



Club of Freshwater Bay, Inc.
District 9455

**Fourteenth Annual
Report
2022-2023**

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1. PRESIDENT'S REPORT



President Fiona Tremlett

It's fair to say that my first 6 months as President were far less enjoyable than I'd hoped. We had a very sad start to the Rotary year with the rapid decline in health and then passing of our beloved founding member PRID Dr. Ken Collins AO, CStJ, Cit WA in August. Then in late October I finally caught COVID which left me bedridden for 10 days and then voiceless for nearly 2 months! My thanks to CP Secretary Di Collins, who despite her own challenges and grief, was ready, willing and able to step up and take over running meetings for me, including the Christmas function.

The 2022 Christmas function was very special with the presentation of the Perpetual Dr. Ken Collins AO, Cit. WA Excellence in Rotary Award – a fitting tribute and recognition of Ken's remarkable contribution to Rotary both locally and internationally. The first recipient from RCFB's version of the Award was PP Gordon Hudson, who has helped change the lives of thousands with his Wheelchairs for Kids program and other activities as a longstanding and busy Rotarian.

Our speakers have ranged from our wonderful new members introducing themselves to the Club, to existing members providing updates on their activities. We have also had fascinating guest speakers, including world leaders telling us about creating intercultural understanding across multiple countries through music and dance; and changing the lives of many thousands in India through health, education and micro-financing.

The Club could not function or achieve so much without the dedicated contributions of members. This year, Aaron Chinyimba took on the huge task of Treasurer, and we had great contributions from our Directors Greg Acciaioli (International Service), Delia Hendrie (Community/Vocational) and lately Wesley Rigg (Youth). My thanks also to these leaders, as well as to those members who have been kind enough to offer their support through my first term as President. Special thanks to Director Greg for assisting with meeting set-up and taking photos of all our events, whenever he can!

I would be remiss not to specifically acknowledge the outstanding service of PP Di Collins and PP Simone Collins - both wearing multiple hats and keeping the club functioning and visible. My sincere thanks to both of you! You both buck the trend of volunteerism in Australia, which is sadly dropping significantly due to the pressures of modern life – as evidenced recently with the cancellation of major WA events such as the Manjimup Cherry Festival and Broome Dragon Boat Regatta. Even Rotary has had to shift from two Districts to one next year.

As always, details of the many exploits of RCFB and its members are detailed beautifully in the following pages (thanks again Di) – hope you enjoy the read, and that they bring back some fond memories, and / or that you find our activities as inspiring as I do!

Wishing all a happier, healthier (some members have had some very serious health challenges this year which I hope you overcome quickly and fully) and enjoyable year to come!

Fiona Tremlett
President 2022-23



CEO RI John Hewko & RIP Jennifer Jones

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BOARD FOR 2022-23

President	Fiona Tremlett
Vice President	CP Di Collins
Secretary	CP Di Collins
Treasurer	PRID Ken Collins / Aaron Chinyimba
President Elect	Fiona Tremlett
Club Service Director	CP Di Collins
Vocational/Community Service Director	Delia Hendrie
International Service Director	Greg Acciaioli
Youth Service Director	CP Di Collins / Wesley Rigg
Membership Director	CP Di Collins
PR Director	PP Simone Collins
Fundraising Director	PP Simone Collins

After the challenges of the 2021-22 Rotary year, Pres. Fiona Tremlett took over the reins of the Club and has been a stabilising influence throughout this year. Due to a lack of ability to attract members into leadership roles, she will continue as President in the coming 2023-24 Rotary year.

Board Meetings have been held on the third Tuesday of each month, however, in April meetings moved back to the third Monday of the month.



Pres. Fiona Tremlett, CP Di Collins, PP Simone Collins and Dir. Delia Hendrie

3 CLUB SERVICE

The Club Service Committee, under the Directorship of CP Di Collins, consisted of Pres. Fiona Tremlett, PRID Ken Collins (until his passing on 4th August, 2022), PP Simone Collins and Aaron Chinyimba, who took over as Treasurer. Meetings have been held as stand-alone meetings when it has been possible, on other occasions, they have formed part of the Board meeting. All meetings have been held via Zoom.

Sadly, just five weeks into the new Rotary year, on 4th August, 2022, our District Governor's Special Representative to form and guide the RC of Freshwater Bay, PRID Dr. Ken Collins AO, CSTJ, Cit WA passed away after a lengthy struggle with prostate cancer. This will be expanded upon further in the report. A void was left in many areas including the Club's

Treasurer. Aaron Chinyimba agreed to take on this position, which he is gradually coming to terms with being a totally new area for him.

Not only has it been challenging to attract members into leadership roles, other simpler tasks could be carried out by members who do not attend regularly, however, almost all the work of running the Club continues to be left to just a handful of members.

- Speakers / Program Pres Fiona Tremlett
- Bulletin PP Simone Collins
- Secretary Pres. Di Collins
- Treasurer PRID Ken Collins/ Aaron Chinyimba
- Membership CP Di Collins
- PR PP Simone Collins
- Fundraising PP Simone Collins
- Club Protection Officer Perette Minciullo

Sub-committee for social activities was chaired by President Fiona Tremlett.

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, plus continuing to arrange most functions, fundraising activities and generally overseeing the functioning of the Club. At all times she carried out her duties with the utmost attention to detail and efficiency.

3.2 Meetings



A special meeting of the Club for the visit of Dr. Sujit Brahmochary

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. On 22nd March, an issue with water pipes caused a major problem in the Carnaby room, resulting in the inability of the room to be used for some time until the problem had been repaired.

Due to work and a variety of reasons from a majority of members, attendance at weekly meetings has been disappointingly low again this year.

Club meetings have been streamed 'live' on the RC Freshwater Bay's Facebook page since 27th September, 2017. Unfortunately, few of our members take advantage of this progressive step, although, a number of Rotarians from interstate and overseas log in to view the live

meetings either at the time of meetings or in the weeks following. Attendance at meetings has been an ongoing issue from the early days of the Club and despite various efforts, it remains the greatest challenge to turn around.

The Annual break took place from after the Christmas function on 17th December, 2022, recommencing with a casual meal at the Tee Box Café on Wednesday, 11th January, 2023.

3.3 Weekly Program

The 2022-23 year has seen another array of excellent speakers at meetings, mainly arranged by Pres. Fiona Tremlett.

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

Speakers covered all Avenues of Service and were wide ranging from information on potential projects to topics of interest. A highlight was to have been a presentation on 24th May, 2023, by Past RI President Kalyan Banerjee. Unfortunately, he suffered a severe injury from a fall and had to cancel his travel plans.

For the first time in the history of the Club members benefited from the greatest list of speakers presenting on international projects and subjects than ever before.

After a number of aborted dates set, the Official visit of District Governor Ineke Oliver took place on Wednesday, 15th March, 2023.



Dir. Greg Acciaioli speaking on the New Colombo Plan

3.4 Special Dinner Meetings

Two Special Dinner meetings were conducted during the year, plus a report is included on the excellent Changeover held on 18th June, 2022.

- The Changeover function for 2022 was held at the Holiday Inn City Centre on Saturday, 18th June, 2022, attended by 53, with a number of last-minute changes occurring due to Covid.
- Ronniet Orlando read the Invocation, Aaron Chinyimba presented the Toast to RI, Certificates of Appreciation were presented to the outgoing Board. A presentation was made by Prof Ralph Martins AO, CitWA, Assoc. Prof. Hamid Sohrabi and Kevin Taddie to PRID Ken Collins, AO, Cit WA, for his ongoing support for the Australian Alzheimer's Research Foundation, and in recent times, the Music for Dementia project.



VP Di Collins handing over to Pres Fiona Tremlett

Vice Pres. Di Collins handed the reins of the RC Freshwater Bay to Fiona Tremlett and the musical interlude by Tim Parish was well received, with him going into extra time at the request of the attendees.

It was another well attended, well run event, with excellent fellowship, enjoyed by all.



Kevin Taddei making a presentation to PRID Ken Collins on behalf of the AARF



Tim Parish - musical interlude

- The combined Christmas and 14th Birthday Celebration was held on Saturday, 17th December, 2022, at the Holiday Inn City Centre. This event was attended by 55, with VP Di Collins as MC due to Pres. Fiona Tremlett's loss of voice due to Covid. Hamid Sohrabi read the Invocation, PDG Patricia Canning gave the Toast to RI, Delia Hendrie introduced our speaker The Hon. Fred Chaney AO and Jeff Trudgian lead the attendees in a selection of Christmas favourites.

In place of the regular cutting of a birthday cake at the start of the meeting there was a Toast to the RCFB by PP Rajah Senathirajah, a Charter member, citing some of Club's highlights since its inception.



Christmas / Birthday / PRID Dr. Ken Collins Award for Excellence in Rotary Service 2022



Speaker The Hon. Fred Chaney AO

This event also included the presentation of the Perpetual PRID Dr. Ken Collins AM, CStJ, Cit WA Award for Excellence in Rotary Service to PP Gordon Hudson. It is an Award introduced for the Centenary of Rotary in WA, however lapsed and brought back under the umbrella of the RC Freshwater Bay, to be presented annually at the Club's birthday, Christmas function which falls around the time of PRID Ken's birthday.

PP Gordon Hudson was selected as the recipient as he had been PRID Ken's choice for the initial Award in 2021.

A committee and criteria have been put in place to call for nominations via an online form created by PP Simone Collins, early in the 2023-24 Rotary year, with three finalists selected and the winner to be announced on the night.



PP Trevor & PDG Patricia Canning, Pres. Fiona Tremlett, The Hon. Fred Chaney, PP Gordon Hudson & daughters Jill Hoyle & Carol Evans



PP Simone Collins presenting Award to PP Gordon Hudson, Pres. Fiona looking on



Pres. Fiona Tremlett, PP Simone and CP Di Collins with PP Gordon Hudson

- As President Fiona Tremlett is continuing as President in 2023-24, a booking was made for Saturday, 24th June, 2023, at the Holiday City Centre as a 'Celebration of the 2022-23 Rotary year'. Unfortunately, due to a lack of response, the event was cancelled.

3.5 Board Meetings

Monthly Board meetings were held throughout the year on the third Tuesday of the month until March, when they moved to Monday to accommodate vital Board members being able to attend.

3.6 Committee Meetings

Committee Meetings were held regularly for most committees, however, to allow consistency, it was agreed in March all meetings be held outside of the Wednesday club meeting night, and preferably in the first half of the week, at 6.30pm via Zoom.

- Club Service has been held separately to the Board meeting when possible and this meeting is set for the second Monday of each month.
- Vocational /Community meetings were held on the first Monday of the month.
- Youth Service did not have a Director for the first two thirds of the year and was basically kept ticking along by CP Di Collins during this period. Wesley Rigg was elected as Director for the 2023-24 Rotary year and stepped up in March to take on this role. He met with CP Di in March and regular meetings commenced on second Tuesday of the month in April.
- International Service meetings have been held every two months, on varying days of the week. To allow for consistency, it is hoped they will adopt the first Tuesday of the month or every second month as their set day for meetings.

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. A Club Forum was held on 20th July focusing on projects, another on 27th July focusing on fundraising, and yet another took place on 5th October, 2022.

The AGMs for the Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay Inc. and the Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay Charity Fund Inc. were held on Wednesday, 23rd November, 2022, in the Community room at Moerlina Primary.

There was a special Memorial Meeting on 10th August, 2022, in memory of PRID Ken Collins AO, CStJ, Cit WA.

A 'Conflict of Interest Document' was developed by Charities DMIRS and remains in place.

'Change of Circumstance Form' was completed and submitted in August, 2022, for a change in Treasurer from PRID Ken Collins to Aaron Chinyimba.

3.8 Social Events

Over and above the special dinner meetings, a number of casual meals took place throughout the year.

Casual meals at TeeBox Café

Wednesday, 7th September, 2022, Wednesday, 30th November; Wednesday, 11th January, 2023; Wednesday, 15th February. None of these dinners were well attended, however, those who did enjoyed the opportunity of fellowship outside of the regular weekly meetings.



Small groups at Tee Box.

Top PP Jeremy Foster, Roger Warne, Pres Fiona Tremlett, Aaron Chinyimba, Janette Foster, Delia Hendrie & Loren Pratt.

Right Pres. Fiona Tremlett, Ronniet Orlando, Greg and Nini Acciaioli, Dan Magee & Aaron Chinyimba



ANZAC Day lunch

On ANZAC day, 25th April, a casual lunch was enjoyed at Freshwaters Café in Peppermint Grove, on the banks of the beautiful Swan River.



**Members and friends at Freshwater's Cafe
Peppermint Grove ANZAC Day lunch**

3.9 Special Events / Meetings **Pride of Workmanship Award**

The Pride of Workmanship Award was presented at the meeting on 12th October, 2022, to Street Doctor Dr. Rajeshwary (Raji) Radha Krishnan. In attendance at the meeting were her husband, family and supporters.

A meal followed at TQR in Nedlands for Pres. Fiona Tremlett, CP Di Collins, Bev and John Lowe, Dr Raji and her husband.

Dr. Raji Krishnan and Pres. Fiona Tremlett



Summer Gala Soiree

On a glorious Thursday, 26th January, 2023, between 5.00 -7.00pm at Woodbridge House, Woodbridge, a BYO rug, chairs, food and drink picnic style successful fundraising concert was held. Attendance was back to that of the first year with 180 plus enjoying all the day had to offer.

A name change of Summer Gala Soiree, to allow flexibility with the date was introduced and well received.

Forms were completed and lodged with the National Trust, City of Swan and D. 9455 Rotary Insurance, resulting in approval from all. The Freeze Frame Opera truck as a stage, being perfect, was used again, as were ICON AV for the sound, as they are outstanding. Again a coffee van, 'Expresso to Go' proved popular.



Lachlan Higgins, Adrian Soares, Caitlin Cassidy, Naomi Johns & Devon Lake

First class artists Naomi Johns (Soprano), Caitlin Cassidy (Mezzo Soprano), Lachlan Higgins and Devon Lake were ably accompanied by pianist Adrian Soares who doubled as the Musical Director. Alessandro Pittorino, our MC, lost his voice on the day and was greatly missed, being forced to withdraw. PP Simone Collins produced a flyer and promoted the



Lachlan Higgins, Adrian Soares, Caitlin Cassidy, Naomi Johns & Devon Lake above on the Freeze Frame Opera truck and below attendees



concert on various sites. CP Di Collins, on other sites, and in a variety of ways. Both the City of Swan and National Trust included publicity on the concert on their websites, plus the Echo and Post printed articles in their publications.

On the day, 16 members assisted in one capacity or another, with our Singaporean members Sheila Cheng and Lau Eng Seng, and Adelaide member Prita Asih making the journey to be present. Club marquee, banners and members in Club shirts all enhanced the majestic venue and provided excellent publicity for Freshwater Bay.

Graeme and Fiona Prior (Hall and Prior Health & Aged Care Group) agreed once again to be the major sponsor for the event and covered the cost of artists. The National Trust generously waived the cost of the venue and Freeze Frame Opera provided the use of the truck.

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

Profit from the event was \$8,836.59. A huge thank you to each and every one who were involved with the event.

The 2024 concert is booked again at Woodbridge House with a date change to Sunday, 28th January, with everything else the same – 5.00 -7.00pm, picnic style, ICON AV sound, FFO truck plus Sam the Coffee Man. Identification of artists has only just commenced with Lachlan Lawton, Chelsea Burns and Devon Lake confirmed. We are now attracting requests from artists to participate in the concert!

Bloomhouse Projects Fundraising Soiree

Wednesday, 19th April, 2023, the launch of the Bloomhouse projects was held on a private rooftop bar in the Hay Street Mall. The official company launch introduced upcoming projects and future plans. The evening was in dispersed with performances by local artists, light conversations and discussions about the new venture.



CP Di Collins with awardee Lydia Lai and Dani Sicari. (top)

CP Di Collins, Pres. Fiona Tremlett, Prita Asih and Ralph Martins (right)

Dani with Lydia, Lachlann Lawton, Caitlin Cassidy, Soprano & Signer



Government House Open Days 1st and 2nd April, 2023

The RC Freshwater Bay was invited to carry out a Sausage Sizzle for the first Open Days at Government House since 2017.

This took place in idyllic weather on 1st and 2nd April, 2023. With 17 members participating over the three days, plus partners, family and friends: Shahnaz Zeinali, Marvin Brenes-Garcia, Shayani Galhenage, Jan (Jill's mother), Jordan Ford, Lucas Guelfi, Klara Forrest and Lucy Hellings. A massive thank you to all concerned.

Whilst it did not generate significant funds, the event provided a forum for excellent fellowship and an immeasurable amount of positive PR, with the public and Government House. His Excellency the Governor Chris Dawson stopped by



Government House Sausage Sizzle - Nini Acciaioli, Jill O'Callaghan & Nishi Galhenage

daily. Video taken by the House staff included our marquee which is posted on the Government House Facebook page. Mrs Darrlyn Dawson, who is well known to the Club, visited our marquee on the Sunday with the Governor.

Copious leftover food, water and soft drinks were all donated to our member Loren Pratt's Midland and Ellenbrook meals.

An email of appreciation was received from the Events Manager Irek Kucy expressing thanks and a desire to work with the RC Freshwater Bay again in the future.



Members and helpers at Government House Sausage sizzle with His Exc. The Governor Chris Dawson

Perpetual Dr. Ken Collins AO, Cit. WA Excellence in Rotary Award

This perpetual Award was named in honour of PRID Ken Collins as he is the most Senior Rotarian to ever come from WA. It is a fitting recognition to a person who dedicated his entire life in Service to humanity through Rotary and his profession as a General Medical Practitioner. As the Districts in WA did not continue with this Perpetual Award, the Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay took it over, has formed a committee and developed guidelines. It was reintroduced at the Club's Christmas / Birthday function 2022, and a very worthy Rotarian, PP Gordon Hudson, was announced as the recipient. A new trophy was organised and the presentation successfully combined with this function as fittingly, it is also the birthday of



Individual Award for recipient with the Perpetual Award

PRID Ken Collins around the time of this celebration. In fact, the next event has been booked in 2023 for Saturday, 16th December, the date of his birth.

3.10 District Appointments

- PP Rajah Senathirajah served on the RAWCS Western Region Committee
- Ronniel Orlando and Nishi Galhenage are all working with the Victims of Domestic Abuse and Violence Working Group

Zone 8 Appointment

- Regionalisation project – Projects Communications Team – PP Simone Collins
- Regionalisation project - Public Image and Corporate & Government Partnerships team – PP Simone Collins

International Appointment

- CP Di Collins served on the selection committee for the Sylvia Whitlock Leadership Award and participated in the presentation which was an International Event screened internationally on 8th March, 2023, International Women's Day.

3.11 Attendance by Members at District and International Events

- **Regionalisation of Rotary in WA 14th August, 2022**– PP Simone Collins
- **District 9455 Conference 17th /18th February**- Pres. Fiona Tremlett and Lyn Beazley
- **PETS** – Pres Fiona Tremlett.
- **RI Convention, Melbourne, Aust.** 27 to 31st May, 2023, attended by CP Di Collins, Sheila Cheng and LAU Eng Seng (Singapore).

- **Rotary Foundation Seminar** 21st May, 2023 – Pres. Fiona Tremlett and Dir Greg Acciaoli
- **Wind up of District 9455** – 24th June, 2023- Pres. Fiona, CP Di, PP Simone and Ralph.

3.12 Bulletin

With the added technological expertise of PP Simone, the bulletin is able to contain links to various meetings, events etc. This is one of the largest jobs in a Rotary Club, outside of Secretary, so a huge thank you to PP Simone for continuing the responsibility and production of such a high standard bulletin, despite so many other commitments.

With the bulletin produced via Mailchimp, PP Simone is able to see which recipients open and read the bulletin. The numbers fluctuate, however, are very much in the vicinity of fifty percent. Unfortunately, a significant number of members are amongst those who do not access the information in the weekly bulletin. It would be beneficial if this number increased to one hundred percent readability by members.

A bulletin is an essential communication tool in a Club, endeavouring to update and inform members along with a significant number of outside people who receive the publication, on Club, District and International information.

3.13 Membership

CP Di Collins took over as Director of Membership. Pres. Fiona Tremlett compiled a list of criteria for non-attending members to retain membership which was distributed to all on two occasions. Unfortunately, it did not appear to have had any impact, resulting in a couple of members being informed they will not be offered membership in the Club in the coming Rotary year. The concept is to prune non-functioning members, reducing back to those who function in some capacity on a regular basis.



Dir. CP Di Collins, Pres. Fiona Tremlett, Sheila Cheng & LAU Eng Seng

Active Members inducted since 1st July, 2022 are:

- Anne-Sophie LaRosa Lesteven, welcomed back as a member
- Cristina Angel - Environment
- Dan Magee – Urology
- Although joined in January, 2022, whilst in Perth, on 3rd February, 2023, Sheila Cheng was officially welcomed back to Rotary and LAU Eng Seng was officially inducted.
- Sam Bandara- Alzheimer's Research

Members who left during the year

- PRID Ken Collins - passed away
- Jen Martins – personal reasons and pressure of work
- Lahiru Mudunkotuwa – work causing lack of involvement
- Cristina Angel – considered Rotary was a conflict with her work
- Mehrane Meramiz – personal issues
- Lynette Packer – relocated overseas
- Jem Yu – non functioning

Members leaving at the end of June, 2023

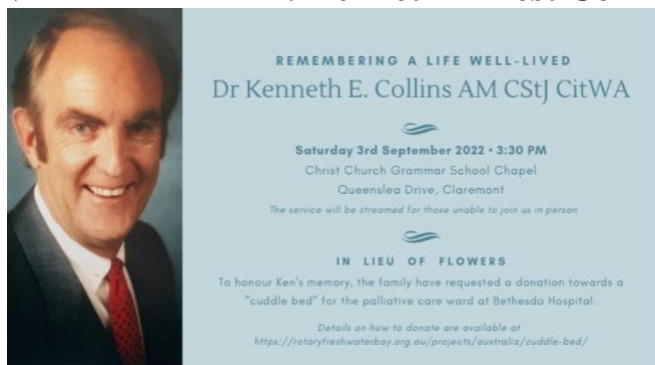
- Jack Gregor – ill, non-functioning
- Delia Hendrie – transferring to another Club
- Perette Minciullo – pressure of work
- Mick O'Halloran – non-functioning

Membership (Honorary)

Honorary members of the Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay are:

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

VALE – PRID Dr. Kenneth Ernest Collins AO, CStJ, Cit WA



After a lengthy battle with an aggressive prostate cancer, our highly esteemed doyen and mentor to everyone in Rotary near and far, passed away peacefully in the Palliative care ward at Bethesda Hospital at 2.20pm on Thursday, 4th August, 2022.

Joining Rotary on 1st April, 1967 at the age of 30, Ken's CV and list of projects he was responsible for, each span in

excess of six pages of one-line entries.

His experience, achievements, and recognitions, in Rotary internationally, plus civically locally, and nationally are impressive and way too numerous to list.

He was elated to have graduated as a doctor of medicine MB,BS, in December, 1959, and spent his entire life honouring his profession locally and as a humanitarian internationally.

One of his greatest honours came in 1991 at the RI Convention in Mexico City when he was named the 'Most Exemplary Rotarian in the world', a recognition which stands alone as it has never been repeated. Instigated by RI President Paulo Costa whose theme was 'Honour Rotary with Faith and Enthusiasm', Paulo chose to honour one Rotarian above all others who had honoured Rotary with Faith and Enthusiasm, and that was PDG Dr. Kenneth E. Collins.

Serving on both Boards of Rotary as a Trustee of the Rotary Foundation 1997-2000 and as a Director of the Board of Rotary International 2000- 2002, he is the most Senior Rotarian ever to come from WA.

Ken also served the community in many organisations and positions outside of Rotary.

A funeral service attended by hundreds, live streamed and viewed by many, many more hundreds locally, nationally and internationally, was held in the Chapel at Christ Church Grammar on Saturday, 3rd September, 2022.

A life well lived and undoubtedly still working to create a better world from his new heavenly home, his memory will remain etched in ours of his lifetime of '*Service Above Self*'.

3.14 Public Relations and Marketing

The Club's Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/rotaryfreshwaterbay> is a key part of the Club's online presence. This Facebook page currently has 1,721 'Likes', is followed by over 2,300 and receives hundreds of views each week. The Facebook page is maintained by CP. Di and PP Simone Collins.

Some posts receive significant attention with many hundreds of people reached and engaged. Weekly meetings continue to be streamed live on Facebook. Since Covid, there have been less viewing live internationally, however, these Rotarians view outside of the meetings. The Club modern website at www.rotaryfreshwaterbay.org.au was created by PP Simone Collins which she updates regularly. Simone puts up regular blogs on projects, speakers and activities. Traffic to the website has increased significantly.

A website for the Microscopes in Schools project is www.microscopesinschools.com and is maintained and updated by PP Simone Collins. Over the past two years, the activity of this project has declined due to Covid, however, it has begun to pick up this year.

Our attractive Club banners continue to provide a great backdrop for regular Club meetings and other activities and were all renewed and updated with sturdier frames during the 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 is Rtn. Ashley Whitworth from 'Fully Promoted' in West Perth. This year a dark blue fitted tablecloth was added to our Club supplies for the main table.

A Volunteer grant for \$2,127 was received from the Federal Government and was expended on a Jabra microphone \$148; projector \$770; visibility vests \$149.55 plus new sturdier banners \$1,617. This totalled \$2,684.55 which was more than the funds received via the grant. Balance came from Club Operational funds.

A small quantity of Generic Rotary cards is 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 provided to all new members as a part of their introduction to Rotary folders.

The cards contain the meeting and contact details of the Club, along with website for the Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay and Microscopes in Schools.

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

PP Simone Collins keeps the RI Website Rotary Club Central up to date with all Club activities. CP Di Collins keeps the RI and District Website updated with Club membership and positions.

Excellent PR was obtained from our two very visible activities held during the year:

- The Summer Gala Soiree 26th January, 2023



PR at Soiree- Ronniet Orlando, Prita Asih, Roger & Nancy Warne, Ralph Martins, Hamid Sorhabi, Sheila Cheng, Pres. Fiona Tremlett & CP Di Collins

- The Government House Open Days Sausage Sizzle 1st and 2nd April, 2023.

3.15 Newspaper and Magazine Articles

This area of PR has been maintained this year, with 10 articles published, mainly in the Post Community Newspaper over the past twelve months.

The following articles relating to the Club have been published throughout 2022-23

- “Magnifying Microscopes for Schools” – P29, Rotary Down Under, August, 2022
- “Following in the footsteps of Mother Teresa” – P58, Post Community News, August 13, 2022
- “Selfless Rotarian kept wheels turning” – Obituaries, West Australian, Aug 23, 2022
- “Local doctor awarded for placing ‘Service above Self’” – P5, The Examiner, October 20th, 2022
- “Street Doctor Raji takes pride in her work” – P94, Post, December 3rd, 2022
- “Summer gala soiree by the river” – P46 – Post, January 14, 2023
- “Summer Gala glamour” – P6, Echo, January 20, 2023
- “Circa 1590 Compound microscopes invented” – Rotarian Mag. March, 2023
- “Rotary recognised in 2023 Australia Day and NZ New Year’s Honours” – P19, Rotary Down Under Magazine, March, 2023
- “Magnifying Microscopes’ Brazil Rotarian, March, 2023

3.16 Finance

With the passing of long time Treasurer PRID Ken Collins just five weeks into the new Rotary year, he had the 2021-22 Financial Report ready for the Hon Auditor first week of July and it was lodged with the WA Charities Commission 1st August. 2022.

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

Financial Reports were lodged with the Department of Mines, Industry, Regulation and Safety on 1st August, 2022, along with the Annual Financial Return Statement to WA Charitable Collections.

After the passing of PRID Ken, Aaron Chinyimba kindly agreed to take over as Treasurer. It has been a very significant learning curve for him. With an enormous amount of time and effort from Aaron and CP Di Collins, the monthly financials from 1st July, 2022 through to February were finally completed and distributed in February, 2023. Monthly reports continue.

Bank Signatories were updated with Westpac Bank on 18th August, 2022. These are now Pres. Fiona Tremlett, Sec. Di Collins, Tr. Aaron Chinyimba, PP Simone Collins and Greg Acciaioli.

Due to continuing increases in Rotary International and District dues, along with a further increase in the Rotary Down Under subscriptions, added to this the reduced value of the Australian to US dollar, the Board agreed an increase in annual dues was necessary. Annual Club dues will increase to \$320 per member, with the second member of a family being \$280, this reduction is due to the lack of necessity for two Rotary magazine subscriptions.

For the following reason, an increase during the year of the weekly meeting attendance fee was required. In 2008 when the Club was established, a cost of \$10 per meeting was introduced. Members who did not drink objected, with a change introduced to reflect \$5.00 for attendance and a further \$5.00 for those choosing to partake of a glass of wine. This became difficult to

police hence the cost became a blanket \$5.00. Fourteen years on ALL costs have increased considerably, hence the decision by the Board to raise the meeting fee back to the original fee of 2008 that of \$10.00 per person. This is still considerably less expensive than any other Rotary Club as all others bear the cost of a meal, with minimum numbers, and some, such as the Clubs in the City, have added parking costs.

The Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay Charity Fund Inc. committee underwent significant change.

The AGM was held on 23rd November, 2022, in the Community Room, Moerlina School. Elected as of immediate plus the 2023-24 Rotary year, were Fiona Tremlett - Chairman, CP Di Collins - Secretary, Aaron Chinyimba - Treasurer, and PP Simone Collins as a committee member.

The Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay Charity Fund Inc. has made two donations this year. First was \$3,000 for a Rotary Foundation District Grant for Moort Care for food hampers for the needy. \$1,500 was received back from the District and returned to funds in the Charity Fund Inc. account. The second was \$3,000 to Cappuccino Concerts for a Stage Piano for the Ukrainian refugees.

A significant, generous donation of \$2,000 was received from member Wesley Rigg which is acknowledged with sincere appreciation and formed the bulk of the donation to Cappuccino Concerts for a Stage Piano for the Ukrainian refugees.

The ATO made all Charitable Trusts with DGR status such as the RCFB Charity Fund Inc. become Registered Charities. This had to be done by 14th December, 2022. PP Simone Collins completed all the necessary forms which she submitted with the ATO. From 1st December, 2022, DGR status as an official 'Charity' was granted to the RCFB Charity Fund Inc.

The work carried out by PP Simone Collins to bring this about efficiently and rapidly is acknowledged with grateful appreciation. She will now take on the responsibility of notifying DMIRS of changes in Officers in this Fund.

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

3.17 Fundraising Activities

Fundraising is never an easy task and, on the whole, funds were raised from the same activities as in previous years, with the addition of a Sausage Sizzle at Government House.

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. The bulk of the containers are sourced daily from TeeBox Café, however, weekly collections take place at Bethesda Hospital, Coffee Club Floreat Forum and 5D Clinic, Claremont. Some members collect their containers, Sofia Elliott a friend of the Club has rallied friends since early days of the project and has contributed countless regular bags to the cause, as have other residents around New Court Green. Non-Rotarians Natalie Gardner and Steve Ford have contributed in time and effort in a major capacity by sorting and



Containers for recycling

depositing containers throughout the year. Without the effort of so many members and non-members, this project would not be nearly as successful as it is.

A successful **Summer Gala Soiree** was organised largely by CP Di Collins, with assistance from PP Simone Collins who put a flyer and a significant amount of the PR in place, plus again set up the Trybooking site. Other members came on board to assist with PR and everything else necessary on the day, which made this event a success.

Cuddle Bed

In the list of projects to assist with, was a Cuddle Bed for the Palliative Care ward at Bethesda Hospital. With the passing of PRID Ken Collins, instead of flowers, the Collins family requested donations towards the much-needed Cuddle Bed. The fundraising had been kicked off at the hospital with a couple of bequests, and with the amount raised of \$19,300 which came in from near and far towards this cause. Unveiling of the bed is anticipated to be Monday, 3rd July, 2023.



The Fiji Raffle continued to bring in very small amounts. A thrill was our member Ronniel Orlando was a winner of this raffle and will be heading off to Fiji in due course.



Funds raised including personal contributions, were the following:

• District Grant – Peace Poles	\$1,217.77
• District Grant – Moort Care	\$1,500.00
• Microscopes in Schools	\$9,100.00
• Raffle throughout the year	\$1,980.90
• Fiji Raffle	\$ 96.71
• Containers for Change	\$4,932.40
• Concert - Profit	\$8,836.59
• Sausage Sizzle	\$1,417.27
• Dr. Sujit's visit	\$ 400.00

Personal Contributions

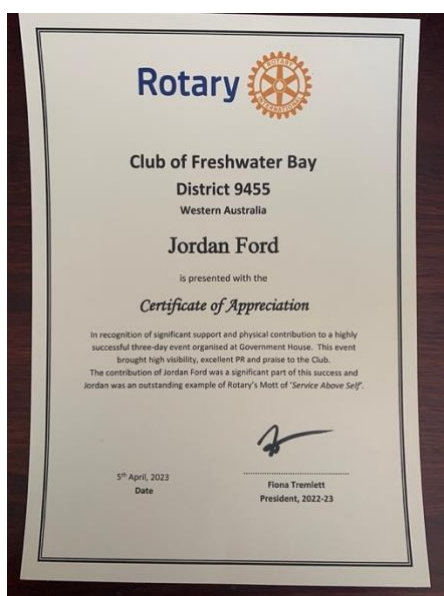
• The Rotary Foundation RCFB Members	\$ 1,485.00 (contributions dues)
• Contribution to RYLA - SRS	\$ 150.00
• The RCFB Charity Fund Inc - Wes Rigg	\$ 2,000.00
• Bethesda Hospital Cuddle Bed	\$19,300.00
• Val Smith-Orr's Triple B project, 2022-23	\$ 8,165.00
• IIMC 2022-23	\$18,026.12
• Hall & Prior – sponsorship for Concert	\$ 2,875.00
• Donations from two people each of \$500	\$ 1,000.00

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 2022-23.

Certificates were presented to:

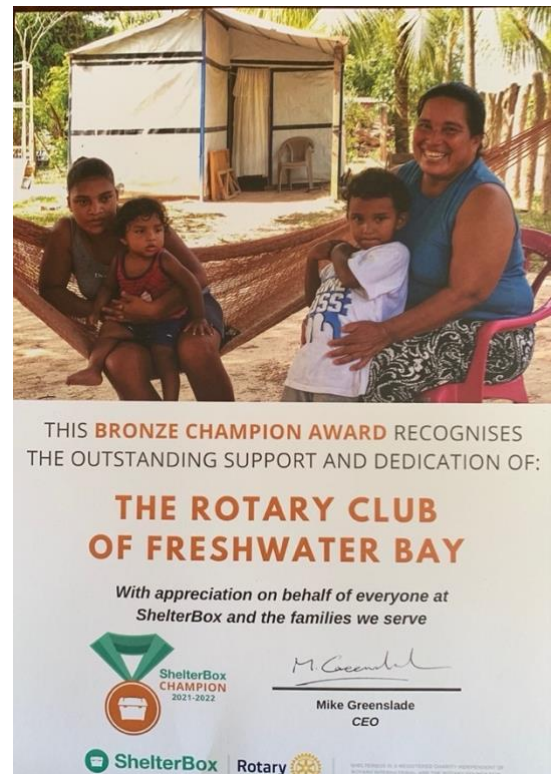
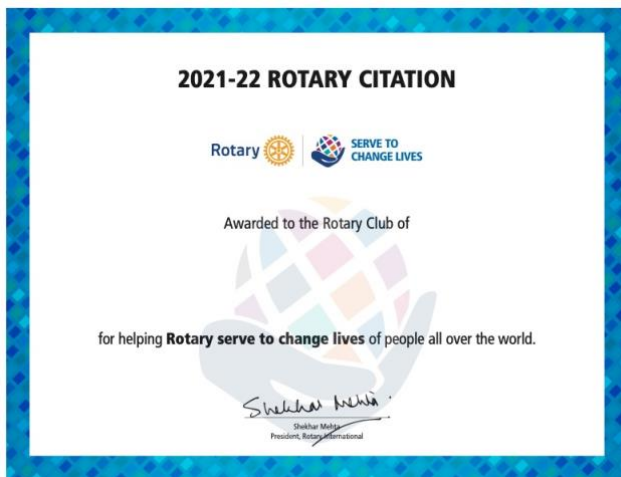
- Canning Vale Primary – Collection of an incredible amount of non-perishable food and toiletries for Christmas Hampers for Moort Care.
- Granada Health which collected a significant amount of food and cash for the Christmas Hampers.
- Jordan Ford and Lucas Guelfi for outstanding assistance and participation in the Government House Sausage Sizzle.



PP Simone Collins and Principal Daniel Bergin

3.18 Awards and Certificates Awards for 2021-22

- Rotary Citation from RI President RI Shekhar Mehta
- ShelterBox Bronze Champion Award
- TRF End Polio Now Certificate of Appreciation



Awards and Certificates for 2022-23

- Rotary Citation from RI President Jennifer Jones
- ShelterBox Bronze Champion Award
- TRF End Polio Now Certificate of Appreciation
- D. 9455 Communications Award



End Polio Now RF Recognition - Pres Fiona Tremlett & DG Ineke Oliver

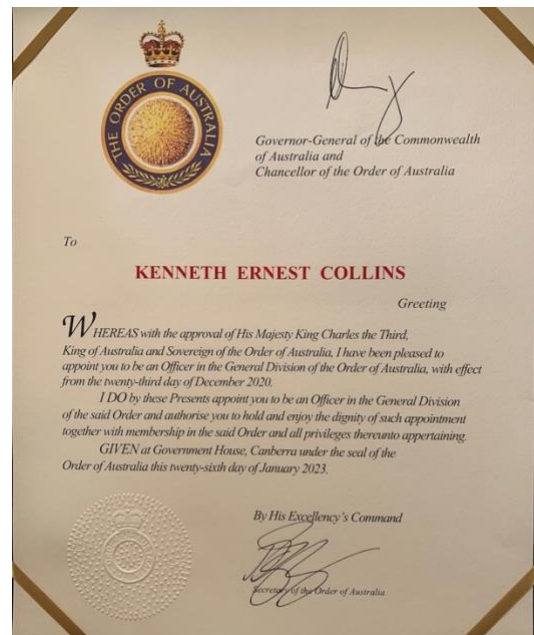


PP Simone Collins accepting Communications Award from DG Ineke Oliver

Members Awards and Recognition in 2022-23

PRID Ken Collins was elevated in the Australia Day Honours from AM to Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) with the Investiture of this Award at Government House 3rd May, 2023.

- At Canning Vale Primary where PRID Ken Collins was Patron, on 9th December, 2022, at the Peace Pole ceremony, the garden was named the Dr. Ken Collins Peace Garden.
- The Bloomhouse projects named the Young Artists Award sponsored by the RC Freshwater Bay the Dr. Ken Collins AO, Cit WA Young Artists Award, and this was launched on 19th April, 2023.
- WA Government Volunteer Service Awards to PP Simone Collins & CP Di Collins



Di Collins with His Exc. Chris Dawson



Prof Ralph Martins AO, Amber Kane, Di Collins, Simone Collins & Kay Hallahan AO



Marriage of two members



Prof. Ralph Martins AO, Cit WA and Dr. Prita Asih were married in Adelaide, SA on Sunday, 27th November, 2022.

A memorable and beautiful celebration was attended by a large number of colleagues, family and friends from Western Australia along with colleagues and friends from other parts of Australia. Wishing you both a lifetime of happiness Ralph and Prita in your new life together.

Prita Asih and Ralph Martins

3.19 Speakers in the area of Club Service

- PP Simone Collins – Rotary International Conventions
- Aaron Chinyimba – Journey to Australia
- Dr. Roger Warne – Light reflections in the development of healthcare
- DG Ineke Oliver - Official Visit
- Aaron Carpena – Yamtji Causto Opera Project & Reconciliation Advocacy Group
- Adam Heber – Ability Hero – Disability Advocacy Group
- Karoly Hovarth – Organic Architecture
- Jason James – Cosmos Alliance

4 VOCATIONAL and COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

Director: Delia Hendrie

Committee Members include: Sam Banara, CP Di, Collins, Vince La Rosa, Anne-Sophie LaRosa Lestevan, Bev Lowe, Dan Magee, Ralph Martins, Jen Martins, Mick O'Halloran, Ronniet Orlando, Lynette Packer, Graeme Prior, Loren Pratt, Sam Rocchi, Aroosha Safari, Hamid Sohrabi, Fiona Tremlett, Nancy Warne, Roger Warne and Jem Xu.

Due to a variety of reasons, mainly work commitments, the majority of members on this committee have not been actively involved with the committee nor projects despite every opportunity to connect via Zoom.

4.1 Vocational Service

Pride of Workmanship Award

On 12th October, 2022, a Pride of Workmanship Award was presented to Dr. Rajeshwary Rahda Krishnan MB,BS, DGO, AME.

For the past four decades GP Dr Raji, the majority of whose patients are indigenous, has dedicated her life to two main areas, Indigenous and women's health.

Believing in wholistic, culturally appropriate treatment, early diagnosis, timely intervention and ongoing follow up, she empowers her patients with greater awareness of health issues and ownership of the management of their health.

Dr. Raji works from her practice in Gosnells, via a 'Street Doctor' mobile van, plus for those unable to access either of these, she travels to the homes of the elderly and those living a distance from the services provided.

A labour of love in closing the health gap has resulted in improvements in the health and wellbeing of her patients and inspiring other health workers to emulate her, leaving a legacy for the improved health of highly disadvantaged, marginalised and vulnerable members of our society.

Dr. Raji is a living example of Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self."

In attendance at the meeting was her husband, family and supporters of Dr. Raji's work.



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 Greg Acciaioli, CP Di Collins, Delia Hendrie, Ronniet Orlando, Stephanie Rainey- Smith, Pres Fiona Tremlett and Roger Warne.

The presentations at the end of 2022 were to the following:

- Dalkeith PS – ‘Citizenship Award’ was presented to Oceana Owens
- Freshwater Bay PS – ‘Community Award’ was presented to Sophia Dunthorne
- Hollywood PS – ‘School Leadership Award’ was presented to Charlotte Bakits von Krusentern
- Loreto School – ‘Loreto Spirit Award’ was presented to Gabrielle Biddle
- Mt Claremont PS – ‘Caring Award’ was presented to Mark Rodic
- North Cottesloe PS – ‘Citizenship Award’ was presented to Finn Millstream
- Swanbourne PS – ‘Caring Award’ was presented to Indiana Slocombe
- Wembley PS ‘CARES Award’ was presented to Max Cooper & Ben The
- Bob Hawke College – never advised of name of recipient nor name of award.

Next year Our Lady of Grace Primary in North Beach will be added to the School Awards and sadly, it is Loreto Nedlands final year as a school so they will be dropping off the list.

Vocational Visit

Throughout the year discussions took place on various suggestions for Vocational Visits. Thus far the only one to actually take place was an on-site visit by Sam Bridle, known as Sam the Coffee Van, on Wednesday, 22nd March, 2023.

Sam blinded all present with a significant number of various ways to have coffee, tea and chocolate. He explained the various parts of his van and what functions were carried out, were introduced all to draws in hidden places and a number of other unexpected items incorporated in a small space.

Added to the drinks, Sam also carries a restricted range of cold food allowing businesses to obtain their lunches from him as he is able to meet their needs for food and drink.

All present were treated to complimentary drinks of our choosing and without an exception all agreed this was a popular vocational visit.



Loreto Spirit Award - Gabrielle Biddle with Ronniet Orlando



Vocational Visit Sam the Coffee Man - Sam Bridle

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:

- PP Simone Collins IT and Social Media expertise is utilised when she regularly updates the RCFB and other Rotary websites and Facebook pages plus produces the Bulletin.
- 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 Elllenbrook area, with assistance from an army of volunteers.
- Hamid Sohrabi, Ronniet Orlando, Stephanie Rainey-Smith, the late PRID Ken Collins, Roger Warne, Dr. Prita Asih, Prof Ralph Martins, Sam Rocchi, Sam Bandara and Graham Prior, use their expertise in Alzheimer's, medicine, music therapy and Aged Care with the Music for Dementia project.
- Sheila Cheng and LAU Eng Seng use their expertise in Singapore by creating projects working with those requiring assistance with fine motor skills, special nutrition etc.

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– CP Di Collins
- Rotary Leadership Institutes –CP Di Collins
- ESRAG- Environment Sustainability Rotary Action Group – PP Simone Collins

Rotary Fellowship Groups

- Environment Fellowship of Rotarians – PP Simone Collins and CP Di Collins are members.
- Wine Appreciation Fellowship –CP Di Collins and Roger Warne.
- Rotary Grassroots Peacemaking – CP Di Collins
- Women in Rotary – CP Di Collins

4.2. COMMUNITY

Moort Care and assistance for Loren Pratt

Bev and John Lowe and Loren Pratt work together closely as frequently their work is intertwined hence their amazing efforts for the indigenous and less fortunate will be handled under this heading, with subheadings.

Food Hampers

A collection took place prior to Christmas for non-perishable food items and toiletries. These were collected by Loren Pratt, made into hampers and distributed.

Location of collection bins and tubs:

- Granada Medical Practice, Maddington
- Canning Vale Primary School

An incredible amount once again collected by Canning Vale Primary and deserves special mention as it was even more than the amazing amount of the previous year.

Added to this, Amber Kane, Practice Manager at Granada Medical Practice in Maddington collected more than a dozen bags of items which were added to the collection at Canning Vale Primary. Generous patients at Grenada

Medical Practice also contributed cash which was passed onto Loren Pratt to purchase items required.



Food collected at Canning Vale Primary & Grenada Medical Practice

Midland & Ellenbrook nightly meals

Nightly, Loren and Sherrell Pratt and their band of volunteers feed the needy in both Midland and Ellenbrook. The Midland meals caters for 100-120 and Ellenbrook around 30 per night, which are of the younger generation and families. A significant band of volunteers assist with this mammoth task from sourcing the food, cooking, transporting, feeding, setup and clean up seven days a week, no matter the weather.



Midland Meals

The RC Freshwater Bay's trailer which is on long term loan to Loren, is used constantly for various tasks.

All of PRID Ken Collins' clothes along with those of another deceased member of CP Di Collins' were donated to Loren for use as he saw fit. Whatever was considered too good to be distributed was sold in a car boot sale to raise vital funds for his work.

Collection Bin

A labelled bin has been put into the Community Room at Moerlina School to collect items of socks, shaving packs and toiletries for those being fed at the Midland and other meals as there is a need for socks for warmth and other items to improve lives of the needy in small ways. Unfortunately, this year, it has not been put to good use, and very little has been deposited in this bin.

Bassendean Meals

Wednesdays and Fridays, the Street Doctor and Loren and his helpers provide food for 30-50 both days of the week, Covid vaccinations, and medical support for the local disadvantaged. These run from 11.30am to 1.00pm and volunteers continue to be sought.

A Cupper with Grandma

Sadly, many seniors do not have funds for food and many rely on the wonderful work of Bev, John and Loren. They largely exist on a cup of tea and a biscuit. With a three-course meal provided on Wednesdays and Fridays, Bev distributes bags of food containing adequate items for meals for three days. The cost is \$50 per bag.

The RC Freshwater Bay successfully submitted an application for a Rotary Foundation District Grant for a total of \$3,000 which resulted in a large quantity of hampers from Foodbank being distributed to disadvantaged seniors.



Hampers purchased through District Grant

Blankets

Bev Lowe has beautiful blankets appear constantly. These are highly sought after and distributed widely, including to Geraldton and Hass Bluff in a remote area of Western Australia. Rugs and perfume packs have also gone to a Dialysis unit on Great Eastern Hwy, Belmont.

Baby packs are also distributed to a variety of hospitals in the metropolitan area.

Bags /Hampers for Mother's Day

The Hon. Donna Faragher MLC hosted a highly successful event 'High Tea for a Cause' on Thursday 4th May, 2023, 10am at Guildford Grammar School Foundation Pavilion,



Baby bundles

Guildford. This event was open to a wide range of people, requesting they bring along items for bags/hampers for Mother's Day to be assembled at the Event.

Items sought covered a lengthy list of personal items for women and included hand cream, hand towels, hair brushes and combs, face washers, shampoo, conditioner, soaps, body wash nail file and clippers, face powder, perfume deodorant, lip balm and moisturiser.

Ponchos

With a need for warmth around the upper body for people undergoing chemotherapy or blood transfusions, Dr. Ken Collins Ponchos (named in honour of our esteemed recently departed member PRID Dr. Ken Collins) are now being knitted in wool plus made from soft fabric. The RC Freshwater Bay donated a further \$500 to this worthy project. These items have been and continue to be distributed to Hospitals and Private Practices in the metropolitan area.



Shawls & Ponchos

Dancing with Memories

Our member Prof. Ralph Martins 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 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.

A launch was held at Moerlina School on 2nd June, 2021, followed by another in Sydney on 8th June.

The RC Freshwater Bay applied for a Rotary Foundation District Grant to put 220 books into 220 schools at a cost of \$3,949.00, however, the grant received was for \$1,250 with the Club contributing the remainder.

Stephanie Rainey-Smith offered to see to the insertion of stickers with the Rotary logo and wording 'Presented by Rotary Club Freshwater Bay' www.rotaryfreshwaterbay.org.au on the



Stephanie R-S with students at Our Lady of Grace Primary



Books available in stores

inside cover, and a covering letter by Prof. Ralph Martins inserted into envelopes and have them distributed to the schools. The Club now has the list of names of schools who were provided with the book, the vast majority of which were hand delivered by our member Assoc. Prof. Stephanie Rainey Smith. 50 of the books went to the Italian community.

Prof. Martins kindly donated 65 copies of Dancing with Memories to Moerlina, for each student to have their own copy.

Publisher Harper Collins now produces and distributes the book which is widely available in bookstores and other outlets.

Music for Dementia Project

This project was commenced by PRID Ken Collins in consultation with Members Prof. Ralph Martins and Graeme Prior, with meetings including Dir. Fiona Tremlett, Prof. Hamid Sohrabi and Ronniet 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.

A grant for \$86,000 was received by Hamid with this expended at Koh-I-Noor Contemporary Aged care in Wembley and Elderbloom Community Care in Wanneroo. A further grant seeking \$150,000 has been applied for by Hamid to continue this trial which has brought promising results thus far.



A headphone

An Honours student, Sarah Meredith, assisted with the project and she will complete her thesis using the data collected from the Music for Dementia project.

Australian Alzheimer's Research Foundation

The RC Freshwater Bay strongly supports the AARF, with six researchers amongst its members, including Prof. Ralph Martins who is internationally renowned, along with senior researchers Prof. Hamid Sohrabi and Assoc. Prof. Stephanie Rainey-Smith. Added to these is Dr. Prita Asih, and research students Sam Rocchi and Sam Bandara.

Publicity brought in funds of \$3.5 million via the Lion's Alzheimer Foundation.

Centenary Health and Lifestyle Study

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.

On hold until funds can be identified to carry out this project.

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.au 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 3rd December, 2020.

Ronniel 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 12 diffusers which were presented to Jessie Tan at a Club meeting on 13th July, 2023.



Jessie Tan and Ronniel Orlando

Cuddle Bed

Last year Ronniel Orlando brought to the Club the wish from Bethesda Palliative Care for a Cuddle bed. This is an oversized (akin to a double bed) hospital bed, where dying patients can have their families be close to them in their final hours.

The concept had been to sell 'cuddle bears' to raise funds for this \$28,000 bed. However, a speaker at the Club early July, Jessie Tan, from Bethesda, advised a couple of bequests had been received for the bed, totalling in the region of \$7-8,000.00.

A few weeks later, with the passing of PRID Dr. Ken Collins who requested he be transferred to Bethesda Palliative Care the day of his passing, instead of flowers, the family requested tax deductible donations be made to Bethesda specifically for the Cuddle bed. The amount donated from near and far totalled \$19,300.00. The unveiling of the bed is expected to be Monday, 3rd July, 2023, 3pm, with a plaque acknowledging Dr. Ken Collins AO CitWA placed on it.

Children in Care Chocolate Stockings

Winter Packs for children in care was recommended to the Club by our member Stephanie Rainey-Smith a few years back. Since then, Stephanie has 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.

The RC Freshwater Bay donated \$250, plus a number of members contributed varying funds, which was added to by staff at the Aust. Alzheimer's Research Foundation. With a total of \$605 Stephanie purchased and delivered 121 stockings to Mirrabooka to brighten the Christmases of these children.



Chocolate Stockings purchased by Stephanie R-Smith

WA Music Teacher's Awards



Sophie Vo - Harp



Hannah Liaw - Piano

WA Music Teachers awards were carried out 5-11th September, 2022, at Zenith Music, Nedlands.

The RC Freshwater Bay again provided \$300 in prize money for various categories with Dir. Delia Hendrie making the presentations at an Awards Concert on Sunday, 2nd October 2022, at Trinity College, East Perth.

Winners were 7th Grade First Place Piano, Hannah Liaw, and 7th Grade, 2nd Place Sophie Vo, Harp.

Bloomhouse Project

Launched on Wednesday, 19th April, at a Rooftop venue in the Hay Street Mall, Bloomhouse projects, under the drive of Soprano Daniella Sicari who is largely based in the UK, has a far-reaching multi-faceted broad vision for the future.

The aim is to put on unique and collaborative events with early career and expat artists for the performing and visual arts in Perth.

First Concert in 2023 featured a deaf actor, Drisana Levitze-Gray, with the audience comprised of a significant number of deaf. Expat artists Lachlan Brown and Jenna Robertson returned from overseas to perform in this concert.

The Launch was covered broadly in the Club Service area of the report.

A snapshot of some of the facets envisaged for Bloomhouse projects are the mentoring of four young artists each year. This is where the Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay is involved, having donated \$500 to sponsor two of the young artists. This year they are Soprano Bella Marslen and Pianist Lydia Lai.



Bella Marslen - Soprano Emerging Artists Awards

Sponsorship will also guarantee an artist for the musical interlude for one of our two major dinner meetings annually.

Another facet is to involve visual arts, plus ultimately, Dani would like to see Perth with an Opera Festival.

Wills For Disadvantaged

A basic two-page, will, with a further page of instructions was created by Fiona Tremlett, a Wills and Probate Lawyer, for people in low socio-economic circumstances.

Family Domestic Trauma and Violence D 9455 Working Group

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

The initial meeting was held at the home of PDG Jerry Pilcher on 25th September, 2020. DG 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.

On 9th March, 2022, Mark Crake made an informative presentation to the Club entitled Family and Domestic Violence Collective.

For various reasons this committee has not been active over the past year.

RABS – Rotary Australia Benevolent Fund

Project No. 4-2019-20 was set up at the commencement of the 2019-20 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, had a desire to attend preferably Oxford University in the UK, with the ultimate aim to assist people with disabilities.

This fund allowed for personal donations to attract tax deductible status. \$27,550 was contributed to this fund. Paid out to the O’Sullivan family was \$26,792 due to a small percentage taken out by RAWCS for administrative expenses.

Disappointingly for Alice, she was not accepted for Oxford University, although she was accepted for all other Universities she applied for in the UK as well as several top Australian Universities. However, she did accept a special offer to join the Law Faculty mid-year in July 2022, at the Australian National University.

She is still training in swimming with a goal to one day be a Paralympian and planned to continue her swimming training at ANU’s new facility, or train with AIS in Canberra which was specifically modified for Alice’s needs. Prior to the move, Alice made a presentation to the RC Freshwater Bay on 1st June, 2022.

This project has been closed and Alice is wished well in all her future endeavours, which appear to be exceedingly bright.



Lydia Lai - Pianist Emerging Artists Awards

Ukrainian Refugees project – funded via RCFBCFI Charity account

Recorded here, however, funded from the RC Freshwater Bay Charity Fund Inc Gift Fund account. Dir. Wesley Rigg generously gifted \$2,000 to this account plus \$1,000 was added to purchase a Stage Piano for the use of Ukrainian refugees in WA who perform Cossack dances to raise funds for their needs, plus Uranian pianist Irina Buesvska-Cowell stages concerts locally and in venues throughout the south of WA to raise funds to assist the refugees.

Dr. Wes Rigg is also keen to assist in a physical capacity by helping the children with English.

Concrete Slab – Midland Meals

With all the food required for the nightly feeding by Loren, Sherrell and their volunteers, Loren is having a cool room installed in his shed in Gidgegannup. The RC Freshwater Bay committed \$3,000.00 to finally allow this project to be brought to fruition. Total cost is \$4,300.00.



Preparation and pouring of slab for cool room

PROBUS

Probus is a Club started by Rotary for Professional and Business retirees. The Probus Club of Claremont Swanbourne was formed on 21st 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.



Donation to Moerlina for generous use of Carnaby Room

Speakers in the area of Vocational /Community Service

This year we heard from:

- Jessie Tan – Bethesda Volunteers
- PP Gordon Hudson – Wheelchairs for Kids
- Dr Raji Krishnan – Pride of Workmanship Award
- Dr Roger Warne – Diagnosing the inexplicable
- Patrick Cornish - Fifty Shades of Truth
- Rob Bowell & Irina Buesvska -Cowell – Ukrainian Refugees in Perth
- Dr. Daniel Magee – Life and Times
- Sam Bridle - Sam the Coffee Van on site visit
- Richard Wiles – Born to Sing
- Daniella Sicari – Introduction to Bloomhouse projects (via video from London)
- Dr. Prita Asih – My Alzheimer’s Research Journey
- Bev Lowe – update on Moort Care activities
- Mario diGesù – Don’t Meth With Us
- Prof. Hamid Sohrabi – Update on Alzheimer’s Research

5 INTERNATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

Director: Greg Acciaioli

Committee Members: Nini Acciaioli, Aaron Chinyimba, Cherie Graziotti, Jill O'Callaghan, PP Rajah Senathirajah, Sheila Cheng, Lau Eng Seng, CP Di Collins and Pres Fiona Tremlett.

A small committee in number, most members attended committee meetings throughout the year every two months via Zoom.

5.1. The Rotary Foundation

Rotary Foundation Global Grants

- **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 17th November, 2019, and was attended by PP Rajah and Jes Sentathirajah.

There are six dialysis machines. Due to the prevalence of Covid in Madurai the service has been suspended now.

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, with the project deemed completed during 2022.



Unveiling of commemorative plaque for project

- **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, was received. Despite delays caused by the suspension of construction work due to the Covid pandemic, the project was finally completed. Final report has been submitted, however the Delhi Rotary Office is insisting on individual annual financial reports prior to accepting the project as completed.



Completed Secondary School building

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

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

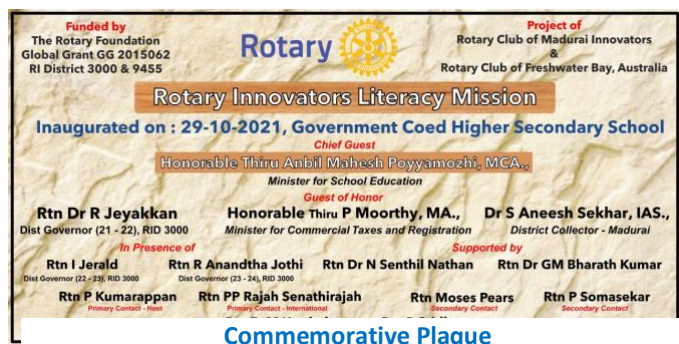
All the equipment has been delivered to the hospitals, and is being fully utilized in view of the severity of the pandemic in India.

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

With the project completed in May 2020, the initial contact left without submitting the necessary reports to TRF. This has been addressed and the project has now been deemed completed by the Rotary Foundation.

- **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. Initially progress was slow due to Covid, however, project has been completed and the Final Report was due for submission to TRF by 31st May, 2022.



- **GG22342728 – RC Maduri Metropolis, RID 3000 -**

Human milk bank to provide milk to high risk new born admitted to neo natal ICU. To be named Devi Cropsience – Rotary Human Milk Bank.

Cost US\$33,000, with the total cost being funded locally by a direct gift and RC Freshwater Bay to be international partner Club, monitoring project with no financial commitment.

At this time the RC Maduri has not been able to attract funding.

Polio Eradication

The Club's support for Polio Eradication for 2022-23 was achieved via a payment of A\$2,115.00 ie. US\$1,500.

Down from half a million cases in 1985, currently there has been five cases of polio since 1st January, 2023. These were 1 in Pakistan and 4 in Afghanistan. Report is until 27th June, 2023.



Final figures for 2022 were 30 cases, 2 in Afghanistan, 20 in Pakistan and 8 in Mozambique. A new vaccine is dramatically reducing the number of vaccine-derived cases of polio.

Annual Programs Fund

In 2022-23 the Club's US\$1,000.00 contribution to the Annual Programs Fund of the Rotary Foundation was achieved via personal contributions from members and Club funds.

○ The Rotary Foundation – RCFB Members	A\$1,485.00
○ RCFB	\$ 282.00
Total	\$1,767.00

5.2. International Service

Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) Projects

A Rotary Australia World Community Service Expo was held on 15th October, 2022, in South Perth where there was a display of the Club's two major RAWCS projects:

- Triple B
- IIMC

PP Simone Collins designed excellent posters for both projects. Several members of the Club manned the booth.

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

PP Simone Collins designed a poster for this project which was



PP Rajah Senathirajah manning the RAWCS Booth

 A poster for Triple B Care Projects. It features three small images: a child with a burn, a child with a cleft palate, and a child with worms. Below these images are three boxes labeled 'Burns', 'Bingot (Cleft Palate)', and 'Bulate (Worms)'. The text on the poster describes the Triple B Care Projects Inc. as an NGO providing international standard treatment for people with burns, cleft lip/palate, and/or parasite infestation in Zambales, Philippines. It mentions that they are assisting in building a bigger facility for treatment and rehabilitation. It also identifies Val Smith-Orr as the project partner, a registered Australian nurse volunteering in Zambales, and lists Project 85-2013-14.

Triple B Care Projects

The Triple B Care Projects Inc is an NGO which aims to provide an international standard level of treatment for people with burns, cleft lip/palate, and/or parasite infestation in Zambales, Philippines.

We are assisting them to build and run a bigger facility, to enable more people to access treatment and rehabilitation.

Our Project Partner

Val Smith-Orr is a registered Australian nurse volunteering in Zambales, primarily operating and caring for children with burns and cleft palate.

Val plans to have Australian burns surgeons and nurses to volunteer, as well as to teach local surgeons how to do better skin grafting.

Project 85-2013-14



A child treated for burns by Val

used at an International projects fair on 15th October, 2022.

Since 1st July, 2022, the amount collected for this project is \$8,165. \$9,000 was sent from past two years. With \$2,404.52 remaining in the RAWCS account.

Fundraising activities in Queensland Churches have commenced again after being curtailed significantly over the past couple of years due to Covid.

Jill O'Callaghan has taken over from PRID Ken Collins as the project co-ordinator, with CP Di Collins as the deputy.

RAWCS 64-2018-19 Project Palu

No further activity due to Covid restrictions in Indonesia, with \$2,720 remaining in the RAWCS account for this project.

RAWCS 15-2021-2 Institute for Indian Mother and Child



Rotary Freshwater Bay

Essentials **Healthcare** **Education**

About the IIMC

The Institute for Indian Mother and Child (IIMC) is a grassroots non-profit NGO working in the rural areas south of Kolkata, India, to help the poorest of the poor, working with women and children with an aim to empower them through provision of skills/ opportunities such as education, a microcredit program, health worker training and medical clinics, women's cooperatives and women's peace councils.

Our Project Partner


Dr Sujit Brahmochary is a world-renowned leader in global health who worked as Mother Teresa's medical advisor in Kolkata early in his career. She encouraged him to set up his own mission, so he founded the IIMC. All of IIMC's work relies on the goodwill of donors. A firm partnership between Australia and IIMC has been in place since 2004.

Project 15-2021-22


Institute for Indian Mother & Child

IIMC Activities July 2022


In IIMC Mission—participation and learning is continuous process and daily practice of life with people, nature, everyone and everything around us. We celebrate life with participation, contribution together with responsibilities.



Introduction & organisational weekly meeting **Clinical works**



Essential materials & food for school children



Lesson & Learning

PP Simone Collins designed a well received poster and brochure for the AGM of RAWCS and the Rotary Conference held in Canberra last October, 2022.

IIMC and the outstanding work of Dr. Sujit Brahmochary in and around Kolkata and West Bengal was registered as a RAWCS project by the RC Freshwater Bay two years ago.

A multifaceted project improving the lives of countless people through the work of this Doctor, his wife Barnali and a multitude of dedicated staff and volunteers.

IIMC was initiated in 1989 with the aim to provide the poorest people in Parganas in south Calcutta with access to medical care. In the meantime, the project has expanded so that apart from medical services also education, health counselling, sponsorships, rural development and microloans are offered.

Areas covered broadly via this project are:

- Medical program - 18 doctors covering all modalities, providing medical services for 120,000 patients; health counselling for 50,000 women and Cooperation with 40 other NGOs.
- Education program – financial support for 2,500 students, 20 schools for more than 4,000 were built by IIMC
- Economic program – microloans for more than 25,000 women; Rural Development program; Women's training and professional development; Housing for homeless and Effluent disposal.

Financial Summary

\$23,000 was sent off by Dr. Cherie Graziotti who is the Project Manager, in April, 2023. She advised donations continue to be receive with total until end of May, \$18,466.12.

Child Sponsorship – a cost of \$360 per year per child with new children constantly requiring a sponsor, currently there are 82 active child sponsorships.

Other Funding – supporters who do not sponsor a child contribute towards education / school building funds

Medical Student Volunteering Trip – Curtin University (undergrads) and UWA (postgrad) medical students spent a month at IIMC in December, 2022, and January, 2023. Two who attended from UWA spoke at the RCFB meeting 18th January, 2023. They were Dr. Alex Arnanois and Vaishnavi Radhakrishnana. Medical volunteering in 2023-24 is planned on being combined, rather than the separate teams from last year. Coordinator is Erin Putri Leonardi, 2nd year medical student at Curtin.

Dr Sujit Visit to Perth –Dr. Sujit made an outstanding presentation at the RC Freshwater Bay's meeting on 31st August, 2023. Well attended with some of his followers plus students who volunteered to IIMC last December and January, swelling the audience.



Student volunteers from WA



Dr.Sujit at the RC Freshwater Bay meeting with Dr. Cherie Graziotti, and her parents Penny and Dr. Paul Graziotti, Jill O'Callaghan, Pres. Fiona Tremlett, PP Dr. Ian Allsop (Vic) plus a long-time supporter of IIMC

Two members of the RC Freshwater Bay manage this project, Dr. Cherie Graziotti and Jill O'Callaghan.

Interplast Australia

The RC Freshwater Bay continued to support Interplast with a donation of \$500.00 in the 2022-23 Rotary year.



Interplast - before and after surgery

Shelterbox

RCFB provided \$1,000 for a ShelterBox.

A second ShelterBox was funded after the earthquake in Turkey.

The Club received another Bronze Champion Award for continued *Annual* support.

ShelterBox in Turkey post-earthquake



ShelterBox ready for distribution – Actor Martin Clunes (Doc Martin)

Volunteer work in Singapore by two members

Service To Two Octogenarians

LAU Eng Seng and Sheila Cheng have been providing support to two male bachelors, both with different needs. Sadly, one passed away around Christmas time.

A message of appreciation from Uncle Whatt's niece Jackie was sent to Sheila and LAU after his passing thanking them both for the care and attention they gave to him in many areas – transportation to appointments and for pleasure, photographic activities, the enjoyment he received from Sheila's cookies, muffins and mooncakes.

The remaining Uncle will continue to enjoy social engagement, board games, being provided with baked items and planned monthly outings to improve his quality of life.



Sheila Cheng & LAU Eng Seng - in their volunteer work environment and below, one of the beautifully presented gingerbread men

PHOTOGRAPHY

LAU takes photographs for events organized by Diabetes Singapore. He captures meaningful memories of each event he is invited to.

ART & CRAFT ACTIVITIES

Sheila volunteers time assisting a man with Parkinson's Disease with arts and craft activities. Recently cards for Lunar Chinese New Year were made and donated to residents of an Elderly Care Centre.

Sheila also made Easter and Mother's Day cards and donated chocolate Easter eggs to staff and clients in a psychiatric centre where she continues to volunteer. She and LAU celebrated Chinese New Year with members.



Buddy Bench

Seeing the Buddy Bench our Singaporean members grasped the concept, had a flat pack sent to Singapore from Perth, arranged with Chaoyan School, a special education school in Singapore to receive a bench. The school caters for children from 7 to 12 years with mild intellectual disabilities.

Principal Angela Lee was delighted with the Buddy Bench when introduced to it. Students painted their bench which was officially presented to the School by Sheila Cheng and LAU Eng Seng on Rotary's birthday, 23rd February, 2023.

This was personally funded by Sheila, LAU and family, as is all the work they carry out in



Buddy Bench provided by LAU family to Chaoyan School, Singapore

Singapore. Funds for a second Buddy Bench have been earmarked, with a school yet to be identified.

Divine Mercy School, Fencing Project, Kanungu, Uganda



Divine Mercy School Kanuga, Uganda

This project was brought to the RCFB by a contact of CP Di Collins, Rtn John Bosco Agaba. Divine Mercy School was borne out of a community need to make education accessible to some of the under-served children within the community, as the school dropout rate in Uganda is alarming high for a large range of reasons associated with poverty. Kanuga is amongst the poorest of the Ugandan villages, near the border of the Democratic Republic of Congo and 423 kms from Kampala, the capital.

The school has 219 pupils (K to yr 7) and is five years old, in a subsistence community, family average size six, and most households depend on less than a dollar per day.

The needs of the community and school are overwhelming, with too many to list. A pressing need is for a fence around to school and gate to regulate exit and entry of people. It is required to protect the children and to keep intruders who may vandalise and damage the children and property out. The fence is a management tool to safeguard the students' lives and school property. Funds of A\$3,369.65 were provided for a fence by the RC Freshwater Bay.

Women's Development Centre, Kandy, Sri Lanka



Nishi Ellegala - Women's Development Centre, Kandy Sri Lanka



Introduced to the Club by Nishi Galhenage, who brought us a request from the same Centre a few years back. An excellent cause to which the Club contributed \$500, personally delivered

by Nishi as it is difficult and costly to send money and for outsiders to make contact with the staff in the facility.

The Women's Development Centre is a shelter for survivors of Sexual and Gender Based Violence and is the first long term shelter to be established in Sri Lanka.

Their main objective is to assist and provide protection, shelter and care for women and girls who have faced violence and abuse, to overcome their traumatic situation via a program of counselling, rehabilitation education and reintegration into society. The centre receives a monthly average of 35-40 women/girls per month, some of whom are pregnant.

They are provided with basic necessities such as accommodation, nutritional food, water, sanitation, medical supplies and hospitalisation etc. However, rely on donations to maintain and staff the facility.

Nishi brought back photos and made an excellent presentation on this project, which touches her heart deeply.



More photos from Women's Development Centre in Sri Lanka with Nishi Galhenage handing over funds

Zonta Birthing Kits

After a presentation at the Club by Connie Coltrona Zonta's Birthing Kits, the Club contributed \$250 which funded 50 kits for women to have clean and safe childbirth in developing countries.

Each kit has a plastic sheet, soap and gloves, gauze, sterile scalpel blade and clean ties.



Solar Schools in Fiji

You can help save the lives of mothers and babies by volunteering for our

BIRTHING KIT ASSEMBLY DAY
KINDLY SPONSORED BY THE
Rotary
Club of Northcote

DATE: SATURDAY, 6 OCTOBER
TIME: 9.00 am – 1 pm
PLACE: All Saints Church, 50 Berkeley Crescent, Forest, 6014
RSVP: Before Monday 2 October by registering via this link
<https://events.humanix.com/birthing-kit-assembly-day-2022>
ENQUIRIES: Contact Connie 0417 194 846, or Email Secretary – Alison Martin <alisonmartin00@gmail.com>
Morning tea provided.

No women should die while giving life. Over 300,000 women die annually from pregnancy or childbirth-related complications. The majority of these are in developing countries. Kit International is an organisation dedicated to improving the conditions for women all over the world by providing clean birthing kits. Though each kit costs less than a cup of coffee, its simple contents provide the resources to reduce infection and fatalities.

www.kit-intl.org www.zontanorthcote.org.au www.kitintl.org

School Solar Projects in Fiji

PP Simone Collins introduced a fundraising raffle to the Club, whose concept is that fifty percent of the cost of tickets are returned to Clubs. The remaining funds are used to

upgrade electricity in schools prior to then fitting them with solar panels.

Rob Edwards OAM who is involved with this project in Fiji spoke at the RC Freshwater Bay early in the Rotary year, just after our member Ronniet Orlando won the trip from the raffle to Fiji.

Speakers in Areas of International Service

- Wesley Rigg – USA/Nicaraguan trip
- Connie Coltrona – Zonta Birthing Kits
- Dr Sujit Brahmochary - IIMC
- Rob Edwards OAM – Solar projects in Fiji
- Rtn. Karen Mujak – Rotary Club Grand Prairie, Canada – their work with Ukrainian refugees
- Regina Pima Seki – Maternal Health Care PNG
- PRID Ken Collins - Recording of an earlier PolioPlus presentation
- Dr Alex Armanios & Vaishnavi Radhakrishnana – Volunteering at IIMC December, 2022
- Prof. Greg Acciaioli – New Colombo Plan
- PP Elizabeth (Buff) Wright – RC Claremont California, Large Clubs

6 YOUTH SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

Director: Wesley Rigg took over from CP Di Collins who 'caretook' the committee due to the absence of a Director.

Committee Members: CP Di Collins, Nishi Galhenage, Mehrane Mehramiz, Perette Minciullo, Stephanie Rainey-Smith

Rotary WA Driver Education

Newman College decided not to hold a Rotary WA Driver Education again this year.

CP Di Collins has been in touch with Yr. 10 Coordinator Regan Dyer in an attempt to have the College revisit this decision. Nil further to report at this time. More recently, Science Master Fiona Hassell has been spoken with and provided with information to take to the school.

Information has also been sent to Bob Hawke College as they now have Yr. 10 students, however, it met with a nil response.

National Youth Science Forum

For the first year in many, the RC Freshwater Bay did not have an applicant for the NYSF in 2023.

Despite CP Di Collins communicating with Newman College on a number of occasions, providing information along with the website, it seemed to slip through the net. Science Master Fiona Hassell has it on the horizon for this year.

Santos Science Experience

Two students from Newman College were sponsored by the RC Freshwater Bay to attend the Santos Science Experience 2022-23. On a 50:50 share cost basis Freshwater Bay paid \$190 for the following:

- Sean Bolton Murdoch - 3 day 13-15th December, 2022
- James Wrona Murdoch. – 3 day 13-15th December, 2022

Sean and James, along with parents, attended the meeting of the RC Freshwater Bay on 26th April, 2023, where they presented to members on their experiences attending the camp and the benefits gained.

RYLA

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Camp was organised by D. 9465 this year and held at Serpentine Camping Site from 7th -14th January, 2023, with Ronniet Orlando attending the Rotary dinner on 11th January on behalf of the RC Freshwater Bay.

Kelsey Sewell, nominated by Stephanie Rainey-Smith, who generously paid the \$150 for the



Sean Bolton, Science Master Fiona Hassell & James Wrona



Kelsey Sewell & Stephanie Rainey Smith

Leadership component of the cost of attending for Kelsey. Cost \$900 plus the \$150 leadership fee normally paid by the participant, plus a further \$100 paid by the participant.

Kelsey attended the RC Freshwater Bay's meeting on 8th February to tell members of her RYLA experiences and benefits gained.

RYLEAP

RYLEAP (Rotary Youth Leadership Extension Alumni Program) is not being run this year due to redistricting and a lack of qualified people to organise it.

Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment

An invitation to combine with D. 9465's RYPEN was received for a Serpentine camping site 19-21st May, 2023.

Promoted to students Aged 14-17 years of age who are:

- Wanting an opportunity to develop and challenge themselves
- Looking to develop their self-esteem and confidence
- Interested in developing skills including leadership, teamwork, communication, goal setting and problem solving
- Wanting to build a network of young people and to make new friends
- Excited for a weekend of fun

Information sent out to all members, and Bob Hawke College.

Camp Opportunity

Again, the Club was unsuccessful in identifying a 'Camper' or 'Buddy' to attend Camp Opportunity held at Point Walter Recreation Centre last January, 2023.

Peace Poles

A new project was embarked on by the RC Freshwater Bay this year and a Rotary Foundation District Grant was successfully applied for. Cost of the ten Peace Poles was \$2,435.55 with \$1,217.77 received back via the District Grant.

Peace Poles are not a new concept, however, were brought to the fore again when the RC Canberra Burley Griffin decided to make the placement of 100 Peace Poles in 100 schools its Centenary project for the Centenary of Rotary in Australia April, 2021. A number of Clubs took this up and the quantity of Peace Poles in schools now stand at over 300.



Swanbourne Primary - Harmony Day

History of the Peace Pole, plus 'May Peace Prevail on Earth in four languages, the Rotary Emblem and dove of Peace are on each pole. Languages are selected by each school.

A Ceremony was organised by school/student leaders to be held as close to UN Peace Day, around 21st September for unveiling of the Peace Pole at each school, with an Annual ceremony to be held between the school and Club at the same time of year annually.

Cost of a pole, in aluminium is around \$300 and ordered via the RC Canberra Burley Griffin, made in Victoria and transported to a business address provided by the Club. Moerlina Primary kindly allowed Freshwater Bay to have ten Peace Poles delivered to the school.

Words of Laozi:

(These words were also used by Herb Brown the International President of Rotary in 1995/96 as part of his theme for the year. They are also often recited during ringings at the Canberra Rotary Peace Bell)

“If there is to be Peace in the World, there must be Peace Between Nations,
If there is to be Peace between nations there must be Peace Between Cities,
If there is to be Peace Between Cities, there must be Peace Between Neighbours,
If there is to be Peace Between Neighbours, there must be Peace in the home,
If there is to be in the Home, there must be Peace in the heart”.

The ten schools which received the Peace Poles and languages selected were:

School	Pole	Languages			
Moerlina Primary	138	English	Noongar	Mandarin	Spanish
Mount Claremont Primary	147	English	Noongar	Mandarin	Japanese
Swanbourne Primary	154	English	Noongar	Bahasa Indonesian	Japanese
Hollywood Primary	155	English	Noongar	Mandarin	French
Loreto Nedlands Primary	160	English	Noongar	Mandarin	Spanish
North Cottesloe Primary	166	English	Noongar	Braille	Japanese
Quintillian Primary	246	English	Noongar	Dutch	French
Freshwater Bay Primary	253	English	Noongar	Latin	French
Bob Hawke College	254	English	Noongar	Italian	Japanese
Canning Vale Primary	255	English	Noongar	Hindi	Mandarin



Pauline Tremlett opening Peace Poles

The Peace Pole for Canning Vale Primary had an added panel made honouring their School Patron, Dr. Ken Collins. It was erected in a special small garden area with a bird bath which was the Yr. six students gift to the school on their departutre. This small garden is now known as the ‘Dr. Ken Collins Peace Garden’.



Dr. KENNETH E. COLLINS
AM, CSJL, CHWA
PATRON CANNING VALE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dr. Collins, whose qualities and attributes are too numerous to list, was an example and friend to staff and pupils alike.

A true gentleman, humanitarian and peacemaker who lived a life of selfless service.

His legacy will live on at Canning Vale Primary School and he will be forever missed.



Linked School

On 2nd November, 2020, then Pres. Di Collins, Youth Director Nishi Galhenage 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, however, responses were never received.

Earlier in 2021, after further phone calls by then 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.

Further communications have been sent to the College on a variety of opportunities to work together, however, again, nil response has been forthcoming.

A small breakthrough occurred when bank details were supplied for a \$50 donation to go to the school for an end of year award to be presented. Unfortunately, the Club was never informed of the Assembly nor the recipients' details.

It is hoped a good working relationship can be established between the College and Freshwater Bay, despite the ongoing challenges.

Youth Protection Officer

This role has become a major area of focus in Rotary. Perette Minciullo, Principal of Moerlina School, who has vast experience in this area, continued in 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 thirteenth year. The demand slowed dramatically due to Covid for a couple of years, however, it is gaining momentum again this year.

Once redistricting has come into operation in the coming Rotary year, the plan is to get back out to Clubs on this project to have them revisit their schools with microscopes, ensure all are in working order and encourage new schools to be sponsored with units.

A shipment of 1,500 units finally arrived after a lengthy delay caused by Covid.

The following movement has occurred this year:

- RC Swan sponsored 60 units to Aveley (30) and North Aveley (30) Primary Schools
- RC Boulder sponsored 384 units to:
 - Boulder Primary – 38
 - East Kalgoorlie Primary – 30
 - Goldfields Baptist College – 10
 - Hannan's Primary – 29
 - Kalgoorlie Primary – 71
 - North Kalgoorlie Primary – 71
 - O'Connor Primary – 30
 - South Kalgoorlie Primary – 45
 - St Joseph's Primary – 30
 - St Mary's Primary – 30
- RC Mt Lawley sponsored 30 units to St Columbus Primary, Bassendean
- RC Wanneroo sponsored 132 units to:
 - Banksia Grove Primary – 30

- Hocking Primary – 30
- East Wanneroo Primary – 30
- Wanneroo Primary – 42
- RC Morley – West Morley Primary -31
- RC Monbulk Vic – Monbulk Primary -30
- LAU Eng Seng & Sheila Cheng – 30 ASPN Chaoyang School - Singapore
- RC of Goioere, D. 4630, Brazil, RCFB donated 30 units for a poor school. PP Buff Wright, RC Claremont CA, transported units to the USA and sent via Fed Ex to Brazil.

Currently, over 24,000 units are in excess of 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 University, 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 noteworthy publicity in local community newspapers and school newsletters plus there have been articles in both the Rotary Down Under and Rotarian and Brazil Rotarian Magazines in the past year.

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. This project is listed on the STAR Portal which is the Chief Scientist of Australia's STEM site.



Students using microscopes

Speakers relating to Youth activities

- CP Di Collins – Microscopes in Schools project
- Kelsey Sewell – Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Camp
- Sean Bolton and James Wrona – Santos Science Experience