

The Rotary Club of Kidman Park - President's Report

2017-18

Well my year has come to a close and I must admit that I have enjoyed the role of President of the Rotary Club of Kidman Park. We are blessed with the number of experienced members in our club. This has meant that I have been able to rely on the advice and guidance of many, particularly my Board members.

My closing comment at the end of each meeting was to *Care for one another, have fun and make a difference in the lives of others. This has truly occurred throughout 2017-18.*

During this year the Club has had a few projects and our wonderful members have supported these well.

- One of these is supplying 3000 Birthing Kits. Frank Bunnik, chair of our International Committee and his team organised an evening to assemble the kits. Many members from our club and their partners, other Rotary Clubs as well as the Rotaract Club from Thebarton Senior College helped to assemble the kits. There were about 80 volunteers on the night. Thank you Frank for kindly allowing us to use your business premises to assemble the kits on the night. We are lucky to have such a capable and passionate leader of our International Committee.

Ron Harris, and his Community Service Committee have flagged several worthy causes.

- We purchased 1000 sleeping bags that went into the Anchor Packs. These packs were distributed to the homeless youth aged from 12-25 years. Fifteen members as well as members from the public assisted in assembling of these packs.
- Ten members also assisted with packing Backpacks for SA Kids.
- We have helped out “Seeds of Affinity”, by paying their rent for a year. This organisation supports women who are in or leaving prison.
- Our Club donated \$2000 to Breast and Prostate Cancer.
- We have assisted organisations such as Red Cross by providing a BBQ at their Teddy Bear Picnic.
- We have consistently supported **Meals on Wheels** and **Kick Start for Kids** on a weekly basis.

- The Charitable Trust is contributing \$4000 for a year to help with the payment of the cheese, which is used in the sandwiches that are made up in the Kick Start for Kids program.

Thank you to Ron and your hard working team. You have shown us how our club can make a difference in the lives of others.

Warren Hobbs has headed up the Administration Committee. We have discussed many aspects of the club and supported key officer bearers.

During our Club Assembly, Rob Chambers has wisely asked the members their opinion about how they want their club run next year. This will give Rob the information he needs.

Warren with Ed King's help updated our Club's Constitution. Warren informed and successfully sought the approval of the members.

He has also supported Bookmart which I will mention later in my report.

Thank you Warren. You have provided us with the leadership that we all need.

Your knowledge and experience of Rotary has been a great help to us all.

We are very lucky to have you and Ed in our club.

Ian Roberts and his Fellowship Committee team have given us some great experiences this year. We have played lawn bowls. We dined at the Graduates Restaurant, had a Xmas feast at Club 722 in Woodville as well as enjoyed a meal at other members homes in the function known as "Guess Who's coming to dinner." We have also dined out before going to see a live show at the Repertory Theatre and before watching a film at the Wallis Piccadilly Theatre. We had a successful winery tour. Our Changeover and President's BBQ were well attended. These were held at our "home base," West Beach Life Saving Club. Thank you Ian and your team for arranging these functions.

The fellowship which we all share is one of the most important and successful aspect of this club. Well done.

Alison Harris has headed up the Membership Committee.

She and her team have actively gone out to find new members and have supported the newer members by holding information evenings. We inducted three new women members this year. We now have over

30 percent of women in our Club. The new A frame sign which shows information about our club is now on display during our Tuesday night meetings. This can be used at other functions. Thank you Alison. You have made a real difference to our club.

Wayne Comley and his Vocational Committee have made us aware of the need to support youth. We have sponsored two students to attend Rypen camp and another two students to go to the Ryla camp. We have also been involved in mock interviews at a High School. This will hopefully help them when they go to job interviews.

Wayne is keen to have a list of the careers that members have been involved in. In this way we will be aware of the skills and knowledge that we have in our club. Hopefully, he will be able to do in this coming year.

Wayne has also published a very professional **Bulletin** which members are sent each week. This has taken a great deal of time and we are grateful to him for all his hard work. Jenny Clarke is now carrying on with this work and is doing an excellent job. Thank you Wayne and Jenny.

I need to acknowledge the huge contribution that **Paul Denley** has made as Secretary again this year. This is a task that is vital to the smooth running of our club. Thank you Paul.

Fund Raising

We regularly work with Henley Beach Rotary Club. Every six weeks we are rostered on the **Semaphore Carousel** for the weekend. Also we assist at the weekly **BBQ at the West Beach Shopping Centre**. This has provided a small revenue for the club.

Eleven members went **olive picking** this year and collected \$1500 for the Club.

We raised money by holding a **BBQ on Election day** as well as holding a **BBQ at Bunnings** one Sunday.

Our main revenue comes from **Bookmart** which is based at the West Lakes Library.

Bookmart

- Margaret Sargent has headed up a team of volunteers that have helped each week by sorting second hand books and putting them on shelves. The public are then able to purchase them. Stuart Ghent has also been a great help to this willing band of people.
- We were fortunate to have had a donation of over 3000 second hand books from Westpac Mortgage Centre. We were fortunate that the staff at the Centre had already boxed them into sets. Nine of our members picked them up and took them to our storage container.
- The Charles Sturt Council had an open day at the end of April this year at the West Lakes Library. This was to determine what people wanted in their new Library/ Community Centre. Many of our members were there in support of keeping our Bookmart. Warren Hobbs organised a petition and our members gathered up signatures. He and Margaret Sargent went to the CCS City Services meeting in May to present the case for keeping Bookmart at the new Library/Community Centre. The meeting went well and CCS Office bearers will communicate with our Rotary club about our future.

A big thank you to Margaret, Stuart, Warren and the Bookmart volunteers for all their hard work.

Future Fund Raising

I have been communicating with Jacqui Stretton at CCS throughout the year about the possibility of obtaining an underutilised hall that KPR could use to sell second books, furniture, etc. and possibly food. This would finally give us a “home” that we could use to raise funds on a permanent basis and help the local people as well. She and her manager seem to show support for the idea. Time will tell!!

Weekly Meetings

All committees have worked hard to find excellent speakers for our weekly meetings. There have been a variety of topics that have held our interest. As a result we have gone ahead and supported some of the causes which have been presented to us.

We have been extremely lucky to have the West Beach Life Saving Club as our base for our meetings. The friendly staff has looked after us very well and has been flexible enough to allow us to miss some nights due to other social functions. We are spoilt to have such a wonderful location.

During this year our Treasurer David Lindsay has brought in the use of an EFTPOS machine which has made payments easier for members.

Peter Murton has upgraded our microphones and sound system. This has meant that our meetings run more smoothly.

Thank you Peter and David.

Hans Van Vuuren

We were saddened by the death of one of our members this year. Hans Van Vuuren died in October. Many of our members attended his funeral.

Ed, Stuart and David Simpson were a great support to his son and his family. They have dealt with the difficult job of finalising Hans's estate and arranging his funeral. This would have been a wonderful support to Hans's son since he lives in Holland. Thank you for the many hours you would have put into this.

In conclusion, I would like to express my thanks to the many sincere, hardworking members of our Club.

You have made a difference in the lives of others and I feel privileged to have had this opportunity to lead such a wonderful group of people.

I need to acknowledge that Kevin Tiggemann was President Elect for this year but due to ill health has deferred to the following year. I wish Kevin good health. We need his sunny personality to brighten up our meetings.

I wish Rob Chambers all the best in his year as President and know that we are in good hands.

Jenny Harris

President 2017-2018

Club Administration Report for 17/18

Committee:- Warren Hobbs (Chair), Paul Denley (Vice Chair & Secretary), Jenny Harris(Club President), David Lindsay(Treasurer), Rob Chambers(PE), Kevin Tiggemann(PN), Brian Macdonald

1. On a monthly basis the key office bearers of KPR reported to this Club Admin Committee in constant search for input and feedback on those set roles. Our Treasurer David Lindsay successfully implemented use of a Bank Credit Card Machine for the convenience of Members and to assist prompt payments. Well done David.

2. On the 17th April, the KPR Club Constitution was updated to the Standard Club Constitution taking into account the RI Council of Legislation changes made. The updated Constitution was approved by the KPR Members and duly signed by the President and Secretary.

3. The Pres Elect Rob Chambers has gathered written input from KPR Members in May 2018 re our Meetings and Structure which may require edits to our KPR By Laws, which will be actioned when those changes are finally agreed upon.

4. Our KPR Bookmart required the input of our Admin Committee in “supporting the continuing of the KPR Bookmart as a part of the new West Lakes Library”. Petitions were prepared, with signatures gathered from 415 people and lodged with City of Charles Sturt and a Deputation by Margaret Sargent and Warren Hobbs to the CCS City Services Council Meeting on 21st May, 2018. The resolution was passed unanimously by the Councillors at that Meeting. This matter is not finalised and the ongoing path is that CCS Office bearers will communicate with KPR about the likely path forward. The Bookmart is a very important ongoing Project for KPR, deriving around \$15000 pa with one half of that amount to be spent within the borders of CCS. Stuart Ghent has been a key Mentor on these Bookmart matters.

5. Our KPR Bulletin continues to be a wonderful information source and promotion for KPR. It is a time consuming but valuable resource for KPR and we are very thankful to Wayne Comley who was editor to Feb and then Jenny Clarke has taken over seamlessly since Feb. Well done and thankyou to you both.

6. Our Microphones and Sound system has been upgraded by Peter Murton and this has resulted in more reliability of our AV and hence the professional running of our Meetings.

7. It is relevant under the banner of Club Admin to thank WBSC as our hosting Venue through Kate, Bob and Sam and other helpers that provide each week the ongoing layout and meals and drinks that enable us to have such smooth passage each week. Good Venue hosted by good people. Thankyou to our friends at WBSC

Warren Hobbs
Club Administration Team Leader 17/18

I am pleased to present the Fellowship report for Kidman Park Rotary Club for 2017/2018.

Our first official function was, of course, the President's changeover night, held at the WBSLC. This function was held on 1st August with 66 attendees.

The program then included: Lawn bowls Partners' night at Lockleys Bowling Club, starting with a chicken meal. 24 of us took part and, fair to say, highlighted why we only play once a year.

This was followed on 8th November by attending the Adelaide Repertory Theatre and dinner at Saracen's Head. The live show was "Palace of Varieties", thoroughly enjoyed by the 23 present.

Our Christmas dinner followed on 23rd December, held at Club 722. Excellent meal enjoyed by 48 people, including 8 from Henley RC. Who will ever forget the performance by our own Choral Society??

Into the New Year, we opened with the President's Bar-B Q held at WBSLC. Top meal, well attended.

On 4th February a pleasing attendance of 45 enjoyed a sumptuous meal, followed by the showing of the acclaimed movie "The Post", held at the Wallis Piccadilly Theatre. A good night according to the attendees.

This was followed by our wineries trip on Sunday 25th March. This centred on Beach Road winery, excellent wines to wash down the pasta- focused meal provided. There were 31 of us wine lovers who took advantage of an excellent day.

One of the Club's perennial favourites followed on 21st April; "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?" With 52 people participating, It was again a very special night with positive feedback allround. Thanks to those members and partners who volunteered to be hosts on the night.

Finally, we have one more partners' night to come. Our regular visit to Graduates Restaurant is scheduled for 30th May. There are 54 going to what has become an annual visit. Always a pleasure to enjoy a meal prepared by the graduates before they make their mark on the big time.

Thanks to my committee for their willing involvement to ensure a successful Fellowship year, and good luck to Robert Ryan for his stint at making our Club fun to be around. Most of us will agree a good Fellowship year goes a long way to ensuring a good year.

Congratulations Jenny for your excellent year as President, and now looking forward to Rob Chambers having another go!

Yours in Rotary
Ian Roberts.

2017/2018 Membership Report

In this Membership Period we inducted three new members:

Shirley Roberts
Tina Murray
Karen Fiend

We also continued to support our newer members who have well and truly made a significant contribution to the club.

Our membership is now over 30% women which is great progress and something we can continue to work on.

To support the membership process, we asked members to nominate people that might make could Rotarians, so that the committee could contact them and invite to a membership information evening. We contacted 14 people, with 13 responses, however only two people attended the information evening, but this did result in the induction of one new member, and a few leads that the new committee can follow up on. The primary reason that people were not interested in coming to the session was because they were too busy at that stage in their life to fit something else in.

We also arranged for an A Frame Sign to be produced that we can use during Meetings and that we can also take to events or barbecues that we run to advertise ourselves more. The A Frame has brochure holders, so that interested people can take information with them.

I thank my committee for their great work this year and also Chris Hughes for helping with the new member information evening.

Kind regards,

Alison

The Rotary Club of Kidman Park.

Vocational Service Committee Report 2017-2018

When I was considering whether to serve the Club as Vocational Services Committee Chair for 2017-2018 I downloaded the **Vocational Service in action** document to help me get my head around what Vocational Service is (in Rotary).

“The concept of vocational service is rooted in the second object of Rotary, which calls on Rotarians to encourage and foster:

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

Some ways Rotarians can put these ideals into action are:

- *Talk about your profession in your Club, and take time to learn about fellow members occupations.*
- *Use your skills and expertise to serve the community.*
- *Practice your profession with integrity, and inspire others to behave ethically through your words and actions.*
- *Help young people achieve their career goals.*
- *Guide and encourage others in their professional development.”*

Extracted from the web “Rotary – Vocational Service in action”

As a Club I reckon we encourage High ethical standards by the way we conduct ourselves in general and in the way we arrive at decisions in Committees and Board meetings.

By our involvement in “hands on” projects we have used our skills to serve the community; And by being involved in “mock interviews” at High schools, we have possibly helped young people.

We have also sponsored two students this year to attend Rotary's RYPEN camp and have committed to sponsor two students to attend the upcoming RYLA camp.

In considering whether to take on the role of Vocational Services Committee Chair I thought given the diverse backgrounds and careers of our members we should also be sharing our knowledge, skills and experience with our fellow members to help in their professional development.

This is somewhat of a challenge since many of our members are retired from active work but maybe we could still help the extended family members if we had a greater knowledge of our member's careers, both those who have retired as well as those still actively engaged.

Our club has been successful in attracting new members over the past few years but the newer members probably have limited knowledge of the careers of older established members, particularly those who have retired.

Maybe we should regularly allocate some time at our meetings for members to talk about their profession, a bit like a “My Life / My Job” presentation, but with the emphasis on the career.

We could also put more effort into getting to know one another and this might be easier if we encouraged our members to move around at Dinner meetings and not sit with the same people at the same table week in week out.

I would like to thank the other members of the Vocational Services committee for their contribution.

Wayne Comley- Vocational Services Committee Chair.

Rotary Club of Kidman Park
Community Service Committee

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The major project for the year was the provision of \$8831.80 for the purchase of 1000 sleeping bags to be included in Anchor Packs to be distributed to homeless young people around Adelaide. Members also assisted in the assembly of the complete packs.

This was a new initiative of the Backpacks for SA kids group which the Club has continued to support by delivering donated items left at Banner Mitre 10 Glenelg. Rotarians and friends also spent a morning helping with the assembly of backpacks.

\$1800 was given to Seeds of Affinity to cover their rental payments for 12 months for their outreach to female prisoners.

A further \$2000 was donated to the Pink and Blue swim via West Beach SLSC. Members continue to work allocated shifts with Meals on Wheels and Kickstart for Kids.

Thanks to all members of the Committee for their contributions throughout the year.

Ron Harris

Chair

31 May 2018

Hi Jenny,

Let me start with congratulating you on an excellent year as our second female president. You have been a breath of fresh air and it has been a pleasure working with you. Looking back at what the International committee has done over the last year I can't be but a little disappointed by not been able to do more projects. This is entirely due to my extensive travels overseas. I feel that by being away a lot I let my committee and the whole club in general down. Unfortunately this will happen again especially in the next 6 months.

One project we have successfully undertaken is the Birthing Kit project.

Last year we bought 2000 kits and prepared them for assembling with not enough people due to me thinking I could do it all alone. At the assembling night we had a full house. This year I asked the board for an \$4500.—donation what, with the Rotary District Grand allowed us to buy 3000 kits.

This time I engaged all our committee members and other volunteers with the preparations which resulted in a much smoother process leading into the assembly night on the 3th of October at Bunnik House.

We had around 80 volunteers on the night and we not only managed to pack all 3000 kits but were able to donate around \$700.—to the club as well.

Later in the year we managed to deliver I think a good spread of quest speakers with a wide range of topics.

From nostalgic music to the NBN to an Ophthalmic surgeon, schools and community gardens and the SA Sea Rescue.

I would have liked to create an project what would have put more money into the club but maybe that will happen in the new year.

I like to take this opportunity to thank you again for all the hard work you have done for the Kidman Park Rotary club and also like to thank all my committee members for their input and trust they have given me over the last year.

I am looking forward leading the International committee again under the new president Rob Chambers.

Warm regards

Frank Bunnik

International committee

Kidman Park Rotary Club.

BOOKMART REPORT 2017 / 2018

The past year for all involved in the running of the Bookmart in the West Lakes Library has been challenging at times as we have continued the negotiating with the Council on the future of this successful venture for our Rotary Club. President Jenny has been very persistent with this task and we are all hopeful that this will pay off when the new complex of Library/Community Centre opens sometime in the near future. As the coordinator of the 20 volunteers I have attended some planning meetings in this process and with the great help from Stuart Ghent and Warren Hobbs, we managed to get 415 signatures on a petition and a deputation hearing before Council over the past few months.

Some of our volunteers have been involved with their fantastic work since we began over 12 years ago and I feel privileged to assist them with ongoing supplies as well as looking after them with occasional lunches/coffee mornings. The Christmas function for Christmas2017 took place on the West Lakes Princess with thanks to our member Bob Close and his wife Connie, and the volunteers were presented with a Paul Harris Fellow by our President Jenny Harris, a good time was had by all. As time passes and names and processes change, the very good guidelines for volunteers are managed from their suggestions to improve the process of sorting pricing etc., which they continue to carry out with enthusiasm.

During the past year we have been contacted re collecting books from a call centre which had been running a small book sale within their work place, this was a very successful venture with assistance from members with vehicles and trailers, these books were taken to our offsite container and were sorted by 2 very hard working volunteers along with all the other books we receive from library culling and the general public and then were added to our shelves in the Bookmart.

May this venture long continue

Marg Sargent