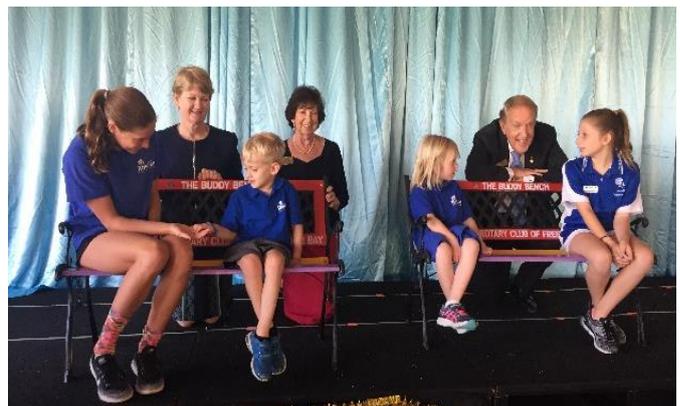
Chaplain from Mt Claremont Primary School, Jane Marsh drew the Club's attention to a male student in necessitous circumstances who required school shoes and uniforms. From the RC Freshwater Bay Charity Fund Inc. Gift Fund account, \$250.00 was provided to Jane to purchase the required shoes and clothes. If any funds remained there was a second student Jane wished to assist as he too had shabby clothes.

### **Buddy Benches**

This project has turned out to be a massive success story with painting bees carried out by members and their families – Aroosha, Ellie, Mick, Anne-Sophie, Vince and PRID Ken.

Presentations have been made to:

- Rosalie Primary – two benches on 5th December, 2016
- Notre Dame Catholic Primary on 3rd March, 2017
- Beckenham Primary on 19th May, 2017



*Two Buddy Benches to Rosalie PS*

Interest has been received from several other schools and it is the intention of the RCFB to supply 19 Buddy Benches all up.

### **'Sugar and Spice' Concert at Christ Church Claremont**

On Sunday, 23rd October in the beautiful Christ Church in Claremont, the WAAPA Third Yr, Classical Voice students held a fundraising concert to raise funds to offset their end of year recital fees.



*Sugar & Spice Concert - WAAPA Students*

Soprano Sarah Jackson sought assistance from CP Di Collins, who then called on Petrina Bishop, herself a Soprano, to advise marketing strategies. The use of Christ Church Church and Hall was arranged by CP Di, with Sarah organising the other students into specific tasks – such as raffle, sponsorship, photographs, flyers and PR, concert content, stage management and so forth.

The students involved with the production, aptly named ‘Sugar & Spice & all things Nice’ were Paris Ceglinski, Kirilee Taylor, Laurence Westrip, Caitlin Rowe, Nick Williams (pianist) Jillian Halleron and Sarah Jackson. After expenses, each of the students received \$300, along with invaluable experience.

The concert was attended by some members and friends of the RCFB plus relatives and friends of the performers.

### **Sue McCabe – Equipment for Research**

Dir. Jacinta Sirr brought Sue McCabe to the Club as a speaker to impart the research work which Sue is carrying out at Edith Cowan University to our members.

Her area of research is Sleep and Thermoregulation in Children with Cerebral Palsy. Children with Cerebral Palsy have a higher incidence of sleep disturbance than typically developing children which seriously impacts on the physical and mental health, development, function and well-being of children and their care-givers. Sue is working on special blankets to regulate the temperature of the children and to do this is undertaking significant research.

The RCFB has agreed to fund a Camntech ‘Actiheart’ Sensor at a cost of \$1,965.00 to assist with the research Sue is carrying out.

### **Rare and Undiagnosed Diseases in Children**

A District Grant Application has been submitted to assist Prof. Gareth Baynam who spoke at the RCFB on 10th August, 2016, on his work with Rare and Undiagnosed Diseases in Children. Our member Dr. Tristan Clemons has followed up with Gareth with the result being an application submitted for a District Grant for \$6,000 (\$3,000 to come from the District Grant and \$3,000 from the RCFB).

In WA there are 60,000 children living with rare diseases for which no treatment is available. This Grant would provide funds to be used to host events, guest speakers to visit with students, filming and development of social media content as well as a key fundraising event for the Undiagnosed Disease Program of WA. This work will very much be with school students who will drive social change, and be agents for social good, including through supporting and learning in partnership with people living with rare diseases.

## PROBUS

Probus is a Club started by Rotary for Professional and Business retirees. The RCFB has been asked to form a Probus Club in Swanbourne for people who have organised themselves into a group.

PP Rajah Senathirajah has agreed to look after this, however, the District Chair of Probus has been ill so Rajah will proceed through another member on the District Committee.

Members of Probus meet once a month in a purely social environment, have a speaker and enjoy a number of outings and activities. Originally Probus clubs' were for male members only. Later female only clubs were established and in more recent years Clubs have chosen to be dual gender.

## Days for Girls

Penny Hooper from Days for Girls made a presentation to the RCFB at a meeting of 24th August, 2016, where she informed all in attendance about this project which began in 2008 when a Church group visited a girl's orphanage in Kenya and found that girls had a lack of feminine hygiene products. The project has spread to over 100 countries, on 6 continents. There are currently 670 Chapters, the majority being in the USA with the second highest number here in Australia.



Initially this project was taken up by Dir. Liz Wharton in the International Committee,

however, with her return to the UK, Nishi Galhenage has agreed to take over looking after the project so it is now under the banner of the Community Service Committee.

On Saturday, 29th October, 2016, Dir. Liz Wharton, CP Di Collins and "Friend" of the RCFB Ros Curbishley participated in a sewing day in the Christ Church Hall, Claremont where some 80 ladies cut, sewed, ironed and trimmed all components to make up the beautiful packs which are distributed to girls in developing countries.

Dir. Liz participated in other sewing days organised by Penny and she placed a bin in the Carnaby Room where the Club meets to encourage members to make donations of Bonds girls/ladies undies, face washers and large zip lock bags.

PRID Ken Collins obtained all the patterns for the items in the packs from Penny Hooper and send them on to a Ladies Rotary Club in Raipur, India. PP Rajah Senathirajah has also sent the patterns to a Sewing and Embroidery project set up by the RCFB in Sri Lanka, however, neither have set up Chapters to carry out the making and distribution of these packs at this time.

*Days for Girls Sewing Day - Christ Church - Liz Wharton with Ros Curbishley (back ground)*

## **Moerlina Primary School**

Moerlina Primary School has been the 'Home' of the Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay for more than two years. We love being able to meet in the Carnaby Community Room weekly due to the generosity of member, Perette Minciullo, Principal of this delightful school, who allows the Club the use of the room free of charge. In acknowledgement of the wonderful ongoing support that Perette and the school give the Club, a further \$500 contribution will be presented to her at a Club meeting early in the new Rotary Year with the RCFBs sincere appreciation, for use by the school as they see fit.

## **Speakers in the area of Vocational /Community Service**

The vast majority of speakers at weekly meetings all under the category of Vocational or Community and this year we heard from:

- Prof. Gareth Baynam – Undiagnosed Diseases Program
- Penny Hooper – Days for Girls
- The Hon. Bob Nicholson – The law, Civic, Criminal and the Courts
- Dr. Rob McEvoy – Journey from GP to Journalist. Pride of Workmanship Award
- Paul Winter – Thumbnail
- John McKechnie – WA Crime and Corruption Commission
- Dr. Barry Green –Energy Sources for the Future
- Kim Pedler – Mental Health Issues
- Sue McCabe – Sleep & Thermoregulation in Children with Cerebral Palsy
- Laura O'Hara – 12 Buckets
- Darren Lomman – Recycle of Plastics
- The Hon. Bob Nicholson – History, artefacts and future of the Royal Historical Museum
- Travis Fitch – 12 Buckets

## 5. INTERNATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

**Director:** Liz Wharton

**Committee Members:** PRID Ken Collins, CP Di Collins, Pres. Jeremy Foster, PP Rajah Senathirajah, Nathan and Sanjive Narendranathan, Liz Terracini, Jen Bardsley and in the second half of the year PP Rodger Kohn and Lahiru Mudunkotuwa joined the committee.

Unfortunately, due to business issues, early in the Rotary year Nathan went to live in Malaysia (hopefully temporarily) and Sanjive took a position in Melbourne. Jen Bardsley has not participated in meetings.

### 5.1 The ROTARY FOUNDATION

#### Rotary Foundation Global Grants

- **GG 1530986 – *Water and Sanitation in Sri Lanka*** to assist in the reconstruction of 12 wells and 10 new toilet blocks in three war ravaged villages in the northern part of the country. Total cost of the project is US\$ 32,000 with US\$3,000 contributed by the RC Freshwater Bay, US\$1,000 from the RC Colombo South, US\$12,000 DDF RID 9455, with remainder from TRF. The project has been completed and a report submitted to the Rotary Foundation, however the Rotary Foundation has requested further information so this project has not been signed off completely at this time.



**GG 1530986 Water Wells Sri Lanka**

- **GG 1539356 - *Appar High School Madurai, South India*** – Boys and girls toilet block, supply and installation of computers, and conducting a Better Hygiene Program for the students. A District in Brazil has been the main sponsor, (US\$11,000), with US\$3,000 from DDF RID 9455, some funds from RC Madurai (sponsor Club) with the remainder from TRF. Project has been completed with the Official opening taking place second half of 2016. The report has been lodged with the Rotary Foundation during the current Rotary year.



**GG 1539356 - Toilets Appar High School**

- **GG 1746576 – *Rotary Vocational Training***

**Team to Raipur, India.** PRID Ken Collins lead a VTT of two Gynaecologists: Dr. Barry Mendelawitz (a Rotarians with the RC Applecross, RI D 9465) and Dr. Catherine Douglass and two Midwives: Clare Davison and Belinda Jennings, to RI D 3261, Raipur India 11th – 19th February, 2017.

They trained 20 doctors, nurses and midwives in hands on medical skills in an attempt to reduce the very high maternal and child mortality rates in that area. This was funded by a Global Grant valued at US \$30,000 which will also allow for a second Team to return at a later date. This amount was comprised of US\$7,500 DDF from each of Districts 9455 and 9465 which was matched by The Rotary Foundation. To assist the RC of Freshwater Bay to receive this

amount of funding Hon. Member Tony Munday Tony Munday via the Goodeve Foundation contributed A\$10,000 and Su Re Lau A\$2,000.

The training was well received and the State of Chhattisgarh, India, through its Minister of Health has declared that it now wants the same training to be given to the remaining 180 health workers in that district. There are two other districts in the State of Chhattisgarh and the VTT members are keen to continue the Training program.



*Rotary Vocational Training Team to Raipur, India*

- **Attempted Global Grants** - PRID Ken Collins has spent considerable time attempting to obtain Global Grants for a bus for Smiling Gecko and another for Awareness Cambodia. Unfortunately, The Rotary Foundation now has a policy of not funding buses.

### **TRF Matching Grant**

- **MG 79265** - This is a livelihood project to teach embroidery and batik printing to girls and women in the war torn area of Sri Lanka so that a cottage industry can be established to generate an income. It was completed in March, 2015, and work took place to assist the project to be sustainable.

An attempt was made to encourage the workers to produce the 'Days for Girls' personal hygiene packs as there are many females in the country who would benefit from these packs, however, it has not come to fruition.

### **Potential RF Global Grants**

- a) An attempt will be made to obtain a truck for One2One Dental Group in Cambodia.
- b) PP Rajah Senathirajah will be seeking a GG in conjunction with the RC Madurai, India, for toilet blocks for rural schools.

### **Rotary Foundation District Grants**

#### **a) Rotary Vocational Training Team to Raipur, India**

PRID Ken Collins obtained a Rotary Foundation District Grant for A\$6,200 (\$3,100 from the District which was matched by \$3,100 by the RC Freshwater Bay) for himself, Gynaecologist Rtn. Dr. Barry Mendelawitz and Midwife Carol Pinch to travel to Raipur, India, 26th September - 3rd October, 2016, to put all plans in place for a full RVTT to return in February, 2017.

The reason for a RVTT to travel to India was to train the local health workers in better medical practices in an endeavour to lower the exceptionally high mortality rate of mothers and babies due to childbirth.

**b) Donations in Kind**

A Rotary Foundation District Grant has been submitted for A\$3,000 (\$1,500 from the District to be matched by \$1,500 by the RC Freshwater Bay) for medical and school equipment to be sent to the Rotary Club of Madurai, India for distribution to facilities in and around their area.

**Polio Eradication**

The Club's support for Polio Eradication for 2016-17 was A\$3,775.00

The funds were achieved via:

- o A\$1,500.00 personal contribution from Liz Wharton
- o A\$1,260.00 personal contributions by members and money boxes
- o A\$1,015.00 from Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay.

Down from half a million cases in 1985, currently just 5 cases up until 31st May, 2017, 3 in Afghanistan and 2 in Pakistan



*Paul Harris Fellow to Su Re Lau*



*Paul Harris Fellow to Dr. Liz Wharton*

**Annual Programs Fund**

In 2016-17 the RCFB is the second highest giver to TRF in D. 9455.

- o Su Re Lau A\$ 2,000.00
- o Tony Munday via the Goodeve Foundation A\$51,825.00

## 5.2 INTERNATIONAL SERVICE



### **Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) Projects**

#### **RAWCS 85.2013-14 - Val Smith-Orr – *The Triple B Project (Burns, Bigots (Clefts) and Bulate (Worms).***

- (i) Sent 12 children to the Mercy Ships for Cleft lip and palate surgery.
- (ii) Amount collected for this project since 1st July, 2016 is \$14,448.00, making the total \$83,948.00 since this project was registered as a RAWCS project.

#### **RAWCS 147.2010-11 - *Koro Island Scholarship Fund***

\$16,617.11 was transferred to the Koro Island High School in May, 2017, bringing this project to a close.

*Val Smith-Orr*

### **Interplast Australia**

The RCFB continued to support Interplast with a donation of \$500.00 in the 2016-17 year.

### **Shelterbox**

Again the RCFB budgeted \$1,000 for one Shelterbox. A cheque for this amount was sent off in November, 2016.

### **Days for Girls**

In many developing nations not having sanitary supplies can mean days without school, days without income and days without leaving the house. Girls miss up to two months of school every year.

To address this issue and give girls across the globe education, safety and dignity as well as gender equality advocacy, and reproductive health education, Days for Girls International was founded in 2008. Days for Girls provides washable feminine hygiene kits to girls and women who would otherwise go without, enabling them to not miss valuable days from their education or employment.

Dir. Liz Wharton coordinated this project, however, with her return to the UK, Nishi Galhenage has taken over the coordination and it is now under the umbrella of the Community Service Committee.

### **Invitation for a Friendship Visit to Madurai, South India**

PP Rajah Senathirajah received the following invitation from the RC Madurai, India.

The invitation is to send a team of approximately 10 members, spouses and friends to be hosted by members of their Club for a week or two towards the end of this year. Although the suggestion is for our Team to be in Madurai for the Club's anniversary celebrations on 27th December 2017, the dates are not firm. The cost of travel to Madurai is borne by the Team members (return air tickets from Perth can be purchased for less than AUD 1,500 per person in December). The hosts will take care of local travel and accommodation. The members of

their Club are very warm and hospitable, and will meet all reasonable wishes of the visitors. In return, our Club is expected to host a similar team the following year.

### **Speakers in Areas of International Service**

- PRID Ken Collins – Rotary Vocational Training Team to Raipur, India
- Saul Radunski – Hon. Consul to Zambia
- Aaron Chinyimba - Ministry of the Voiceless – Hospital in Nigeria
- Natasha Venables – RF Peace Fellow

## 6. YOUTH SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

**Director:** CP Di Collins

**Committee Members:** PRID Ken Collins, Pres Liz Hollingdale, Rtns. Petrina Bishop Terry Bourke, Tristan Clemons, Kathleen Elliott, Anne Passmore plus for part of the year Naomi Bath and Esther Ngang.

### **Rotary WA Driver Education**

A very successful Rotary WA Driver Education (RWADE) was held on Tuesday, 9th August, 2016, at the RAC Training Centre, 46 Grogan Rd, Perth Int. Airport. There were 140 students from Newman College in attendance.



*Newman College Students at RWADE Day*

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Shenton College Deaf Education Centre students were prevented from attending. These 8 students were able to attend the following day when The RC Cambridge held a RWADE day for students of John XXIII.

The students all benefited from the highly relevant presentations in six simultaneous sessions which included topics such as vehicle safety and maintenance, stopping distances, presentations from the police and ever popular crash victim Danny Harrison who packs a very powerful punch to students and volunteers alike. Day manager was PRID Ken Collins with Marshalls being PP Rajah and Jes Senathirajah, Dir. Di Collins, Chrissie Jordan, Lynne Hughes and Pres. of the RC Cambridge, Jeremy Wood, who assisted for some hours.

PP Jane O'Leary from the Rotary Club of Western Endeavour kindly organised the sponsorship of food for the event and sincere thanks go to her and her Club for looking after this aspect of the day. A Grant for \$73.81 was received from the City of Nedlands to pay for the armbands.

The next RWADE is booked for 28th November, 2017, however, as the RAC Training Centre has been demolished, and sponsorship by the RAC is no longer available. The new venue is the top floor of Foodbank. A fee of \$10 per student will be re-introduced and the cost to the RCFB will now return to around the \$500 mark. A Grant from the Nedlands Council will be applied for to help offset the costs which will be incurred.

### **National Youth Science Forum**

Isabelle Hollingdale was successful in her application to attend the 2017 NYSF. Izzy attends PLC and she went to Session A in Canberra. The \$3,097.00 cost of her attending was covered by her parents.

Tristan Clemons made a presentation to the outbound NYSF students at their orientation briefing on Sunday, 19th September, which was attended by Pres. Liz and Izzy Hollingdale. Izzy Hollingdale attended a reception at Government House on Monday, 20th September for



**Pres. Liz with NYSF attendee Izzy Hollingdale**

2017 NYSF. Our member Dr. Tristan Clemons will interview and mentor Beth prior to her nomination going forward to the Selection Committee.

all successful NYSF applicants. Izzy spoke at a Club meeting on her return on 25th January about her experiences at the Science Forum.

With the attendance of Izzy at the 2017 NYSF, it has meant that she is the fourth member of her family to have attended a NYSF with her mother Liz, brother Edward and sister Penny having done so over previous years.

Beth Redwood from Newman College is the student the RCFB is putting forward to the District Selection Committee for the

## ConocoPhillips Science Experience



**7 of 9 Newman College Students who attended the UWA Science Experience**

Nine students from Newman College were sponsored by the RC Freshwater Bay to attend the three day Science Experience at UWA, 17-19th January, 2017. The cost of this was funded fifty percent by the student's parents and fifty percent by the RC Freshwater Bay.

The students were Daniel O'Connor, Catherine Jamieson, Max Wilson, Jess Gugliotta, Madeleine Thompson, Rose Troon, Liam Street, Sarah Ranieri and Beth Redwood. The majority of the students who attended spoke at a meeting of the RCFB on 24th

May about the benefits gained from attending the Science Experience.

## RYLA

The Rotary Youth Leadership Camp was held at Bickley Outdoor Education Centre, from 14-20th January, 2017. Our attendee was to have been Nick Skinner, however, due to 'personal issues' he had to withdraw on 12th January. Very fortunately, the District Committee was able to provide an applicant for sponsorship in Tom Law-Davis. PRID Ken and Dir. Di Collins attended the 'Sundowner in the Bush' on 19th January.



Tom, along with Camp Leader Tony Fulton, attended the RCFB meeting on 22nd March where he did an excellent presentation on his experiences in attending RYLA and the benefits he gained.

*RYLA attendee Tom Law-Davis*

### **Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment**

The RYPEN camp was held on 19-21st May, 2016, at the Point Walter Recreation Centre, 1 Stock Road, Bicton. The Club sponsored three attendees, all from Port School in Fremantle – Kahlea Mourish, Josh Bromham and Jarrod Harrison.

Vic Principal of Port School, Mike Gilbert brought the three students to a meeting of the RCFB on 7th June so that each could tell members their stories from participating in RYPEN.



*Stacey Crase was "Buddy" at Camp Opportunity*

### **Camp Opportunity**

The applicant of the RC Freshwater Bay to Camp Opportunity was 'Buddy' Stacey Crase who works for EDGE Employment. The camp was held at the Bickley Camp Site, 22-28th January, 2017.

PRID Ken and Dir. Di Collins attended the Camp dinner on Wednesday, 25th January and Stacey spoke at the RC Freshwater Bay meeting on 22nd March, 2017.

## Interact Club of Freshwater Bay



*Interactors with Pres. Liz*

The President for 2016 was Izzy Hollingdale from PLC and on 23rd November, 2016, at the regular meeting of the Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay, Izzy Hollingdale handed over the role of President to Jamie Krige also a student at PLC.

There is a core group of 12-15 members of the Interact Club who met approximately fortnightly on Thursday and occasionally on Monday evenings during term time at Christ Church Grammar School and were supervised by President Liz Hollingdale up until her resignation in March. Rtn. Nishi Galhenage, a former Interactor in Sri Lanka, has recently taken on the supervision of the Club.



*Interact Coordinator Nishi Galhenage with Interactors*

The Interactors held a successful Band Night at College on 26th June, which raised some \$1,200 for the PLC and Scotch College service trip to Tanzania last July. Rotarians in attendance were Pres. Elect Liz Hollingdale, Terry Bourke, Tristan Clemons, Claire Nunes and Chrissie Jordan.

The Interact Club has held an informal movie night at a member's home. Each attendee payed ten dollars, brought suitable movie food (popcorn!)

and watched a movie with other Interactors and friends. This raised \$190.00 which has been donated to the Leukaemia Foundation.

Rtn. Nishi is coordinating suggestions of activities and fundraisers with the Interactors around the heavy schedules of the Yr 12s which make up the majority of members of the Club at this time.

### **Youth Protection Officer**

This role has become a major area of focus in Rotary and Rtn. Perette Minciullo, Principal of Moerlina School and who has vast experience in this area has taken on this position in the Club.

### **Microscopes in Schools**

The Microscopes in Schools project, continues to be the flagship project of the Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay and in this capacity brings significant credit to the Club. The project, which was launched in March, 2010, is now into its eighth year.

During the 2016-17 Rotary year the Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay has sponsored units to:

- Subiaco Primary School (a second set)
- North Beach Primary School (a second set)
- Angel Academy School, Nepal
- Kirup Primary School – with some sponsorship from MALA Peel

Added to the above, due to the generous sponsorship by ‘Friend’ of the Club Sheila Cheng, her husband Lau and friend Anny it has been made possible for the following to receive microscopes:

- Queenstown Global Indian International School, Singapore
- Wat Bamrung Ruen School, Bangkok, Thailand
- School in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia
- SMK Sungai Tapang, Kuching, Malaysia
- 3 x schools yet to be identified in Bangkok
- 3 x schools yet to be identified
- 10 units for use by Sheila Cheng with craft.

Added to the above the following individuals have generously sponsored microscopes on behalf of the RC Freshwater Bay:



*Microscopes Ambassador Tristan Clemons presenting Microscopes to Jotik Napit for Nepal*



*Microscopes delivered to PDG Sam in Bangkok by Sheila Cheng*

Jim and Freda Irenic have sponsored 60 microscopes for Student Science Teachers Awards Curtin College.

Lesley and Peter Davies have sponsored microscopes to:

- West Leederville Primary School
- Australian Islamic College in Dianella.
- Spencer Park Primary School

And are currently organising sponsorship from the Masons and Lady Golfers in Albany for the following schools in the township of Albany:

- Yakamia Primary School – has been sponsored by Plantagenet Lodge
- Aust. Christian College
- Parklands Primary School
- Little Grove Primary School
- St Joseph's College
- Bethel Christian School

Stephanie Graskoski who works for Newcrest Mining in Telfer has organised sponsorship by Newcrest Mining for local schools:

- RAWA School Punmu Campus
- RAWA Kananwarritj Campus
- Warralong school
- Purngurr School
- Nullagine School

Stephanie Graskoski also arranged for sponsorship from Brad Franklin from AusIMM (Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy) for:

- Newman Primary School

Bill Green has sponsored microscopes to two schools in very poor villages in Bali:

- Gumbrih Village School
- Negara Village School



*Aust. Islamic Colleges Founder HJ Abdallah Magar, Abdallah Khan CEO, PRID Ken Collins, Lesley & Peter Davies*

Currently, some 18,900 units are in 651 schools, 1 Junior Naturalist Group. The Sydney Institute of Marine Science, 2 Environmental Centres, the Talented and Gifted students program in the Wheatbelt, 60 units for Student Science Teacher Awards at Curtin Uni, the Science Teaching Unit at Curtin University plus a number of 'Home School' families and groups. These microscopes have been sponsored by 107 Rotary Clubs, 1 Rotaract Club, 1 'Friends' of the RC of Belmont, a Naturalist Group, the Sydney Institute of Marine Science, 7 individuals and 10 Corporations. As reported previously, microscopes are in schools in all States in Australia, East Timor, a Deaf School in Laos, two schools for refugees in Nepal, schools in Vanuatu, the Solomon Islands, India, Tanzania, Thailand. Added this year are 2 schools in Bali, 6 centres in Northern Laos, an International School in Singapore, 2 schools in Malaysia, 4 schools in Bangkok and another school in Nepal. This project is providing some 228,000 students annually, with the opportunity to discover the microscopic world and to develop a love of science.



*Students in Northern Laos using microscopes sponsored by Sheila Cheng, Lau and Anny*

The project continues to receive significant support from Prof. Lyn Beazley, former Chief Scientist of WA, John Clarke, CEO of the Science Teachers Association of WA, 'Friends of the RC Freshwater Bay' Sheila Cheng, her husband Lau and friend Anny, along with significant support from other personal contributors, plus in recent times a couple of mining companies have sponsored microscopes to schools in the North of the State.

The importer of the microscopes, Paul Khoo from Singapore meets regularly with CP Di and PRID Ken Collins on his frequent trips to Perth. He sorts any issues which arise and despite a significant downturn in the exchange rate of the Australia dollar, has kept the cost of the units to the Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay with as small an increase as possible.

### **Speakers relating to Youth activities**

- Izzy Hollindale – NYSF
- Tom Law-Davis – RYLA
- Stacey Crase – Camp Opportunity
- Laura O'Hara – 12 Buckets
- Newman College Students (7) – ConocPhillips Science Experience
- Students from Port School who attended RYPEN
- Travis Fitch – 12 Buckets