ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR 21-22

A report on the Rotary Club of Kyneton Inc.

The Rotary Club of Kyneton Inc AA023068J ABN 86394 816 869 District 98000

PRESIDENT: Geoff Barrett





Board 21-22



President: Geoffrey Barrett

Vice President Alan Potter/John Damrow (NOV)

President Elect: John Damrow

Secretary: John Wells

Treasurer: Barry Keane

Club Service: David Lee

Community: Alan Potter/Jenny McDonald

Concept & Dvlpt Roy Gibbs

Foundation: John Condliffe

International: Karel Turang

Membership: Jenny McDonald

Vocational: Helen Keane

Youth: Hartley Uebergang

Other Duties

Bulletin Pip Elston

Almoner Graeme Bloomfield

Room and Regalia Peter Aldridge

Raffle and Happy/Sad Dollars David Lee



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2021/22 ROTARY YEAR

June 2022

Summary

The Rotary year crosses 2 calendar years; how different they were!

During the 6 months of 2021, Covid dominated with Zoom meetings, meetings and a few in person meetings. Most speakers were 'in house'.



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However, we did have some significant, in person activities: most of our monthly Rotary Markets; our occasional barbeques which morphed into 2 semi regular ones; Daffodill and Arts Festival Flags (without the actual festival) and the CWA provided Christmas Flags; Working with the CWA to put the flags on the Poles; Art Screens to Mt Macedon locations; the Friday 'coffee club', when Covid permitted. Covid considered, a reasonably active, community and socially focused Club.

After 2 failed attempts DG, Dale Hoy, came to speak and present our own Past DG, John Wigley, with an appreciation award, plus Honorary Club membership.

The start of 2022 saw Covid restrictions reduced, allowing our regular January Riverwalk and painting working bees, followed by much social interaction over the evening meal in the park. Then came the low light of the year, with the passing of our esteemed past member, community stalwart and epitome of 'Service above Self', Arnold Jenkins. However, the Club and Choir were fantastic at his funeral and in May, we presented an excellent, original portrait of Arnold, by our own Brett Lefevbre, to his family.

A well-attended and enthusiastically embraced February Club Forum launched us into some developing long-term actions for our future, and saw the formalisation of 2 monthly barbeques at both the Rotary Community Market and the cattle sales. Both of these are awareness raising in the community as well as useful funds, but to ensure they are more sustainable with respect to manpower, we have purchased a covered, fully equipped BBQ trailer, where all relevant needs are available.

Speakers have been numerous and interesting, Art Screens again filled a community need and club meetings well attended with noticeably more enthusiastic chat. New innovation, the Square, enabling card transactions for barbeques and club meal payments, was introduced.

The end of March saw the Turang's, Karel and Liz organize a Golf Day; an easy day for most of us and an amazingly successful fund raiser. In early May we welcomed new member Peter Wilson, making a cohort of 37, which reverted to 36 when Past President, Bob Eadie, left Kyneton in June.

Social Interaction

The 2021 Covid experience of limited social gatherings left us all starved of in person conversation, so Club meetings, formal and informal, have been more noisy, enjoyable and better attended. Many have commented on this. Our regular meeting events of 'Happy Dollar, Sad dollar' and the raffle, thanks to Club Service Convener, David Lee, add to this. The former allows us to share some information about ourselves and our lives in often humorous ways, helping connect us together. Our regular and irregular activities provide volunteers with a freer setting and more chat. The club appreciates Tim Manifold continuing to attend meetings and some activities, thanks to son Steve and wife Veronica. The Friday 'Coffee Club' is good for some members socially and is attracting some friends of Rotary.

Our Rotary Men's Choir is another excellent social, musical occasion for that group. It was going to be a big event in December for our Christmas party, but Covid intervened. However, they provided an excellent performance at Arnold's funeral, especially assisting his recorded rendition of 'The Battle Hymn of the Republic' and also earlier at my incoming in July. Thanks to Dennis Perry and Mary Potton for their ongoing work with the Choir.

Our intended presentation of club artist Brett Lefebvre's portrait of Arnold at Christmas could not occur, so he didn't see it. However, the portrait was presented to his family in May.

Your Board

The 13 members have worked constructively throughout the year.

Our Executive has been a great support to me and to the Club.

Secretary John Wells, in his fourth successive year, is ever reliable and foresees upcoming events and meetings, then addresses whatever is needed, often keeping me on track. Thank you, John, for this year as well as the previous three. You'll enjoy the break from Secretary, but the Rotary Market and January meals still keeps you involved, we hope. Your coordinating of the coffee club will hopefully continue too!

With Martin Monk our upcoming Secretary, I know we continue to be in good hands.

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Treasurer, Barry Keane, is similarly reliable and also attends all meetings. His experience and efficiency are a real asset for our club. The initiative with the Square will continue to make our money easier to handle and promote purchases at fund raisers. Thank you, Barry.

Immediate Past President, Mark Ridgeway, has filled in for me when I was absent from Club meetings and was always available and willing to assist or support when needed. Greatly appreciated, Ridge who also kept our website up to date.

For family reasons, President Elect and Vice President, Alan Potter, withdrew from these positions in September, but continued on the Board. Since November, John Damrow took on these roles and he has been a regular attendee at Club and Board meetings after impressing us with his enthusiasm, willingness to learn and commitment to our Club.

My comments that follow should be read in conjunction with those of Board Chairs.

Community is the only service area with a deputy chair due to the extensive range of activities. Convenor, Alan Potter and Deputy, Jenny McDonald, have both contributed many hours to our Club. Between them they have attended almost every activity, the few exceptions only being when they were out of town. Thank you both, Alan and Jenny, you have kept us active.

Our Rotary Community Market continues to sit outside community, in that it has a regular team of organisers and workers: John Wells,

Mark Ridgeway and Roy Gibbs are up early each month on the second Saturday to assist stallholders, after marking out the stall positions earlier in the week. They are aided by Graeme Bloomfield in both these tasks, with David Lee welcoming at the side gate all morning, while Alan McGaughey, Martin Monk and Karel Turang also assist at the main gate from time to time.

With barbeques having become more important to our profile and fund raising, the work of Alan and Jenny across both activities was crucial. At the cattle sale, Graham Scarlett was innovative, introducing tea and coffee then egg and bacon rolls, while spending a long morning each month there. Ron Bone also does purchasing, collecting and transporting equipment, to be the mainstay of the market barbeque, working there when his employment allows. The strong support from many Club members (the majority) is essential and Jenny has augmented this with some regular friends of Rotary, notably Ros Matheson, at the cattle sale, where our female members, Jenny, Kate Blyth, Sue Ogden, Helen and Gaeleen Warcup, are often the majority. Our purchase of the BBQ trailer was made possible by a generous donation from Steve Manifold, and by David Bibby and Graham travelling to Gippsland to collect it. Jim Matheson and Ken Porter spent time in June fine tuning our purchase, so it functions perfectly.

The Club provided town flags, for the Daffodill and Arts Festival and for Christmas. The former looked good and held on despite September wind, the latter were unfortunately less successful due to material not being sun and wind resistant. The CWA had made them really well, so this was most disappointing, however this project afforded Rotary the first opportunity to work with their Club. These activities were the only ones in the first half of the year, due to Covid.

The enjoyment of lockdown ending was evident at our January working bee 'meetings'.

The work was ably coordinated by Riverwalk and Rotary member Rex Breen, and supported by some of the Riverwalk group, notably Peter Hardy, who stayed for some meals. Thanks to Rex's good organisation and efforts we noticeably improved several stretches of the walk over the 3 weeks. Thanks to Allan Potter and wife Mary, Jenny and

Sue. Allan was tireless in organising and having the Rotary Train repaired and painted along with the table and seats in The Gasworks Park, thanks also to John Wells and Roy Gibbs for organising meals, Tom Porker for cooking and Graeme Bloomfield for drinks, ensuring we were well fed and "watered". Former member Paul Taylor and his wife Lydia and Ken and Shirley Porter also came for socialising. Good times and productive as well.

Our Art Screens provide a community service and can be lucrative to the club. This only happens thanks to the generosity of Perry's Stockfeeds with their equipment, via our Dennis Perry, aided by the inimitable Graham Scarlett, plus the more able club members, who carry the screens.

Gaeleen Warcup is convening this key area for the incoming year and I wish her good fortune in this demanding position. We may see more of her husband, and frequent visitor at meetings and activities, Norm Edmunds, next year.

The *Club Service* team, led by David Lee, has continued to provide members with all the little extras that meetings and functions require. Our thanks to David for running the raffle each week; to Peter Aldridge for regalia, Mark and Barry for running and providing the Square, and to Speaker Coordinator, Roy Gibbs. Almoner, Graeme Bloomfield is always up with the latest news and purchases and delivers flowers and cards unfailingly.

Our Media man, Pip Elston (who is also supplier of our lapel microphones), with deputies Martin and Mark, ran sound and AV system. Pip also does a magnificent and invaluable job managing the technical side of both our weekly Bulletin and our new online booking system. He, sometimes aided by Mark, also ran our 2021 Zoom sessions. A big thank you so much for all your support and easygoing manner, Pip.

Vocational. Helen Keane's report covers the main work of her area, which will come to fruition in the coming year, when District personnel are available.

In addition to her Board work, Helen has been an especially good Rotarian in picking up several other duties, including Club Service when Convener David was ill, making early morning egg and bacon rolls, assisted by Gaeleen, setting up the room on special occasions, with Gaeleen, Sue and

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Jenny, and taking on the 'Wheelchairs for Kids' program, all in addition to frequently assisting with both BBQ's. Thank you so much Helen for your willingness to always do that bit extra.

Youth leader Hartley has attended several Scout activities and been a strong advocate for this group, which, with the assistance of John Condliffe, has been involved with some Rotary activities. The Club has donated \$2500 to the Scouts to enable them to complete the vermin resistant building project they undertook this year.

Hartley also advocated strongly for an additional Scholarship for the secondary schools when Rotary Foundation offered an extra \$1000 over 2 years for an additional scholarship at one of our secondary schools. This led to a second one to avoid favouritism being seen.

The Club also gives annual scholarships to both secondary schools of \$550.

Both schools also have the opportunity to participate in the National Youth Sciences Forum, with our Club's financial assistance. Teagan Hickey, a former participant, spoke to us most impressively, conveying her gratitude for the opportunity which had opened her eyes to the possibilities in Science and motivated her for her year 12 studies, looking to STEM studies at University.

Hartley has also advocated for the former 'Caring Community' food bank which we are likely to support later in this calendar year.

Our thanks to you for your work in this area in this and previous years, Hartley. It is appropriate that our youngest member, Kate Blyth, is taking over this service area in the coming year. Best wishes, Kate.

International was led by Karel Turang in a year when first Covid and lockdowns prevented much international movement and then supply chain, shortages and increased costs continued to prevent worthwhile assistance programs at Club level. However, he and wife Liz's very successful Golf Day in March, aided considerably by David Bibby, has raised c. \$6000, of which \$1500 will be for International this coming year and \$1000 for malaria eradication. The remainder is for community suicide and homelessness mitigation.

Membership, ably led by Jenny McDonald, can say we are successful in having 36 members at start and finish of the year. She will continue in this difficult endeavour in the coming year and the various initiatives mentioned elsewhere are testimony to her efforts. Gentleman Geoff Phillips was a strong support for Jenny in this, and has assisted with his journalistic talents several times over the year. Jenny has been an active and involved member and is a willing participant in many areas. Thank you for your support and enthusiasm, Jenny.

Foundation, convened by John Condliffe, supported by Past District Governor John Wigley, has provided sound advice to the Board, as well as raising money with Christmas cakes and puds and ensuring the Club's regular donation to Rotary International's finance powerhouse has continued with \$1500, plus \$500 to aid Ukrainian refugees.



John has also continued his tireless endeavours to keep us connected with our events via texts and with our wider community, via Facebook. He has collected and collated photos for this report as well as formatting and editing it; another time consuming, hidden task you can't do while fishing! When not 'line in hand', he continues to support his initiative, the 'coffee club'. Thank you so much John, on behalf of us all.

Concept and Development was convened by Roy Gibbs. Our aim to honour Arnold Jenkins in some public way is proving more difficult than

anticipated. We hope to improve decoration at both main approaches to Kyneton and have some part of this named after Arnold to honour his magnificent commitment to his community.

Roy has assisted with our market, January meals, as Speaker Coordinator (a frustrating job) and is a regular at the 'coffee club'. Thank you, Roy.

Rotary Beyond Kyneton

District Governor, Dale Hoy attended a Club meeting, at our third attempt, on December 4. After his thoughtful address, Dale presented Kyneton's own former District Governor, John Wigley, with a certificate of appreciation from our Club and his Honorary Membership. Next day, Dale, John and their wives caught up at another Rotary function, from which Dale organised a fitting tribute to John, published in the District magazine in January.

Gaeleen, Norm and I attended the April District 9800 conference in Albury, along with over 660 other Rotarians and friends. It provided good ideas, inspiration and the opportunity to mix with our Calder Cluster members. Due to Covid it occurred too late in the year for much real action in this year.

The Cluster, under the guidance of Assistant District Governor, Chris Richardson, saw the Presidents of Woodend, Gisborne and Macedon Ranges share experiences and potential activities, including working to reduce homelessness in our area, with some success and potential for more as we continue this into 2023. We have a house for a person in another town and an arrangement to fill short time emergency cases outside MRSC.

In 2023 Melbourne will host the Rotary International Convention in May 2023, providing the opportunity for international social and experiences sharing. I recommend it.

Future

Although all future actions are the province of our new President and Board, I will make some suggestions.

Increasing our number of active members remains our well accepted, biggest challenge and I know the incoming Board will attempt to address this. To increase our community profile we will continue existing activities and could add others such as a Family Fun Day, perhaps along the lines of RC Gisborne's Easter Egg Hunt. Also, the program outlined at District conference of having a few members visit cafes to locate and connect with lonely older citizens, potentially engaging newer

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Kynetonians to assist in time, using a soft approach, has merit. Resuming Fresh Fruit Friday at Malmsbury PS under the leadership of Peter Wilson assists to raise our profile.

RISE, our homelessness project and the Wheelchairs for Kids project, raising money for wheelchairs for kids in third world countries, are already in motion.

Finally

Personally, the year, while hectic, has been enjoyable thanks to the support of the Board, especially the Executive, Club members, ADG Chris and my understanding and very supportive partner, Heather. Thank you all.At my incoming, the Rotary Men's Choir sang Dennis' song re my "Band", which mentioned my work with BBQs. I thought "I don't do that many", but we've gone from 4 - 8 a year a few years previously, to 24 regulars and a trailer to run them from. Most prophetic, Mr Perry!

I wish incoming President John Damrow the very best for his year as I know he is enthusiastic and has new ideas for our Club, and that his Board and members will be supportive in all ways.





Treasurers Report Barry Keane

Year ending 30/6/2022

The year's results have been impacted by the Coronavirus but not as severe as the previous year.

Despite this, the Club is still in a healthy position and current bank account balances are unlikely to change much by the end of June. Total credit balance in all accounts is 49,308 at 1/6/2022.

Current balances are:

Club Account \$8,253

Service Account \$20,077

Investment Account \$19,710

Coffee Club Account \$15

Foundation Account \$1,253

Income exceeded Expenses by \$ 6,769 during this period with little change expected until the end of the financial year.

Major expenditure during the year for various projects and ongoing costs were

Rotary Int Fees \$9,338

Meetings \$19,887

Scouts \$2,500

Scholarships \$2,100

BBQ Trailer \$2,250

Major income was derived from Members' dues, meetings, and functions:

Members' Dues \$10,550

Meetings \$17,932

Markets \$3,651

BBQ's \$6,032

International – Golf Day \$4,914

Detailed Report on Application



Club Service Report- David Lee

The meetings of course have come and gone as the lockdowns for the Covid-19 pandemic took their course early in the new term the meetings when held in the Shamrock were the usual formula and very successful. Zoom meetings were facilitated when Covid restrictions were in place. Thanks to PP Peter Aldridge for setting up regalia, PP Pip Elston for handling the sound and video and duty roster feed. PP Sue, Helen and Jenny for doing the raffle, and Pip Elston for arranging an efficient booking in system with the Shamrock.

Kriskens Embroidery is setup for any member who wanted club logos printed on clothing and has worked well. (Contact PP John C for details)

Face Book and linked Web Page have been working well with good responses. Kyneton Community Market also has a Face Book page for the general public. (Contact PP John C for details)

A number of articles were lodged with **The Kyneton Connect** Newsletter by John Condliffe.

During the pandemic much thanks must go to President Geoff for keeping the club functioning and restarting it on a more regular "normal" system when we came out of it.

Congratulations to President Geoff for a good year of Rotary in a difficult environment.





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<u>Vocational Report - Helen Keane 2021-22</u>

Vocational Report



Vocational is fundamental to Rotary and after a committee discussion at a February Club Forum we decided that we needed a Vision Statement to give the club direction for members to use their distinct skills and expertise to address community needs.

The purpose of this statement is to show others what we offer as a club, increase membership and develop vocational skills of Rotarians and also talents within the community.

Planning for this is underway and will be completed in the next Rotary Year with incoming President, John Damrow.

Ideas for implementing our vision included forming more partnerships, encouraging guest speakers to become members, site visits to local community groups and extending invitations for them to attend our regular dinner meetings. We would also like to compile a list of guest speakers with contact details to notify and invite them to our regular dinner meetings.

Covid lockdowns and illness curtailed a lot of the Club 's activities and to encourage socialisation among members we have organised a breakfast in place of our dinner meeting and plan to have another meeting at a local winery in the summer.

Thank you to all club members for their contributions over the past year and to President Geoff for his leadership through some difficult times.



International-Karel Turang 2021-22

The prolonged effect and existence of the pandemic locally, nationally, and internationally was challenging for the International Committee to determine the project(s) that the club would undertake or focus on for the coming Rotary year.

The committee consisting of Karel Turang (Chair), David Bibby, Martin Monks and Graham Scarlett considered many options that the club could make as a project including existing NGOs and established Rotary International Projects.

With limited funds available, the committee embarked on fund raising activities by committing to run a Golf Day at the Kyneton Golf Club. Private and local business assistance was sought to raise the funds. As part of the vision the committee took a profound decision to providing support for The Prevention of Youth Suicide and Homelessness in the Macedon Ranges, two issues which often are not highlighted but are significant problems in our Shire.

The overwhelming generous assistance and cooperation from The Kyneton Golf Club and outstanding financial contributions from David Sullivan, The Preloved Pedlar, Watts Fresh, Home Timber & Hardware Kyneton Building Supplies, Macedon Ranges Plumbing, Kyneton Toyota, Scott's Funeral Services, Kyneton Fine wine and individual donations from Kyneton Golf Club members, the Golf Day managed to raise funds over \$6000.

The Kyneton Rotary Board distributed the funds raised in accordance with what the committee had intended including International Malaria Prevention Research with a provision for a project yet to be determined for the coming Rotary year.

Liz, Helen, Gaeleen and Heather Mac worked in the kitchen preparing lunch and cleaning up, while Roy, David, Ridge (when he completed his 9 holes) and I cooked the snags on the KGC BBQ. Our thanks to all concerned.

On behalf of the International Committee, I extend our thanks to all Kyneton Rotary members for their ongoing assistance and support to our projects.



Community Allan Potter

Throughout the last year our club continued to work with and to assist the local community in a wide range of activities. Fortunately we have been able to resume many of our regular projects.

BBQs have been the main fundraiser over the last 12 months. The Cattle Sale BBQs on the last Wednesday of each month have become a regular event in addition to the monthly Community Market BBQs on the second Saturday of each month. The majority of members have assisted with BBQs which are both profitable and enjoyable mornings. We were also able to assist the RM Begg Auxiliary at their Easter Fair by setting up 6 marquees and the Rotary BBQ.



In August Club volunteers assisted the Daffodil and Arts Festival by erecting more than 100 brightly coloured flags along the main streets of Kyneton. Then in December the Club worked with the local CWA to erect 60 Christmas flags.

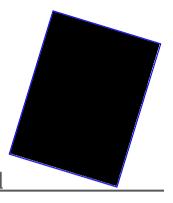
The traditional January meetings went ahead with working bees and barbecue dinners. Rex Breen led a hardworking team of volunteers undertaking significant maintenance along the Campaspe River Walk. Another very keen team of volunteers worked at the Jean Haynes Reserve repainting the Rotary Train and at the Gasworks Park repainting the table and seats.

Plans are proceeding to restart Fresh Fruit Friday at Malmsbury Primary School later in 2022.

The assistance of Community Service committee members is greatly appreciated. In particular Jenny McDonald doing the rosters and Ron Bone who has been a great help with the Community Market BBQ. Graham Scarlett continues to be the powerhouse behind the Cattle Sale BBQ. Graham's energy and enthusiasm are key to the continuing success of this project.







Membership-Jenny Mc Donald

Our members have delighted in the opportunity to meet again in person after 2 years of Covid restrictions .We've had some super speakers who give us inspiration and add to our fellowship. BBQ's and working bees also help forge friendships and benefit the community.



Rotary Clubs around Victoria experienced limited opportunity for new membership in the second half of last year so it's very pleasing this year to be able to welcome new members. As part of our strategy to encourage new members we are asking the Shire Council to include Rotary Club of Kyneton information brochures in their new residents welcome package. We will also engage with local retirees who have may have more spare time to join us with Rotary activities and enjoy new friendships. Our community BBQ's have been well supported by a great group of helpers and we hope to include even more members in supporting these fundraisers in this new Rotary year.

Cheers, Jenny McDonald and committee.



Youth-Hartley Uebergang

The Youth portfolio was again hampered by the pandemic, the first half of the year was almost a non event.

Towards the end of the school year we again teamed with the secondary schools in relation to the annual scholarships. We also partnered with the Rotary Foundation to provide a Scholarship to a disadvantaged year eleven student for a two year period. As we had nominations from both the Kyneton Secondary College and Sacred Heart it became difficult. The nomination from the High School received the gong, so our Rotary Club provided a further two-year scholarship to a disadvantaged student at Sacred Heart College.

We have again been involved with Kyneton Scouts. The Club has provided funding to help vermin proof the scout hall. The Scouts are keen to assist the Rotary Club with endeavours into the future.

I want to take this opportunity thank Pres. Geoff and the board for their help and support. Also big thank you to those who helped with the fundraising and to the Rotary Club for making it all possible Regards



Foundation John Condliffe

The club has decided to Rotary Foundation this Rotary Foundation members must be fundraising by the means Community Market BBQ done in difficult times.

The Rotary Club of Christmas Cakes and behalf of the Rotary and the public bought 12 8 Steamed Puddings and



donate A\$1500.00 to the year and A\$500.00 to the Ukrainian Appeal. The club commended for continuing on of the Community Market, and Cattle Market BBO . Well

Melton Valley again had puddings available for sale on Foundation. Our members Boxed Cakes, 24 tinned Cakes, 16 Baked Puddings.

Foundation reports and articles were bought to the attention of members and the board as and when they arrived.

The Club Face Book Page and Community Market Face Book page has been posted to on a reguilar basis and continues to be a valuable resource for our community for information o0n our club.

I would like to conclude by thanking the Club and Board for their support during the year and especially President Geoff for his leadership in these uncertain times.

I wish President Elect John Damrow best wishes and success for the next Rotary year.



Kyneton Rotary

For more picture stories and events in Geoff's year go to our web page or Facebook pages: Kyneton Rotary or the Kyneton Community Market .

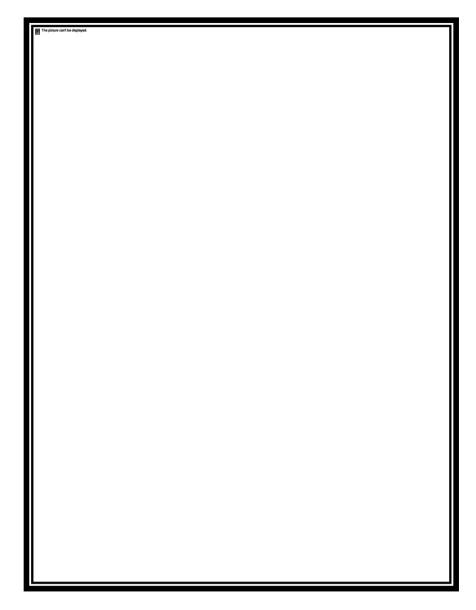
http://kynetonrotary.org.au/ https://www.facebook.com/rotaryclubofkyneton/?fref=ts

Or contact PP John Condliffe





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Arnold Jenkins Vale February 4th 1942-January 29 2022

Farewell Old Friend and Rotarian You will be forever missed.

Report Compiled by PP John Condliffe

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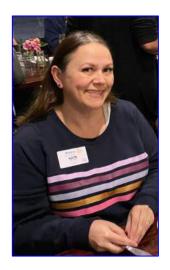






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Artist Brett Lefebvre-Picture of





Arnold Jenkins



