



Brendan Punch, Jacqui Jones and Ron Mildenhall

Rotary Club

This month Rotary held its annual changeover on June 21st. This is when the club welcomes the new president and executive. President Brendan Punch handed over to now President Brian Hassen in an enjoyable evening with fellow Rotarians, their partners and guests.

This is also the time for Bridgetown Rotary Club to celebrate its past year's achievements.

Brendan tells us about the last twelve months. "Covid-19 certainly continues to have an effect on our fundraising, but we did raise and hand over \$60,000 to the Blackwood Youth Action Group for Youth Mental Health projects.

"The money was raised from the 2021 Tour of the Blackwood, we had almost 400 riders, 399 to be exact. The money was raised from entry fees and sponsorships for the event, it was our biggest event of the past year.

"Bridgetown Rotary held a stall at the river markets holding a wood raffle and a cake stall with the money raised going towards Perth hills bush fire appeal and we did 'home Packages' for those worst affected by the Covid-19 lockdown.

"The Rotary Club also surprised our treasurer Jacqui Jones with a Paul Harris Fellow award. This is a highly sought-after award given to Rotarians who embody the spirit of Rotary. The award was presented by our Assistant District Governor Ron Mildenhall.

"Jacqui was most deserving of the award through her commitment and dedication to Rotary having been President for two years, Secretary for two years and now Treasurer for further two years.

The Paul Harris Fellow award is a recognition of individuals who contribute, or who have contributed significantly to Rotary.

"With a lot more certainty with the Covid epidemic, and the relaxing of conditions which have been imposed on service clubs in general, the 2021, 2022 year is looking good."