

# **ROTARY CLUB of INVERELL EAST Inc**

**District 9650 NSW Australia**

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## **49<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHANGEOVER DINNER**

**Tuesday 7th July 2020**

**Inverell RSM Club**

# **SERVICE ABOVE SELF**





# 49<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHANGEOVER DINNER PROGRAM

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Master of Ceremonies:	Barry Mason
6.00pm	Fellowship
6.30pm	Call to Order
Rotary Grace	John Slattery
Loyal Toast	Larry Whitbread
Introduction & Welcome to Guests	Ross Tutt
Response to Welcome	Mayor Paul Harmon

## **~ Dinner ~**

Four Way Test	Dave Ryan
Object of Rotary	Ken Mason
Toast to Rotary International	Paul Alliston
Response to the Toast to Rotary International	DG's Representative - PDG Bob Ryan & Margaret
Review of Past Year	Ros Scoble
Disbursements	Ros Scoble
Presentation of Awards : Paul Harris Fellow	Ros Scoble & Paul Alliston
Investiture of Incoming President Paul Alliston	Ros Scoble
Presentation of Past President's Badge	Paul Alliston to Ros Scoble
Introduction of 2020~2021 Board of Directors	Paul Alliston - President 2020 - 21 Inverell East Rotary

## **~ National Anthem ~**

## **~ Fellowship ~**

# THE FOUR WAY TEST

Rotarians strive to apply the following test to the things they 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?

## Background

The Four Way Test was developed by Herbert J Taylor in July 1932 to be used as a measuring stick of the ethics of a Company for which he was working. Herbert Taylor was a Rotarian and a President of Rotary International in 1954 - 1955.

For many decades Rotary Clubs and Rotarians have used the Four Way Test as an instrument to develop respect and understanding. The Four Way Test has also been used successfully around the world in business, government and schools as an effective measuring stick of conduct and a guide to 'right thinking'.

## OBJECT OF ROTARY

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular to encourage and foster:

FIRST The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

**ROTARY CLUB OF INVERELL EAST INC.**  
**RI DISTRICT 9650**

**PAST PRESIDENTS**

70 - 71 Bevan Sommerlad	87 - 88 Les Moulds	05 - 06 Jim Schliebs
71 - 72 John Amery	88 - 89 Geoff Taylor	06 - 07 Paul Alliston
72 - 73 Laurie Harding	89 - 90 Reg Wilkins	07 - 08 Barry Mason
73 - 74 Ted Lumbewe	90 - 91 Gerry Bottrell	08 - 09 Jack Ellis
74 - 75 Ron Forrest	91 - 92 Stewart Berryman	09 - 10 Karen Roberts
75 - 76 Harold Hamilton	92 - 93 Bill Thomas	10 - 11 Tim Newberry
76 - 77 John Gulver	93 - 94 Bill Chivers	11 - 12 Mark Jeffries
Stewart Dautel	94 - 95 Bob Witherdin	12 - 13 Gary Russell
77 - 78 Jock Psaros	95 - 96 Dermid McCosker	13 - 14 Alistair Williams
78 - 79 Doug Finlen	96 - 97 John Lenord	14 - 15 Paul Alliston
79 - 80 Bill Gowlett	97 - 98 Don Learmonth	15 - 16 Julie Clendinning
80 - 81 Iain McKenna	98 - 99 Jim Noad	16 - 17 Larry Whitbread
81 - 82 Nels Eddy	99 - 00 Richard Lovett	17 - 18 Wayne Fowke
82 - 83 Graham Kretchmer	00 - 01 Jim Harmon	18 - 19 Tim Newberry
83 - 84 Derrick Yee	01 - 02 Tony Stanford	19 - 20 Ros Scoble
84 - 85 Bill Roodenberg	02 - 03 David Pryor	
85 - 86 Leon Porritt	03 - 04 Rex Sneyd	
86 - 87 Royce Ford	04 - 05 Henry Martin	
	Bill Gowlett	

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS & COMMITTEE**

	<b>2019 - 2020</b>	<b>2020 - 2021</b>
President:	Ros Scoble	Paul Alliston
Immediate Past President:	Tim Newberry	Ros Scoble
President Elect:	Paul Alliston	Peter Champion
Secretary:	Dave Ryan	Dave Ryan
Treasurer:	Barry Mason	Barry Mason
Club Service:	Les Moulds	Jack Ellis
Foundation/International:	Paul Alliston	Tim Newberry
Youth:	Julie Clendinning	Julie Clendinning
Membership:	Larry Whitbread	Ken Mason
Vocational:	Alistair Williams	Alistair Williams
Community:	Paul Ray	John Scoble
Executive Secretary:	Richard Hudson	Richard Hudson
Assistant Treasurer	Col Flood	Col Flood
Commissariat:	Brian (Beth) Stieger	Brian (Beth) Stieger
Sergeant at Arms:	Don Learmonth/Paul Alliston/ Wayne Fowke	Don Learmonth
Publicity:	Don Learmonth/Richard Hudson/Paul Alliston	Don Learmonth/Richard Hudson/Paul Alliston
Bulletin Editor 'Kui':	Richard Hudson	Peter Champion
Rosters:	Richard Hudson	Peter Champion
Club Historian:	Bill Gowlett/Richard Hudson	Bill Gowlett/Richard Hudson
Welfare Officer	Bill Gowlett	Bill Gowlett
Public Officer	Paul Ray	Paul Ray
Website Manager	Richard Hudson	Richard Hudson
District Governor:	Phil Hafey (Bronwyn)	Debbie Loveday

## ANNUAL REPORTS

### CLUB PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2019 - 2020

As I read through the Annual Reports from last year I couldn't help but think what a difference a year makes. As this Rotary year started the drought persisted almost bringing our local area to its knees and even now there are pockets of land that still can't say that they are drought free. Rotary, however, was not to be found lacking and the members helped to organize the delivery of \$73, 000 worth of hay to local cattle breeders. For the breeders who received this gift from an anonymous donor from Sydney it was life changing. We also supported another huge hay drop spending Sapphire dollars to pay for the truck drivers and support personnel's meals. Many thanks go to the local businesses that supplied these meals at almost cost price. So too was the donation of time and effort carried out by the amazing BlazeAid members who came to help after the Tingha Plateau fire. Several of our members went to cook for the BlazeAid members and it was greatly appreciated. Their days started at 4.30 am and finished when they collapsed into bed at 7.30 pm. They deserved to have their meals cooked as they replaced over 80 kms of fencing. And could anyone forget the Army Band Newcastle which was offered to Inverell as a morale booster during those tough days. The musicians were amazing as were the singers. Over 300 people were treated to an uplifting evening of music, totally free of charge.

Drought and fire, but it still wasn't over. Covid19 was yet to come and when it arrived it changed everything. From the perspective of Inverell East Rotary our club ceased to function in a normal way from 17th March, just a few short weeks after returning from our Christmas break. But we are Aussies and we are Rotarians! It was up to us to preserve the Rotary Club of Inverell East. To do this it was necessary to keep in contact and we have been able to do this in three ways. Firstly, by publishing the KUI on a weekly basis. Thanks go to Dick Hudson for his knowledge and willingness to carry on and all the members who contributed to the publication. Secondly, each Board member was given a list of members to contact regularly just to make sure everything was okay. And thirdly, and a first, Board meetings were held on Zoom. For people like Rotarians that are social and like to have a face to face chat virtual meetings are not ideal but they help to keep the wheels turning and provide an opportunity to make decisions for the covid19 free future.

Because of the lockdown and social distancing we have missed out on many activities but I must say that there have been many highlights to the 2019-2020 year. As a matter of fact the first half of our Rotary year was quite momentous. Firstly, there has been a wonderful line-up of guest speakers at our meetings. Some of these include Nathan Hughes, Jac Flood, John (Wakka) Williams, Tanya Fox, Peter Caddey, Dave and Kathy Koch, Greg Kachel, DG Phil Hafey and his wife Bronwyn. Our club members were also treated to a performance by the Wild Billy Lids, a dvd presentation by Rob Smith and Imogen McDonald from Inverell High School who represented us in the Public Speaking contest. Many thanks to Les Moulds Club Director and his two off-siders Ross Tutt and Leon Fox for their hard work in organizing the guest speakers.

Secondly, we have managed to move beyond our own club with visits to Inverell Rotary Club when Jasmina Markulic PhD was a guest speaker, we also had individual members cook for BlazeAid followed by a club visit to say thank you to all those who worked for months with BlazeAid. There was a Sunday lunch at Danthonia and a very memorable wine trip to Stanthorpe. Inverell East Rotary was represented at the Remembrance Day Service and was represented at the Presentation Assemblies for all the local schools.

Thirdly, there's a huge number of service hours given this year. Some of our service projects include supporting Brighter Access 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration, the River Run, Inverell's Got Talent, the Duck Race, the chip van and traffic control at the Sapphire City Festival, the lighting of the Christmas tree and let's not forget those members who kept water up to the May Street Park plants so that it continues to be a show piece in the town. The Venetian Carnival, the golf day and our Christmas party finished the first six months off. Paul Ray has organized our first service project for the year in the middle of June – to help make the Pioneer Village sparkle again ready for reopening. Many thanks to Paul Ray and his off-sider John Scoble for their willing work this year.

My special thanks go to the Board members who supported me this year especially Dave Ryan Club Secretary and Barry Mason Club Treasurer and Col Flood his off-sider who kept the administrative wheels turning. The Rotary family and what it believes in and what drives it is alive and well in Inverell East.

I want to finish by thanking all our members for the contribution they have made towards making it a successful year in spite of drought, bush fire and covid19 and wish Paul and his team a fabulous year supporting the Inverell community while upholding the values of Rotary International.

*Ros Scoble (President )*



## Treasurers Report

### **Disbursements 2019 - 2020**

Apex	75.00	NYSF	6300.00
Ashford Central School	50.00	Pioneer Village	250.00
BlazeAid	338.00	Prostate Cancer	250.00
Blue Grotto	1000.00	Public Speaking	100.00
Bonshaw Public School	50.00	Ross Hill Public	100.00
Breast Cancer	250.00	Rotary Foundation	4000.00
Brighter Access	117.00	Rotary Health	1000.00
Bundarra Central School	50.00	Salvation Army	500.00
CWA	500.00	Shelter Box	2000.00
Gilgai Public School	50.00	STAFM	500.00
Gum Flat Public School	50.00	Tingha Public School	50.00
Holy Trinity	100.00	VRA	600.00
Inner Wheel	500.00	Westpac Helicopter	250.00
Inverell High	100.00	Yetman P&C Drought	200.00
Inverell Public School	100.00	Yetman Public School	50.00
Macintyre High	100.00		
May Street Park	2500.00		
		<b><u>Total Disbursements</u></b>	<b><u>22080.00</u></b>





## COMMUNITY SERVICE

This was a very interesting year for Inverell East Rotary. It actually started out with some form of normality.

We had a few new events which we attended this year, starting out with the Rock & Roll Festival Pop- Up Drive- In theatre held at the Motor Museum where we helped with the parking of cars.

We then participated in the Brighter Access Celebration Day at Rugby Park where we attended with the chip van.

We also held a BBQ night for the BlazeAid Members before they left town.

The usual Fundraisers were held throughout the year including, The River Run, IGT, Chip Van at Sapphire City Festival and The Duck Race which once again was a huge success.

An extra event we attended was the lighting of the Christmas Tree in Campbell Park where we attended with the Chip Van, and last but not least for 2019 The Venetian Carnival.

We started 2020 early with the Club attending the Grand Opening of the Inverell Cycle Track where we organised a Fun Run and took the Chip Van on site.

Our ongoing commitment to the May Street Park is still going strong with members still mowing and whipper snipping to keep it looking great. As always Alistair does many early morning rubbish pickups.

With the presence of Covid19 some of our usual events held in the months of March through to May have had to be cancelled so members have had a well-earned rest.

I would like to thank all members and partners for their help and input into Inverell East Rotary and I now hand over to John Scoble as our Community Service Director for the next 12 months.

My best wishes go to Paul Alliston and the New Board members for a very successful 2020-2021.



*Paul Ray (Director)*



## *Service performed and sponsorship by Inverell East Rotary Club 2019 - 20 year*

### June 2019

Official Opening of the May St Park - BBQ provided for supporting representatives attending from Danthonia, Clontarf, Inverell High School, Land Services, Tree Tenders, Community Services, STA FM & the Inverell Times.

Eisteddfod - support on door.

### July

Financial Support given to Breast Cancer Group.

Individual members made themselves available to help with Blaze-Aid catering NYSF selections - support through mentoring, transport and financial costs for Mikeely Kent and Hannah Huynh who have been accepted to attend the next NYSF.

### August

Parking supervision for Sapphire Rock N Roll Festival.

Thankyou BBQ provided for BlazeAid volunteers.

### September

Brighter Access Day - chip van.

Driver Education - support on BBQ.

Clean up of old carpet at Copeton Dam.

Duck Race tickets - sellers start approaching Business Houses.

Men's Health Check - support by setting up and paperwork.

### October

River Run - organise and run.

Inverell's Got Talent - auditions and main event.

Inverell Sapphire Festival Parade - supervising float positions.

Inverell Sapphire Festival - chip van.

Duck Race - sale of tickets and preparation for race

### November

Support for Imogen McDonald - Public Speaking.

Lighting of Christmas Tree - chip van

### December

May St Park - more tree planting with help from Clontarf and Danthonia boys.

Foundation's - Mental Health.

RYAG - support for two students Emily White and Ashley Imber-Garrett

Inverell High School - Year 10 Authentic Assessment interviews.

Apex Venetian Carnival - chip van.

### January 2020

National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) - financial support and preparation for Mikeely Kent and Hannah Huyhn

### February

Organisation of Newcastle Australian Army Band performance

### March

Cycle Track Opening - Fun Run organisation and Chip Van.

Science & Engineering Challenge - volunteers.

### April, May

Recess due to Covid19.

### June

Working Bee - clean-up of Pioneer Village in preparation for reopening.

## YOUTH

Inverell East Rotary continues to make Youth Programs a major emphasis and an integral part of our club goals and activities. We strive to maintain good relations with local schools and volunteer our time and financial support wherever possible. We welcome our students as interesting and stimulating guest speakers at meetings.

During 2019 – 20 we have provided opportunities for local youth in the following areas.

### **NYSF (National Youth Science Forum)**



Our two successful candidates this year were Mikeely Kent and Hannah Huynh from Inverell High. Both girls enjoyed and benefitted from their experience and gave excellent reports at a club meeting earlier in the year. Mikeely attended session B in Brisbane where she gained valuable knowledge and experience in a variety of university settings. Unfortunately, Hannah's session A in Canberra was cut short due to the bush fire emergency. Many of her academic experiences had to be cancelled but she met many other like-minded students and developed valuable contacts and future networks.

### **MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly)**

This popular Rotary program for young people was due to be held in June. Unfortunately, COVID19 crisis and subsequent "lockdown" led to its cancellation in 2020. Inverell East had enthusiastic teams prepared to attend.

### **Public Speaking**

Imogen McDonald from Inverell High was our representative in this District competition. She spoke well at club level but was unfortunately eliminated at the cluster finals in Warialda.

### **RYAG (Sheep)**

This district program was held in Walcha in February. Our representatives from local high schools were Emily White and Ashley Imber-Garrett and we look forward to hearing about their experiences when the club meetings resume.

### **Authentic Assessment**

This Inverell High School program was held in late 2019 and was once again supported strongly by our club. Thanks to all members who volunteered their time.

### **Science and Engineering Challenge**

This fabulous opportunity for students to demonstrate their STEM skills (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) was the last event to be held before Corona "lockdown". Once again, our club members worked enthusiastically as volunteers on the day.

Thanks to President Ros for her great leadership and support during a very trying Rotary year.

Good luck to incoming President Paul Alliston and the new Board.

*Julie Clendinning (Director)*



## **ROTARY INTERNATIONAL/ ROTARY FOUNDATION**

During 2019/20 our club has continued to recognize and value the importance of the Rotary Foundation, Australian Rotary Health and International Disaster Relief. We have made significant financial contributions to these important areas of Rotary International. We have attempted to continue our involvement with local schools and to encourage their support for disaster victims through the Shelterbox Program. By purchasing a Shelterbox for approximately \$1000 our club, schools and other organizations can provide life-changing assistance to the unfortunate victims of earthquakes, tsunamis, cyclones and floods. The Student Representative Council at Inverell High has once again made a commitment to purchase a Shelterbox. Inverell East will make its annual financial contribution of \$1000.

We as a club and as individuals continue to support international projects such as Polio Plus and international Programs such as Group Study Exchange (GSE), Friendship Exchange and International Youth Science Forum (IYSF). Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) remains a consistent recipient of our support – thanks again to all members who purchased their 2019/20 badge sticker. Our interest in and solid support for Paul Harris Fellowships is yet another indication of our recognition of the importance of the Rotary Foundation. We give these prestigious awards not only to Rotarians but also worthy members of the Inverell Community.

Over the last year our club and the Rotary Foundation has again benefitted from the amazing local phenomenon known as “The Wild Billy Lids”. Michael O’Sullivan and his musical mates have provided free lunchtime entertainment at the Australian Café each Thursday and patrons have responded generously with donations. To date the total raised exceeds \$4000. This money has gone directly into the Foundation via Australian Rotary Health and Paul Harris Fellowships. We recognized and thanked “The Lids” at a club meeting where Michael, Maria, Robert, Jim and Bernie received Inverell East Community Service Awards. Thanks to Rotarian Jim Schliebs for his important role in this enterprise.

Thanks to President Ros for her strong, enthusiastic, measured and caring leadership in 2019/20 – a very hard act to follow.

Best wishes to the incoming Board for 2020/21 – we are fortunate to have such a vibrant club.



*Paul Alliston (Director)*

## **CLUB SERVICE**

2019-2020 has been a Rotary Year like never before with challenges experienced with Rotary operating what looks only for eight months of the year when writing this report.

In the area of Club Service it has been a rewarding year where my right hand man, Ross Tutt, has been able to provide an interesting and diverse range of speakers and entertainment for our regular meetings - it is not easy to do this on a weekly basis.

The end of the year Golf event and enjoyable social night that followed was well attended by all.

The Christmas Party was held at the Golf Club which is a very pleasant venue which allowed all members to mingle throughout the evening. Santa was a special visitor.

We were blessed to have Peter Caddey and his three nieces provide the entertainment for the evening. It was special. Thanks to Jenny Fox for her organisation.

We had a visit to the Bruderhoff Community for a Sunday Lunch where we were joined by eight members of the Glen Innes Rotary Club with whom we have not met since they came back to District 9650.

A mystery dinner was to be held on March 30, but this could not go ahead due to the current circumstances which was disappointing. Maybe we can try another time.

Mention must be made of Brian and Beth Stieger for their continued management of our attendance in their roles as Club Commissariats - it is not easy and they have continued in this role for many years.

Please continue.

We must also thank our hosts at the Tattersalls Hotel - mine host Scott and his staff - for the manner in which they have continued to look after our needs over the past twelve months. It has been a pleasure to go to Rotary. Special thanks must go to our Bar Tender, Cassie, who always has a smile and treats everyone with total respect.

Congratulations Ros, it has been a great year.



*Les Moulds* (Director)

## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Club membership got off to a good start this Rotary year with the induction of two new members at changeover. Larry Finney and Jim Roussos were inducted as members to our club and we welcomed their respective wives, Allison and Kerry as well. But on a sad note, illness has seen our favourite Scotsman, Jock Gartshore unable to continue as an active member of our club and he now resides in good care at Warialda. Our thoughts continue to be with Jock and Laraine.

The membership team has continued to seek new members and were looking forward to the new membership night that was to be held in early April. Always a great night for both current and future members where we highlight the many activities, community events and social outings that make IERC the great club it is. Unfortunately, this night was another casualty of the Covid-19 shutdown but everything is still in place to go ahead when deemed appropriate in the coming year. Watch this space.

All in all, it has been a very challenging year for our club with drought, fire, virus and economic uncertainty. I would like to congratulate President Ros on her leadership and behind the scene commitment to the many challenges that have been part of this past year. Best wishes to incoming President Paul and the new Board.



*Larry Whitbread* (Director)



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# Inverell's Got Talent





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## PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Harold Hamilton (deceased), Nels Eddy (deceased), Jock Psaros, Tom Dean (deceased), Alex Johnston, Doug Finlen (deceased), Bill Chivers (deceased), Bill Gowlett, Reg Wilkins, Royce Ford, Dom Durkin (deceased), Ted Lumbewe (deceased), Bob Witherdin, Derrick Yee (deceased), Les Moulds, Stewart Berryman, Col Flood, Gerry Bottrell (deceased), Roy Parsons (deceased), Geoff South, Leon Fox, Dermid McCosker (deceased), Bill Thomas, Don Learmonth, Paul Ray, Jim Schliebs, Paul Alliston, Noel Daley, Doug South, Rex Sneyd, Jim Harmon, David Pryor, Tim Newberry, Jack Ellis, Ron Randall, Tim Newberry (Sapphire pin), Barry Mason, Richard Hudson, Brian Stieger, John Slattery, Brian Clancy, Alistair Williams, Julie Clendinning, Andy Cowperthwaite (deceased), Allen East, Richard Hudson (Sapphire pin), Larry Whitbread

## MEMBERS AS AT JUNE 2020

Paul Alliston	Bill Gowlett	John Scoble
Ric Carr	Richard Hudson	Ros Scoble
Peter Champion	Don Learmonth	John Slattery
Julie Clendinning	Barry Mason	Geoff South
Libby Cumming	Ken Mason	Brian Stieger
Noel Daley	Les Moulds	Bill Thomas
Kevin Dunn	Tim Newberry	Andy Thompson
Jack Ellis	Ron Randall	Ross Tutt
Larry Finney	Paul Ray	Larry Whitbread
Col Flood	Col Ritchie	Reg Wilkins
Wayne Fowke	Jim Roussos	Alistair Williams
Leon Fox	David Ryan	John Williams
Jock Gartshore	Jim Schliebs	Bob Witherdin



Outgoing  
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Ros

Incoming  
President,  
Paul





Theme for the 2020–2021 Rotary Year



**Rotary Opens Opportunities**