

ROTARY CLUB of INVERELL EAST Inc

District 9650 NSW Australia

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51st ANNUAL CHANGEOVER DINNER

Tuesday 21st June 2022

Inverell RSM Club

SERVICE ABOVE SELF



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

51st ANNUAL CHANGEOVER DINNER PROGRAM

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Master of Ceremonies:	Paul Alliston
6.00pm	Fellowship
6.30pm	Call to Order
Rotary Grace/Loyal Toast	
Introduction & Welcome to Guests	Past President Ros Scoble
Response to Welcome	Mayor Paul Harmon

~ Dinner ~

Four Way Test / Object of Rotary	Col Ritchie
What is a Rotarian?	Brian Stieger
Toast to Rotary International	Andy Thompson
Response to the Toast to Rotary International	Bruce George AG Dist 9650 & DGE (Nominee) 9660 2024/25
Review of Past Year	President Larry Whitbread
Financial Review/Disbursements	Treasurer Barry Mason
Presentation of Awards : Paul Harris Fellow	Larry Whitbread & Ros Scoble
Investiture of Incoming President John Scoble	Larry Whitbread
Presentation of Past President's Badge	John Scoble to Larry Whitbread
Introduction of 2022~2023 Board of Directors	John Scoble - President 2022 - 23

~ 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.

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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 Culyer	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	20 - 21 Paul Alliston
85 - 86 Leon Porritt	03 - 04 Rex Sneyd	21 - 22 Larry Whitbread
86 - 87 Royce Ford	04 - 05 Henry Martin	
	Bill Gowlett	

BOARD OF DIRECTORS & COMMITTEE

	2021 - 2022	2022 - 2023
President:	Larry Whitbread	John Scoble
Immediate Past President:	Paul Alliston	Larry Whitbread
President Elect:	John Scoble	Julie Clendinning
Secretary:	Dave Ryan	Dave Ryan
Treasurer:	Barry Mason	Barry Mason
Club Service:	John Scoble	Bob Lea
Foundation/International:	Tim Newberry	Julie Clendinning
Youth:	Julie Clendinning	Amy Rawson
Membership:	Ken Mason	Andy Thompson
Vocational:	John Scoble	Larry Whitbread
Community:	Paul Ray	Paul Ray
Executive Secretary:	Richard Hudson	Richard Hudson
Assistant Treasurer	Col Flood	Col Flood
Commissariat:	Brian (Beth) Stieger	Stewart Hill
Sergeant at Arms:	Ros Scoble	Amy Rawson
Publicity:	Ros Scoble/Col Ritchie/ Paul Alliston	Tim Newberry/Paul Alliston
Bulletin Editor 'Kui':	Peter Champion	Peter Champion
Rosters:	Peter Champion	Peter Champion
Club Historian:	Bill Gowlett/Richard Hudson	Bill Gowlett/Richard Hudson
Welfare Officer	Bill Gowlett	Les Moulds
Youth Protection Officer	Julie Clendinning	Julie Clendinning
Public Officer	Paul Ray	Paul Ray
Website Manager	Richard Hudson	Richard Hudson
District Governor:	David Mayne	Neville Parsons

ANNUAL REPORTS

CLUB PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2021 - 2022

It has been another year of challenges and changes but our club has adapted to celebrate a year of achievement on a different scale. A scale measured by our variety of meetings, regular working bees, our support of youth projects, membership support, limited but enjoyable social outings while enduring restricted fund raising and community event activities.

Last year we celebrated our 50th Golden Anniversary Changeover and I spoke of the three 'R's for the next fifty years. Recovery – Reignite – Rejoice.

To start this 2021-2022 Rotary year, we thought the drought was long gone and the worst of Covid was past but how quickly things changed with a total Covid shutdown in August and a return of masks and dinner restrictions until December. None the less we resumed our meetings under the guidance of Scott and Cassie at the Tatts while Club Director John Scoble and his team invited a variety of guest speakers. Guest speakers who were more than happy to abide by Covid regulations to be part of our Tuesday meetings, which has continued the whole year. An important part during the shutdown was to keep our club communicating to members through our 'KUI' newsletter and I thank Peter Champion for making this happen as well as his endless supply of editorial 'funnies'.

At the first meeting of each month our regular board meeting was held but equally important was to have one of our members present their Hasty History. It goes without saying that some of our most interesting speakers come from within and this year has been no exception.

Unfortunately, Covid issues again forced us to cancel many of our fund-raising activities during the Sapphire City Festival, such as IGT, The Duck Race, River Run and many opportunities for the chip van. However sponsors have continued their support of our club and will carry this into next year.

A positive from the many Covid changes was a very enjoyable combined Christmas party and final meeting at the golf club. This included 9 holes of golf, a putting competition, Christmas carol trivia quiz, great fellowship and entertainment from Kathryn Luxford. What a wonderful way to finish for Christmas.

Over summer we were kept busy with the May Street Park as well as the Lake Inverell and Cycle Track gardens. The Inverell East Rotary mowers, sprayers and weeding teams kept up the maintenance of these areas for the enjoyment of locals and visitors alike and what great feedback we have had.

Our club resumed meetings at the end of January only to have the Omicrom variant bring back masks and social distancing but our members and hosts worked within the guidelines and we were able to continue, almost as usual. Club director John continued the proven formula of guest speakers and members Hasty Histories for weekly meetings, as well as a combination chip van training night and visit to Pioneer Village. This was just in time for the first chip van appearance in almost two years at the James Morrison concert in Campbell Park. What a great night, getting out into the community and working as a team, doing what we do best. What a great feeling.

In the last few months of the Rotary year, membership director Ken Mason and his team put together a wonderful night showcasing our club to prospective members which has now resulted in several new members being inducted to our club. This momentum, I'm sure will carry into next year.

While inducting new members is a highlight for any club and its President, it is with sadness that we accepted the resignation of three long time members - Geoff South due to ill health, Don Learmonth relocating and Jack Ellis. Our thoughts and best wishes are with Geoff and Carol, Don and Dot, Jack and Sandie in the coming years.

Overall, we've had a rewarding year which has included a weekly raffle draw courtesy of the Tatt's Hotel.

Finally, thanks to my 'First Lady', Coral, for her constant encouragement and support. Also my thanks to the Board for their support, ideas, encouragement and wisdom throughout the past year. Each of the directors' reports will highlight further our club's achievements throughout the 2021-2022 year, and I thank them for their hard work.

I also acknowledge and thank Secretary Dave, Treasurer Barry, Executive Secretary Richard and PP Paul for their guidance and assistance during the past year.

My best wishes to incoming President John and his board for a successful 2022-2023.

Larry Whitbread (President)



ROTARY CLUB INVERELL EAST FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 30 May 2022

Project Account

	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expend</i>
Inv Got Talent	300.00	1085.00
Chip Van	842.00	1172.38
NYSF	0.00	1899.00
Science & Engineering	0.00	0.00
Fines	1086.60	0.00
Rotary Health	50.00	0.00
Community Partnership Prog	2736.50	0.00
RAWCS	0.00	0.00
Schools	0.00	375.00
Blue Grotto	0.00	0.00
Equipment	0.00	0.00
May St Park	0.00	2500.00
Batteries	400.00	0.00
Cancelled Cheque	0.00	
Bank Charge	0.00	0.00
	<u>5415.10</u>	<u>7031.38</u>

Disbursements

Rotary Health	1000.00
Rotary Foundation	1500.00
VRA	250.00
Inner Wheel	250.00
May St Park	2500.00
NYSF	1900.00
Inverell High School	50.00
Macintyre High School	50.00
Holy Trinity School	50.00
Inverell Public School	50.00
Ross Hill Public School	50.00
Ashford Central School	25.00
Gilgai Public School	25.00
Gum Flat Public School	25.00
Tingha Public School	25.00
Bundarra Public School	25.00

Club Account

	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expend</i>
Dinners	19588.27	19794.00
Subs	8500.00	9587.61
Shirts	745.60	745.00
Equipment	0.00	0.00
Admin		630.55
Training		290.00
Square Reader		522.07
	<u>28833.87</u>	<u>31569.23</u>

Total 7775.00

Grant Account

CBA Community Grant	500.00
Balance	<u>514.31</u>

Barry Mason (Director)



COMMUNITY SERVICE

This year saw the first 9 month still under COVID 19 restrictions so our club unfortunately was unable to pursue a lot of our usual fundraising events.

On March 19th 2022 we attended the James Morrison Concert which was hosted by Inverell Shire Council at Campbell Park and it was a very welcome return of our Chip Van to the event. This was the first event attended since early 2020 when the Lake Inverell Cycle Track was officially opened.



Our May Street Park is looking a picture thanks to the tireless work of our mowing and maintenance teams organised by Dick Hudson. Thank you to those members who perform this ongoing task.



Thank you to John Scoble for his leadership and the members who have kept the Inverell Cycle Track looking so good as part of our club's commitment to the area.

My hope is that the next 12 months will see the resumption of some form of normality as far as our fundraising projects are concerned.

Hopefully we can also get back to assisting the Pioneer Village with some volunteer hours to help maintain and clean buildings.

Thanks to Larry for his Leadership over the past difficult year and good luck to John Scoble and his team for the next 12 months.



Paul Ray (Director)

YOUTH

Youth programs offered by Inverell East Rotary Club this year have again been seriously curtailed because of Covid 19. With school closures an inability to visit schools restricted many of our usual programs which were either not offered or cancelled at the last minute.



Despite the face-to-face problems, the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) went ahead with an online program that included guest speakers from across the globe. Contact with scientists in Antarctica and Switzerland are just two examples of the excellent opportunities offered to our students. Also, the students were introduced to different fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) that many of our universities offer. This January we had

three students who were successful applicants. Will Alliston, Isabel Richardson and Holly White from Inverell High School had the opportunity to participate in the forum. There is a

residential program offered to the students which has been cancelled twice so far but will eventually go ahead in the school holidays in July.

The Science and Engineering Challenge was another unique program that the club was able to support. Students from local schools are set a series of problem-solving STEM challenges and compete for a local winner. Club volunteers help to run the Challenge which is a great day for all.

At the end of this Rotary year I will be stepping aside as Youth Director, a position that I have enjoyed for many years. I would like to welcome Amy Rawson as the incoming Youth Director. I will still be continuing my involvement with Youth on the new District 9660 NYSF committee.

I would like to thank outgoing President Larry Whitbread for his support this year and I wish incoming President John Scoble, his new board and new Youth Director Amy Rawson good luck for the new Rotary Year.

Julie Clendinning (Director)



CLUB SERVICE

Vocational

Unfortunately, due to the COVID virus we could not arrange visits to business sites. We hope that in 2022 - 2023 this will not be the case.

Club Service.

Fortunately, the Club Service portfolio was much more active than the Vocational portfolio. Over the year we will have had 29 very interesting guest speakers. We have had Peter Jarrett from radio station STA FM, Ben and Sandy Swan the drought effects, Tanya Fox from Brighter Access, Marie Tanner The Women's Shed, Pat McMahon shared his stories of his life in the Air Force, Allan East CPR, Psychologist Elizabeth Lloyd, Brian Baldwin spoke on his life in Auctioneering, Brendon Campbell from Campbell and Freebairn Chemists, Kerry White Prostate Cancer group, Peter Caddey Inverell Tourist Centre Manager, Jenny Ryan Drug and Alcohol Telehealth and Detox program, Stewart Berryman shared some Pioneer Village history, Frank Fleming and Jason Tom from the VRA, Patsy Armstrong talked about life in Ireland, NYSF Students, Meg Hanlon from RYLA, Brett McInnes Inverell Shire future developments, Chris Hill from the Inverell Dog Squad, Katrina Sullivan and Kim Blomfield from Bloom Hearing and Josh Parker from Deskline Computers.

We also had a very successful new members night followed by new members induction night.

During the year we also had 10 members give us their hasty history. It was very interesting to learn what our members have experienced and achieved during their lifetime

I wish to thank both our guest speakers and our members for their willingness to participate in our Rotary meetings.

I would like to acknowledge the great assistance Ross Tutt has been in filling in when ever needed. Thanks Ross.

John Scoble (Director)



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL & ROTARY FOUNDATION

During the last twelve months the 'redistricting' of Districts of 9650 and 9670 has been formalised and the new District of 9660 will become a reality as of the 1st July this year. The new District will extend from Newcastle in the South to the Queensland Border in the north and west to Tibbooburra. The inaugural District Governor will be Neville Parsons from the Rotary Club of Wauchope. Neville is well known in the District, being a previous D.G. of District 9650. The District is divided into 8 Areas. Inverell is in Area 5 which includes Glen Innes, Guyra, Armidale, Uralla and Walcha. Warialda and Moree will be in Area 7 while Barraba will be in Area 6. Each Area will have an 'Area Governor'.

It has recently been announced that local Rotarian, Bruce George has been nominated and accepted for the position of District Governor for the years 2024/2025. Bruce is a highly respected and active member of the Inverell Rotary Club and has been an Assistant Governor for our Zone. Inverell East would like to congratulate Bruce on this appointment.

There are two reasons for the 'redistricting'. The first is that Rotary International has decreed that each Rotary District should have at least 1100 Rotary Members. District 9650 has over 1300 members but 9670 has less than 1100 and therefore had to be amalgamated. The second reason is the declining number of members. Our district has been losing over 50 members each year.

Even though Inverell East Rotary has had very little fund-raising opportunities, the Club will still make significant donations to the Rotary Foundation and Australian Rotary Health this year. Rotary Foundation continues its efforts to eliminate Polio from the world. There was only one country, Afghanistan, registering cases of Polio in 2021. A country must have 3 consecutive years with no cases, to be declared free of this terrible disease. Unfortunately, the pandemic has hindered Rotary Foundation projects across the world but restrictions now easing in most countries will allow international projects to recommence in full. Australian Rotary Health continues to support research into areas of health that traditionally attract very little government funding. These include mental health and areas such as Motor Neurone Disease. It also provides Rural Medical Scholarships in the hope to encourage students to practise in country area. Indigenous Tertiary Scholarships are also provided in health-related fields. Money raised by 'Fines' at each Dinner Meeting are donated to Australian Rotary Health.

Congratulations to President Larry for being an exemplary leader of our Club in a difficult year that has offered little opportunity to fundraise.

There has been plenty of camaraderie, interesting Guest Speakers organised by John Scoble and great meals provided by the 'Tatts'.

Good luck to the Incoming Board which will be well led by John Scoble. I'm sure it will be another good year at Inverell East Rotary Club.

Tim Newberry (Director)



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Our membership number has increased slightly over this year despite the ongoing difficulties Covid 19 has presented. Not being able to enjoy our usual fund-raising activities and the fellowship that goes with them has been missed for another year. However, on a positive note, their return is on the horizon and these various activities I believe form the adhesive that binds the club together and also attracts new members.

Although regular working bees at our park and Lake Inverell have been both rewarding and enjoyed by those involved.



We held a successful New Member introduction night on April 26th thanks to a combined effort by the committee and many members especially Dick's Powerpoint presentation. This resulted in the addition of three new members Gary Boggs (Maree), Paddy Miller (Donna) and Simon Smith (Maria) all joining us on a night in May.

We were also fortunate to have the transfer of fellow Rotarian Aaron Perkins join us from the Rotary Club of Alstonville. In addition, some new prospective members have expressed their intention of joining us in the near future. We will be looking forward to this.

On a sad note, we had to farewell Don Learmonth a long standing, active and popular member of our club who has moved to enjoy a coastal climate. We have missed Don and Dot.

The retirement of Geoff South and Jack Ellis from our ranks was also felt as both had been significant contributors to all club activities over a number of years. We wish them and their respective wives Carol and Sandie well and look forward to any future contact we may have with them.



I wish to thank President Larry for his outstanding contribution in keeping the club active in another challenging year and I trust John and his team will have a successful and rewarding year to come.

Ken Mason (Director)

New Club Members with partners



Simon & Maria Smith



Gary & Maree Boggs



Paddy & Donna Miller

Wayne welcomes Aaron Perkins





Charter President
 Bevan Sommerlad (R)
 Charter member Ian McFarlane (L)
 & President Paul Alliston

50th Anniversary Changeover 2021



Ros Scoble awarded a
 Paul Harris Fellowship





Christmas



May St Park



Cycle Track Before & After



And some new
planting

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), Richard Hudson (Sapphire pin), Larry Whitbread, Ros Scoble

MEMBERS AS AT JUNE 2022

Paul Alliston	Richard Hudson	John Scoble
Gary Boggs	Bob Lea	Ros Scoble
Ric Carr	Barry Mason	John Slattery
Peter Champion	Ken Mason	Simon Smith
Julie Clendinning	Paddy Miller	Brian Stieger
Libby Cumming	Les Moulds	Bill Thomas
Noel Daley	Tim Newberry	Andy Thompson
Kevin Dunn	Aaron Perkins	Ross Tutt
Larry Finney	Ron Randall	Larry Whitbread
Col Flood	Amy Rawson	Reg Wilkins
Wayne Fowke	Paul Ray	Scott Williams
Leon Fox	Col Ritchie	Bob Witherdin
Bill Gowlett	David Ryan	
Stewart Hill	Jim Schliebs	



Outgoing
President,
Larry



Incoming
President,
John

Theme for the 2022—2023 Rotary Year

