

Howrah Rotary Club Presidents Report 2021-2022

Peter Lowery Acting Club President.

I would like to acknowledge that due to unfortunate medical circumstances I had to take over from Ray Pickett as Acting Club President and with the committee you gave me and the support and love for you as a person and that you have in the club this made my task a very easy role to step up to. The plans you had already put in place and started working on, I hope I can say mission accomplished on some of them, one of them being club visioning.

First off, I would like to thank Ray's Committee Members for a year of good work and behinds the scenes work that has taken place to keep this club ticking over.

George as Sergeant ever reliable and prepared like me to go with the flow with a positive attitude made meetings a pleasure unless you took it in you to fine me for something!

Gayle, Treasurer- what can you say? Fantastic, hard shooting, to the point and being honest with members and that is not always easy about finances and about reining in budgets. Thank you

Not forgetting BBQ organizer Wow!!!

Robyn for stepping up as Secretary thank you. I know with me working and at short notice, asking for things to be arranged your life was not very easy, but we got through.

Reg Guest speakers well done! This role often goes unnoticed but if not for your meetings they would become somewhat very boring and what a varied lot and mix that kept members interested and asking questions

Electronic go to person! Our zoomies say thank you with all their heart and it may be said for the swaps in recipes they we able to do!

From me the work you put in to ensure we could do board meetings safely under corvid protocols and put this club forward in Rotary eyes as being progressive due to using both means to hold meetings Thank you

Jill wonderful job of mustering members for meals at the Academy and setting up the Howrah Community Center as a fallback meeting place.

Jacob with Kiva loans just doing it quietly in the background well done

Susie for Youth Service, schools cannot be easy to communicate with some times and I appreciate your perseverance with them and knowledge of Rotary Youth Programs.

Last but not least Rob Warren bulletin editor, the master of the weekly newsletter and it's weekly reminder to ring Jill for meals and the funnies to look forward to and updates on club functions and guest speakers .

The club has welcomed new members Ken, Ankita, Ishwari Gaylee and Sue into its fold this year and seeing how you are starting to get into the club fellowship and activities give me hope for the club's future.

Now it is with sadness that we must acknowledge the loss of Honorary Member Noel Jacobs PHF and Roger Hawkes PHF, Committee Member and Club Member through his sudden death.

I would like to say it is with great sadness that the Board accepted the request to leave the club due to health and age of Jacob George, John Anderson and just recently Wolfgang Zwick

The club members thank you for all your past work and wish you well in the future!

Due to personal circumstances, the following club members decided to leave us Glen and June Woolley, Helen and Basil Murray and Paul Muhling.

I thank them all for the past great work they have put into the Club and wish them well.

Due to covid our fundraising activities have been limited to football gate and Bunnings BBQ and Christmas raffle but this doesn't mean that we haven't been able to donate money to organizations as the Treasurer will testify to ever watchful budget wise!

Stand out was \$5000 to Loaves and Fishers to help establish the new kitchen at the old Rokeby Hotel. We also donated to many local organizations and Rotary based International Projects. Grand total \$17000.

Again, covid affected our community participation in d events but noting members did do BBQ, and 26 ten adult literacy support through the Clarence Plains Community Center plus other activities with them.

Finally, to you the members thank you for all the help and support and saying to me that we believe in you and putting your hand up when asked to do something as it is you that makes this club what it is - not me

We welcome a new year and a recycled President abet in his own right, but the club's future is in all our hands and it's feeling good!

Yours sincerely Peter Lowery
Acting Club President for 2021/22

Youth And Vocation Programme

Report 2021-2022

Rotary Youth Driver Awareness, an extremely popular programme, was supported by many high schools and was well attended. Youth volunteers from all clubs enjoyed the experience and have mentioned they have also learned a lot from their participation.

Science and Engineering Challenge was not quite as busy as in previous years. (Probably caused by Covid-19). This was held at Tas Uni and provided volunteers from our Club. The students found the whole process very challenging. They worked very hard to try to win the award for the best project.

Science Experience Hobart. This was a hands-on whirlwind of fun. Science activities were provided for Grades 9-10 students under the guidance of University researchers. We sponsored three students from Clarence High School who thoroughly enjoyed the experience and gained much knowledge from their participation.

During September 2021 the Rotary Club of Canberra Burley Griffin invited 100 Rotary clubs and 100 schools **to celebrate World Peace** and 100 years of Rotary (1921 to 2021). Ankita and I were invited to the Rokeby Primary School Peace Pole celebration. This was a wonderful achievement for a small school. The theme was "May peace prevail on Earth".

RYPEN – Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment. This weekend camp for 30 students from Grade 10 was held at Dysart. The objective was to help students develop their leadership, initiative and responsibility skills. Three students from Bayview College attended. Ankita, who was invited to help with this project, joined me at the final attendance as guests.

School Presentations. During the year I was invited to help in reading classes with the Preps class at Lauderdale Primary School. It was very encouraging to see the improvements and interest in such young children.

December 2021 was not as busy as usual, due again to Covid-19. The usual school assemblies, at which our Club provides presentation volunteers to assist with prize-giving, were held at only three schools. Thank you to those volunteers.

Remedial Reading. At Lauderdale Primary School I helped with remedial reading during the year and I can thoroughly recommend it.

Beacon Foundation. During the year Reg and I were invited to several meetings at Bayview College to hear about the work of the Beacon Foundation. Some Foundation members spent time as

speakers at our Club. Beacon's aim is to help young people from Year 12 to focus in their year and provide a project to lead a place-based change initiative that centred on school engagement and pathways post-school.

Mission Australia Project. Reg and I also attended a meeting at Mission Australia. We offered to provide 85 picture books for their Xmas project and helped with barbeques.

Muna was not supported by schools this year. It is hoped that will change next year.

Thank you to the Club members who were involved in youth programmes and projects during the year – David Lamb, Angie, Ankita and Ken.

A special thank for all the help and support I received from Reg.

Expenditure during the year was as follows:

RYPEN	\$600
School Achievement Awards	\$1,000
Children's Books	\$240.25
Science Experience	\$540
Rosny College Achievement Award	\$100
Total spent was \$2,480.25 from a budget of \$5,000	

Suzanne Watton
Youth and Vocation Director

31/5/2022

Community Service Report 2021-2022

A major aim was to establish contact with local community organisations as a source of activities in which we could be involved.

While we have had one to one meetings with leaders of these groups and have had visiting speakers from some organisations it has led to only minimal club involvement.

The main organisations contacted were One Community Together, 26TEN Adult Literacy Support Group, Mission Australia Housing, Loaves and Fishes, and Dress for Success.

One Community Together.

This is a Hobart City Mission initiative which brings together residents in Rokeby, Clarendon Vale, Glebe Hill and Oakdowns. Their Project Officer, Kathryn, is based at the Grace Centre.

Robyn Harrison has been elected to their **Steering Committee** which means we have direct contact with the community groups working within the Clarence Plains area, giving us an avenue for valuable liaison.

Robyn also attends **Work and Learning Committee** Meetings which contain representatives of training groups and schools.

Bob Hardy has joined a **Landcare Group** attached to the Rokeby Community Centre.

Rotary Club of Howrah sponsored community awards presented to residents. Robyn presented these at their awards ceremony.

While this group seemed to gain satisfactory community involvement in their clean up exercises, they seem frustrated about lack of local community involvement in such things as their Community Talk sessions.

Mission Australia Housing

Contact with Stephen Dimsey, Tim Barringer and Hannah was valuable, and Stephen spoke to the Club. We donated books for their tenant's Christmas function.

26 TEN Adult Literacy Support

Following a talk to the Club three members joined their training program and have been involved with families giving Literacy and Numeracy support. Thanks to Robyn, Sue and Anki (and later Elaine Hardy) for their involvement.

Loaves and Fishes

Following discussions with CEO Andrew Hillier we donated \$5000 to their commercial kitchen project run by R C Sandy Bay. While we didn't pursue a Memorandum of Understanding with this organisation as we would have preferred, we were assured that there would be opportunities for mentoring opportunities, possible administrative and other co-ordination support roles. I hope the Club will be able to fulfill these expectations.

Bunnings Mornington

The Club has a good relationship with their Community Liaison Officer. They are unable to support individual requests for assistance from the Community but passed two such requests onto us for our consideration. We gave in kind support to a Mornington family who had a son going to Melbourne for on-going medical treatment and to a Midway Point youngster who needed tools to continue his activities.

Donations

Around \$3 000 was donated to Community organisations

Future Opportunities

I believe there are opportunities available

- Look for Community Involvement activities besides just supplying BBQ's, particularly in Oakdowns and Glebe Hill.
- Bike Collective and Repair Café sited at Bayview College has started and they are looking for volunteers. At present they are using a workshop but are in the process of setting up a container to work in.
- Volunteering Placements through Clarence Council.
- Participation in Loaves and Fishes Food preparation Project.
- Resurrect the Music for Dementia scheme

Thanks

Thanks to my committee for their support.

Reg Emmett, Director

June 2022

Rotary Club of Howrah

International Service Program 2021 -2022

I am attaching herewith the International Program late Roger Hawkes prepared and we are following the same protocol.

With a lot of sadness I convey my condolences to late Roger Hawkes who was the Director of International Service. Our present members of the International Committee are :

Richard Wyatt
Terry Evans and
Jacob George.

Roger was very diligent, sympathetic and passionate about various causes in the world where help was needed.

I was asked by the Rotary Club of Howrah to act as the Acting Director of International Committee till 30 June 2022.

Since I am very much involved with KIVA, I can report only about its activities. KIVA is providing microloan to individuals in developing countries. It has been very successful, and a number of loans are paid back so that money we can loan others.

So far we have loaned \$367.62 to various applicants and they are returning these loans on a regular basis.(I am attaching herewith the summary of our contributions)

We had some excellent guest speakers who provided information on various topics of interest so that Committee could make appropriate decision about our contributions.

I wish every success to the New Director of International Committee in the coming year who will be able to continue with the good work our Club has been providing sofar.

I see you've deposited a total of \$367.62 into your Kiva account, and with those funds you have:

- Donated \$82.22 to Kiva's operating expenses**
- Lost \$3.54 to currency exchange loss**
- Lost \$0.00 to default**
- Purchased \$0.00 in Kiva Cards**
- Withdrawn \$0.00**

This leaves you with \$281.86 in Kiva credit:

- \$267.96 in outstanding loans**
- \$17.65 in available credit**

Rotary Club of Howrah International Service Programme 2021 -2022,

Aims/Goals:

To be good international citizens through:

- Supporting the Rotary Foundation, the main Rotary vehicle for international assistance,
- Supporting:
 - Polio Plus (worldwide eradication of polio)
 - ROMAC (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children)
 - RAMS (Rotarians against malaria. Active in Timor L'este).
 - Interplast (Life changing surgery, training, medical help in 17 Pacific countries.)
 - Encouraging self help through provision of micro loans (KIVA).
 - Increasing member awareness of multi-cultural and international issues.

Strategies for achieving these goals:

- Continue providing KIVA loans in accordance with our policy.
*No new costs. Use **carry over** capital first provided in 2019 i.e. \$1500.*
- Promote Rotary membership from recent arrival, ethnic and various cultural groups.
- Rotary Foundation *Donate at least \$1700,*
- Polio Plus *Donate \$500.*
- RAMS *Donate \$600*
- ROMAC *Donate \$ 1000*
- Interplast *Donate \$200*
- Contribute to the club Guest Speaker program
- Contribute to international emergency support as in 20/21 (eg Timor L'este and Fiji)
Up to \$2000 total

Regards

Jacob George

Acting Director of International Committee