

President Report

Rotarians, Friends in Rotary, Rotary partners and Friends of Rotary, thank you for your support and friendship through the last year. I have visited the Clare Club to “make up” many times for 4 clubs in 3 states over 20 years and always found a warm welcome and genuine friendship here. I would like to thank all the Members for their friendship and enthusiastic support, including partners and friends. There are too many to list here! I have had a brilliant support team, not only Rotarians but many supporters of our Club.

The club has well passed its half century and I am delighted to welcome a charter member, Rotarian Jim, to this changeover. My year in office came a year earlier than expected when Lorna pulled a sickie and I am pleased to see her looking so well ever since.

These are challenging and changing times and the changes even for a small regional club like ours have been major.

One of the major changes this year was continuing with only having meetings on the 1st 3rd and 5th Mondays to help with recruitment. I won't say it was a success and a decision for the new Rotary year is whether we continue. Maintaining and growing member numbers is vital if this club is to survive. We are not alone in this among service clubs in the regions, with some transient population. We inducted an excellent new Member in Binh Le who was posted out of the area before he could attend his first meeting. We have to remember we are not just Clare township, our bailiwick borders Gawler and Port Pirie, though we are mainly concentrated between Saddleworth and Brinkworth. Meetings in Auburn, Leasingham and Watervale were highlights of my year.

One of the roles I dropped was that of Sergeant and the weekly fines session. This was replaced by “Happy Bucks” with positive results, a good collection and a chance to hear good news from our Members.

The Rotary Art Show and newsprint collection both passed 20 year milestones, Ian Howlett has run the Art Show for a number of years and this was his last as the boss, a great record. Our latest paper load was 22 tonnes, a Club record.

Another to hand over the reins is Barrie Smith and the RYDA programme, a really worthwhile project.

Our meeting attendance has become an issue, expected attendance of erstwhile days has gone, some like Ted went 42 years without missing a meeting, now I have a number of club members I rarely see and we miss their valued input.

Rotary is changing globally, with over 200 countries served, keeping a lid on issues and maintaining standards and our good name are vital to our survival in an increasingly critical world. Here in SA, the next Rotary year will see the two Districts start the process of merging, as Membership has fallen away.

The Rotary Club of Clare may have hidden its light under a bushel though not as much as the city clubs, but we have managed to feature in the local press on many occasions and we are on good terms with both papers as long as we keep feeding pictures and stories. In that regard we get terrific support from the local community. In a list too long to read out, particular mention must be made of O'Leary Walker and the Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council.

I am now handing the reins to Stephen who, as an experienced Rotarian, will guide the Club forward in the ever-changing world of Rotary International.

Bill Singleton

Art Show Report

2017 was another successful exhibition and thank you to all who participated. We saw an increase in the number of entries in Clare Valley, Oil & Acrylic as well as the Junior & Youth sections. The Outdoor sculpture section, now named as Public Art and with a new prize of \$3000 had fewer entries but they added to the space required to exhibit all of the works. As such, we again used the outside fenced off area- leaves and all!

454 works were exhibited by 209 artists and sculptors. 50 art works were sold (11%) realising over \$21,000 in sales.

Judge James Dodd (Artist from Adelaide) was impressed with the number of art works and the overall standard and presentation of the exhibition. (See his comments below)

Our Gala Opening was again well attended by our sponsors, artists as well as the general public. Mayor Alan Aughey officially opened the Exhibition.

Artists were able to check on their sales on our website daily during the exhibition and information was continually updated daily on our Facebook page to keep everyone informed.

Special thanks to the Devonshire Tea makers with over 600 being produced over the 6 days.

A huge **Thank You** to over 80 local sponsors for their continued generosity and support for making this event possible. Please support our sponsors whenever in the Clare area.

To the Club committee and friends-We look forward to your continued support in 2018. Watch out for the dates and information on our website and Facebook pages and please provide feedback to us so that we can continually improve.

Finally, I wish Graham Goode and his soon to be formed committee all the best in 2017/18.



Congratulations to all the Art Show winners and to everyone involved in the Exhibition.

Best in Exhibition \$5000- :		Afternoon Light Laura by Robert Anderson
Sculpture Outdoor (Public Art)– Prize \$3000		Wheel Wren by Roland Weight
The Clare Valley- \$1500:		Afternoon Reflections at Clare Wetlands by Christopher Meadows
Water Colour and Gouache –Prize \$1500 :		Alan Ramachandran “Evening Light in Flinders Ranges’
Oil and Acrylic- Prize \$1500 :		Roe Gartemann ‘ Blue Wattle Land’
Pastel- Prize \$1500-:		Margaret McEntee Evening at Parawillio’
Drawing– Prize \$1500		Christine Fenech’s ‘ Eucalypt Study’
Sculpture Indoor - Prize \$1500:		Gerhard Ritter’s ‘ Dignity’
People’s Choice— Prize \$250 :		Allyson Parsons Springtime
Youth under 18 - Prize \$500:		Kelsey Speers Francisco’
Junior under 12 - Prize 250 :		Caed Scott with ‘ Adelaide City’
Gabby O’Sullivan Encouragement Award \$200 :		Bonnie Supple with Safe in Mother’s Arms’
Youth Encouragement Awards - Prize \$25		Frances Talari- VIP
- Prize \$25		Emilee Pyrke ‘ Broken in Despair’
Junior Encouragement Award Prize \$25		Harriet Nicholls ‘ Water Horses’
- Prize \$25		Willow Mader ‘ The Viking Ship’

Commendations were awarded to:

Joel Plevin- ‘	Old Gum Track’
Lise Temple ‘	Pastoral Study’
Francois Dent ‘	Coloured Rain’
Vivian Ziersch-	’Pump’
Lou White	’Bonsai Bloom’
Seth Smith ‘	Tree’
Archie Cutten	’Rita’
Ella Murray ;	Reflections at Walbroo’
Zinnia Weight	My Grandma Momo’
Jill Gallagher ‘	Convict Fields’
.....John Lacey ‘	Blyth Patchwork’
.....Christopher Meadows	’Burra Palm’
.....Peter Kavalenka ‘	Fire in the Sky’

Ian Howlett
2016/17 Art Show Director

Bulletin Report

The invincible Bulletin team of Ted Burford, Jim Scott and Julianne Pulford again produced a Bulletin on a fortnightly basis throughout the year. Ted takes the meeting notes, passes them to Julianne, who includes them in the week’s edition, which she forwards to Jim. Jim then distributes them to all members, Honorary members, and other mysterious corners of the known universe. Jim has also been responsible for paperwork for the Wine committee and Local Directory Committee as well as much for the Art Exhibition.

He also continues to print the Probus Club newsletter and envelopes under contract. Costs have been kept on an even keel by emailing to the majority of members and other readers. The current team will continue on for the next Rotary year.

Julianne Pulford

Rotary Exchange Student's Councillor Report

I'm pleased to be able to give this report to the club on the 2016-17 exchange program with our hosting of a student from France.

It has been approximately 12 years since our club hosted an international student and this in itself posed some difficulty in planning and executing the program. But with some previous experience with Chris and myself having hosted several international students many years ago and together with Ian Howlett, we managed to get through the year with a reasonable amount of success even though at times we wondered whether we were on the right track.

This in itself will create an easier implementation of our next program when we host a student from Belgium who arrives on the 21st of July 2017. We look forward to this new student and what she will bring to our club and her host families.

Jeanne arrived in Adelaide on the 20th of July 2016. She was met by her first host family, Maureen & Brendon Brown and myself. Jeanne was whisked away to Glenelg for a coffee and home to Clare.

Ian organised a get together of host families including Jeanne and myself, to get us up to speed on the rules and regulations, sorting out banking, telephones, school and all the paperwork. At the end of the evening Ian said, it may not seem it now, but 12 months will just fly.

The mandatory briefing day was held September 2016 in the Adelaide hills at Nanyara. This was great and I wish I could have attended this before I said I would take on the role of counsellor, as I would've been more prepared in this role. I just learnt so much. The sessions by the past exchange students and the advice that they passed on was great. For example 'never say no, always have a go even if it's something that you are not interested in, still have a go. Put yourself out of your comfort zone.'

Our first challenge came when our first host family had a medical emergency, so Jeanne stayed with Chris and I for 2-3 weeks till we were able to organise for her second host family, Susan and Tyson (Fred) Bowden. This was a very big challenge for Jeanne going to live in Koolunga, a very, very small county town.

Over the next 6 months, Jeanne visited Maitland, Renmark known as the Calpernum weekend and Port Lincoln. These weekends were all organised by other Rotary clubs specifically for the international students. Jeanne also went to Port Augusta with Ian which was the last get together for the outbound students. The compulsory district conference was held in March at Geelong. From there the students went on the experience of a lifetime for a 21 day bus tour around Australia.

Our third host family was the first family where there were children. Jeanne really had great difficulty settling into this environment as her two previous homes there were no children.

The fourth host family had a child that attended the Clare high School which was good, but Jeanne really didn't want to go back to Koolunga, but in desperation this was unavoidable. Ursula and her family have helped Jeanne settle in very well with Ursula having an understanding of these exchanges as one of her daughters is currently in Denmark as an exchange student having a great time

In January, Jeanne travelled to New Zealand to visit her step-sister who is also a Rotary exchange student. This is very unusual for this to happen and I felt that on return Jeanne was even more unsettled.

Positives, for those weekend get-togethers are that they helped to promote good international relationships. The students saw and experienced more about Australia & our diverse culture.

Negatives, include lots of organising, increase cost to students and host families and the amount of time host families spent getting the student from a to b. The weekends take the students out of their family environment and the community they are trying to learn about and be part of. I guess a lot depends on the student's personality but Jeanne certainly bonded better with the other international students than any Australian kids, and the school friends formed because the school had set up a buddy system.

The more the international students were together, they compared what each Rotary club did for their student, e.g. What their club paid for, where they took the student etc. and this created problems which required a lot of explanation on my part. As Jeanne believed she should receive the same privileges.

In my opinion with the ease of being able to call home via Wifi, emails, text, Skype & phone calls being daily or more often, only makes it more difficult for the student when trying to settle into a new country, family & way of life. This doesn't allow the student to develop confidence, independence and the ability to work through situations good or bad, happy or sad, thus developing faith & trust in their new family & councillor. It just about defeats the purpose of the exchange.



Lessons learnt for future exchange students are:

1. Need to have all host families organised before students arrive.
2. Names of Rotarians who are prepared to transport students to functions so they don't have to use public transport. This helps support the host families as well.
3. At least the names of two families who are prepared to be emergency host families.
4. At least 1st and 2nd and possibly 4th host families to have children who go to the high school.
5. Host families preferably to be Rotarians or relatives of Rotarians. Very difficult ,I do realise this.
6. Try & involve the student in the Club, by the Rotarians inviting the student to their homes, or to a function or day out plus attend more meetings and activities Rotary is involved in.

I would like to sincerely thank all the host families who have done a great job in taking Jeanne into their homes & their lives. I am fully aware that at times things have not been easy but in the end all parties have had a great experience.

Feedback from host families is very important & they have suggested that the student needs to have an interest in several different activities, including sports as this is very important in a country town, as this helps a great deal with the student forming friendships. The other suggestions were that the 1st & 2nd host families have at least 1 child who attends the Clare High School.

I hope that once Jeanne settles back in France & reflects back on her experience in Australia that it will be life changing in a positive way and she will be able to use some of the life skills she has gained to enhance her life in France.

In closing I would like to thank Ian Howlett as he endured many of my long conversations and being my sounding board on numerous occasions. The club in giving me the opportunity to experience this role and the support you have given to me. Again to the host families who without them this program could not go ahead Thank You I've enjoyed being part of your lives as well. I look forward to the next chapter of the International Exchange Program with our next student Maya from Belgium and jump the hurdles as they come.

Josie Paine
International Student Exchange Counsellor
2016/2017

Community service report

2016-17

Our club has several community projects with happen on a regular yearly basis.

These include assisting with crowd management at Christmas pageant. In recent years this has been organized by Lions and I would like to congratulate Ron Wurst and this committee for their efforts over recent years.

For many years the Rotary Club of Clare has been involved in collection of newspaper unfortunately as things change the amount of paper being collected continues to decline. I see that we keep collecting paper as a Rotary service to community. Recently we loaded 22 tonne of paper on to semi trailers.

Rotary has been involved with model engineers building a gazebo overlooking the lake. On the 7th may 2017 the gazebo was officially opened. The gazebo is named Don Springbett gazebo in recognition of Don's vision and work with model engineers, and his contribution and work in the Clare community.



Ohh Graeme You did make a mess!

Robyn , Michael & Margaret Springbett at the Gazebo

RYDA

For some years rotary has been organizing RYDA program in Clare this involves student from Balaklava, Clare, Burra and Riverton coming to life style centre ant Clare oval. Many speakers talk to student about driving explain risk, consequences and what happens as a result of a car accident. At this point need to thank Barrie Smith for time and effort he puts into RYDA and other members who helped on the day.

Club Rooms and Asset Report

Our Rotary centre continues to be an important link of our club operation. Once again I would like to thank club members who have helped clean and maintain he centre.

Graham Goode.

RYDA Rotary Youth Driver Awareness

The sessions presented over two days were very successful
The local schools who attended were

Burra Community School	12 Students
Clare High School	52 Students
Riverton District High School	18 Students
Balaklava High School	41 Students
A Total of 123 students under the supervision of 11 teachers	

The timing of the programme was under the control of Ian Howlett

Our Thanks go to

Graham Goode for organising and delivering the screens and tables from the Centre and the provision, from the Northern Automotive Restoration Club, of the Shelter at Station Road
Woolworth's for the donations of water and fruit for the meals
The Little Red Grape for the provision of Pies, Pasties and Sausage rolls for lunches
Northern Argus for the donations of editorial space
Plains Producer also for donation of Editorial space
Mid North Motor Company for the use of a demonstrating vehicle
Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council for the use of the Stadium and its facilities
Valleys Sports Club for the use of the upstairs facilities and equipment
Clare and Gilbert Valleys Community Road Safety Group for the provision of literature for the
Students
Watch SA
and
to the many
Rotarians and Friends who gave of their time to set the scene and oversee the days

Many thanks especially to Our Sponsors

Beyond Bank who contributed \$750 to the cost of running the programme
and to
Sprint Auto Parts who also donated \$500 towards the cost
The total cost of the programme is around \$3000

Equipment and documentation provided by Road Safety Education Limited

Presenters for the two days were
Senior Constable Robert Tucker of Kadina Police
Senior Constable Mark Hill of Clare Police
Graham Meyer of RAA Adelaide
John Hawke of Hill Start Driving
Bec Wilson Drug & Alcohol
Steve Werfel as a Crash Survivor
Lorinda Bayley
Dianne Kenyon



Fellowship / Membership Report 16/17

Membership is always a challenge for any Club. I thought about what previous Membership Committees have tried to encourage new members with limited results, so I tried a different approach.

1. A master list was made up of potential prospects
2. I presented this to the Club and asked who knew these people, as well as who was comfortable to approach the individual.
3. This way I tried to personalize this process as well as trying to involve the whole club.
4. The Master list has to be managed by adding new names as well as deleting those not interested or updated to follow up at a later date.

This will be passed onto incoming chair Bill Singleton.

We have had reasonable success with lots of contacts within our Community (would always like more new members).

I am very pleased with the calibre of our New Members and feel sure they will add value to our Club in many ways.

In regards to Fellowship.

We held a meeting at Rotarians Glen & Shirley's home where we enjoyed their home & garden surrounds. (Thanks Glen & Shirley).

We also visited O'Leary Walker wines. We presented 2 x accommodation vouchers as a small gesture of appreciation of the 15+ years of great support to our Club.

Jim Michael chaired this meeting with Hermann doing the Presentation, which was well received Thanks again on behalf of the whole club.

I also collected 35 parcels from the food bank and delivered them to the combined church groups to be distributed to the needy. As well as doing the collection from our nominated locations (Marion Church) as well as Judd House at Elizabeth, with the help of G Pulford & Peter Shandley as well as returning art pieces that hadn't sold.

We receive excellent feedback for this service.

David Dunstan Director

David O'Leary addressing
some of the members



New Generations and Vocation Report

This year has been a little quiet in the Vocational area with perhaps the exception of the great night held recently at the O'Leary Walker winery at Leasingham. At this night, well attended by our members, our club recognised the great support given to us by its winemakers over the past years by handing to them a gift voucher. David O'Leary gave us a great history of his life and of the winery and was appreciative of our gifts.

In the Youth section we have once again had great success with our NYSF students. We selected 2 students to go onto District Selection- Emily Lymburn and Ashley Smith. Ashley was successful in going on to Canberra and has recently informed us that he has also been offered the role as a 'staffie' in the 2018 NYSF as well as a possible invitation to an overseas NYSF session.

We are currently examining the numerous entries for the NYSF to be held next January, with the successful applicants again going in to District Selections next month.

2017/18 also saw our club accept an overseas exchange student –Jeanne Lave from Amiens in France. Jeanne was hosted by 4 families in and around Clare during the year. Please read Josie's report of the progress of our exchange student across the last year.

My sincere thanks to Josie Paine for her hard working efforts put into her role as Counsellor for our student- especially when times become a little testing. It has been organised for our next Rotary year that we again accept a student from overseas and we will be receiving Maya Corbisier from Belgium later in July.

The Club has also been involved with the Wheat, Wine and wool Committee once again. This committee financially supports our local youth when leaving the local school and moving to Adelaide for their further studies. Our club annually subscribes \$1000 to the committee in promoting their excellent work.

Finally, I and a few other Rotarians, attended the end-of-year student presentations of the Clare Trade Shed last December. The 'Shed' liase with the Clare High School and work with a limited number of students as they consider their occupational skill and status when leaving school for work.

I have thoroughly enjoyed this part of our Rotary commitment to our local youth and thank all those members who have assisted me during my time as Director. I wish David Dunstan all the best in our upcoming year.

Ian Howlett

President Bill Singleton,
Jeanne Lave , Exchange from France
Ashley Smith NYSF



Local Contact Directory

We have been able to maintain our Sponsor numbers for this year once more. Despite of the loss of some clients the numbers have been maintained. This very worthwhile projects does pay dividends for our Club in being well received and appreciated.

Again 115 copies of "MacMillan Australian Dictionary" and "Essential Facts and Tables" have been distributed to our local students.

The remainder of the profits goes to support RYDA and other projects as in previous years.

Many Thanks to all the members who so capably assisted in preparing the directory for posting.

We would very much like to hear any suggestions to add to our subscriber list but remember we can only have one type of business per category.

for **Margaret Kimber**

Wine Sales

Once again wine sales have proofed to be the backbone of our financial strength. With earnings in excess of \$28,000.00 it remains our major fundraiser.

My thanks go to all those who have assisted to achieve the sales and in particular to David for his unstinting effort to provide cargo services to Adelaide.

Our eternal gratitude must also go to David O'Leary and Nick Walker for their generous spirit by providing us with a product that is unbeatable. We did show a small token of appreciation to them earlier this year.

Not to forget Springbett Deliveries for transporting wine and pallets at no cost to us.

Hermann

The Four way Test of Being a Rotarian

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. *Is it the TRUTH?*
2. *Is it FAIR to all concerned?*
3. *Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?*
4. *Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?*

Rotary Club of Clare 2017-2018

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