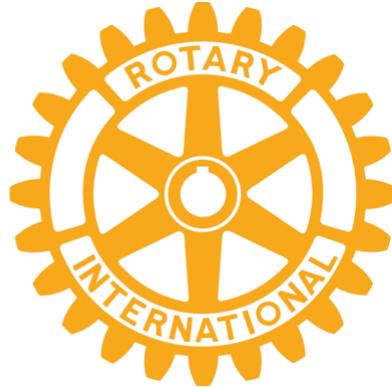


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Club of Freshwater Bay, Inc.

District 9455

Ninth Annual Report

2017 – 2018

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1. PRESIDENT’S REPORT



President Jeremy Foster

The 2017-18 year was another successful year where the Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay shone with its projects.

The Club received the Rotary International Citation recognizing the Club's achievements in the year.

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 Ian Riseley's theme "**Rotary: Making a Difference**" was taken to heart by our Club and all Goals set by him have been achieved. We made a difference.

It has been a very rewarding and busy year. My task has been made much easier by having an incredibly efficient Club Secretary, Di Collins. I am very thankful for her support.

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 the 2018-19 year. For their tireless efforts we thank our Membership Director, Perette Minciullo and the sterling support she received from PRID Ken Collins. Plus PRID Ken's continued work as Treasurer of the Club.

We continue to be involved in all five Avenues of Service. Due to the support of other Clubs and tireless efforts of CP Di Collins, the Microscopes in Schools Project continues to be our major fund raiser, although this 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 Rotarian Nishi Galhenage, Youth Service has been another major area of focus. Nishi has looked after the Interact Club of Freshwater Bay since she was inducted. Nishi herself is a former Interactor and she has capably guided the Interactors and they have been very productive. Their membership has grown significantly.

Lahiru Mudunkotuwa has lead the International Service Committee. Their 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. This project was successfully completed in this Rotary year

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Board and all Club members for their contribution and look forward to transferring leadership of the Club in 2018-19 to CP Di Collins.

Jeremy Foster
President 2017-2018.

2. CLUB SERVICE REPORT 2017-18

BOARD FOR 2016-17

President	Jeremy Foster
Vice President	PRID Ken Collins
Secretary	CP Di Collins
Treasurer	PRID Ken Collins
President Elect	CP Di Collins
Club Service Director	CP Di Collins
Community / Vocational Service Director	Jacinta Sirr
International Service Director	Lahiru Mudunkotuwa
Youth Service Director	CP Di Collins / Nishi Galhenage
Membership Director	Perette Minciullo
Fundraising Director	Jen Martins

2017-18 was a stable year on the Board and the Club has enjoyed another successful year.

3. CLUB SERVICE

The Club Service Committee, under the Directorship of PE/ Sec. Di Collins, consisted of Naomi Bath, Petrina Bishop, PRID Ken Collins, PP Simone Collins, Pres. Jeremy Foster, James Harper, Vince LaRosa, Anne-Sophie LaRosa Lesteven, Dir. Jen Martins, Dir. Perette Minciullo and Victoria Wyatt.

The Committee met regularly throughout the year, firstly on the fourth Wednesday of the month immediately following the club meeting at Moerlina School, however, reverted back to meeting mainly on the first Saturday afternoon of each month.

- The weekly program was handled by Vince LaRosa then taken over by Pres. Jeremy Foster
- Bulletin continues to be produced by PE/Sec Di Collins with assistance for a time from Petrina Bishop
- Secretary CP Di Collins
- Treasurer PRID Ken Collins
- Membership Perette Minciullo
- Fundraising Jen Martins
- Club Protection Officer Perette Minciullo

Two sub committees have been formed. The first is Fundraising.

Dir. Jen Martins took on this position for the year. In August, 2017, Jen attempted to get a meeting happening of her committee, which comprised of Anne-Sophie LaRosa Lesteven, Perette Minciullo, Jacinta Sirr and Victoria Wyatt, however, the timing did not work and the committee did not meet.

Funds have not been raised to keep up with spending on projects and this trend urgently needs reversing in the 2018-19 Rotary year.

The second sub-committee is Social activities. Since the return of Liz Wharton to the UK this committee has not functioned. In April of 2018, Victoria Wyatt agreed to take on Sub-Committee Chair and the other members of this committee are Aroosha Safari and Anne Passmore. Over the past year Aroosha has been kept busy with work, study and exams but it is great to now have her able to attend meetings. Due to personal reasons, Anne has been on leave and we look forward to her return and contribution later in the year.

3.1 Secretary

CP Di Collins once again carried out the significant duties of Secretary for 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.

As Secretary, CP Di has handled the vast majority of duties in the Club Service Committee in addition to the regular duties expected of a Club Secretary.

3.2 Meetings

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 the Principal Dir. Perette Minciullo for the use of this excellent facility.

Attendance at weekly meetings has been variable, with poor attendance on the whole, primarily due to work and other commitments of members.

In an effort to overcome the less than best attendance, the Club meetings have been streamed 'live' on the RC Freshwater Bay's Facebook page since 27th September, 2018. On occasion, the two members able to organise this 'streaming', Directors Lahiru Mudunkotuwa and Nishi Galhenage, have not been in attendance at meetings resulting in some meetings not going to air at the last minute. In an endeavour to overcome this, more members have been provided with Facebook access to enable the meetings to all go 'live'.



Jasmine Corbette and Taliah Payne - NAIDOC



Dir. Lahiru Mudunkotuwa setting up Live streaming of meetings

This has proven to be successful with Charter member Simone Collins and others now viewing the meetings live, resulting in her return to the Club as an Active member and others who have moved interstate and overseas retaining their membership.

Rotarians and Rotaractors from many countries log in to view the live meetings either at the time of the meeting or in the week after. Regular weekly views are between 100 – 200 plus.

3.3 Weekly Program

The 2017-18 year has seen another array of excellent speakers at meetings, arranged initially by Vince LaRosa and more recently by Pres. Jeremy Foster.

Newer members are given the opportunity to present a "thumbnail sketch" about themselves to their fellow Club members. Other topics have included matters of environmental and social

interest plus feedback from the youth who have benefited from participating in Rotary youth projects. As in previous years the speakers have all been of an exceptional calibre.

Dir. Perette Minciullo - Life & Times



3.4 Special Dinner Meetings

Two Special Dinner meetings were conducted during the year.



Pres. Jeremy Wood (RC Cambridge), Linda & PE Peter Mack (RC Morley), Beth & The Hon. John McKechnie, QC, speaker, Pres. Jeremy & Janette Foster



However, prior to information on these, here are two pictorial memories from the Celebration dinner held on 24th June, 2017.

Both Fleur and Kohan have gone on to national and international success. The Club was extremely fortunate to have such high calibre artists entertain us.

Soprano Fleur Brockway & Pianist Kohan Van Sambeek provided a selection of Music Theatre items

- The combined Christmas and 9th Birthday Celebration was held on Saturday, 16th December, at the Crowne Plaza, East Perth. This event was attended by 35. The speaker was Vince Garreffa who spoke about his life and work with lifeline. He wrote a pictorial recipe book which was offered for sale at the meeting with all profits going to support Lifeline. A musical interlude was performed by Sopranos Sarah Jackson and Amy Fortnum.

President Jeremy Foster and Past Presidents of the Club joined in cutting a cake for the Club's 9th birthday.



Speaker Vince Garreffa



President and Past Presidents cutting cake

- The Changeover Dinner for this year is to be held on Saturday, 21st July, at the Crowne Plaza, East Perth when President Jeremy Foster will hand the reins of the Club back to Charter President Di Collins who served as President from 2008-2010.
A musical segment will be performed by members of the St. George's College Consort.

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 most months:

- Club Service on the fourth Wednesday of the month after the regular weekly meeting for the first few meetings and then reverted back to holding meetings mainly on the first Saturday of the month.
- Vocational /Community were mainly held on the third Wednesday
- Youth Service on the second Wednesday and
- International Service predominantly on the first Wednesday of each month.

3.7 Club Assemblies / Forums / AGMs / Special Meetings

All regular meetings of the Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay allow for open discussion at every meeting. Club Assemblies were held on 16th August, 2017, 4th October, 2017 and a Club day on 13th December, 2017.

The AGMs for the Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay Inc. and the Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay Charity Fund Inc. were held on 13th September, 2017.

A Special Meeting to update the Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay's Constitution and Bylaws took place on 31st January, 2018, and the Constitution was lodged with the Department of Mines, Industry, Regulation and Safety at the beginning of February, 2018.

A copy of the RCFB updated Constitution and Bylaws was also sent to the Rotary International South Pacific and Philippines Office in Sydney (RISPPPO).

3.8 Social Events

Unfortunately, social activities took a minor place during the year, mainly due to there not being a member to take on the responsibility of organising regular events. However, this will

be overcome in the 2018-19 year as Victoria Wyatt has agreed to be the Social Sub-committee Chair and is already actively organising events.

Wine Tasting

Instead of a regular meeting, on 7th February, 2018, a Happs Wine tasting was enjoyed by members present. This was a fore runner to holding a fundraising Happs wine sale.



Ellington Jazz Club

On Sunday, 5th March, six members attended the Legend of Judy Garland at the Ellington Jazz Club to support Amy Fortnum who had performed at the RC Freshwater Bay Christmas function. Amy shared the stage with another WAAPA student, Jess Clancy.

A great concert and afternoon's entertainment was enjoyed by all in attendance.

Amy has gone on to be selected to perform the Lead role in the WAAPA production of Carousel at the Regal Theatre.

Amy Fortnum & Jess Clancy



International Friendships

On ANZAC Day, 25th April, a Pot Luck meal and social gathering was held at the home of the Collins' to meet PDG Mayur Vyas and his wife Charter President Bina Vyas, from RID 3060, India. Bina told a little about her new Club of Anand Milkcity and the projects the Club plans to undertake during her year as President. There were 19 in attendance, 10 members, plus partners and PDG Ron and Glenys Geary from the RC Belmont.



Members & friends meeting with PDG Mayur & CP Bina Vyas

Dinner at Quinlan's Training Restaurant

On Wednesday, 20th June instead of the regular meeting of the Club, a meal was enjoyed at Quinlan's Training Restaurant, Grosvenor St, Beaconsfield, by eight members and partners.

3.9 Special Events / Meetings

The Changeover of Presidents of the Interact Club of Freshwater Bay

The Interact Changeover took place during the regular meeting of the Club on 30th August, 2017, when President Jamie Krige from PLC handed over the position to her sister Georgia Krige also from PLC. A number of Interactors attended on the night and several new members were inducted into the Club.

Jamie and Georgia's parents Joy and Neil were in attendance as were School Chaplains Jane Marsh and Helen Griffin. Di Wilcox was the speaker and made an excellent presentation on bullying entitled 'Paper Cuts and so do Words'.



Dir. Nishi Galhenage inducting Pres. Georgia Krige

Special Guest and Speaker Margarita Hewko

On Wednesday, 20th September, the Club was fortunate to have as its speaker Rotarian Margarita Hewko, wife of the General Secretary of RI, John Hewko, and member of the Rotary Club of Chicago One.

Marga told of her life as the wife of the CEO of Rotary, their Rotary commitments and what is happening around the world re Rotary projects and programs, their participation in the Rotary PolioPlus fundraising bicycle event each year which has raised over US\$35,000 and her passion for supporting Rotary Foundation Global Grant Projects.



Rtn. Margarita Hewko with Pres. Jeremy Foster

Visitors at the meeting were Andrea Stamati (Marga's sister), PP Jeff Trudgian and Linda Sweeney from the RC Hillarys, plus Connie Micheli and Christian Zerovich.

After the meeting a number of members enjoyed a casual meal at the Lemongrass Thai Restaurant.

Meeting 1st November, 2017

To recognise Rotary Foundation month, the first meeting of November was dedicated to the Rotary Foundation Vocational Training Team of Gynaecologists and Midwives which travelled to Raipur, India in February, 2017 to train the local health workers in hands on medical practices in an endeavour to lower the exceptionally high mortality rate of mothers and babies due to childbirth. The Team was lead by our member PRID Ken Collins and speakers at the meeting were Gynaecologist Rtn. Dr. Barry Mendelawitz and Midwife Belinda Jennings.



Hon. Consul Sunhansu Ku Ra and Dr. Barry Mendelawitz

In attendance at the meeting was Margaret Mendelawitz, Lee Annear, Christian Zerovich, and Hon. Indian Consul Sunhansu Ku.Ray After this meeting the Hon. Consul, speakers and several members dined at TQR Vietnamese Restaurant.

PolioPlus Fundraising Movie

The movie ‘Murder on the Orient Express’ was organised by PRID Ken Collins as a fundraising event for Polio on Sunday, 12th November, 2017 at the Windsor Theatre, Nedlands.



Whilst it was intended to be for all Clubs in the Western part of the District, the majority of ticket sales came from the Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay, raising the Club \$960 for Polio.

Pride of Workmanship Awards



Pride of Workmanship Awards Meeting

Pride of Workmanship Awards were presented at the meeting on 29th November, 2017, to Tim White, Head of Percussion at WAAPA and Di Wilcox from the Seedlings/Magic Coat program. Both recipients were very deserving. Tim for his dedication to music particularly though Percussion and Di for all that she does to assist the vulnerable youth locally, nationally and internationally.

Many guests were welcomed to the meeting, including Kevin Button, Chair of the Friends of the Academy, a number of Friends of the Academy, Di's daughters Carley and Cian and parents Carol and Dale Wilcox.

Cadet Day at Government House, organised by the Royal Commonwealth Society, was held on Saturday, 2th June, 2018. 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.

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, PE Peter Mack from the Rotary Club of Morley, very kindly provided his services again this year. James Harper coordinated the event assisted by PE Peter Mack, Jodette Holly, Bill Holly and Roger Warne.

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. He is also a member of the Rotary Foundation Alumni of WA Committee.
- PP Rajah Senathirajah served as Secretary of RAWCS Western Region.
- PP Mike O'Hara is Chair the District RF Scholarships Committee.

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** were attended by President Jeremy Foster.
- **RLIs** – Dir. Lahiru Mudunkotuwa attended all three RLI sessions. Victoria Wyatt booked to attend an RLI, however, a family situation arose, preventing her attendance.
- **District Grants Seminar** 29rd April, 2018 - attended by PP Rajah Senathirajah, Dir. Lahiru Mudunkotuwa and James Harper.
- **District Assembly** 10th June- was not attended by any members.
- **RI Convention, Toronto, Canada** – attended by PP Rajah and Jes Senathirajah and PRID Ken and CP Di Collins.

3.12 Weekly Bulletin

Due to a lack of a volunteer to produce the New Horizons, RC Freshwater Bay, Bulletin, CP Di Collins has continued to produce a Bulletin, however, has adapted it to a monthly edition. At the end of September of 2017, Rtn. Petrina Bishop volunteered to assist Di with the bulletin contents with a view to taking over the production. However, after some weeks, was unable to continue due to ongoing personal matters.

3.13 Membership

Dir. Perette Minciullo took on the role of Membership Director and ‘Active’ members inducted since 1st July 2017 are:

- Jotik Napit – former member RC Kathmandu - Education
- Vince LaRosa – Medicine Psychoanalyst
- PP Simone Collins – Charter member who returned as an ‘Active’ member from ‘Honorary’- Natural Therapies
- Prita Asih returned as a member due to Facebook Live meetings, although still living in NSW – Alzheimer’s Research
- James Harper – Financial Advisor
- Jodette Holly – Midwife – From RC Dalian, China



Pres Jeremy welcoming Vince LaRosa into RCFB

Members who left at the end of June 2017

- Chrissie Jordan
- Rodger Kohn
- Paddy Ramanathan
- Paul Winter

Members leaving at the end of June, 2018

- Terry Bourke
- Tristan Clemons – moving to Evanston, IL
- Helen Hardcastle – work commitments
- Anne-Sophie LaRosa Lesteven – work and study commitments
- Jacinta Sirr - work commitments
- Liz Terracini – work commitments

Membership (Honorary)

Honorary members of the Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay are:

- Prof. Lyn Beazley – Former WA Chief Scientist
- 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 975 ‘Likes’ and has many hundred views each week. The Facebook page is maintained by CP Di Collins with assistance from PP Simone Collins

The Club website at 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 and is maintained by PP Simone Collins. There is also a website for the Sports Exchange project at www.sportsexchange.net.au. Although currently in recess until it is able to be restarted, this project continues to attract regular views on Facebook.

Our beautiful 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:

- “Rotarians Donate microscopes to SMK Sungai Tapang” – New Sarawak Tribune 23rd June, 2017
- “From the Principal’s Desk” – Yakamia Primary School Newsletter 21st July, 2017
- “New horizons for retirees” – page 54 Post Community News, July 29th, 2017
- “Probus creates new opportunity” – page 6, Western Suburbs Weekly, August, 15th, 2017
- “Tiny Worlds” – The West Australian Ed! page 4 -5 August 15th, 2017
- “Thank you Rotary Club of Warrandyte Donvale” Our Lady of the Pines Newsletter, 29th August, 2017
- “Dirty Nails for the future” – page 19, Post, November 4th, 2017
- “Notes from President Marg” Meeting 12th February, 2018, RC Bunbury Bulletin
- “New Microscopes” – Boyup Brook District High School Newsletter, 27th February, 2018
- “Microscopes in Schools puts future scientists in focus” – pages 28-29, March 2018 Edition, Rotary Down Under Magazine.
- “Support for school Microscopes” – March edition Newcrest Mining publication

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 pro bono 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, with PP Mike O’Hara and Rtn. Vince LaRosa as members 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 lady known to Rtn. Vince LaRosa who feeds homeless people in necessitous circumstances in a park in Fremantle.

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

3.17 Fundraising Activities

Funds raised comprised approximately including personal contributions, which comprise the following:

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| • Grant from Nedlands City Council for RWADE | \$557.00 |
| • RF District Grants - 2 | \$5,000.00 |
| • Film Night for PolioPlus | \$960.00 |
| • Microscopes in Schools | \$7,778.25 |
| • Happs Wine Sale | \$1,667.50 |
| • Quiz Night with Moerlina School | \$2,378.45 |
| • Sausage Sizzle at Government House | \$ 971.92 |
| • Interact Film Night | \$400.00 |

Personal Contributions

- NYSF \$1,543.00
- Polio – Probus members \$319.00
- Polio – RCFB members \$550.00
- WASO Tickets – RCFB members \$100.00
- Val Smith-Orr’s Triple B project, contributions this year \$9,695.00

3.18 Certificates of Appreciation

A significant number of people outside of the RC Freshwater Bay contribute in time, talent and treasure to making the Club successful and a number of these were recognised with Certificates of Appreciation at the Celebration Dinner last June or subsequently at special functions during this Rotary Year.

Certificates were presented to:

- Lesley and Peter Davies – financial support of the Microscopes in Schools project, fundraising activities and events.
- Klara Forrest – for fundraising events, in particular the Fashion Evenings and support of events.
- Freda and Jim Irenic – financial support of the Microscopes in Schools project and events.
- Lesley Koenig – significant support of fundraising activities and events.
- Kay Hallahan – significant support for fundraising activities and events.
- Tony Munday – financial support of International projects via the Goodeve Foundation.
- Malcolm Pratt – assistance with the RWADE day and financial support of the Microscopes in Schools project.
- Terry and Ann Spiro – significant support of fundraising activities, events and for allowing the Club to hold Sausage Sizzles for the RCS Annual WA Day Cadet Parade and Flag raising ceremony.
- Sweechin Thow – assistance with the RWADE day

3.19 Awards and Certificates

- District 9455 Highest Contribution to the Rotary Foundation 2016-17

Award for the 2017-18:

- RI Citation for 2017-18 from RI President Ian Riseley

Significant milestones for members:

- Dr. Tristan Clemons – Winner of the People’s Choice Awards as well as the Entrepreneur Award in the 40 under 40 Awards
- Victoria Wyatt – nominated for the 40 under 40 Awards



District Rotary Foundation Trophy



Claire & Dr. Tristan Clemons winner of the People's Choice Award in the 40 Under 40 Awards.

3.19 Speakers in the area of Club Service

- District Governor Lindsay Dry – Official Visit
- Naomi Bath – Iceland and Polish Christmas
- PE Peter Mack – Heraldry
- PP Mike O’Hara – Jordan and surrounding areas

4. VOCATIONAL and COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

Director: Jacinta Sirr

Committee Members include: PRID Ken Collins, CP Di, Collins, Pres. Jeremy Foster, Helen Hardcastle, Max Hipkins, Mick O’Halloran, Laura O’Hara, Ian Passmore, Stephanie Rainey-Smith, Aroosha Safari, Nancy Warne and Roger Warne

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

On 29th November, 2018, two Pride of Workmanship Awards were presented at a meeting attended by some 40 people, including the Chair and a number of ‘Friends of the Academy’, plus members of the Wilcox family.

Tim White, Head of Percussion at WAAPA was the speaker, and gave an enlightening and entertaining presentation on Percussion. He was then presented with a Pride of Workmanship Award by Dir. Jacinta Sirr for the dedicated service Tim has exhibited to his chosen profession of music, in particular percussion, and imparting his passion for music to countless young people and students.

Di Wilcox was equally recognised with a Pride of Workmanship Award for developing her own tools and resources, beginning with the Seedlings Program and advancing through a number of areas including Cinderella Kids, the Magic Coat Workshops, and Paper Cuts and so do Words. All Di’s activities bring hope and healing to countless vulnerable children and families. Prior to being presented with the Award, Di gave a brief update on her work in all her areas of endeavour.

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



Dir. Jacinta Sirr and Tim White



Dir Jacinta Sirr and Di Wilcox

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 \$50.00 (\$25 if two students in a school are recognised) and a framed Certificate. All were presented during the end of year assemblies by PRID Ken Collins, CP Di Collins, Dir. Lahiru Mudunkotuwa and Stephanie Rainey-Smith.



'Loreto Spirit Award' Ava McLernon

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

- Churchlands PS – 'Churchlands Way Award' was presented to Kaia Prosper.
- Dalkeith PS – 'Science Award' was presented to Dylan Hatcher and Amelie Parsons.
- Hollywood PS – 'Numeracy Prize' was presented to Harry Ellis.
- Loreto School – 'Loreto Spirit Award' presented to Ava McLernon.
- Mt Claremont PS – 'Caring Award' was presented to Lotty Graham and Jamie Bouwman.
- North Cottesloe PS – 'Male Citizenship Award' was presented to Cody Barrett.
- Swanbourne PS – 'Caring Award' was presented to Isabelle Harrold.
- Wembley PS 'CARES Award' presented to Max Burbury.

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
- RLI – PRID Ken and CP Di Collins
- Women and Child Mortality – PRID Ken Collins
- Water and Sanitation – P.P. Rajah Senathirajah

Rotary Fellowship Groups

- Environment Fellowship of Rotarians – 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 2017-18 Rotary year.

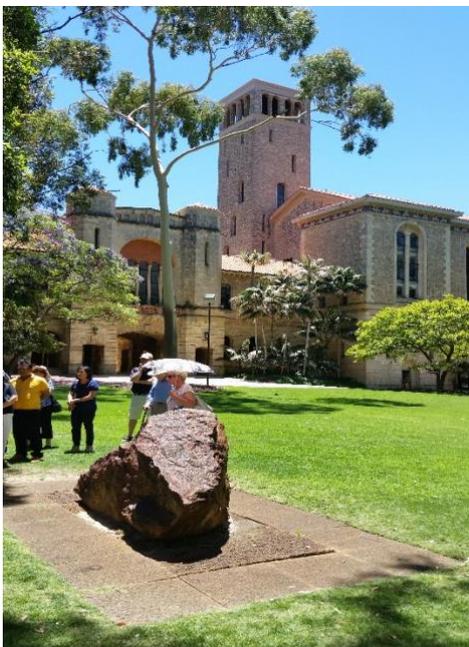


Launch of War on Plastics & panel with Darren Lomman

The first replaced the regular meeting of the Club on Wednesday, 18th October, 2017, when a significant number of members went along to City Farm for the launch of GreenBatch’s War on Plastics. This thrust is headed up by Darren Lomman.



An interesting and informative panel gave insight into the amount of plastic in the environment and in our oceans. Darren provided an alternative use for used plastic by setting in motion a Recycling of Plastics factory to convert plastic waste into saleable materials.



Dir. Lahiru and PRID Ken at UWA Day

The second was on a very warm Saturday morning, 2nd December, 2017, when Dir. Jacinta Sirr and her father Peter, Dir. Lahiru, wife Prashani and their son, together with PRID Ken and Di Collins participated in the ‘Behind the Doors’ Tour at UWA.

It was a fully subscribed tour and others who participated ranged from Prof. David Tunley, who has a long history at UWA, plus staff who were no doubt as keen to hear the interesting information which poured out of Tour Guide and former Staffer, Terry Larder, who obviously knows much more about the University than the average staff person.

Highly educational and wholeheartedly recommended to members in the future.

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 Mick O'Halloran 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, interviewing and mentoring students for Rotary projects such as the National Youth Science Forum, as well coordination of the Rare and Undiagnosed Diseases project.

4.2 COMMUNITY

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.

After a break of some time, the Kids Right2See project was installed on the second Club computer by Mick O'Halloran and the arrival of "Stereo Fly Acuity Test with Lee Symbol" organised by Aroosha Safari, the project recommenced in March of this year.

Dr. Mick O'Halloran and PRID Dr. Ken Collins carried out the screening of 43 students at Dalkeith Primary on 13th and 20th March, with administrative assistance from Dir. Nishi Galhenage. On 19th March, 28 students were screened at Moerlina School by our two medical doctors with administrative assistance from James Harper.

Manna Industries

A significant collection took place prior to Christmas of non-perishable food items, toiletries, toys and blankets and were delivered by PRID Ken Collins to the Lowe's home in Thornlie.



Dr. Mick O'Halloran & James Harper at Moerlina



Dir. Jacinta with Bev & John Lowe

The Interactors collected a basket load of goodies to add to those donated and collected by Club members.

Location of collection bins and tubs:

- City of Nedlands Council Office
- Staff room at the Australian Alzheimer's Foundation
- Ellen Health, Fremantle
- Visability, Victoria Park
- Interactors

The largest amount collected came from patients and staff at Ellen Health in Fremantle and they planned to continue to support Manna in other capacities.

Throughout the year beautiful blankets and toys were knitted by ladies from St. Louis Estate. Again, these items were delivered and gratefully received by Bev and John Lowe.

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.



CP Di Collins with Di Wilcox & Pres. Jeremy Foster

Children are also taught strategies they can apply in all areas of their life to assist them 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 expanded her work to Magic Coat workshops and during school holidays runs 'Magic Coat' workshops in Hawaiian owned Shopping Centres such as Claremont Quarter. During the school year Di has held these workshops at many schools, with the RC Freshwater Bay sponsoring workshops at both Rosalie and Mt Claremont Primary schools. A further area of expansion for Di is with 'Paper Cuts and so do Words', which is geared to stop bullying.

The programs developed by Di Wilcox are extremely valuable and the RCFB will continue to support when and where possible.

Buddy Benches

The last of the Buddy Benches were presented by the RC Freshwater Bay this past year, with 18 benches painted, assembled and presented to 17 schools (two went to Rosalie Primary).

Those distributed this year were to:

- St Thomas Catholic School, Claremont , 8th August, 2017

- Padbury Catholic Primary, Padbury, 17th November, 2017
This has been a very popular project, emulated by other Rotary Clubs.

Sue McCabe – Equipment for Research

Dir. Jacinta Sirr introduced 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.

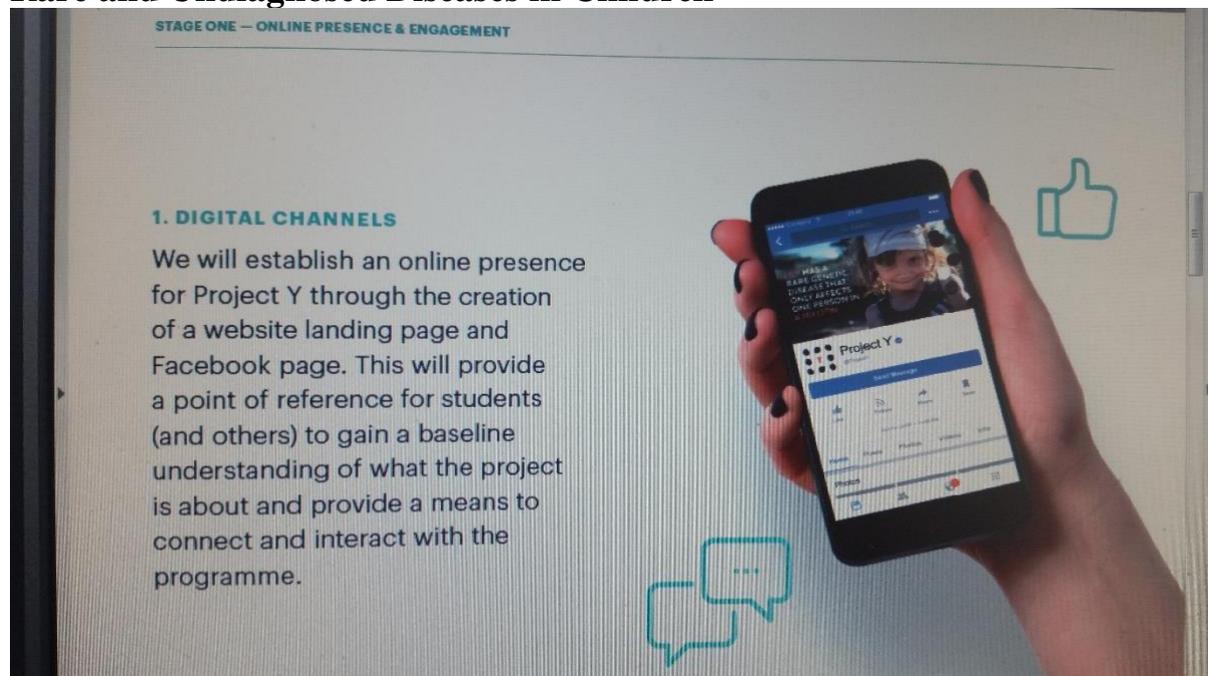
The RCFB funded a Camntech ‘Actiheart’ Sensor at a cost of \$1,965.00 to assist with the research Sue is carrying out.

A report, complete with photographs has been received from Sue on this project.

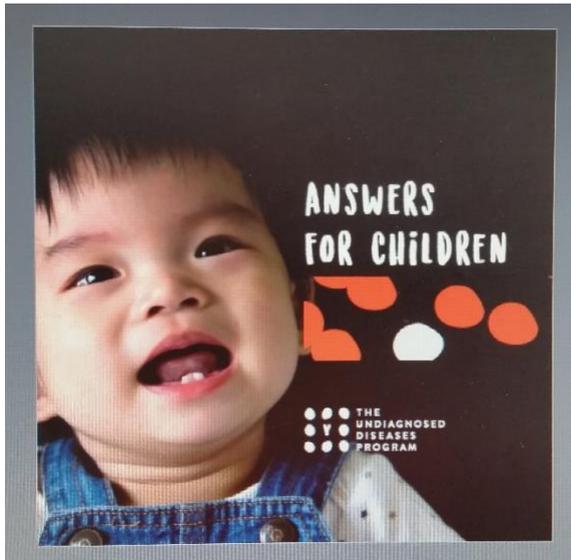


Sue McCabe with special blanket

Rare and Undiagnosed Diseases in Children



A District Grant Application for \$3,000, which was matched by the RC Freshwater Bay, was received to assist Prof. Gareth Baynam with public awareness for school children, on his work with Rare and Undiagnosed Diseases in Children.



Prof. Gareth Baynam

Our Dr. Tristan Clemons is working with Gareth to take the message to Interact Clubs and schools and is seeking assistance from the Interactors to raise the visibility in the community of these ‘unique’ children.

Material and a website has been created. <http://www.projectyudp.com>

In WA there are 60,000 children living with rare diseases for which no treatment is available. This work is targeted at 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



PP Rajah Senathirajah & Certificate of Accreditation



Probus is a Club started by Rotary for Professional and Business retirees.

As there was a drive from a group of seniors in the Claremont-Swanbourne area to form a Club, PP Rajah Senathirajah agreed to look after the formation of this Probus Club.

An interest meeting held at the Claremont Tennis Club on 17th August, 2017, drew a good attendance, however, nominations for the vital positions failed to all be filled. Due to this, a further interest meeting was held on 21st September, when all positions were filled and it was agreed to form the Probus Club of Claremont Swanbourne.

Charter President was Margaret Marshall (later replaced by Helen Smith), Vice President/President Elect Joy Sinclair, Secretary Margaret Nunn and Treasurer Ann Annear. The dual gender Club which meets on the third Thursday morning of each month at the Claremont Tennis Club, began with around 30 members and in the first six months has rapidly grown to 67 members.

Trees Planting at Moerlina



PP Rajah Senathirajah planting trees with students from Moerlina School

RI

President Ian Riseley, as one of his major thrusts for 2017-18 asked every Rotarian to ‘Plant a Tree’.

Organised by our member and Principal of Moerlina Primary, Perette Minciullo, 34 small native trees, representing one for each member of the Club, were planted on a damp Friday afternoon, 27th October, 2017, in the grounds of Moerlina.

Along with Perette, students and other teachers in the school, members PP Rajah Senathirajah, Anne –Sophie LaRosa Lesteven, PRID Ken and CP Di Collins assisted with planting and watering of the 34 trees.

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.

Our member Liz Wharton was driving this, however, with her return to the UK, Dir. Nishi Galhenage has taken over looking after this project. Unfortunately, neither Dir. Nishi nor CP

Di Collins were able to attend the annual sewing day at Christ Church Hall at the end of September, 2017. Thus, items collected from members and Nishi's friends were passed onto the Rotary Club of Swan Valley to use on one of the sewing days they carry out in their Rotary Club.

There is a Days for Girls Chapter run by our member Jotik Napit's sister in Kathmandu, which was initiated by Rotarians from the East Coast, Di Traversi and Michelle Mitchell.

12 Buckets

The 12 Buckets program, developed by Travis Fitch helps primary school children in low socio-economic schools who have serious problems with schooling – attendance, behaviour and achievement. A mentor is provided for each student for a short time each week and wonderful changes occur in these children's lives.

From the 12 Buckets website:

We Imagine

School-aged children, regardless of background or circumstances, having every opportunity to flourish.

We Strive

To equip at-risk and disadvantaged students with the skills, support and connections needed to build a strong future.

We Celebrate

The development of independent young people contributing to their community through honed skills and generosity.



Travis Fitch - 12 Buckets

The RC Freshwater Bay received a Rotary Foundation District Grant of \$2,000, which was matched by \$400 raised at a movie night by the Interact Club of Freshwater Bay plus \$1,600 of Club funds to purchase the following items for 12 Buckets:

- Supporting volunteer mentors and staff
 - Room hire for training events
 - Food and beverages for training events
- Printing and stationery
- Purchase a laptop for School Liaison
- Mini makeover of a 12 Buckets room at Balga Primary School
 - Purchase of a new table and chairs
 - Purchase of storage cubes
 - Purchase of equipment for kitchen area
- Supporting 12 Buckets room
- Purchase of consumables.

Moerlina Primary School

Moerlina Primary School has been the 'Home' of the Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay for more than three 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 has been presented to her at a Club meeting late in May, 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. A number of members presented their Life and Times and all were exceptional, allowing the members present to better know our fellow members. This year we heard from:

- Jasmine Corbette and Taliah Payne – NAIDOC
- Naomi Bath – Thumbnail – Life and Times
- Bev and John Lowe – Manna
- Prof. Gareth Baynam – Rare and Undiagnosed Diseases
- Chris Smoje – Customer Service
- Vince La Rosa – Post Traumatic Stress
- Dennis Artemus – UWA Internal Post
- Craig Maguire – Health Sector Banking
- Elle Ross – Equitum – Women in Finance
- Nishi Galhenage – Thumbnail – Life and Times
- Tim White – Drumming Up a Storm
- Lahiru Mudunkotuwa – Thumbnail – Life and Times
- Vince Garreffa – Life, work with Lifeline and fundraising book
- Victoria Wyatt – Thumbnail – Life and Times and Perth Children’s Museum
- Samantha Spiro – Community and Home Services “Allowing individuals to stay living at home”
- Perette Minciullo – Thumbnail – Life and Times
- James Harper – Thumbnail – Life and Times
- Max Hipkins – City of Nedlands
- David Cook – Identity theft and Internet security issues that face Senior Citizens
- Prof. Gareth Baynam & Dr. Tristan Clemons - Update and Report on Grant results on Undiagnosed Diseases Program
- Travis Fitch – Report on 12 Buckets Grant
- Bill Holly – 45 years of Engineering

5. INTERNATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

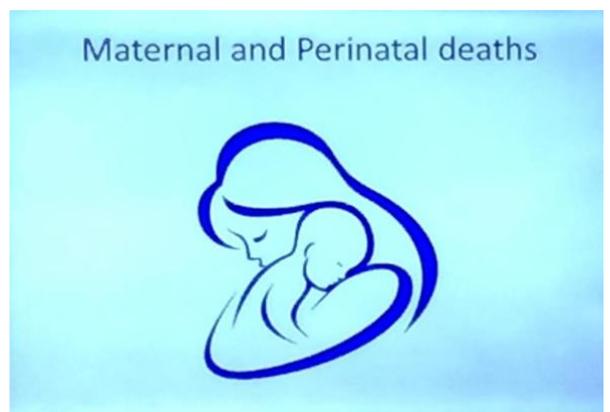
Director: Lahiru Mudunkotuwa

Committee Members: Jen Bardsley, PRID Ken Collins, CP Di Collins, Pres. Jeremy Foster, Nathan and Sivo Narendranathan, PP Rajah Senathirajah and Liz Terracini. Unfortunately, due to business issues, Nathan and Sivo Narendranathan have been living in Malaysia however, hope to return to Perth permanently early in the new Rotary year.

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 and testing of the water quality is required, so this project has not been signed off completely at this time.
- **GG 1746576 – 2018 Rotary Vocational Training Team to Raipur, India**



PRID Ken Collins with RF VTTT to Raipur, 2018

PRID Ken Collins lead a second VTT of two Gynaecologists: Dr. Barry Mendelawitz (a Rotarians with the RC Applecross, RI D 9465) and Dr. Catherine Douglass plus two Midwives: Clare Davison and Belinda Jennings, to RI D 3261, Raipur India 11th – 18th

February, 2018. Unfortunately, Dr. Barry developed a heart block on the flight to Singapore and immediately returned to Perth for treatment.

PRID Ken, Dr. Catherine and midwives Clare and Belinda provided further skills to the 20 doctors, nurses and midwives trained in February of 2017.

From the initial 20 trained, 6-8 were identified as 'Master Trainers' and these health workers have gone on to train a further 500 health workers during the year. They also carried out the training conducted during the week the Team visited Raipur in February, 2018, under their watchful eyes and did an excellent job.

In September, 2017, Dr. Barry Mendelawitz and Belinda Jennings returned briefly to Raipur to observe the training carried out by the 6-8 Master Trainers. Providing feedback and encouragement.

The return visits all came from the initial Global Grant valued at US \$30,000. 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 via the Goodeve Foundation contributed A\$10,000 and Su Re Lau A\$2,000.

The training was well received and the Team met with the Health Minister and Chief Minister of the State of Chhattisgarh, India, who invited the Team into the sitting Parliament and recognized and thanked them publically.

The Final Report has now been submitted for this project and an article has been printed in the June issue of the Rotary Down Under Magazine.

- **GG1863520 – Water and Sanitation Project with RI D. 3000, South India**

In the towns of Theni, Dindigul, Trichy and Pudukottai, Tamil Nadu,

Seven schools have/ are receiving:

- 58 toilets in 8 blocks
- 6 incinerators
- 15 handwashing stations
- 8 water purifiers
- Bore well
- Supply of materials / training / materials and preparation.

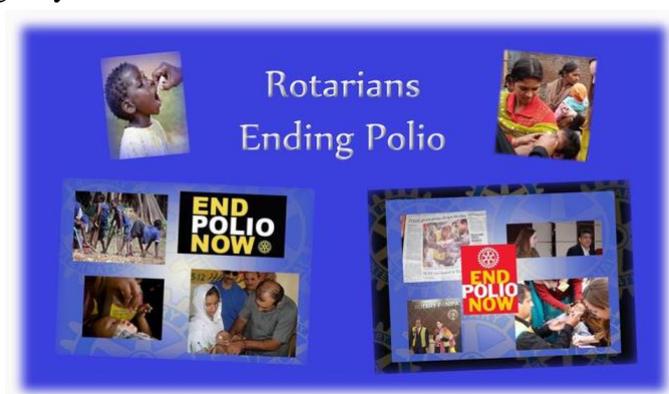
Total cost of this project is US \$84,563.00 with funds coming from RID 3000 DDF US\$5,000, RID 9455 DDF US\$15,000, Cash from D. 3000, matched by the RF to equal the total required

Rotary Foundation District Grants

a) Rotary Vocational Training Team to Sri Lanka

Dir. Lahiru Mudunkotuwa is aware of a problem in Sri Lanka where weather conditions cause many deaths due to a lack of training of emergency workers.

He would like to undertake a feasibility trip to Sri Lanka with a member of the SES from Western Australia to see if a Rotary Foundation Vocational Training Team of experts from WA would be able to train locals and assist the Sri Lankans to reduce the number of needless deaths which occur. Dir. Lahiru will obtain costings and submit an application for a District Grant.



Polio Eradication

The Club's support for Polio Eradication for 2017-18 was achieved via:

Movie night	\$960.00
RCFB members	\$550.00
Probus members	\$319.00
TOTAL	\$1,829.00

Down from half a million cases in 1985, currently there have been 11 cases of polio reported up until 30th June, 2018, 8 in Afghanistan and 3 in Pakistan.

Very sadly, yet more workers distributing the vaccine have again been murdered this year.

Annual Programs Fund

In 2017-18 A\$3,500 has been contributed to the Annual Programs Fund of the Rotary Foundation from Club funds.

5.2 International Service

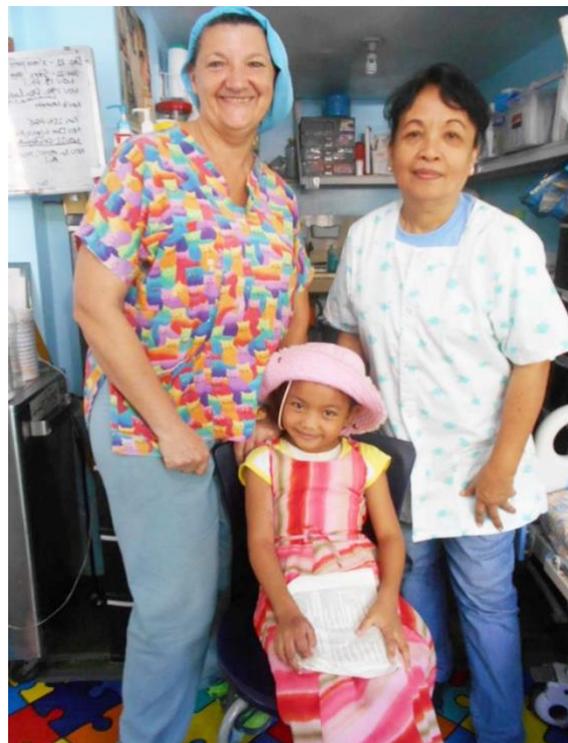
Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) Projects

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

Since 1st July, 2017, the amount collected for the project is \$9,695.00. A very comprehensive report was sent in January, 2018 by Val Smith-Orr.

Whilst all activities and work have been extensive and impressive, just some highlights/ significant facts will be mentioned in this Report.

- An Interact Team from Hillard, Ohio, made a successful visit to the project. Leader, Rtn. Pam Worth was so impacted by the work carried out by Val she made a life changing decision to undertake an intensive Medical Assistants course to better equip her for volunteer services with Triple B.
- Through this visit the RC Hillard organised for donations in the USA to the project to be tax deductible.
- International Teams visited sites – burns prevention and care.
- Helping Children Smile Urdanetta took 6 children for cleft lip and palate surgery.
- Aust. and NZ Interplast Team screened 19 cases, resulting in 16 surgeries, 15 burns reconstructions and 1 three year old girl had cleft surgery.
- Sally Beastall an Occupational Therapist from the UK spent 6 months mainly teaching hand exercises to burns patients.
- Deworming of a significant number of adults and children.
- Val and Evelyn undertook 553 dressings during the year. With 43 'other significant wounds' treated.



Val Smith-Orr

- Limb salvage was 2 hands of an 11 year old boy saved (electrical burns). The foot of a PE teacher who had long term wounds, slow to heal from poorly controlled diabetes. Diabetes was controlled and wounds healed.
- Construction has finally commenced on a clinic to treat patients.
- Plus much more!

RAWCS 144.2010/11 Angel Academy Nepal

Whilst there has not been any activity with this project during this Rotary year, School Principal and member of the Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay, Jotik Napit plans to work with the Club and Christ Church Grammar on projects to assist the school in 2018-19.

Interplast Australia

The RCFB continued to support Interplast with a donation of \$500.00 in the 2017-18 year.

ShelterBox

Again the RCFB budgeted \$1,000 which has been donated to ShelterBox during this Rotary year.

Bus for Awareness Cambodia

To provide a much needed bus to transport the children cared for by Awareness Cambodia, as the Rotary Foundation would no longer assist via a RF Global Grant, personal contributions have been sought.

Money has been received from Palma and David Phipps (A\$20,000), PRID Ken and Di Collins (A\$20,000), Sheila Cheng (A\$2,000), Lau (\$A4,000) Sue Re Lau (A\$7,000) and Anny (A\$2,000). A letter has been provided by the RCFB to assist with gaining tax free status for the vehicle by the Cambodian Government. This is still in progress.

Invitation for a Friendship Visit to Madurai, South India

PP Rajah Senathirajah received an invitation from the RC Madurai, India, to send a team of approximately 10 members, spouses and friends to be hosted by members of their Club for a week or two at any time. The cost of the airfare is approx. \$1,500 per person. 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.

Not a Friendship Exchange but an open invitation to visit Anand, India has also been extended to members by PDG Mayur and CP Bina Vyas.

Speakers in Areas of International Service

- PP Rajah Senathirajah – RI Convention, Atlanta
- Anne-Sophie LaRosa Lesteven – Indian Experience
- Margarita Hewko – Role /Experience as the spouse of the General Secretary of RI and her own path as a Rotarian
- Rtn. Dr. Barry Mendelawitz and Belinda Jennings – First RFVTT to India
- Jovan Scekcic – Bosnian Refugee – Escapee to Psychologist
- PRID Ken Collins – Second RFVTT to India –February, 2018
- PP Rajah Senathirajah – WASH projects in India and Sri Lanka
- Peter Hawksworth – Britain Nepal Medical Trust
- Jodette Holly - Paper-cut, fireworks and red eggs: Adventures of a Western Midwife in China

6. YOUTH SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

Director: CP Di Collins began the year as Director, with Nishi Galhenage taking over early in the Rotary year.

Committee Members: Terry Bourke, Tristan Clemons, CP Di Collins, PRID Ken Collins, Kathleen Elliott, Pres. Jeremy Foster, and Anne Passmore.

Rotary WA Driver Education

A very successful Rotary WA Driver Education (RWADE) was held on Thursday, 28th November, 2017, at Foodbank, 23 Abbott Road, Perth Airport. There were 182 students from Newman College in attendance.



Newman College Students RWADE 2017

Unfortunately, due to the loss of the previous site and sponsorship, the alternative venue sourced was less than ideal as all simultaneous sessions (with the exception of vehicle safety and maintenance) were held in

the upstairs of the building which was partitioned to accommodate the various sessions. Sound carried plus costs increased steeply.

The event was held later in the year to allow students to complete end of year exams. Students were tired from their intensive year and whilst all benefited from the highly relevant presentations, the earlier date appeared to bring more enthusiasm and energy from the students. The six simultaneous sessions which included topics such as vehicle safety and maintenance, hazard driving, presentations from the police and ever popular crash victim Danny Harrison whose graphic presentations always leave a profound impression on students and volunteers alike.

Day manager was PRID Ken Collins with Marshalls being Dir. Di Collins, Dir. Nishi Galhenage, Vince LaRosa, Victoria Wyatt plus friends Malcolm Pratt and Sweechin Thou.

With the loss of sponsorship, Newman College students all paid \$10.00 each to attend plus a grant of \$557.00 was obtained from the City of Nedlands which covered the remaining cost of running the day. Armbands were funded by a small grant received by District organiser, PP Lindsey Francis.

The next RWADE is booked for 25th October, 2018, and the venue is highly likely to be the Claremont Showgrounds.

National Youth Science Forum

Beth Redwood from Newman College successfully nominated to attend the 2018, NYSF Session A in Canberra, 2nd to 13th January.

RYLA



Dir. Nishi Galhenage with Yads Ellegala

The Rotary Youth Leadership Camp was held at Bickley Outdoor Education Centre, from 13-19th January, 2018. Our awardee was Yadava (Yads) Ellegala. Dir. Nishi Ellegala Galhenage and her two children attended the ‘Sundowner in the Bush’ on 18th January.

Yads returned to make a very enthusiastic presentation to the Club on his experiences at RYLA on 31st January, 2018.

His parents also came to the meeting of 31st January and his father expressed his appreciation to the club for sending his son away to RYLA and a week later giving him back a man.

RYLEAP



Sam Hopson - RYLEAP

This was the first year that the RC Freshwater Bay has sponsored a RYLA Alumni to RYLEAP (Rotary Youth Leadership Extension Alumni Program).

The Program was held 21-23rd September, 2017 and Samantha Hopson was referred to the RC Freshwater Bay for sponsorship by the RC Hillarys.

This project is the next step in the leadership journey, and is designed to teach high level leadership concepts, basic business skill and explore self-management skills from emotional control through to time management

Sam Hopson made a presentation to the Club on 25th October, 2018, informing members of experiences and benefits gained from attending RYLEAP.

Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment

Despite several attempts to identify one or more attendees for the RYPEN Camp 18-20th May, 2018, held at Point Walter Recreation Centre, the Club has not been successful in doing so this year.

Camp Opportunity

Again, the Club was unsuccessful in identifying a 'Camper' or 'Buddy' to attend Camp Opportunity held at Point Walter Recreation Centre 21-27th January, 2018.

Interact Club of Freshwater Bay

The President for 2017 was Jamie Krige from PLC and on 30th August, 2017, at the regular meeting of the Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay, Jamie handed over the role of President to her sister Georgia Krige also a student at PLC. Five new members were inducted into the Club at the Changeover meeting and were provided with their membership certificates and lapel pins.

The incoming and outgoing Presidents were supported at the meeting by the attendance of their parents Neil and Joy Krige. A few members joined the Interactors for a casual meal at Nandos in Nedlands after the Rotary meeting.

There is a core group of 12-15 members of the Interact Club who meet approximately fortnightly on Thursday evenings during term time at Christ Church Grammar School and are supervised very ably by former Interactor and Youth Service Director, Nishi Galhenage. Nishi has encouraged the growth of the Club, introduced speakers for meetings at least once a month plus added support and direction to projects and activities undertaken by the Interactors.

On 13th August, 2017, 10 of the Interactors, along with Dir. Nishi and Joy Krige, cooked breakfast at Ronald McDonald House for some 70 people. The RC Freshwater Bay provided \$200 to purchase the food requirements. It was a huge success and enjoyed by all.



Pres. Jamie hands over to Pres. Georgia Krige



Above: Pres. Jamie Krige - Changeover – Below Ronald McDonald House breakfast cook-up.





Interactors cooking for Ronald McDonald House

A movie night which raised \$400.00 for Travis Fitch's 12 Buckets, held on Friday, 23rd November, 2017 at Moerlina School was well supported by Interactors, their friends and families. The RC Freshwater Bay added \$1,600 to these funds plus successfully doubled this amount with a grant from a Rotary Foundation District Grant. (See 12 Buckets under Vocational / Community projects for full information on items purchased).



Movie Night at Moerlina for 12 Buckets

A couple of activities planned for the 2018 year are another Band Night and breakfast at Ronald McDonald House.

The Interactors have embraced the call by Rtn. Dr. Tristan Clemons to spread the word on 'Rare and Undiagnosed Diseases in Children' and took to the streets of Perth to interview and promote the topic during the April School holidays.

Jack Ruefli, a keen cameraman, produced a 45 minute film as a



fundraising activity to support Di Wilcox's work with 'Paper cuts and so do Words' on bullying. A number of the Interactors featured in the film.

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

Youth Protection Officer

This role has become a major area of focus in Rotary and Dir. 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



Photo from Newcrest Mining Publication Punma School - 5 schools sponsored with microscopes

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 ninth year.

During the 2017-18 Rotary year the Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay has sponsored units to:

- Newman College Junior School(s) – 60
- Sriman Nayakiyar Vidy Mandir Matriculation School – 10
- Srividya Bhavan Matriculation School – 10 (in Madurai, India)
- Parklands Primary – 22 - funds from MALA Peel and Dr. Bruce Connor
- School in Anand, India – 10
- Caragabal Primary School, NSW - 10

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:

- Municipal School No. 5, Anand, India
- Municipal School No. 7, Anand, India
- Municipal School No. 8, Anand, India

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

Lesley and Peter Davies have sponsored microscopes to

- Little Grove Primary School (with part sponsorship by Ian and Joan Brayshaw)
- Mt Manypeaks Primary

Plus organised sponsorship from the Masons Plantagenet Lodge in the township of Albany:

- Yakamia Primary School
- Malcolm Pratt sponsored 32 units to East Waikiki Primary School



Malcolm Pratt with Principal Luke Clathworthy, East Waikiki PS

Fresham/ Gib Gate College in Mittagong, NSW sponsored 30 units to Mandhar Government Higher Secondary School, Raipur, India where they wish to form a sister school relationship. These units were taken to Raipur by Dr. Barry Mendelawitz in September, 2017.

Currently, some 20,600 (with a further 120 awaiting sponsorship confirmation) units are in 720 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 130 Rotary Clubs, 1 Rotaract Club, 1 'Friends' of the RC of Belmont, a Naturalist Group, the Sydney Institute of Marine Science, 10 individuals and 8 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, Bali, 6 centres in Northern Laos, an International School in Singapore, Malaysia, Bangkok and another school in Nepal. This project is providing some 250,000 students annually, with the opportunity to discover the microscopic world and to develop a love of science.

The Microscopes in Schools attracts regular noteworthy publicity in local community newspapers, school newsletters and this year, in the Newcrest Mining Publication plus a two page article in the Rotary Down Under regional Rotary magazine (Aust. and New Zealand). This article has brought in enquiries from a further six Rotary Clubs from three States – SA, Vic and Qld.

The project continues to receive vital 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 valuable 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.



PP Wilai Nitiwanakun (Thailand) and Sheila Cheng with microscopes bound for Thailand.

Presentation of microscopes in Thailand



Speakers relating to Youth activities

- Di Wilcox – Paper Cuts and so do Words
- Samantha Hopson – RYLEAP
- Yadava Ellegala – RYLA
- Beth Redwood – National Youth Science Forum (Canberra)
- Newman College Students (3) – presentation on ConocoPhillips Science Experience
- Peter Stulpner – National Youth Science Forum (Brisbane)