



**Club of Freshwater Bay, Inc.**  
**District 9455**

**Twelfth Annual Report**  
**2020-2021**

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## 1. PRESIDENT'S REPORT



**President Di Collins**

*'Rotary Opens Opportunities'* is RI President Holger Knaack's theme for 2020-2021. This is also the year Rotary celebrated its Centenary in Australia, plus the world has endured an entire year of Covid-19, temporarily changing the whole world, including the operation of Rotary to varying degrees in all corners of the globe. In Australia and New Zealand, the two countries have experienced little disruption, although impact has been felt in areas such as fundraising, causing Clubs to become inventive, and with some disruption to meetings, fortunately very minimal in the RC Freshwater Bay.

Reviewing the year, it's been an excellent one for Freshwater Bay, with significant achievements in all Avenues of Rotary Service. Although covered comprehensively in this report, my personal highlights have been:

- Membership increase, with our membership up to 36 and two of our "Honorary" members now 'Active' members in Graeme Prior and Ralph Martins.
- New fundraising activities with an outstanding Australia Day Concert, promotion of high-profile speakers in the Post attracting members of the community to meetings plus PP Simone Collins' registration of the RCFB for Containers for Change.
- Successfully bringing to fruition a number of RF Global Grants in Cambodia, Nigeria and India.
- The Club has maintained high visibility throughout the year with Public Relations and Marketing being of a significantly high standard, with a first-class website, highly active Facebook page and unprecedented coverage in the Post Community Newspaper and other printed areas.
- Development of an increasing number of projects in the area of dementia, plus all together over twenty Vocational and Community projects carried out.
- The youth sponsored through youth projects and programs being of such a high calibre they have been invited back as leaders at the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Camp and National Youth Science Experience, time and again.
- The standard of and participation in our two annual dinners.
- Celebrating the Centenary of Rotary in Australia on 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2021, with the planting of a tree and plaque at Sir Charles Court Reserve, on the foreshore in Nedlands.
- The Gala Ball on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, where the inaugural Perpetual Dr. Ken Collins AM, Cit. WA Award for Excellence in Rotary was presented. Well due recognition for an outstanding Rotarian of 54 years.
- The multiculturalism (16 different nationalities) and diversity of membership aged from early 20s to 80s, all working harmoniously together.

The only disappointment has been the inability to make Bingo work, despite the efforts of members, in particular Loren Pratt and PRID Ken Collins.

My very sincere gratitude to all members and Directors of the 5 Avenues of Service who led their committees to outstanding service throughout the year. It has been a privilege to serve as your President in the Centennial year, although on a personal level it has been the most difficult and challenging year of my life and I sincerely thank all members for their support. I wish PE Max Hipkins a successful 2021-22 as he takes up RI President Shekhar Mehta's challenge to us all to *'Serve to Change Lives'*.

Di Collins  
**President 2020-2021**

## 2. CLUB SERVICE REPORT 2020-2021

### BOARD FOR 2020-21

President	CP Di Collins
Vice President	PP Jeremy Foster
Secretary	CP Di Collins
Treasurer	PRID Ken Collins
President Elect	PE Max Hipkins
Club Service Director	PE Max Hipkins
Vocational/Community Service Director	Fiona Tremlett
International Service Director	PP Jeremy Foster
Youth Service Director	Co-Directors Nishi Galhenage and Lahiru Mudunkotuwa
Membership Director	PRID Ken Collins
PR Director	PP Simone Collins
Fundraising Director	Handled by Club Service

2020-21 was a very stable year on the Board, despite two members who had been elected into Directorships, Richard Harper (Vocational/Community) and Dianne Harper (Youth) resigning prior to the commencement of the new Rotary year. Our thanks go to Fiona Tremlett for agreeing to remain on as Vocational/Community Director and to Nishi Galhenage and Lahiru Mudunkotuwa agreeing to be co-Directors for Youth. Without a member specifically responsible for Fundraising, this came under the umbrella of the Club Service Committee.



*PP Simone Collins, PE Max Hipkins, Pres. Di Collins Co-Directors Nishi Galhenage & Lahiru Mudunkotuwa & PP Jeremy Foster*

### 3. CLUB SERVICE

The Club Service Committee, under the Directorship of PE Max Hipkins consisted of Pres. Di Collins, PRID Ken Collins, PP Simone Collins, PP Jeremy Foster

After the first meeting of the committee CSD Max Hipkins suggested this committee be incorporated with Board meetings. This was trialled for a few months, and because of the

composition of the Committee, worked well and for the entire year, Club Service meetings were carried out during Board meetings.

- The weekly program was handled by PP Jeremy Foster
- Bulletin Pres/Sec Di Collins
- Secretary Pres. Di Collins
- Treasurer PRID Ken Collins
- Membership PRID Ken Collins
- PR PP Simone Collins
- Fundraising was overseen by Pres Di and PP Simone Collins with assistance from several members.
- Club Protection Officer Perette Minciullo

Two sub committees had been formed for Fundraising and Social activities however, no members stepped up to take on these positions. This resulted in the Club Service Committee handling both of these areas.

### **3.1 Secretary**

Pres. Di Collins once again carried out the significant duties of Secretary for the year, producing the agenda and minutes for Board Meetings, plus continuing to arrange most functions, fundraising activities, and generally overseeing the functioning of the Club. At all times carrying out her duties with the utmost attention to detail and efficiency.

### **3.2. Meetings**



*A weekly meeting - a special meeting with the Lions Club & members of the community*

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 Perette Minciullo for the use of this excellent facility.

Due to the work / study of a vast number of members, attendance at weekly meetings has been poor at times, however, has significantly improved over previous years. When special speakers have been scheduled, meetings have been promoted in the Post Community Newspaper, attracting members of the public.

Club meetings have been streamed 'live' on the RC Freshwater Bay's Facebook page since 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2017. Unfortunately, few of our members take advantage of this progressive step, however, a number of Rotarians from interstate and overseas log in to view the live meetings either at the time of meeting or in the weeks following.



The Annual break took place from after the Christmas function on 19<sup>th</sup> December until recommencing with a casual meal at the Tee Box Café on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.

With an unexpected lockdown in early February due to Covid, just one meeting was cancelled on 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2021.

A very special meeting was held on 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2020, when the RC Freshwater Bay hosted a joint meeting with the Claremont Nedlands Lions Club with Prof. Ralph Martins as speaker. Along with the members of the RC Freshwater Bay, and Claremont Nedlands Lions Club, around 40 members of the public attended, swelling the attendees to 80.



*Nedlands Claremont Lions & RC Freshwater Bay - Prof. Ralph Martins, Pres Bob Carroll, Pres Di Collins and Graeme Prior*

During the year we had eight meetings where information was published in the Post Community Newspaper advising of speakers of interest – Prof. Ralph Martins, Assoc. Prof. Hamid Sohrabi, Chris Douglas, Robin McClellan, Dr. Ian Allsop, MP Celia Hammond, Sue Boyd and Graeme Prior. All of these meetings drew in members of the public in varying numbers, resulting in extra funds being raised for the RC Freshwater Bay charity account.

### 3.3 Weekly Program

The 2020-21 year has seen another array of excellent speakers at meetings, arranged by PP Jeremy Foster.

New members are given the opportunity to present a “thumbnail sketch” about themselves to their fellow Club members and these are extremely informative and enlightening.

Speakers covered all Avenues of Service and were wide ranging from information on potential projects, diverse areas of education of peoples, human trafficking, Quantum computing, light hearted subjects, plus hearing from those who have benefited from participating in Rotary’s projects and programs such as Rotary Foundation Scholarships and the many youth activities for which young people were sponsored.



*Assoc. Prof. Hamid Sohrabi - speaker 16th September, 2020*

Two Zoom meetings were continued to bring some internationality to meetings. The first was Past President of Rotary in Great Britain Ireland, Peter King, (UK) and PDG Sonny Lungfiel (Germany).

Although we did not have an Official visit from the District Governor this year, DG Jon Bilson attended the regular meeting of the Club on 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2020. DGN Ineke Oliver attended a meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2020.

### 3.4 Special Dinner Meetings



*Pres. Jeremy Foster and attendees at the Changeover dinner*



*Pres. Jeremy Foster handing over to Pres. Di Collins*

Laura O'Hara read the Invocation, AG Jeremy Wood presented the Toast to RI, which was followed by the induction of Greg Acciaioli, Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Peter Goodall and the outgoing Board. Presentations were made by Prof Ralph Martins to three people associated with the Aust. Alzheimer's Foundation.

Two Special Dinner meetings were conducted during the year, plus a report is included on the outstanding Changeover function from 2020.

- The Changeover function for 2020 was held at the Holiday Inn City Centre on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> June, attended by 53, 18 of whom were members, Hon. Members Prof. Ralph Martins and Graeme and Fiona Prior, Friend and Charter Member Peter and Mandy Symons, PDG Ron and Glenys Geary, DGE Dee Buckland and Jonathan Weir, AG Jeremy Wood, partners, members of Lions and various supportive friends. Missing was PRID Ken Collins as he underwent surgery the evening prior.



*Musical interlude - Alessandro Pittorino & Bonnie de la Hunty*



Pres. Jeremy Foster handed the reins of the RC Freshwater Bay back to CP Di Collins. Keyboard Wunderkinder Alessandro Pittorino, along with the amazing Soprano Bonnie de la Hunty provided the musical interlude for this function, with one piece accompanied by Ronniel Orlando on the violin.



*Presentations by Prof. Ralph Martins at Changeover*



*PRID Ken Collins presenting Peter Symons with a Paul Harris Fellow – Christmas function*



*RCS Pres. Terry Spiro making presentation to PRID Ken Collins – Christmas function*



*Speaker Sam Walsh - Christmas Function*



*Christmas/ Birthday function*

- The combined Christmas and 12<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration was held on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2020, at the Holiday Inn City Centre. This event was attended by 50. Fiona Tremlett read the Invocation, while PDG Ron Geary presented the Toast to RI. Sam Walsh AO, Cit. WA. former head of Rio Tinto made an excellent presentation on Value Adding. A Paul Harris Fellow recognition was presented to Peter Symons for his financial contributions to The Rotary Foundation. Royal Commonwealth Soc. President Terry Spiro presented PRID Ken Collins AM, Cit. WA, with a 'Certificate of Recognition by the Society in 'Recognition of his support and service to the WA Branch and his unique status within Rotary International'.



*Daniella Sicari, Eimear Foley & Joshua James Webb*

Past, current and incoming Presidents cut the traditional birthday cake.

An outstanding musical interlude from Daniella Sicari and Eimear Foley, accompanied by Joshua James Webb was enjoyed by all



*President's past and present cutting the 12th Birthday cake*



- The Changeover function for the current year is booked for Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2021, at the Holiday City Centre.  
Another highly enjoyable function with excellent attendance is anticipated when Pres. Di Collins hands over the leadership of the Club to Max Hipkins.  
Chris Wilcox, WAAPA Graduate in Music Theatre will be performing the musical interlude. Chris will accompany himself on his guitar and bring a different genre of music to the function this year.

### 3.5 Board Meetings

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

### 3.6 Committee Meetings

Committee Meetings were held regularly, however, with the exception of Club Service which formed part of the Board meeting, most Committees met every couple of months.

- Vocational /Community were held on the first Monday of the month at 6.30pm for the first part of the year. During 2021, the day, time and venue changed to Tee Box Café, 5.00pm on Sunday evenings.
- Youth Service on the second Wednesday after the regular meeting and
- International Service on the first Wednesday of the month after the regular meeting.

### 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, hence regular Club Assemblies and Forums are unnecessary. Club Forums were held on 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2020; 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 and 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2021.

The AGMs for the Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay Inc. and the Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay Charity Fund Inc. were held on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2020.

As part of the AGM for the RC Freshwater Bay Inc., the District 9455 Code of Conduct document and Grievance Procedure document were accepted. Following this, the Election of the 2021-22 Board took place.

Financial Reports were lodged with the Department of Mines, Industry, Regulation and Safety on 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.

### 3.8 Social Events

Over and above the special dinner meetings, five social activities took place during the year.

**Bentley Pines Training Restaurant**, on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2020, 18 members and partners attended. Originally 26 had been expected, however, due to various reasons the number declined. In attendance were Nishi Galhenage, Yads Ellegala and parents, PP Jeremy and Janette Foster, PP Peter and Linda Mack, Roger and Nancy Warne, Ronniet Orlando.



*Bentley Pines - Linda, PP Peter, PP Jeremy, Jem. PRID Ken, Anne-Sophie & Vince*

Hamid Sohrabi and Shahnaz Zeinali, Jem Xu, Vince and Anne-Sophie La Rosa, PRID Ken and Pres. Di Collins.



*Bentley Pines - Nishi, Yads, parents, Nancy & Roger*

### **Dinner at TQR on 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2020**

After the Pride of Workmanship Awards presentations at the regular meeting of the RC Freshwater Bay on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> October, Awardees Helen Tuckey and Peter Hutchings, their families, along with a number of members, enjoyed a Vietnamese meal and fellowship at TQR in Nedlands.



*Sparkling Afternoon Tea at the home of PP Peter & Linda Mack*

### **Sparkling Afternoon Tea on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2020**

At the gracious home of PP Peter and Linda Mack, 17 attendees enjoyed a sparkling afternoon tea on 25<sup>th</sup> October. They were PP Peter and Linda Mack, PE Max and Merran Hipkins, PP Jeremy and Janette Foster, Roger Warne, Fiona Tremlett, Ronniet Orlando, Nishi, Sam Shayani and Niv Galhenage, Vince and Anne-Sophie La Rosa, Greg Acciaioli and PRID Ken and Pres. Di Collins





## Casual meals at Tee Box Café



*Casual meal at Tee Box Cafe 13th January, 2021*

To kick off 2021, 18 members and family participated in a casual meal at the Tee Box Café, Lake Claremont Golf Club when PP Peter Mack was welcomed as an Active member of the RC Freshwater Bay. In attendance were PP Peter and Linda Mack, PP Simone, Ariana, Eva, Pres. Di and PRID Ken Collins, PP Jeremy and Janette Foster, PE Max and Merran Hipkins, Vince and Anne-Sophie LaRosa, Ronniet Orlando plus Alan Eggleston and Evi Ferrier.

On Easter Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April, a poorly attended brunch at the Tee Box Café allowed for good fellowship with PE Max and Merran Hipkins, PP Jeremy and Janette Foster, PP Simone, Pres. Di and PRID Ken Collins and Prof. Ralph Martins in attendance.

## 3.9 Special Events / Meetings

### Pride of Workmanship Award

The Pride of Workmanship Awards were presented at the meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2020, to Helen Tuckey, a renowned Viola player with WASO and many other National and International groups and orchestras, plus Helen gives back generously to the community. Speaker on the night, Helen stated she is *'thankful for the music that inspires me daily'*.

The second presentation of a Pride of Workmanship Award was to Peter Hutchings, a painter by trade who goes many extra miles to bring joy to his clients by restoring their homes to their former glory.

Welcomed to the meeting were Helen's family Dr. Robert Tuckey, and adult children Andy Tuckey and Catherine Hughes, and Peter's family Angie, Jordan, Marie and Ken Hutchings. Also attending the meeting was past Pride of Workmanship Award recipient and Perth Maestro, Mark Coughlan and AG Jeremy Wood



*Pride of Workmanship Awards to Helen Tuckey & Peter Hutchings*

## Australia Day Concert



*Our amazing performers Brett Peart, Liv Ferguson, Beth Redwood, Caroline Badnall, Caitlin Cassidy, Alessandro Pittorino & Daniella Sicari*

On a mild, perfect Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2021, between 5.00-7.00pm at Woodbridge House, Woodbridge, a BYO rug, chairs, food and drink picnic style highly successful fundraising concert was held. So successful, the Club has agreed to make this an annual event as its major fundraiser.

The concept was conceived by Pres. Di Collins on 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2020, just eight weeks before the date chosen for the event. With fireworks cancelled on Australia day due to Covid it was considered an ideal date for the concert, however, with absolutely everything to be organised in that brief window it was a significant undertaking.

The venue was identified and obtained mid-December. Forms were completed and lodged with the National Trust, City of Swan and D. 9455 Rotary Insurance, resulting in approval from all. Alessandro Pittorino's suggestion of using the Freeze Frame Opera truck as a stage, was



shear brilliance. ICON AV were hired to look after the sound. Artists were identified in Daniella Sicari (Soprano), Caitlin Cassidy (Mezzo Soprano); Brett Peart, Rising stars Beth Redwood and Olivia Ferguson. Pianist Caroline Badnall did an outstanding job of accompanying all. Two ten-minute segments on an electronic organ by Alessandro Pittorino loaned by Rodney Raymond (Allen Organs) rounded out the list of artists.

PP Simone Collins produced a flyer and promoted the concert on various sites, Pres. Di Collins, Ronniel Orlando and Fiona Tremlett all contributed significantly to the promotion on various sites and in a variety of ways.

On the day, 16 members assisted in one capacity or another. A double-sided sheet on a range of recent projects carried out by the Club was produced by PRID Ken Collins and Fiona Tremlett, plus Greg Acciaioli produced a display and flyer on the Palu project. Both pieces of promotional material were handed out to all attendees. Our Club marquee, banners and members in Club shirts all enhanced the stunning venue and were excellent publicity for Freshwater Bay.

Graeme and Fiona Prior (Hall and Prior Health & Aged Care Group) readily agreed to be the major sponsor for the event and covered the cost of the artists, driver and pianist paid through Freeze Frame Opera, along with the sound and toilet hire. Other sponsors were Alessandro Pittorino, Beth Redwood and Olivia Ferguson who gave their services pro bono; Allen Organs for the use of the organ; Rob Isles who transported the organ at no cost and the National Trust for waiving the cost of the venue.

The Program was popular light classical and music theatre with a finale of Australiana favourites.

As the almost 180 patrons departed, glowing reports were received with a vow to return next year with friends. Hence the decision to make this an annual event.

Profit from the event was \$7,575.08 which was fantastic for a first. Very sincere thanks are extended to everyone involved with the entire event.

### **Centenary of Rotary Project**

To celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Rotary in Australia, on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> April, the Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay, in conjunction with the City of



Nedlands planted a eucalyptus tree on the foreshore at Sir Charles Court Reserve, Nedlands.

The project was conceived by PE Max Hipkins who was MC on the afternoon. In attendance in order of protocol were

PRID Ken and Pres. Di Collins, DG Jon Bilson, AG Jeremy Wood, PP Ian Allsop (RC Doncaster, Vic), Celia Hammond MHP, Dr. Katrina Stratton MP and Deputy Mayor Leo McManus, a number of members



*Deputy Mayor Leo McManus & Pres. Di Collins*



*AG Jeremy Wood, Dr Katrina Stratton MP, DM Leo McManus, Celia Hamond MP, Pres. Di Collins, PRID Ken Collins, DG Jon Bilson & PE Max Hipkins*

of the RC Freshwater Bay, the majority of Councillors and a significant number of senior staff from the City of Nedlands.

After some words from Deputy Mayor Leo and a brief history of Rotary International, Rotary in Australia, Western Australian and the RC Freshwater Bay by Pres. Di, the ceremonial tree planting with the City's silver spade took place. This was followed with refreshments provided by the RC Freshwater Bay. The tree and plaque were funded by the City of Nedlands.



*Attendees at the Centennial Tree Planting Sir Charles Court Reserve*

### **Centenary Gala Ball**

To celebrate the Centenary of Rotary in Australia, the Rotary Clubs of Melville (RI D 9465) and Perth (RI D 9455) organised a fantastic Rotary Gala Ball at the Ritz Carlton, Perth, on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April. This event just squeezed in prior to a snap lockdown necessitating attendees travelling to and from the function to wear masks.

Mark Coughlan was the capable and professional MC, the Rotary Charge was read by PRID Ken Collins, followed by electronic messages from the Governor of WA, The Hon. Kim Beazley AC, and RI Director Elect Jessie Harman. Next on the program was a roll call of WA Rotarians who have given 50 plus years of Service to Rotary, including PRID Ken Collins who has served for 54 years.

Following on was the presentation of the Inaugural Perpetual Dr Ken Collins AM, Cit. WA Excellence in Rotary Award by





PRID Ken Collins, after which PDG Marilyn Barton promoted the Centenary book on Rotary in Australia 'Humanity in Action'.

Freshwater Bay members who attended the Gala Ball were PRID Ken and Pres Di Collins, PP Peter and Linda Mack, PE Max and Merran Hipkins, Co-Directors Nishi Galhenage and Lahiru Mudunkotuwa.



*With Rotary Flag in situ - PRID Ken & Pres. Di depart for Ball*



*Gala Ball - Lahiru Mudunkotuwa, Nishi Galhenage, PE Max & Merran Hipkins, PP Peter & Linda Mack*



*PRID Ken Collins & PDG David Barton*

### **Inaugural Perpetual Dr. Ken Collins AM, Cit. WA Excellence in Rotary Award.**

This inaugural Perpetual Award for Excellence in Rotary Service was presented during the auspicious Gala. Three finalists were selected by an independent committee – PP John Garland, RC Perth, PP Gordon Hudson (RC Scarborough) and PDG David Barton (RC Melville) with the recipient being PDG David Barton who received the Perpetual trophy from PRID Ken Collins, plus a crystal for himself.

This perpetual Award has been named in honour of PRID Ken Collins as he is the most Senior Rotarian to ever come from WA, having served on both Boards of Rotary International, as a Trustee of the Rotary Foundation 1997-2000 and the Board of RI 2000-2002. His Rotary CV is incredibly extensive and second to none. A fitting recognition to a person who has

dedicated his entire life in Service to humanity through Rotary and his profession as a General Medical Practitioner.

## A Century of Rotary in Australia

On 21<sup>st</sup> April, 1921, the Rotary Club of Melbourne was Chartered. This date of Rotary's beginnings in Australia 100 years ago has been celebrated nationally.

On 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2020, a launch of the Centenary of a Rotary Baton by Governor General David Hurley at Government House in Canberra took place via Zoom, linking Melbourne, Sydney and Canberra. Rotarians around Australia also attend via Zoom with PRID Ken and Pres. Di Collins numbering among the attendees.



*Governor General David Hurley - Canberra*



A book 'Humanity in Motion' which is on the 100 years of Rotary in Australia was launched on 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2021, by Governor General David Hurley at a special ceremony in Canberra. This book is an outstanding record of the past 100 years, with entries on all Senior Rotary leaders from Australia and New Zealand throughout that period, including our member PRID Ken Collins, all significant events, various projects, including a photo and write up on our Microscopes in Schools, plus much, much more.

To celebrate the Centenary of Rotary in Australia a commemorative stamp and two coins have also been released.



**Cadet Day at Government House**, organised by the Royal Commonwealth Society, proceeded on WA Day, Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2021. Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, added precautions were put in place and no food was allowed, causing the cancellation of the usual Sausage Sizzle.

### 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 a member of the Rotary Foundation Alumni of WA.
- Aaron Chinyimba served as a member of Rotary Foundation Alumni of WA
- PRID Ken Collins served as District PolioPlus Chair and as a member of the Rotary Foundation District Committee.
- PP Rajah Senathirajah served on the RAWCS Western Region Committee
- PP Mike O'Hara is Chair the District RF Scholarships Committee.
- Ronniel Orlando, Nishi Galhenage and Jen Martins are all working with the Victims of Domestic Abuse and Violence Working Group

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

- **Presidents & AGs Meeting** – Pres. Di Collins attended a cluster meeting 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2020.
- **Joint District 9455 / 9465 Conference 5-7<sup>th</sup> March** – was attended by PP Rajah Senathirajah and PE Max Hipkins with Merran joining Max for the Saturday Dinner.
- **PETS / District Officer Training** –PETS was held prior to the District Conference and was attended by PE Max Hipkins. Other District Training was held via Zoom on 28<sup>th</sup> March and was attended by PE Max Hipkins and ISD Greg Acciaioli. A further District Leadership Assembly was held 18<sup>th</sup> April attended by PE Max Hipkins.
- **Rotary Showcase (on the Rotary Foundation)** – 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2021, attended by PP Rajah Senathirajah, PRID Ken and Pres. Di Collins and PP Mike O'Hara.
- **RI Convention, Taipei, Taiwan** was held 'Virtually' due to COVID-19 from 12-16<sup>th</sup> June, 2021.

### 3.12 Bulletin

Pres. Di Collins has continued to produce a high class, informative monthly Bulletin.

This works well and continues to inform members on all that is taking place in the Club and each of the Avenues of Service, updates on members plus information outside the Club of importance.

After producing the Bulletin for almost the entire life of the RC Freshwater Bay, Pres. Di is handing this task over at the commencement of the 2021-22 Rotary year.

### 3.13 Membership

PRID Ken Collins continued in the role of Membership Director and 'Active' members inducted since 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 are:

- Graeme Prior – Aged Care
- PP Peter Mack – Forensic Science
- Sam Rocchi – Alzheimer's Research
- Ralph Martins – Alzheimer's Research
- Jenny Han – Nursing



*Pres. Di Collins with Sam Rocchi, PRID Ken Collins & Dir. Fiona Tremlett*



- Mehrani Mehramiz -Alzheimer's Research
- Bev Lowe – Community Care
- Jill O'Callaghan - Nursing

#### **Members who left at the end of June 2020**

- Elaine Ooi – pressure of work
- Dianne Harper – lack of interest
- Richard Harper – lack of interest

#### **Members who left during the year**

- Jotik Napit – work and family commitments
- Jen Bardsley – work and family commitments
- James Harper – lack of interest

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

Honorary members of the Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay are:

- Prof. Lyn Beazley AO– Former WA Chief Scientist
- The Hon. Bob Nicholson AO– Former RF Ambassadorial Scholar and Federal Court Judge.
- Val Smith-Orr OAM– Nurse in the Philippines

### **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 1136 'Likes', is followed by 1551 and receives hundreds of views each week. The Facebook page is maintained by Pres. Di Collins with assistance from PP Simone Collins

Regular views are 100-200 with these increasing to in excess of 1,000 at times, the largest being 1,326 for the Bush Fire Relief Appeal and a total of 2,241 for the Flyer for the Australia Day Concert. Twelve posts received 400 upwards, including presentations by Assoc. Prof. Hamid Sohrabi, Prof. Greg Acciaoli, Christmas/Birthday function and the Australia Day Concert.

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 which she is updating as time permits. It continues to be 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 perhaps being restarted in the future, this project continues to attract regular views on Facebook.



*PE Max Hipkins, Pres. Di Collins & PP Rajah Senathirajah*



On Saturday morning, 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2021, members of the RC Freshwater Bay, Pres. Di Collins, PE Max Hipkins, PP Peter Mack, PP Rajah Senathirajah, Roger Warne, Dir. Fiona Tremlett, Greg Acciaioli and Yads Ellegala all participated in a Club promotion day at Floreat Forum.

Our outstanding Club banners, all repaired a year ago with new frames, rods, stands and bags, continue to provide a great backdrop for regular Club meetings and other activities. An A frame sign was added last year. 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. Our supplier disappeared during the year and a replacement was sourced in Rtn. Ashley Whitworth from 'Fully Promoted' in West Perth.

The Federal Minister for Curtin, Celia Hammond provides information on potential grants to Clubs in the community, including Freshwater Bay. An Expression of Interest was completed and returned for a Volunteer grant which resulted in the Club being invited to complete a non-competitive Grant application for \$2,127.

More generic Rotary Cards (500) were obtained from Vista Print during the year. They contain the meeting and contact details of the Club, along with website for the Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay and Microscopes in Schools.

A small quantity has been provided to all members to promote the Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay to colleagues, friends and family, with the intention of encouraging interested people to attend a meeting. Cards are now provided to all new members as a part of their introduction to Rotary folders.

The Club is listed in two areas of the Little Aussie Directory. 'In your Community' under Social Groups with information on when, where and time the Club meets along with contact number. On the back cover under 'Useful Numbers'

An ongoing challenge during the year has been dealing with the inconsistent availability of the RI Website which, despite many upgrades is proving to be increasingly unuser friendly.

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

This area of PR has been ramped up this year, with 20 articles published, mainly in the Post Community Newspaper over the past twelve months. A number have been related to upcoming speakers and events.

The following articles relating to the Club have been published throughout 2020-21:

- 'Nervousness tie in to dementia' - July 9, 2020, Melville Gazette
- 'Seniors out of hibernation to learn about sleep' P39, Jul 18, 2020, Post Newspaper
- 'Eyes down, bingo's back' – P36 – July 18, 2020, Post Community News
- 'Tackling the dementia epidemic' – P62, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Post Community News
- 'The Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay- P7, August 2020, Rotary on the Move
- 'Focus on Dementia risk factors' – P54, August 29, 2020, Post Community News
- 'Helen, Peter to be honoured for service above self' - P46, Oct. 3, 2020, Post
- 'Dementia pins get generous support from Freshwater Bay RC' – P76, Oct. 31, 2020, Post
- 'Good News from the President's Desk'- Royal Commonwealth Society WA News Brief Nov. 2020
- 'Rotary's sweet Christmas gift for Bethesda patients' – P110, Dec. 12, 2020, Post

- ‘Hit the right notes on Australia Day’ – P16, January 9, 2021, Post
- ‘Scourge of human trafficking explained’ – P40, January 23, 2021, Post
- ‘Connect with Rotary’ – P19, Feb-March, 2021, Little Aussie Directories
- ‘Questions about our very different world’ - P54, February 12, 2021, Post
- ‘Investing for social benefits’ – P42, April 10, 2021, Post
- ‘Keeping Rotary Growing’ – P32, May 1, 2021, Post
- ‘City marks 100 years of Rotary’ – P 14, May 1, 2021, Post
- ‘Advertisement for Mayoral Bi Election DM Leo McManus’ – P8, May 15, Post
- ‘Strong June line-up for RC Freshwater Bay’ – P66, June 5, 2021, Post
- ‘Kids keep up with challenging brains’ P32, June 5, 2021, Post

### 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.

Jeff Trudgian is the Honorary Auditor for the Club and we thank him for his continued pro bono services to Freshwater Bay.

The Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay Charity Fund Inc. was chaired by PRID Ken Collins, with CP Di Collins continuing as Secretary, PE Max Hipkins as Treasurer, with Greg Acciaioli, PP Rajah Senathirajah and Aaron Chinyimba elected as members of the committee.

The Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay Charity Fund Inc. has made two donations this year. First was for 30 fans at a cost of \$510 plus \$40 delivery which were distributed to disadvantaged families and elderly after the fires. Second was for a laptop for Daryoush Mehramiz, a student of a single parent – cost \$1,667 - \$1,400 of these funds were personal donations from members with \$267 from the Charity Fund.

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

### 3.17 Fundraising Activities

For the first half of the year the Club lost money trying to make Bingo work. However, a fundraising Australia Day concert brought in much needed funds, along with various other smaller ventures.

On 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 Bingo was launched at the Cambridge Bowling Club. Unfortunately, despite a significant amount of promotion and advertising, for the weeks it ran until having to be paused due to COVID-19 (10<sup>th</sup> March, 2020), it only made a profit once.



*Bingo at Cambridge Bowling Club*

A great deal of hope and faith was placed in Bingo being the successful, ongoing fundraising activity the Club hoped it would be once the isolation and restrictions were removed from the community. It was restarted on 21<sup>st</sup> July, however, despite significant promotion and advertising, continued to lose money due to the cost of the venue being \$130 per week, along with extremely poor attendance, with some weeks abandoned entirely. The final Bingo night was 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2020, when Belinda Lucano brought a significant number along and we finished with a single profitable night.

Extra special thanks go to all members who assisted during the life of this activity with the brunt of it being shouldered by PRID Ken Collins aided by Loren Pratt who helped with the calling.

Fortunately, the Rotary Club of Byford and Districts planned to start Bingo and purchased our machine, markers and single games at a cost of \$831. An unopened box of instant bingos and unused books of games were returned to Mal Atwell's for a refund of \$438.35, minimising the overall loss on this activity.

The remaining instant bingos are being used at Club meetings as the weekly raffle.

Raffle money of \$5,000 which had been put into the Club Operating account for several years was transferred to the Charity account to help offset the lack of fundraising.



PP Simone Collins registered the RC Freshwater Bay for Containers for Change No C10318269 in October, 2020. These funds come from the recycling of drink containers at 10 cents per container. This is building up nicely as several members are participating in the collection of containers, plus some have organised for businesses to save containers for the RC of Freshwater Bay.

A very successful Australia Day fundraising concert was organised largely by Pres. Di Collins, with assistance from PP Simone Collins who put a flyer and a significant amount of the PR in place. Other members came on board to assist with PR and everything else necessary on the day which made this event a resounding success.



*Marquee, banners and members at the Australia Day Concert*

A few meetings where speakers of wide appeal were arranged were promoted in the Post Community Newspaper and most drew members of the community to meetings. After the



success of the meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> August, it was decided to charge non-Rotarians \$10 to attend. Result has been in excess of a thousand dollars being raised.



*A meeting with a topic of interest drawing attendees from members of the public*

A Volunteer Grant from the Australian Government has been successful, with the Club to receive a Grant of \$2,127 to fund a new laptop, omni microphone, projector, visibility vests and one replacement banner.

Funds raised including personal contributions, were the following:

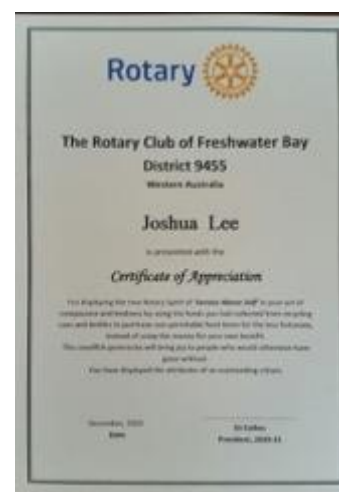
• RF District Grants - 2	\$4,270.00
• Newman College – RWADE	\$1,920.00
• Microscopes in Schools	\$1,545.00
• Raffle Transferred from Operating Account	\$5,000.00
• Raffle throughout the year	\$2,160.00
• Containers for Change	\$ 700.00
• Concert - Profit	\$7,575.08
• Refund from Bingo tickets, machine etc.	\$1,269.35
• Funds raised from public attending meetings	\$1,210.00
• Bank Interest	\$ 12.51

### Personal Contributions

• The Rotary Foundation RCFB Members	\$ 1,100.00
• PolioPlus	\$ 700.00
• Val Smith-Orr's Triple B project, 2020-21	\$40,078.59
• Alice O'Sullivan Benevolent Fund 2020-21	\$10,000.00
• Palu – RAWCS 2020-21 -	\$1,150.00

### 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 the following were





recognised with Certificates of Appreciation during 2020-21.

Certificates were presented to:

- Canning Vale Primary – Collection of an incredible amount of non-perishable food and toiletries for Christmas Hampers for Moort Care.
- Joshua Lee – For generosity and kindness to others using funds he had earned from Containers for Change to purchase a trolley load of non-perishable food items for the Canning Vale food collection for Moort Care.

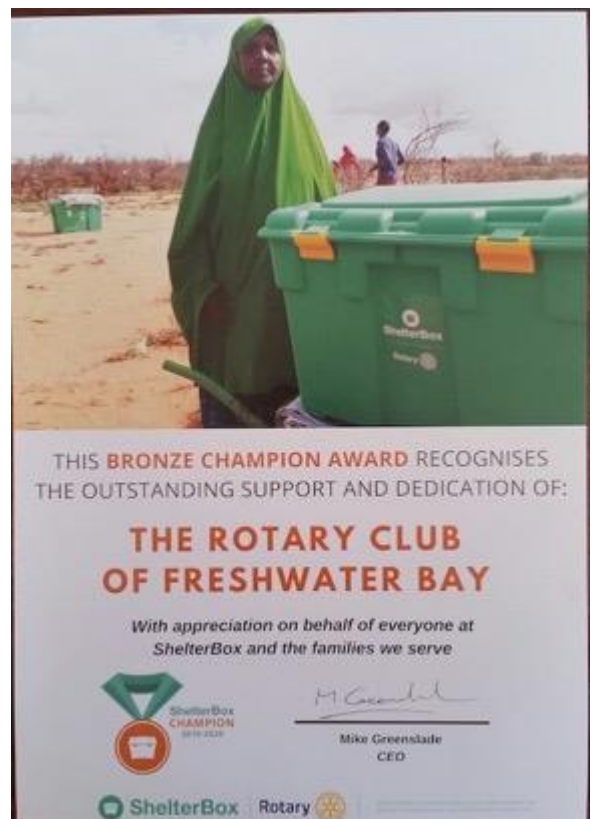
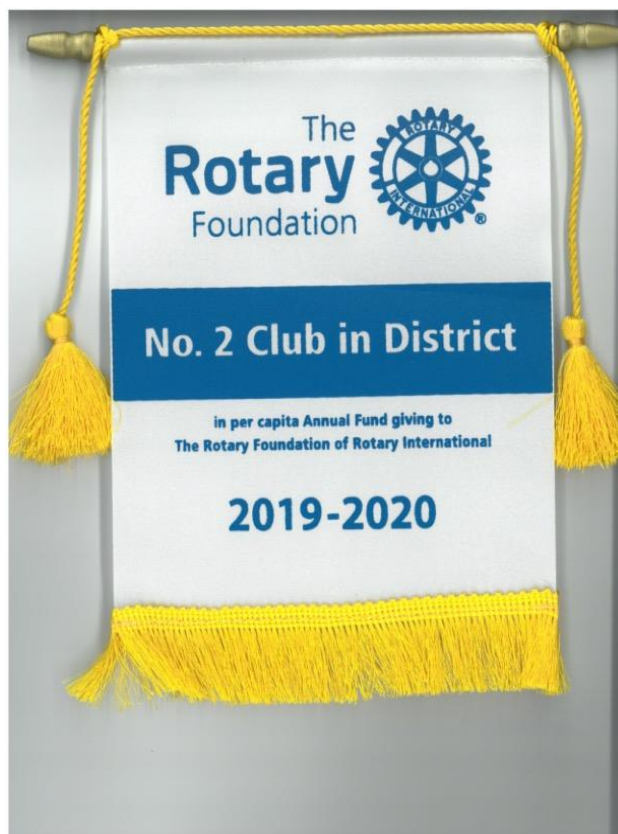
### 3.18 Awards and Certificates

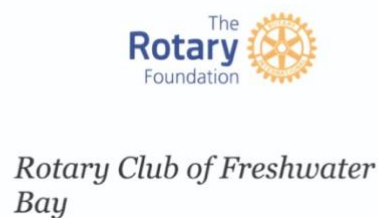
#### Awards for 2019-20

- Rotary Citation with Silver Distinction for 2019-20 from RI Pres Mark Maloney
- End Polio Now Certificate of Appreciation
- Number 2 Club in District per capita funds to The Rotary Foundation – bannerette
- Communications Award from RI District 9455
- ShelterBox Bronze Champion Award
- PRID Ken Collins – Avenues of Service Award – for sustained activity in all areas of Rotary Service.
- Stephanie Rainey-Smith WA Tall Poppy Science Award



*Communications Award - Pres Di Collins with PDG Graham Peden*





is presented a certificate of appreciation for its financial support of End Polio Now: Countdown to History Campaign. Together, we will fulfill our promise to the children of the world and eradicate polio.

Gary C.K. Huang  
Chair, The Rotary Foundation Trustees

Mark Daniel Maloney  
President, Rotary International

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## Personal Recognition 2020-21

Hon. Member Val Smith-Orr was gazetted on June 8<sup>th</sup> 2020, in the Queen's Birthday honours list to receive the Order of Australia Medal for services to the International Community through Nursing. The Investiture took place at the Residence of the Australian Ambassador in North Forbes Park, Manila, 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2020. The only person in the 75 year history of Philippines-Australia Accord/ Diplomatic Friendship to have received that award in the Ambassador's residence.

Congratulations Val. So very well deserved.



*Val Smith-Orr and Mona with Australian Ambassador in Manila*



## Australian Citizenship

Nishi Galhenage became an Australian Citizen in 2021. Congratulations Nishi!

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

- Pres. Di Collins - My Rotary Story
- PRID Ken Collins – Bingo refresher
- PP Peter Mack – Things that go bump in the night
- Lee Tate – 1001 Amazing Facts on WA
- Robin McClellan – How did a nice girl like you end up here!
- PP Peter Mack – the Rolls in Royce
- Ron Banks – Fragments of a 50's childhood
- PP Peter Mack – Nursery Rhymes Meanings
- PP Ian Allsop – The Yarrabah Experience
- Celia Hammond MP - "Experiences of Parliament and Government during the COVID-19 pandemic".
- Sue Boyd – Not Always Diplomatic



## 4 VOCATIONAL and COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

**Director:** Fiona Tremlett

**Committee Members include:** PRID Ken Collins, Pres. Di, Collins, PP Jeremy Foster, Jack Gregor, Jenny Han, Vince La Rosa, Bev Lowe, Graeme Prior, Ralph Martins, Jen Martins, Mick O'Halloran, Laura O'Hara, Ronniel Orlando, Sam Rocchi, Stephanie Rainey-Smith, Aroosha Safari, Hamid Sohrabi, Nancy Warne and Roger Warne

Due to a variety of reasons, mainly work commitments, the majority of members on this committee have not been actively involved with the committee or projects. It is hoped 2021-22 will see an upsurge in attendance by members at the monthly committee meetings.

### 4.1 Vocational Service

#### Pride of Workmanship Award

On 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2020, Pride of Workmanship Awards were presented to two very worthy recipients. Helen Tuckey, a renowned viola player, was speaker on the night and during her excellent presentation told us musicians are like a family and when making music together it produces positive relationships, Joy, Hope, Love and Bonding. She continued on by saying she is *'thankful for the music that inspires her daily'*.



*Mark Coughlan, Helen Tuckey, Peter Hutchings & Pres. Di Collins*

From a young age Helen has had a rich career in music, studying and performing in Australia and internationally, including postgraduate studies at the Manhattan School of Music.

She enjoys teaching and in 2017 became National President of the Australian Strings Association, and is currently President of the WA AUSTA Committee, and Past Council member of the WA Music Teachers Association.

Very active in community outreach, touring and performing in schools, prisons, refugee camps, and countless other venues, independently as well as with Musica Viva and WASO, Helen Tuckey exhibits Rotary's motto of *"Service Above Self"*.

The second Pride of Workmanship Award was presented to Peter Hutchings whose chosen trade is a registered Painter.

Starting out in 1996, working on residential, heritage and commercial projects, Peter obtained his painters registration in 2007.

Since that time he commenced solo contracting, working mainly on residential repaints, specialising in heritage homes. Peter obtains significant job satisfaction going that extra mile by repairing whatever presents to bring homes back to their former glory prior to good preparation and painting.

Going above and beyond in a friendly and efficient manner is what Peter excels at thus bringing much joy to all his clients.

The evening was well attended including by members of both recipients' families as well as former Pride of Workmanship recipient Mark Coughlan and AG Jeremy Wood.

### **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 \$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 PE Max Hipkins, PP Rajah Senathirajah, Ronniet Orlando and Pres. Di Collins.



*Samson Pusey & Dulcio Fraulini with PP Rajah Senathirajah*

The presentations at the end of 2020 were to the following:

- Churchlands PS – 'Churchlands Way Award' was presented to Rhiddha Shanthakuma
- Dalkeith PS – 'Citizenship Award' was presented to Sofia Langer
- Hollywood PS – 'Numeracy Prize' was presented to Natalie Palmer
- Loreto School – 'Loreto Spirit Award' was presented to Noah Boruff
- Mt Claremont PS – 'Caring Award' was presented to Aiden Reading
- North Cottesloe PS – 'Citizenship Award' was presented to Joel Renouf
- Swanbourne PS – 'Caring Award' was presented to Jai Hurstfield
- Wembley PS 'CARES Award' presented to Dulcio Fraulini and Samson Pusey

### **Vocational Visit**

On Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> May, a vocational visit to the Australian Alzheimer's Research Foundation took place in lieu of a regular meeting at Moerlina.

22 attended, including 13 members, spouses and others an event of outstanding, informative presentations by Prof. Ralph Martins, Assoc. Prof. Stephanie Rainey Smith, Assoc. Prof Hamid Sohrabi and Kevin Taddei, with a tour of the wonderful facility.

Pizzas were ordered in and wine and orange juice were supplied by the Club and a lovely cake baked by Jenny Han.



*Assoc. Prof. Stephanie Rainey-Smith (top), some attendee, (top & bottom) Assoc. Prof. Hamid Sohrabi*

## Vocational Expertise of Members

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

- Kids Right2See (currently suspended due to lack of members to carry out the 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.
- Fiona Tremlett with her Wills and Probate expertise in developing Instructions and a simple Will for disadvantaged people.
- Pastor Loren Pratt started a nightly feeding of the homeless in the Midland area and is now feeding some 120 people every night in this area plus around 30 families in the Ellenbrook area, with assistance from an army of volunteers.
- Hamid Sohrabi, Ronni Orlando, Stephanie Rainey-Smith, PRID Ken Collins, Prof Ralph Martins, Sam Rocchi and Graham Prior use their expertise in Alzheimer's, medicine, music therapy and Aged Care with the Music for Dementia project.

## Rotary Action Groups

- Alzheimer's – Prof. Ralph Martins, Assoc Prof. Stephanie Rainey-Smith and Assoc. Prof. Hamid Sohrabi are involved with this Action Group.
- ESRAG Endangered Species Rotary Action Group– Pres. Di Collins
- Disaster Relief – PRID Ken Collins
- Rotary Leadership Institutes – PRID Ken and Pres. Di Collins
- Maternal and Child Mortality – PRID Ken Collins
- ESRAG- Environment Sustainability Rotary Action Group – PP Simone Collins



## Rotary Fellowship Groups

- Environment Fellowship of Rotarians – PP Simone Collins and Pres. Di Collins are members.
- International Fellowship of Rotarian Doctors – PRID Ken Collins and Jen Martins are members.
- Wine Appreciation Fellowship – PRID Ken and Pres. Di Collins, PP Jeremy and Janette Foster and Roger Warne.
- Rotary Grassroots Peacemaking – Pres. Di Collins
- Women in Rotary – Pres. Di Collins

## 4.2 COMMUNITY

### Kids Right2 See

Due to a significant number of Rotary activities to be handled by PRID Ken Collins over the past year, the Kids Right2See project was put on hold.

### Moort Care

A collection took place prior to Christmas for non-perishable food items and toiletries. These were collected by Loren Pratt with assistance from PRID Ken and Pres. Di Collins and taken to Bev and John Lowe where they were made into hampers and distributed.

Location of collection bins and tubs:

- Next Health Victoria Park and Ellen Health Fremantle
- Canning Vale Primary School



*Pastor Loren Pratt, students and food collection, Canning Vale Primary*

The amount collected by Canning Vale Primary deserves special mention as it was substantial and enough to provide in excess of 80 hampers. An incredible result considering the difficult situation families found themselves in due to COVID 19 during the year.

Special mention must go to Joshua Lee, a former student at Canning Vale Primary for his thoughtful, kind action of purchasing a trolley full of non-perishable items for the hampers from funds he had collected from Containers for Change.

### Fans for Disadvantaged

This project of providing fans to disadvantaged and elderly folk who had no access to even a fan to cool themselves in the intense heat of Perth summers, was repeated again this year.

A further 30 fans were purchased from Bunnings at a discounted price for \$510 plus \$40 to have them



*Siri Galhenage delivering fans for RCFB*

delivered to Loren Pratt in Gidgegannup for distribution. The date for delivery turned out to be the day the disastrous fires hit Gidgegannup, Wooroloo, spreading widely to other areas and destroying 86 dwellings, necessitating the delay in delivery of the fans until the destruction of the fires was in hand.

These fans were distributed by volunteers who assist Loren through his Church with his pastoral care.



### **Bushfires – assistance for Loren Pratt**

Our member Pastor Loren Pratt and wife Sherrell, living and working in the immediate area were caught up in the fires in early 2021. Loren sprang into action providing help as widely as possible to individuals and families. To assist those he

encountered who required minor repairs and assistance the Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay provided him with \$1,000.

### **Forget-Me-Not Memory Cafés and Pins**



*Angie McCluskey and Pres. Di Collins with Forget-me-Not banners and lapel pins*

Angie McCluskey who is carer for her husband living with dementia, spoke at a meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2020, on a need she saw and filled by starting up Forget-me-not Memory Café's. The first was in Roleystone, and they are growing rapidly. Currently there are 20 cafés from Clarkson in the north to Mandurah in the south, plus a further 5 in regional areas – York, Northam, Toodyay, Narrogin and Albany. For her work in this area Angi was selected as the WA Senior Australian of the Year for 2019.

Immediate needs identified were two tear drop banners to display outside cafés when monthly meetings are in progress and lapel pins in the shape of the Forget-me-not flower to be worn by people living with dementia.

Through a Rotary Foundation District Grant for a total cost of \$2,960.13, 2 tear drop banners were made and with assistance from Paul Khoo in Singapore who the Club imports magnifying

microscopes through, 2,000 Forget-me-Not lapel pins were manufactured in China and imported.

The banners and pins were presented to Angi McCluskey at the regular meeting of the RC Freshwater Bay on 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2020. Angi was accompanied by Forget-me-Not Café supporters Stacey McCluskey, Ronnie and Peter Baldwin, Laraine Civin and Mary Kelly. Jane from York was the very first person to receive a Forget-me-Not lapel pin.

The pins have been promoted by the Council for the Aging and many other areas resulting in significant publicity for the Cafés along with education regarding the meaning behind the wearer of the pins. Memory Cafés were also the recipient of a \$5,000 grant from Bankwest and Channel 9 and more recently \$500 from the Commonwealth bank in Maddington. Angie is now working directly with Paul Khoo to have a larger quantity of pins manufactured.

### **Centenary Health and Lifestyle Study**

Assoc. Professor Hamid Sohrabi who heads up Murdoch University's Centre for Healthy Aging is working on a Centenary Health and Lifestyle study involving two groups. One in the area of people aged 80 plus and the other in the area of people aged 100 plus.

### **Oil Diffusers for Bethesda Hospital**

Ronniet Orlando who plays violin for the volunteers at Bethesda Hospital, brought a request to the Club to provide oil diffusers to Bethesda oncology rooms for hospice patients. Initially 15 were provided which had stickers attached with the Rotary logo and 'Donated by the Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay



[www.freshwaterbayrotary.org](http://www.freshwaterbayrotary.org) PE Max Hipkins, PRID Ken & Pres Di Collins, Glenys Thomas & Ronniet Orlando' on each. PP Simone Collins donated 15 adaptors valued at \$35 each for use with the diffusers. Diffusers were presented to the Hospital during an afternoon tea on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2020, with Pres Di and PRID Ken Collins, PE Max Hipkins and Ronniet Orlando in attendance.

Reporting back, Ronniet advised a video had been made for the volunteers to show how to clean and maintain the diffusers properly, plus as more rooms had been allocated as oncology rooms, the hospital requested a further 11 diffusers which the Club readily agreed to fund.

### **Dancing with Memories**

Our member Prof. Ralph Martins has collaborated with Sally Yule and Maggie Beer to write a book aimed at Primary aged children 5-8 years on people living with dementia, to not feel sorry for these people, but to support and engage with the character Lucy in the book.

Dancing with Memories is sensitively written, with a section in the back on Questions and Answers by Prof. Ralph and lunchbox recipes by Maggie Beer.

Member Perette Minciullo, Principal of Moerlina School, held a launch of this Book at 2.15pm, Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June, where students, parents and grandparents, along with members of the RC Freshwater Bay and invited guests heard a reading of the book by Katie Laaksonen.

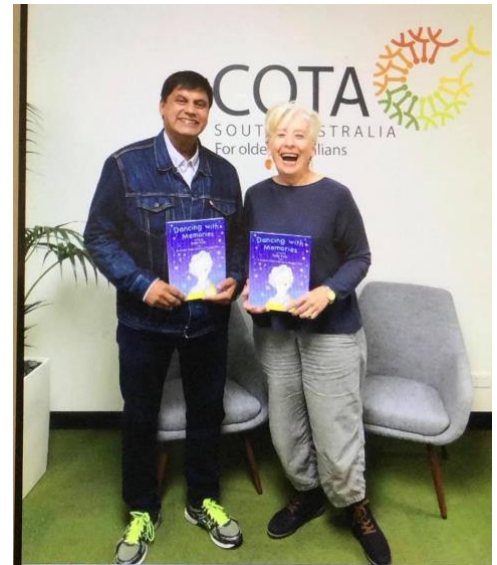
A lovely afternoon tea which followed was enjoyed by all 100 in attendance.



Cost of the book is \$17.95 and the RC Freshwater Bay has applied for a Rotary Foundation District Grant for \$3,949.00 to fund 222 books for Primary Schools

Local Federal MP Celia Hammond will arrange for the books donated to the 40 schools in her electorate to be delivered to the schools on the Club's behalf. Other Members of Parliament will be approached to do likewise to assist with the distribution. All books will have a sticker on the inside cover with the Rotary logo and wording 'Presented by Rotary Club Freshwater Bay [www.rotaryfreshwaterbay.org](http://www.rotaryfreshwaterbay.org)

Our member Stephanie Rainey-Smith has funded 15 copies to her son's school, Our Lady of Grace in North Beach.



*Prof. Ralph Martins & Maggie Beer*



*Launch of Dancing with Memories at Moerlina, with Prof. Ralph Martins AO, Principal Perette Minciullo. Book read by Yr 2 teacher. Around 100 students, parents, grandparents, Rotarians, Lions and invited guests attended.*



## **Family Domestic Trauma and Violence D 9455 Working Group**

Ronnieta Orlando volunteered to participate on this working group, with both Nishi Galhenage and Jen Martins joining the group as the year progressed.

The initial meeting was held at the home of PDG Jerry Pilcher on 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2020. DGN Ineke Oliver agreed to Chair this group, with the aim being to co-ordinate what Rotary Clubs in the District are already doing in this area, to gather information on where assistance can be obtained, then put a PowerPoint presentation together which would be taken around to Rotary Clubs. The concept is to raise awareness in Clubs on this subject, with information provided of where to seek help/assistance for various Trauma and Violence matters.

## Children in Care Chocolate Stockings

Winter Packs for children in care was recommended to the Club by our member Stephanie Rainey-Smith last year. This year Stephanie forwarded information on the need for Chocolate stockings to be distributed to some of the over 5,500 children in foster care in WA.

Many of these children go without Christmas unless assistance is given to provide a small something for them.

Several members purchased 182g Cadbury Chocolate Stockings plus club funds of \$300 were provided to Stephanie who purchased stockings and took 80 to Matt Haines in Mirrabooka who looked after the Children in Care Christmas Drive. Stephanie said “Hopefully that’s 80 smiles!”



*Chester Ryan who assisted mum Stephanie with this project.*

## RABS – Rotary Australia Benevolent Fund

Project No. 4-2019-20 was set up at the commencement of this Rotary year to assist Alice O’Sullivan, a student at John XXIII who is physically disabled and visually impaired. Alice, is extremely bright and excels academically, has a desire to attend preferably Oxford University in the UK, with the ultimate aim to assist people with disabilities.

This fund allows for personal donations to attract tax deductible status. \$11,081,65 has been contributed to this fund.

## Music for Dementia Project

Commenced by PRID Ken Collins in consultation with Hon. Members Prof. Ralph Martins and Graham Prior, with meetings including Dir. Fiona Tremlett, Prof. Hamid Sohrabi and Ronni Orlando.

205 headphones and music cards were purchased for \$5,344.35, which were funded with the aid of a Rotary Foundation District Grant, with the RC Freshwater Bay paying half and a District Grant funding the other half of the cost.

Rod Christian, a Musician who has his own recording studio in his home in Sorrento, agreed to download individualised music onto the cards to accommodate the various taste in music of the patients with early dementia who will trial this project.

Music has been found to be beneficial in healing and it is planned for a ‘Trial’ to take place with the project headed up by Hamid Sohrabi, mainly with early dementia patients from the Hall & Prior Health & Aged Care Facilities. Ronni Orlando wrote up the Project Protocol and funding is being sought via Grants.

A RF District Grant for \$3,908.00 has been submitted to publish findings in an open access journal.

## Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay Trailer

After sitting idle at Moerlina for 364 days of the year, the Club trailer has been ‘loaned’ to member Pastor Loren Pratt for the nightly feeding project he carries out for the needy and homeless people in and around the Midland and Ellenbrook areas.



Loren and his army of volunteers, has expanded significantly, gaining the support of the Midland City Council, prepare some 120 meals in Midland and for around 30 families and younger people in Ellenbrook every single night.

## Royal Flying Doctor Service



The Royal Flying Doctor Service was supported with a 3 for 1 match via the Rotary Club of West Perth through their Foundation. Donations made to this appeal will be similarly matched dollar-for-dollar by RFDS Matched Giving Partners (Rio, CBH and IGO) further doubling the contribution.

Donations will go towards purchasing essential equipment and developing a Training Centre of Excellence to ensure their teams can remain experts in their field with consistent training and development opportunities.

A donation of \$250 was made to this vital organisation via the RC of West Perth, thus making the value of the Club's contribution \$1,000.

## Rapid Response Team



*Rapid Relief Team RWADE October, 2020*

The Rapid Response Team offers a unique catering support service to Australia's federal and state emergency services, providing quality catering assistance to charitable and government organisations.

Established in 2013, RRT believes in expressing the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church (PBCC)

scriptural principles of care

and compassion. They express these values while serving those in need with quality food and refreshment. Everywhere they go, their league of volunteers operates with community spirit, compassionate care and supportive hands.

A donation of \$250.00 was sent to the RRT for providing a quality lunch consisting of a burger, salad and fruit plus bottle of water to all 180 students, as well as around 30 facilitators, teachers and volunteers at the Rotary WA Driver Education Day at the Royal Agricultural Showgrounds on 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2020, at no cost.



## **Assistance to student with Laptop**

A call out from Stephanie Rainey-Smith for assistance with to help fund a laptop for 13 year old student Daryoush Mehrmiz who attends Shenton College was provided. Members made personal contributions to go with the RCFB Charity Fund Inc's \$267 to fund the laptop.

## **PROBUS**

Probus is a Club started by Rotary for Professional and Business retirees. The Probus Club of Claremont Swanbourne was formed on 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2017, with 30 members, and has continued to grow rapidly.

## **Moerlina Primary School**

Moerlina Primary School has been the 'Home' of the Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay for a number of 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 with the RCFBs sincere appreciation, for use by the school as they see fit.



*Presentation of cheque to Perette Minciullo by PRID Ken Collins*

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

The majority of speakers at weekly meetings fall under the category of Vocational or Community. Members presented their Life and Times and all were exceptional, allowing those present to better know our fellow members. This year we heard from:

- Loren Pratt – Life and Times part 2
- Ralph Martins – Successfully combatting the Dementia Epidemic: The way forward
- Bev Lowe – Update on Moort Care
- Hamid Sohrabi – How to prevent or delay dementia: Modifiable risk factors.
- Cyril Clarke – How to relieve the major muscles in your body.
- Helen Tuckey – My story with Music
- Eamon Darcy – Quantum Computing
- Andrea Rauch and Melissa Hawksley – Brightwater, Ageing well
- Damian Orlando – Working with 10 year olds on STEM based projects
- Jem Xu – Life and Times
- Eamon Darcy – Delayed choice Quantum Eraser experiment
- Chris Douglas – International huma trafficking - is your child for sale?
- Hamid Sohrabi – Life and Times
- Sam Rocchi – Life and Times
- Graeme Prior – Aged Care industry funding expectations in line with the recent Federal budget and outcomes of the Royal Commission into Aged Care quality and Safety.

## 5. INTERNATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

**Director:** PP Jeremy Foster

**Committee Members:** Greg and Nini Acciaioli, Jen Bardsley, PRID Ken Collins, Pres Di Collins, Aaron Chinyimba, Jill O'Callaghan, PP Mike O'Hara and PP Rajah Senathirajah.

A small committee in number, most members have attended committee meetings throughout the year.

### 5.1 The Rotary Foundation

#### Rotary Foundation Global Grants

- **GG1985054 – Dental Treatment for disadvantaged children – Phnom Penh**

The Rotary Club of Phnom Penh supported this project with One2One Dental. It provides dental treatment for 4,000 disadvantaged children over a two year period. However, benefits will be ongoing as the new equipment which has being provided (to replace very ancient equipment) will allow for ongoing treatment for an indefinite period. The cost of US\$35,935.00 of which one half of the funds i.e. US\$17,968.00 has been provided



*Treatment of children in Phnom Penh*

by the Goodeve Foundation, managed by our former Hon. Member Tony Munday. The remainder (50%) came from the Rotary Foundation World Fund.

At this point in time 2098 children have received treatment, reduced due to Covid, and all the allocated funds have been expended. In addition, forty Dental students have been trained. A positive from the project is with the upgrade of the equipment, more paying patients have been attracted, increasing the sustainability of the goal of covering the cost of non-paying poorer patients.

A final Report to the Rotary Foundation was submitted in April, 2021.

- **GG 2098080 – E-learning: teachers training and donation of ICT equipment RI D 9110, Nigeria.**

This Grant for Rotary District 9110 in Nigeria was to fund equipment and infrastructure such as teachers, professional development, textbooks and exams to provide students with 21<sup>st</sup> century technology using computers and other digital devices for e-Learning. The total cost of this project is US\$87,750.00 with the funds coming from DDF D. 9110 US\$15,000, DDF D. 9455 \$17,375, DDF D.3610 \$10,000, cash from District 9110 \$2,000 plus \$100 with a total of US\$43,375 from the Rotary Foundation.

Again, A\$20,000 for this project originated from a contribution from Tony Munday from the Goodeve Foundation, which went into General Giving allowing us DDF.

Covid pandemic affected the project due to the lockdown of the country and closure of schools. Despite the schools not being open, the Rotarians obtained special permission to install the equipment, train the teachers and some students in all the schools. A final



*E-Learning project in Lagos, Nigeria*

report has been submitted to the Rotary Foundation.

Sadly, PDG Olu Oluwa who requested support for this project passed away suddenly on Rotary duty on 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2020.

- **GG 1990812 – RC Madurai Innovators, RID 3000. Kidney Dialysis Project.**

The RC Madurai Innovators initiated a low cost Dialysis Centre at Easwara Hospital, Madurai, Tamil Nadu. The project was officially opened on 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2019, and was attended by PP Rajah Sentathirajah. There are six dialysis machines. Due to the



prevalence of Covid in Madurai the service has temporarily been suspended. Prior to that the facility was treating approximately 400 dialysis patients a quarter.

The final report was submitted to the Foundation in early March 2021.

- **GG2011251 – RC Karur Textcity, RID 3000 – WASH and improving learning environment in Secondary School.**

The main objectives of this project are to improve water, sanitation and hygiene conditions in Karur Secondary School by providing toilets, hand washing, and purified water and necessary training.

Plus to improve basic education by providing E-Learning facilities, furniture, audio system, CCTV and lab.

The project funding, including the matching funds from the Rotary Foundation, has been received. However, due to the Covid pandemic construction work has been suspended. Tamil Nadu is currently in a state of lock-down.



- **GG2012387 – RID 3000 –COVID-19 ventilators and equipment for Government Hospitals.**

Provision of 10 ventilators and medical equipment to Government Hospitals in Dindigul, Palani and Batlagundu districts to treat patients with COVID-19 positive problems.

All the equipment has been delivered to the hospitals, and is being fully utilized in view of the severity of the pandemic in India.

No financial contributions from the RC Freshwater Bay, whose role is advisory and monitoring the project.

- **GG 2015062 – RC Madurai Innovators, RID 3000. – Literacy Mission.**

Renovation to improve the physical amenities (including toilet blocks) at two Higher Secondary Schools in rural areas near Madurai, Tamil Nadu. Total project cost is US \$53,500, including RC of Freshwater Bay/ District 9455 contribution of DDF US \$5,000 and Foundation matching of US \$15,000.

Project was approved in January 2021, however, physical progress has been slow due to the impact of Covid in Tamil Nadu.



*Early construction - slow due to Covid*

## Polio Eradication

The Club's support for Polio Eradication for 2020-21 was achieved via

- RC Freshwater Bay A\$1,400.00
  - Contributions from Personal Donations A\$ 700.00
- TOTAL A\$2,100.00**

Down from half a million cases in 1985, currently there have been 2 cases of polio reported up until 31st May, 2021, 1 in Afghanistan and 1 in Pakistan.

Final figures for 2020 were 140 cases, 56 in Afghanistan and 184 in Pakistan.



*PDG Bharath Kumar Reddy immunising child in India*

## Annual Programs Fund

In 2020-21 the Club's contributions to the Annual Programs Fund of the Rotary Foundation was achieved via personal contributions from members.

- The Rotary Foundation – RCFB Members A\$1,1000.00

**Rotary Foundation Crystal** was presented to Stephen Munday who is now looking after the Goodeve Foundation, along with his brother Michael Munday, since the passing of their father, Hon. Member Tony Munday.

The crystal was presented to Stephen by PRID Ken Collins for US\$100,000 contributed to the Rotary Foundation by the Goodeve Foundation.



## 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 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2020 the amount collected for the project is \$40,078.00

It has been a challenging year for Val with her righthand man Steve Eggers passing away suddenly from a heart attack. Significant personal funds paid to him to include a personal dwelling attached to the new clinic to be built by him, has not been recovered from his widow, causing financial hardships for Val.

Added to this, Val herself has been suffering severely for eighteen months and desperately requires a hip replacement.

Unfortunately, due to COVID 19 raging in the Philippines this past year, usual activities carried out by Val Smith-Orr have been severely curtailed, however, despite this an impressive amount of service to the Philippine community has continued to be carried out by this wonderful lady who truly is an angel.

Some of the many are:

- Confirmation 100% of funds sent to Val via RAWCS are used for the care of all patients, with no admin fees or anything else taken out.
- Due to school closures only 30 plus children dewormed, and no medical missions to schools were able to be carried out.
- 7 cleft surgeries were recently carried out.
- 2020 had 50% more cases treated than in 2019. Reason being Covid lockdown, only over 21 and under 60s allowed out of the house. These resulted in many more accidents, coffee scalds (youngest was a one month old baby), hot water, instant noodles, a few LPG gas explosions, one with tragic results with 4 members of a family being killed. Sadly, one, a 10 year old girl was admitted to hospital and Val had almost healed her burns when she died of starvation from not being fed in the filthy hospital.
- Between July and October 3 MAJOR electrical burns, all males, with one being denied medical insurance cover. Local health Centre referred him to Val.
- 788 dressing changes were carried out in 2020, costing more than 500 thousand pesos on burns dressings alone, not including other materials.
- 75 major burns, which were 25 more than in 2019, and all were serious.

- 51 wounds, predominantly diabetic foot wounds whose doctors would have amputated if the patients had the funds to pay. As they didn't, they were referred to Val who saved 51 feet from amputation by healing the wounds.
- In March, a 15 year old and her legal guardian, a RN, were sent by Helping Hearts Ministry to Melbourne to the Children First Foundation Recovery and Retreat Farm in Kilmore, Victoria where she was scheduled for her major burns reconstructive surgery at the Sydney Concorde Hospital Burns unit. Covid restrictions held this up, however, eventually all three major surgeries have been completed.
- The father of a 10 year old girl in Cebu threw a large pan of boiling water over her and Val has been coordinating with Mayors, Doctors and the Philippine Airforce Tactical Response group to get a retrieval set up for 3 badly burnt children from a house fire evacuated from Leyte and to have them all taken to Val for treatment.



*Kyla Joy & RN guardian Jenny in Sydney after surgeries*

#### **RAWCS 144.2010/11 Angel Academy Nepal**

There has not been any activity with this project for a number of years. Jotik Napit has resigned from the Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay and this project has now been closed.

#### **RAWCS 64-2018-19 Project Palu**

Greg Acciaioli is continuing to promote and attempt to attract financial support for this project to build small homes at a cost of \$4,000 each in Palu post a devastating earthquake which occurred in the latter part of 2018.

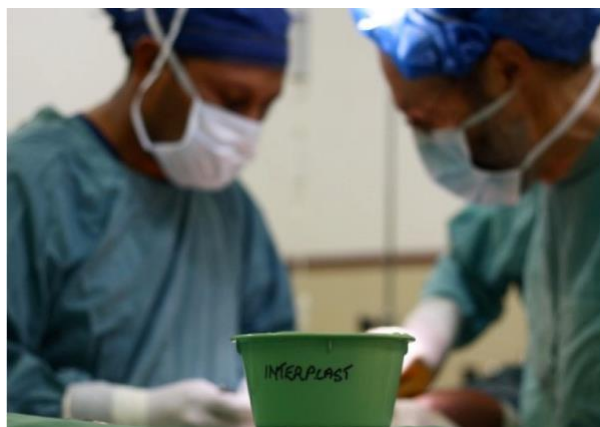
A Rotary Club has been set up in the area however, Greg is not finding it easy to establish a rapport and contact with the Club despite visiting it and meeting members.

Various leads continue to be followed up, including attempts to meet with the Consul General of Indonesia in the hope he will support fundraising in some capacity.

Small funds have been attracted only this past year with donations from members Prita Ashi, Ralph Martins and a colleague of Greg Acciaioli.

#### **Interplast Australia**

The RC Freshwater Bay continued to support Interplast with a donation of \$500.00 in the 2020-21 Rotary year.





## Shelterbox

RCFB provided a \$1,000 ShelterBox plus the Club received another Bronze Champion Award for continued Annual support



## Speakers in Areas of International Service

- PRIBI Pres. Peter King – Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland
- Greg Acciaioli -Anthropology and Sociology
- Justin Hewett – Studies and life in China as a RF Ambassadorial Scholar
- PDG Sonny Lungfiel – Rotary in D. 1180 and Germany
- AG Jeremy Wood – Antarctica

## 6. YOUTH SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

**Director:** Co-Directors Nishi Galhenage and Lahiru Mudunkotuwa

**Committee Members:** PRID Ken Collins, Pres Di Collins, Mehrane Mehramiz, Perette Minciullo and Loren Pratt.

### Rotary WA Driver Education



*Newman College Students - a lesson in safety*

A successful Rotary WA Driver Education (RWADE) Day was held on a very hot (37C) Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 at the Royal Agricultural Showgrounds. Under the charge of Yr. 10 Wellbeing Coordinator Gemma Beekink there were 190 students from Newman College in attendance, along with some 30 teachers, facilitators and volunteers.



*Some of the RCFB Volunteers -PP Peter, Pres Di, Sherrell, Nishi, Kishenthi & Yads*

The six simultaneous sessions which included topics such as vehicle safety and maintenance, hazard driving, presentations from the police, St. John Ambulance and impact crash victim Danny Harrison whose graphic presentations always leave a profound impression on students and volunteers alike.

Day manager was Pres. Di Collins with marshals being, PP Peter Mack, Dir. Nishi Galhenage, Yads Ellegala, Kishenthi Ellegala, DGN Ineke Oliver, Sherrell Pratt, plus friend Malcolm Pratt.

The costs for the day were covered by Newman College students all paying \$10.00 each. The Rapid Response Team provided lunch at no cost for students plus everyone else associated with the day. Covid safe lunch, served in individual boxes, consisted of a burger, salad, piece of fruit and bottle of water. A donation of \$250.00 was sent to them in appreciation.

Unfortunately, after carrying out Driver Education Days with Newman College since the inception of the Club, Gemma Beekink advised the school would not be participating in a RWADE day in 2021. Reasons given were the extremely high cost of buses (\$4,000) and due to Covid, budgets had to be tightened, plus last year we were let down by St. John Ambulance not attending to carry out sessions, and more serious this year as they cover a double session, the Police were a no show, causing a significant void in the program.

### National Youth Science Forum

One student, Olivia Lucano was successfully endorsed by the RC Freshwater Bay for NYSF 2021. The RCFB provided \$650 towards the cost of the \$1,900 fee, with Olivia qualifying for an Equity Scholarship of \$1,000.

Two Students who attended 2020 NYSF were invited back as staffies for 2021. They were Lorian Marshall and Dylan O'Donoghue, Both have been invited back for the 2022 NYSF also.

At the meeting of the RCFB on 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2021, Olivia Lucano and Dylan O'Donoghue returned to tell those present of their experiences from an attendees perspective and from the perspective of a Staffie who had attended a residential Forum last year and a hybrid one this year. Both did an excellent presentation.



*Dylan O'Donoghue & Olivia Lucano*

Due to Covid 19, NYSF operated in each individual State, partially on line and partially with live visits to local laboratories and places of interest.

NYSF 2022 Applications close on 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2021, and the next Forum will also operate as a 12 day hybrid program. The program is designed to give students a broader understanding of the diverse study and career options available in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

## ConocoPhillips Science Experience

Three students from Newman College sponsored by the RC Freshwater Bay to attend the ConocoPhillips Science Experience 2021. On a 50:50 share cost basis Freshwater Bay paid \$355 for the following:

- Emily Costley – 4 day ECU – 19-22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2021
- Stephanie Kent – 4 day – Murdoch Uni – 7-10<sup>th</sup> December, 2020
- Christian Offenberg – 3 day Curtin Uni – 30 Sep – 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct. 2020



*Stephanie Kent, Christian Offenberg & Emily Costley*

Science Master Krystal Skelin retuned with Emily, Stephanie and Christian to the meeting of the RCFB on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2021, and all three made excellent presentations on their respective chosen Science Experiences.

## RYLA

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Camp was held at Bickley Outdoor Education Centre, from 4-10<sup>th</sup> January, 2021. Our Awardees were Beth Redwood and Olivia Ferguson, with



Yadava (Yads) Ellegala returning as a Leader, for the third year running, which he was thrilled about. The 'Wrap up Party' on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2021, was attended by Pres Di and PRID Ken Collins, where both Beth and Olivia were exceptionally capable MCs.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2021, Beth, Liv and Yads returned to make enthusiastic presentations to the Club on their dual experiences attending RYLA – Beth and Liv as Awardees and Yads as a Leader.



*Beth Redwood, Yads Ellegala & Olivia Ferguson*

The cost of RYLA increased to the participant as a Level 1 Certificated Course in Leadership formed part of the camp. Cost of \$845 was paid by the Club, for each, with both Liv and Beth paying \$250, \$100 of this returned on completion of the Camp. \$100 was added for the Level 1 Certificate in Leadership.

## **RYLEAP**

RYLEAP (Rotary Youth Leadership Extension Alumni Program) is 3-7<sup>th</sup> July, 2021 and is the next step in the leadership journey. It is designed to teach high level leadership concepts, basic business skills and explore self-management skills from emotional control through to time management.

Cost of RYLEAP, a certificated course is \$875. \$625 of this is paid by the Club with \$250 paid by the attendee.

As much as both Olivia Ferguson and Beth Redwood would like to attend RYLEAP in July, both have too heavy a schedule with the West Australian Academy of Performing Arts combined with practice and performances of Opus WA.

## **Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment**

Set down for early in 2021, this project was postponed due to COVID-19.

## **Camp Opportunity**

Again, the Club was unsuccessful in identifying a 'Camper' or 'Buddy' to attend Camp Opportunity held at Point Walter Recreation Centre 10-16<sup>th</sup> January, 2021. Cost remained at \$800 per participant.

## **Linked School**

On 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2020, Pres. Di Collins, Youth Director Nishi Gallenage and PE Max Hipkins met with Principal John Burke and PDG Fred Marsh at Bob Hawke College in Subiaco as the RC Freshwater Bay has been officially 'Linked' with this College.

A very cordial meeting ensued, with Pres. Di providing Principal John with a folder of Rotary information on Youth projects and programs which the Club and School could work together, followed up by emails and phone calls, responses were not been received.

Earlier in 2021, after further phone calls by Pres. Di and PDG Fred Marsh, a very apologetic Principal phoned to apologise and followed up with an email. Pres. Di emailed further with information on starting up an Interact Club.

Sadly, no response has been received at this time.

It is hoped a good working relationship can be established between the College and Freshwater Bay, despite this rocky start.



*PE Max Hipkins, PDG Fred Marsh, Pres. Di Collins, Dir. Nishi Galhenage & Pr. John Burke*

## Youth Protection Officer

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

The last shipment of 1,000 units was about to leave China when COVID-19 struck, causing the delayed arrival at the end of May, 2020. Due to the close down of schools and isolation of students with home schooling, the requests for microscopes stopped completely during 2020 and is only now, well into 2021, that schools and Clubs are showing an interest in this project.

A RF District Grant in 2020-21 for ten schools in low socio-economic areas was successful. 360 units were distributed to 10 schools by our member Pastor Loren Pratt.

These were:

- Wooroloo Primary – 21 units presented 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2020
- Ellen Stirling Primary – 65 units presented 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2020
- Woodbridge Primary – 30 presented 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2020



*Loren Pratt presenting microscopes to schools via a RFDG*

- Midvale Primary – 32 presented 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2020
- Upper Swan Primary – 33 presented 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2020
- Malvern Springs Primary – 65 presented 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2020
- Moordijit Noongar Community School – 22 presented 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2020
- Swan View Primary – 30 presented 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2020
- Gidgegannup Primary – 32 presented 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2020
- Parkerville Primary – 30 presented 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2020

Following on from this, the RC Freshwater Bay donated a set of 30 units to Moerlina Primary as their original set presented early in the life of the project was used and used until a new set was required.

- RC Mill Point sponsored 30 units to Penrhos College
- RC Southern Districts sponsored 60 units to Aspiri Primary.

The RC Swan is applying for a grant to sponsor units to one or two schools in Ellenbrook.

Currently, around 24,000 units are in some 800 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 various groups.

These microscopes have been sponsored by 135 Rotary Clubs, 1 Rotaract Club, 1 'Friends' of the RC of Belmont, a Naturalist Group, the Sydney Institute of Marine Science, 11 individuals and 9 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 280,000 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 and school newsletters.

The project continues to receive vital support from Prof. Lyn Beazley, former Chief Scientist of WA and John Clarke, CEO of the Science Teachers Association of WA. The importer of the microscopes, Paul Khoo from Singapore meets with Pres. Di and PRID Ken Collins on his trips to Perth.

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

- Beth Redwood, Dylan O'Donoghue and Lorian Marshall – NYSF
- Yads Ellegala – Youth Parliament
- Beth Redwood, Olivia Ferguson and Yads Ellegala – RYLA
- Olivia Lucano and Dylan O'Donoghue – NYSF
- Emily Costley, Stephanie Kent and Christian Offenberg – ConocoPhillips Science Experience
- Martin Farr – ICE program for Senior School