

KU-RING-GAI ROTARY



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT – JOHN HEPBURN

The initial part of my presidency was challenging with the rollercoaster COVID restrictions but we managed to attract good attendance at our Zoom meetings and like everyone I was thrilled when we could return to face to face meetings and have some social activities with our partners and friends.

Throughout 2021-2022 we focussed on increasing our membership, implementing initiatives to support homeless people or people sleeping rough and supporting health, education and youth initiatives in the South Pacific, as well as undertaking fund raising activities to support our major charities, including KYDS Youth Development Service and Eagles RAPS.

As a result of our focus areas we attracted 2 new members, we provided 30 sleeping shelters to Street Side Medics for homeless people, provided food hampers through Catholic Care for homeless people, and provided funds to support vaccinations for a number of diseases and the installation of solar panels in the South Pacific.

Due to weather conditions the Bobbo, which was scheduled to run in March 2022, was deferred to September 2022. In April 2022 we held the Lindfield Fun Run which was a great community day. I would like to acknowledge and thank our members who gave up a significant amount of their time to plan for and volunteer at the event.

As a result of the success of the Fun Run we presented a cheque of \$25,000 to KYDS Youth Development Service and \$8,000 to the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter.

Other fund raising initiatives that we undertook were the Bunnings BBQs and the Gordon Markets, which we have taken steps to reinvigorate with Turramurra Rotary. Again thank you to all the members for the time they give to volunteer on these activities.

We have also undertaken a number of activities that have made a difference to people in our communities.

We installed a defibrillator in the West Pymble shops and conducted demonstrations of how it works.

Once Covid restrictions lifted we re-instated the weekly conduct of the D Café at the West Pymble Aquatic Centre. This is a great initiative and it makes a difference to the lives of the carers and the people with dementia. I would like to acknowledge the great support we get from the West Pymble Aquatic Centre for this initiative and I am pleased to advise that we have increased the number of people who attend.

We have also supported Clark Road School, Easy Care Gardening and Life Line H2H with the delivery of their Christmas Hampers.

My Presidency concluded with us being able to have a Change Over dinner in person. This was a great evening of celebration where we were able to honour a number of outstanding people with awards and induct and welcome our new President for 2022-2023, Chris Lewis. Chris was also able to welcome his new Board.

It has been a privilege and a rewarding and enjoyable experience to be President of Ku-ring-gai Rotary. I would like to like to thank the Board for its support and advice during my year as President, the Avenues of Service Chairs and their members for the work you have done, Joy and Greg Newling for their welfare roles and all the members for your contributions and volunteering activities. We have continued to be a strong Rotary organisation and I am very proud of the things we have achieved together over 2021-2022. I know that we will be in good hands to continue our work under the leadership of President Chris Lewis in 2022-2023 and I look forward to supporting President Chris as a Board Member.

Ku-ring-gai Board Members 2021-2022

President	John Hepburn
Vice President	Joy Newling
Secretary	Gary Keating
Treasurer	Chris Hoch
Director	Chris Lewis
Director	Arthur Maltby
Director	Roger Desmarchelier

Avenues of Service Chairs 2021-2022

Community	Michael Midlam
Youth	Barry Ng
International	Chris Lewis
Foundation	Greg Newling
Vocational	David Kitchen

KU-RING-GAI ROTARY AVENUES OF SERVICE REPORTS 2021-2022

YOUTH PROJECTS (Chair: Barry Ng)

The year started with the aims and goals being:

- To initiate a new youth opportunity in the Ku-ring-gai area
- To further engage with the Interact Club at PLC
- To nominate candidates for RYLA, RYPEN, NYSF and MUNA
- To continue engagement with the local High Schools, Clarke Road School and Sir Eric Woodward School

At the start of the Rotary year our team was enthusiastic to get things going. But with the continuation of COVID restrictions, it was not possible to undertake a number of initiatives.

In particular, in the early part of 2022, COVID infections were wide spread and some members were affected, and schools reverted to on-line learning, preventing any outside-of-school activities.

Online learning meant teachers were busy with preparation of lessons and had little time for anything else, including Rotary related activities.

The RYLA program had identified a candidate, James Stark, who was supposed to attend the program in January 2022 but the program was cancelled 5 days before it was due to start. Fortunately the program was rescheduled for January 2023 and James Stark will be attending, at a slightly higher cost.

RYPEN did not eventuate in November due to the Killara High School teacher being so busy they did not reply to our request.

MUNA was not attended due to COVID.

NYSF had a candidate, Meera Barani, from PLC. The program was scheduled for January 2022 and we were going to provide \$300 sponsorship. Due to COVID, the program did not eventuate.

While there was continued contact with Clarke Road School through our Vice President there was not a lot of activity on gardening and farm maintenance.

RYDA did not eventuate due to COVID.

The BENEFIC Award for schools also did not eventuate in December due to teachers being busy with school activities.

The overall budget situation was positive due to funds being allocated but not spent due to COVID restrictions.

Hopefully 2022-2032 will be more active when COVID restrictions are relaxed.

INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS (Chair: Chris Lewis)

Fiji Solar

Ku-ring-gai Rotary committed to support a new project for a school in Tokalau Village, Kabara Island, Lau Group, Fiji to provide partial funding for solar panels, battery, inverter and wiring. Delays in completing the previous project due to COVID meant this project was deferred and held over to the 2022/2023 year.

Uganda School for Life

\$2472 was contributed to support a teacher for a year. Ku-ring-gai Rotary has supported this school for many years - it was started by 2 young Australians. Their mission is to “Educate poverty out of existence”. They have built 2 primary and 1 secondary school in 10 years with further development occurring.

Indonesia – ANZA Scholarships

\$950 was provided. This project pays for scholarships for 5 Indonesian students, who would otherwise miss out on secondary education.

Rotary Give Every Child a Future Project

\$4500 was provided. This project delivers important vaccinations (not COVID) to children in a range of South Pacific countries.

Ukraine

In response to the impact of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, Ku-ring-gai Rotary made two separate donations to provide specific relief assistance for victims of the war.

- \$5000 to Shelterbox and
- \$3000 to RAWCS.

Shelterbox

\$2000 was provided. Ku-ring-gai Rotary continued with its practice of making an annual contribution to the general relief operations provided by Shelterbox.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS (Chair: Michael Midlam)

This past year, D-Café remained one of the main community projects. We have a solid base of clients and carers, and good attendance from club members at our weekly meetings.

We continue to work with Eagles Raps, and were able to be of some assistance through the rough time they had this year due to Covid restrictions, and an overall lack of interest from many of the potential students caused by the restrictions. I am happy to say that they have now managed to attract several new students, and are almost back to their pre Covid numbers.

We are also working with a Catholic Care subsidiary Dom's Place to assist them with hampers and sleeping bags for the homeless.

We have installed a community library at the Gordon Centre that seems to be popular.

We delivered Christmas hampers for Lifeline.

We participated in Clean Up Australia Day, and are always on the lookout for new projects we can be involved with.

SOME REFLECTIONS OF 2021-2022 CAPTURED IN PICTURES

The 2021-2022 Rotary Year started with virtual meetings and a virtual Change Over.



Despite Covid restrictions we kept in touch and once they were lifted we enjoyed face to face interactions and resumed our work in the community.

OUR COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES WERE BACK IN OPERATION BY THE END OF 2021



The donation of a defibrillator was officially launched in December 2021 by the Honourable Alister Hensken SC, Member for Ku-ring-gai.



We delivered Christmas hampers for Life Line Harbour to Hawkesbury in December 2021.



We recommenced our weekly D Café exercise and social activities at the West Pymble Aquatic Centre. We enjoyed celebrating Christmas 2021 and we have a special celebration for each person's birthday.



We donated 30 sleeping shelters to Street Side Medics and 10 to the Salvation Army.



The Gordon Markets continued after Covid restrictions were lifted and the Management Committee was re-established to refresh the markets. Despite being significantly impacted by Covid the Markets made a return of \$7,883 which was shared between Ku-ring-gai and Turramurra Rotary organisations.

We were able to finish the 2021-2022 and start the 2022-2023 Rotary Years with a face to face celebration where we not only enjoyed each other's company but we were able to welcome our new President Chris Lewis and his Board, present the proceeds from the 2021 Lindfield Fun Run to our major beneficiaries, KYDS and Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter. At the Change Over dinner Ku-ring-gai Rotary was pleased to honour a number of its members, a former member and members of the community for their outstanding contributions.



Presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation at the 2022 Change Over dinner recognising Don Durie's outstanding contributions as a Rotarian for 44 years.



Barry Ng and Michael Dawkins were recognised by the Ku-ring-gai Rotary Board for their outstanding contributions over the last year.



Anne Maslen and Arthur Malty from Ku-ring-gai Rotary received a Paul Harris Award.



Outstanding members of our Community, Helen Jarvis Chair of KYDS Youth Development Service, and Wendy Carver, former Chief Executive of Lifeline Harbour to Hawksbury also received a Paul Harris Award.



We also presented Community Service Awards to acknowledge the significant contribution of time, expertise and sponsorship made by two individuals and their organisations to Ku-ring-gai Rotary. Craig Marshall, Director of Marshall Chan Yahl was there on the night to receive his award and Tina Brown, Publisher of the Post was unable to join us on the night to receive her award.



Presentation of the 2022 Lindfield Fun Run proceeds to our major beneficiaries. \$25,000 was provided to KYDS and \$8,000 was provided to the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter. These two organisations provide much needed services in our community.



President Chris Lewis commences in his role as President and welcomes his Board and Chairs of the Avenues of Service.