



**Again, this year the Covid pandemic interrupted our meetings
The changeover was delayed by a week
and Government restrictions proof of vaccination to attend meetings
saw attendance numbers at meetings drop at some meetings
and when borders were lifted in March several members managed to be
affected by Covid**

But our Rotary year went ahead with all our normal activities

**In July we celebrated the club's birthday with Guenter and Anita cutting our
birthday cake**

**The rescheduled Frank Keays Business Excellence awards took place in
August.**

Five worthy recipients attended and were presented with their awards

**District Governor Pat Schraven made her official club visit on August 24
The club pledged \$4000 to the Rotary Foundation and \$1000 to the Polio Plus
Program**

**And a highlight of the night was awarding our long- time friend of the club
Nola Simpson with a Paul Harris Fellow**

**In August also Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Armadale visited us to hear
our guest speaker
and the Vocational Committee presented sixty microscopes to the Piara
Waters Primary School.
40 more microscopes were presented to North Harrisdale Primary School by
the Youth Committee**

**The club continued its strong relationship with the Brightwater Care Group
John Stockbridge and I attended their thirty Anniversary celebrations**

Other notable celebrations this year included

Gosnells Men's Shed 10th birthday

Thornlie Probus Club turned 40

The Probus Club was chartered in 1982 by Past District Governor Ron Sloan

And the Thornlie High School celebrated 50 years

**Former Member Brad Evans closed the charity part of his business the Better
Building Program**

**and Brad kindly donated excess funds in the account to our club for a total of
\$3700**

**We had 5 RYPEN students attend the camp in September, and they visited
the club on October 26**

to tell us all about the camp and what they gained from it

**For a bit of fun, we had an AFL Grand final tipping competition which was
won by Ted Evans**

**Club Service Director Patrick Bartlett organised a great night of fun and
Fellowship at the**

Riverton Bar and Grill early in October which was well attended

**We celebrated Australian Rotary Health Hat Day again with everyone joining
in the fun of the night**

and we donated \$578 to the ARH Lift the Lid Mental Health Program

**The Vocational committee organised a visit to Sandy Cream's Minute Man
Press in Canning Vale**

and a meal afterwards at Market City Tavern

**Gosnells Men's Shed held an Open Day and several members attended
on the day to staff our marquee**

Early in December the Club AGM took place

And Rob Pannell was elected Club President for 2023/2024

Annual events that take place each year were held in the second half of the Rotary year.

The Ron Sloan Scholarships Awards in March where students from local High Schools and Colleges were in attendance This is a popular event within our club and all students were of very high calibre

The Shine On awards is another highlight of our Rotary year This year we awarded seven worthy recipients On the night we raised valuable funds for Visabilty with some Auction items Another highlight was the awarding of Paul Harris Fellows to MLA Chris Tallentire and Danny Harrison

May saw our second Community Grants Awards A total of \$15,500 in grants to some amazing people and groups Local communities

Early in June we enjoyed a historic Zoom meeting with Oksana Tjupa Charter President of Rotary club of Kyiv Ukraine with Oksana bringing us up to date with the situation in Ukraine Thanks to Ric McDonald and John Stockbridge

During the year 6 trips were made to Foodbank to deliver donated items from Maddington Centro And as President attended 3 days of volunteering in the warehouse

Late last year Susan and Craig Howlett took on the roles of publishing the club newsletter and Club Program And both are doing excellent jobs in these roles

Membership this year saw us gain three members and lose four members and membership now 28

**Bring and Buy markets remain the club's main source of income,
and despite several washouts during the year
we have finished the year with a better-than-expected result**

**A total of 14 Paul Harris Fellows were awarded this year, and all to very
worthy people in our club and community**

**This year we undertook several fun things during the year with Chase the
Joker and Heads and Tails
Along with lots of random trivia and local WA history trivia**

**And one of fun events was the Presidents April Fools' prank that caught
everybody out**

**I take this opportunity to thank President Elect Patrick for standing in for me
on occasions
where I was not able to attend meetings**

**An offer District Governor Ric McDonald and his team best wishes for his
year ahead**

**And congratulate Naomi Green who will serve as District Conference
Treasurer in 2022/2023**

**Finally, I thank my team for the year
Any President is only as good as his team,
and I whole heartedly thank all members of the board for their superb efforts
and commitment to our club.**

**And to every member of the Club who have contributed to this Rotary year's
theme of 'Serve to Change Lives'**

And make it a memorable one

**And to wish Incoming President Patrick and his team a very successful
2022/2023**