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**Rotary**  
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# ANNUAL REPORT



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# 2023

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on Thursday 20th July, 2023



**President Chris Munro**



of

**The Rotary Club  
of  
Casterton**

Welcomes Members & Guests  
to the



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**76th Changeover Dinner**

Celebrating & commemorating her year as President 2022/23



Induction of  
**Rotarian Sheryl-Lee Brown**



as President for 2023/24

## PAST PRESIDENTS 1947/48 – 2022/23












1947/48	Charles Anderson	1985/86	Ted Walscott
1948/49	Stan Stooke	1986/87	Bryan Denton
1949/50	Alan Millikan	1987/88	Doug Coulter
1950/51	Hugh Cushing	1988/89	Robbie Greene
1951/52	Bill Peden	1989/90	Cliff Tischler
1952/53	Murray McAllister	1990/91	Ron Dear
1953/54	John Hughes	1991/92	Adrian Bunnik
1954/55	Bill Mierisch	1992/93	Jack Dowling
1955/56	Charles Anderson	1993/94	Brian McCabe
1956/57	Arthur Goode	1994/95	John Blackmore
1957/58	Bob Doyle	1995/96	Graham Coventry
1958/59	Fin Miller	1996/97	Robin McKernan
1959/60	Clarrie Kempton	1997/98	Robert Bunge
1960/61	Oliver Cameron	1998/99	Denis McNamara
1961/62	Tom Howlett	1999/00	Des Murphy
1962/63	Lou Hayward	2000/01	Robert Slorach
1963/64	Aub Baxter	2001/02	Basil Stafford
1964/65	Val Sloss	2002/03	Michael McNamara
1965/66	Bob Fell	2003/04	Kevin Kelso
1966/67	Alan Ehms	2004/05	Graham Coventry
1967/68	Arch Green	2005/06	Doug Coulter
1968/69	Lou Barberis	2006/07	Sophia Holm
1969/70	Ivan Fell	2007/08	Andrew Dowling
1970/71	Phil Prentice	2008/09	Greg Coulter
1972/72	Mark Kerr	2009/10	Kaye Annett
1972/73	Peter Betros	2010/11	Steve Faroe
1973/74	Bill Franks	2011/12	Don Kilsby
1974/75	Tony Floyd	2012/13	Wally Walsh
1975/76	Jack Dowling	2013/14	Sue Kilsby
1976/77	Tom Chambers	2014/15	Lynne Nadebaum
1977/78	Robbie Greene	2015/16	Darren Brown
1978/79	Ray Carn	2016/17	Roger Dalby
1979/80	George Vickery	2017/18	Shane Gill
1980/81	Bill Mitchell	2018/19	Darren Brown
1981/82	David Ferrier	2019/20	Sheryl-Lee Connolly
1982/83	Jack Dowling	2020/21	Peter Broomhead
1983/84	Drew Buckle	2021/22	Wally Walsh
1984/85	Allen Dowling	2022/23	Christine Munro

## CHARTER MEMBERSHIP July, 1947

C.A.ANDERSON	Charlie	President	Agricultural Implement Retailer
R.J.BAXTER	Ralph		Confectionery Retailing
J.R.BRYAN	Jim		Women's Clothing Retailer
H.CUSHING	Hugh		Grocery Retailing
J.E.GWYNNE	Eric	Treasurer	Banking Commercial
C.R.McE.HILL	Cyril		Civil Engineering
C.H.JEFFREYS	Claude	Secretary	Cordial Manufacturing
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J.B.MABBITT	Jim		Public Accounting Service
W.R.MIERISCH	Bill		Men's Clothing Retailing
A.H.MILLIKAN	Alan		Physician and Surgeon
A.L.MURRELL	Bro		Meat retailing
M.McALLISTER	Murray	Sgt/Arms	Automobile Retailing
J.M.NEWTON	John		Dentistry
W.S.PEDEN	Bill		Building Supplies Retail
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F.J.H.ROWAN	Hammy		General Law Practice
S.STOOKE	Stan	Vice President	General Merchandise Retail

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## Members of Casterton Rotary Club 2022-2023

Name of Member			Classification	Joined
ANNETT PP, PHF	Kaye		Education - Administration	2005
BROOMHEAD PP, PHF PP (Craigeburn)	Peter		Computer Technician	2018
BROWN PP, PHF PP (Ararat)	Darren		Police Services	2013
BROWN PP, PHF President Elect	Sheryl-Lee		Paramedic Services	2013
DALBY PP, PHF	Roger		Building Services	2013
GILL PP	Shane		Nursing	2009
GORMAN PHF (Sapphire)	Peter		Real Estate	1986
GREENE PHF	Jean		Honorary	2016
KILSBY PP, PHF	Donald		Farming – Beef & Fat Lambs	2006
KILSBY PP, PHF	Sue		Education – Primary	2011
McCORMICK PHF x2 PP Ararat, PP Hastings	Ron		Label Printer	2020

## Members of Casterton Rotary Club 2022-2023 : continued

Name of Member			Classification	Joined
MUNRO President	Chris		Rural Supplies - Retail	2013
NEWMAN	Katrina		Gold & Silversmith	2023
RICHARDSON Secretary	Leanne		Banking	2017
SCHILL	Jon		Building Services	2020
SEABROOK	Andrew		Business Consultancy Services	2021
THIEL PHF	Tonie		Corporate Training	2018
TOMA Treasurer	Barb		Finance & HR Admin	2019
WALSH	Charlie		Youth Travel	2012
WALSH PP, PHF (Sapphire)	Wally		Banking – Corporate	2009
WARE	Vergil		Aircraft Despatcher	2019

## The Paul Harris Fellows Honour Board



<b>1980</b>	Sam Fitzpatrick <i>(shared with Hamilton &amp; Hamilton North clubs)</i>
<b>1987</b>	John Hughes (Sapphire added in 2008)
<b>1988</b>	Robbie Greene (Sapphires added in 2011 & 2013)
<b>1989</b>	Fin Miller Jack Dowling
<b>1991</b>	Doug Coulter (Sapphire added in 2014)
<b>1993</b>	Ron Dear Alan Dowling
<b>1997</b>	Adrian Bunnik (Sapphire added in 2009)
<b>1999</b>	John Blackmore
<b>2005</b>	Ted Walsgott Des Murphy Graeme Coventry
<b>2006</b>	Michael McNamara
<b>2007</b>	Dick Escott
<b>2008</b>	John Hughes (Sapphire)
<b>2009</b>	Adrian Bunnik (Sapphire)
<b>2010</b>	Jean Greene
<b>2011</b>	Kaye Annett Robbie Greene (Sapphire)
<b>2014</b>	Doug Coulter (Sapphire) Peter Gorman (Sapphire added in 2021)
<b>2017</b>	Don Kilsby Sue Kilsby
<b>2018</b>	Wally Walsh (Sapphire added in 2022)
<b>2019</b>	Roger Dalby Darren Brown
<b>2021</b>	Peter Gorman (Sapphire)
<b>2022</b>	Tonie Thiel Sheryl-Lee Brown Wally Walsh (Sapphire)

## **2022-2023**

**World President – Jennifer E. Jones**  
Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada

**District Governor (District 9780) – Kathy Rivett**  
Rotary Club of Alfredton

### **Casterton Rotary Club Board 2022/23**

<b>President</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Chris Munro</b>
Vice President	:	Kaye Annett
Immediate Past President	:	Wally Walsh
President Elect 2023/24	:	Sheryl-Lee Brown
President Nominee 2024/25	:	Vergil Ware
Secretary	:	Leanne Richardson
Treasurer	:	Barb Toma
Community Services Director	:	Roger Dalby
Environment Director	:	Jon Schill
Foundation Director	:	Ron McCormick
International Director	:	Sue Kilsby
Membership/Vocational Director	:	Peter Gorman
Youth Director	:	Sheryl-Lee Brown

### **Club Officers**

Sergeant At Arms	:	Shane Gill
Property & Maintenance	:	Jon Schill
Bulletin Editor	:	Andrew Seabrook
Information Technology	:	Andrew Seabrook
Public Image	:	Kaye Annett

### **Committee Membership**

ALL Members will support each Director and Officer.  
Focus Groups/Working Teams may be formed with a Convenor as required  
(eg. Art Show and M.A.G.I.C-*Music Art Gardens in Casterton* events)



## **2023-2024**

### **World President – Gordon McNally**

Rotary Club of South Queensferry, Lothian, Scotland

### **District Governor (District 9780) – Ian McKay**

Rotary Club of Mt.Gambier Lakes

### **Casterton Rotary Club**

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President Elect 2024/25	:	Vergil Ware
President Nominee 2025/26	:	TBA
Secretary	:	Leanne Richardson
Treasurer	:	Barb Toma
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Foundation Director	:	Wally Walsh
International Director	:	
Public Image Director	:	Andrew Seabrook
Youth Director	:	Charlie Walsh
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Left: Some of the 11-strong contingent of Casterton Rotarians who attended the Worldwide Convention which was held in Melbourne in May.

Below: President Elect Sheryl-Lee met incoming World President Gordon McNally.



It's not all work and no play for Rotarians.

Above left we enjoyed an evening at Raidis Winery; Above – a BBQ in the ambience of Vergil's garden (complete with inhouse 'band' RAV -Roger, Andrew, Vergil – pictured right) Left – picnic with Hamilton Rotary Club members at Coleraine Railway precinct.



Rotarians & Friends of Rotary have also undertaken some "helping hand" tasks in our community.





## President's Report

With Covid supposedly behind us, Casterton Rotary was ready to re-enter the fray of all things Rotary, continuing with our fundraising and work throughout the year to make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate.

Some of our members were lucky enough to attend the International Convention, held in Melbourne in May, which especially for me reinforced why I am in Rotary. The work and projects locally and around the world are truly amazing.

We also attended our District 9780 conference in Ballarat, which was a fun weekend under the guidance of Kathy Rivett our District Governor. Kathy was also able to visit our club during the year, it is always good to see District Governors making the rounds.

Rotary International has approved a trial in our region, looking at Rotary Creating Tomorrow. It will be interesting to follow the process, and see ideas about where the future of Rotary will be in the years to come.

We tried a social night once a month this year, which I hope members enjoyed. It was good to be out and about in the community.

Our members have been working on two local projects this year.

- The community garden in conjunction with the local community and primary school children is a great asset to the town, supplying produce for all to enjoy.
- The information kiosk at the west entrance of the town was in need of repairs. Members have been busy refurbishing the centre and are in the process of landscaping the area. Featuring the endangered Red tail black cockatoo, I'm sure when finished will be an attraction for visitors to enjoy.

Maintaining Rotary rest point has also been a focus of members.

Roger, as Service director has reported on club activities and fundraising efforts during the past year. It was so disappointing to have to cancel MAGIC at the last minute, but we couldn't do damage to the gardens of our wonderful owners. Hopefully next year will be kind to us.

To all members of the Casterton Rotary Club, thank you all for giving me the opportunity to be your President and for your support over the last year, having faith in me, when I didn't have much in myself. To all directors, Leanne Richardson as Secretary, Barb Toma as Treasurer, thank you for all your efforts and for making my year easier and enjoyable.



In a final announcement at the end of my term as President, I'm very pleased to advise of an exciting NEW project for our Rotary Club involving development of the Red Tail Black Cockatoo precinct at the western end of our town. With permission already given by David & Karen Perry, owners of the defunct water tower, investigations into the feasibility of undertaking a Mural Project depicting the endangered bird species as well as our renowned Kelpie will see our local community working together to not only enhance and beautify the area, but potentially provide economic reward by encouraging visitors to our town. I look forward to seeing this come to fruition in the coming years under the guidance of future Presidents.

Chris Munro  
President 2022/23

*I commend the Director's Reports contained in the following pages which detail the various programs undertaken by our club during the 2022/23 Rotary year – including some specific reports relating to major focus projects.*



Left: **Casterton's Community Garden** has involved our Community Service and Youth Programs throughout the year.

**Sandford's Bush Music Festival** (Right & below) saw many Casterton Rotary Club members assisting in a variety of ways – in addition to our formal "Club" involvement of manning the Gate and providing Breakfasts.



Casterton Rotarians always dressed to impress – whether sporting our Rotary colours at a BBQ fundraiser (above); or hosting a more formal occasion such as the Kelpie Muster Art Show Gala Opening (below)



Right: Rotarian Wally flamboyantly undertook promotion of the **Art Show** by participating in the Kelpie Festival Street Parade –with AG Darren at the wheel of PE Sheryl-Lee's Classic vehicle.

Right: Sgt Shane takes his responsibilities seriously; gleaning great prices when auctioning Jean's frequent & delicious offerings of much sought preserves and fresh produce. Fun whilst fundraising!



# Community Service

Director : Roger Dalby

This year has been what some people are calling the new normal, our goals for Rotary, our Community and our Club have not changed, we have been able to continue with our work in the Community and abroad, some new projects and continuing with our repeat work. All in all it has been an enjoyable year under the guidance of President Chris Munro.

## **A few positives from the year that was.**

### **The Shed**

This year we made good use of our shed, with quartermaster Jon Schill, it had some maintenance done and a couple of BBQ meetings and is doing all it was intended to do.

### **Santa's visit**

We were back to the Town Hall again with Santa "Shane" Claus doing it for the kids, thank you to all elves and helpers.

### **Mental Health Week**

We were invited to provide funding for a seminar called 7 Secrets to a Healthy Mind by the Casterton Memorial Hospital and decided that this would be a great community project and would take the place of the Mad Hat Day. The presenter was Tom Nehmy PhD, an award winning psychologist, held at CMH, it was a sell-out.



### **Rotary Rest Point**

Thank you to the crew for keeping her looking nice. We also have a brand spanking secondhand marvel machine to cut the lawns, wow things are looking up!

### **Information Shelter**

This is the realization of Ian Esmore's project, we have started after obtaining grants and research into the Red-Tailed Black Cockatoo and have begun the restoration work, landscaping and information signage. It is planned to officially open the Shelter in May 2024 to coincide with the Red-Tail Black Cockatoo Count, with the dedication of the project to Ian.

### **Peace Pole at Rotary Rest Point**

Our celebration this year got put on the back burner, too many things happening in February, so next year it will be on for sure.

### **Bowelscan**

Up and running again this year with a new delivery program, a very important service run by Rotary and a pet project for Past President Peter B. Thanks to all involved.

### **MAGIC Gardens**

Scheduled for October 30<sup>th</sup> 2022, unfortunately we had to abandon it again due this time to inclement weather. Roll on 2024. Many thanks to our MAGIC team, you put in the hard yards and it would have been a fine event.



### **Raffles**

The Chook Lotto is certainly a winner with over \$5000 in earnings to date, wow, who would have thought winning a frozen chook would be so popular.

We had an excellent response for the Rotary Club of Ballarat South Car Raffle again this year. It is a great way for our club to make some money to support our community. Thank you to all our volunteers for their time in selling tickets.

### **BBQ's /Catering**

Street Drags was a good day even though it took a very long time to be cooking snags. Community Gardens opening, thanks to Peter B. for your volunteering.

BBQ for Flowering Gum Studios opening, again Peter B. did the honours.

Sandford Bush Music Festival breakfast and gate control. This event seems to be getting bigger each year, it will be one to look at more closely next year.



### **Casterton Community Gardens**



We had great fun working with the teachers and kids from the Primary School, designing, teaching and building an arbor for the Community Gardens. Thanks to Jon Schill, Peter Broomhead and yours truly, we had a lot of fun.

Jon and Peter B. also did a little relocation job for Uniting Way in the moving of the Free Pantry from the Primary School to the community Gardens.

### **Social night at the “Pub in the Scrub”**

Such a good venue for a social night, we must book that in again.

### **January Social BBQ at Vergil and Georgina’s**

Great night of eating, drinking and a few tunes on the guitars, this was a new experience for us, must do this again; any volunteers to have it at your place next year?

### **Art Show**

Part of Casterton’s Kelpie Muster held on the King’s long Weekend in June; this project was a resounding success.

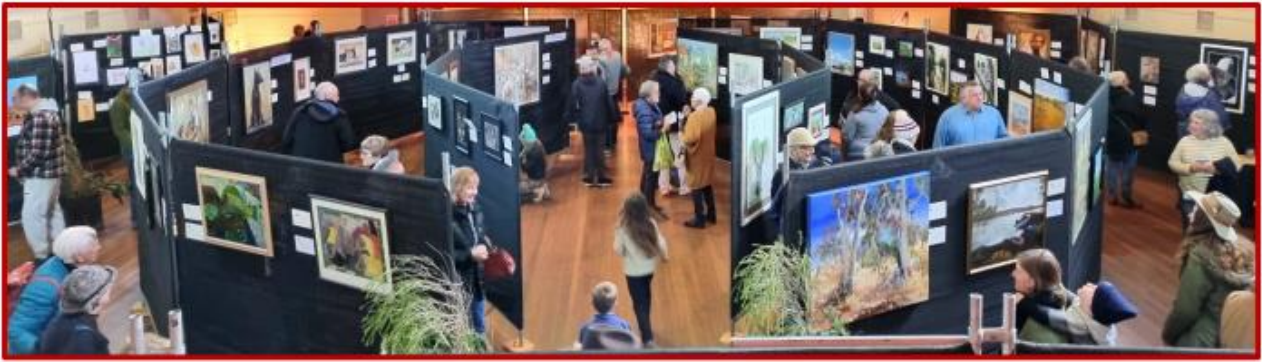
### **Klibur Domin**

After some massive fund-raising effort, Andrew Seabrook flew to Timor Leste to work on setting up an IT system for the Klibur Domin community, he is ready to go back to finish off the work before years end. He will also be taking some books for their school library.

Finally, I would like to thank all club members for their assistance with the club’s projects over the past twelve months, I look forward to next year when we can do it all over again.

# The Kelpie Art Show

By Convenor : Sheryl-Lee Brown



WOW! Our best show yet!!  
After a slow start, we made it.

We secured our fabulous sponsors, alerted and chased down our artists, confirmed our guest artist Gayle Newcombe and our judge Tessa Dodds. We collated all 190 entries from the new online entry form and snail mail forms, put together the fantastic catalogue and made the name tags.

The artwork was collected from Andrew's house of safe keeping, delivered to the hall and delicately unwrapped. The paintings were hung with the assistance of the wonderful Pam McIntyre, the hall was beautifully decorated, all the name tags hung (interesting experience for everyone).



Under the watchful eye of Jean and her helpers, the delicious assortment of canapes were warmed and ready to go. The wonderful Emma & Stevo from Raidis Estate had their assortment of wines chilled and ready to serve, Shane's punch was cold and our musician Richard Tankard had warmed the keys....

We were ready to open the show!

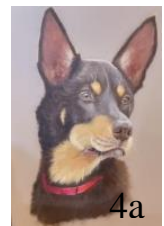
And we did just that! The hall was buzzing with the biggest opening crowd we have had. There was nothing but fantastic comments all night and throughout the weekend.

MC Shane got the crowd's attention, President Chris welcomed everyone and introduced our guest speaker, Casterton's Citizen of the Year John Matthews who encouraged everyone to volunteer and then officially opened the 2023 Kelpie Muster.



Awards were presented by a representative from our category sponsors to the prize winners:

- Category 1 – Kelpie Award "The Next Command" by Brett Jarrett
- Category 2 – Australiana "Listen to the Rain" by Julie Kent
- Category 3 – Portraiture "Zaria Girl" by Tony Pridham
- Category 4a – Junior under 12 "Faithful Companion Kelpie" by Scarlett Torpy
- Category 4b – Junior over 12 "Wally" by Kate Blackmore



Throughout the weekend we had thousands of people through the door; we sold a record number of artworks and the raffle and the People's Choice Award was wildly popular again this year, won by "Throw the Ball" by Tony Pridham.

I would like to thank the art show committee members and all the Rotarians and friends of Rotary that help each and every year. It is greatly appreciated and we couldn't do it without you.

Hopefully we can keep up the great work and make next year even better!

# The Refurbishment of the Information Shelter - Casterton

*By Roger Dalby*

In 2021, Rotarian Ian Esmore began the idea to restore and refurbish an information shelter that sits at the western entrance to Casterton. This shelter was built some fifteen years ago as a project of the Secondary College of Casterton, being built by the students under the supervision of one of the teachers, Mr. Keith Toma.

It was a simple structure, timber framed with iron and fiberglass roof with three walls and facing the main road. Ian saw this as a promising Rotary project, it had all the requirements for a community service project. Ian wanted to expand the areas of interest for the shelter to include both a directory to the town with a map, and an educational interest being the promotion of the work being done for the protection and study of the endangered Red-Tailed Black Cockatoo. His plan was to also build a landscaped area as well, planted with plants and trees indigenous to the area and food trees that were part of the cockatoo's diet.

In conjunction with Birdlife Australia Ian started to gather information on the birds and their habitat, also why they have been listed as endangered in this district. Armed with this he then took his plan to the Glenelg Shire looking for their approval. Ian was a very meticulous person; he left no doubt or questions in the minds of the Shire and approval was granted. This is where I became involved and the plan was presented to the club, it was received with admiration, and we started to knuckle down and make it a reality.

In July 2022 we were given the sad news that Ian had passed away suddenly while on holidays with his wife Isobel in Queensland, we were all devastated, and we did all we could to help Isobel in the following weeks. The club decided to continue with the project in Ian's honour and have dedicated it to him.

We applied for grants to pay for the work, we have kept the plan as close to Ian's idea as possible and with working bees and determination will be bringing it home in the next few months. It is intended to have the opening in May 2024 in conjunction with the annual Red-Tailed Black Cockatoo count which the club has taken part in for the past two years.

The Information Shelter Project will give our local community and visitors to Casterton an insight into one of our iconic birds, approximately only 1500 of them live in this area which extends from Nelson in the south up to Naracoorte in the north in both Victoria and South Australia.

Many thanks to our sponsors for this project:

The Glenelg Shire  
ONEFORTYONE Plantations Pty Ltd  
The Rotary Foundation District 9780  
Vickery Brothers Concrete  
Casterton Farm Supplies  
Birdlife Australia

To the members of the Rotary Club of Casterton for their hours of volunteering to bring this project to fruition, thank you.



"Before" & "During". Watch for final result when work is completed and kiosk "Opened" in May 2024!



# Environment

Director : Jon Schill

Members of the Casterton Rotary Club again participated in the Annual Red-Tailed Black Cockatoo “count” held in May. As reported in our Bulletin - “On a wet and drizzly morning a band of intrepid Club Members and friends set off to find proof of life of the endangered birds. Environmental Director Jon and Lifang reported sighting the birds whilst the others believe they heard them”.

Regardless of the success of our Rotary sightings, the day was enjoyed by all participants; and we look forward to continuing to support this project into the future.



Pictured Left: Setting up in the bush in a quest to find the elusive Red-tailed Black Cockatoo.

Below left—a shared picnic was enjoyed by our team between looking for cockatoos; whilst (below right) there was at least some wildlife happy to be seen!



Our club’s environmental focus has also been to the fore in conjunction with our other local Community projects, particularly the establishment of a Red Tail Black Cockatoo information booth as part of the renovations of the tourist shelter on the western side of town. A comprehensive article has been written by Roger Dalby on this extensive project, which is a major ongoing commitment for our club (refer previous page)

# Foundation

Director : Ron McCormick

Once again the Members of our Casterton club have rallied and in the 2022/23 year have contributed \$1480 to the Foundation.

These personal contributions support “Our Rotary Bank” in all its ways of support for projects both world wide and locally based.

Since it was founded more than 100 years ago, with an idea “to do good in the world” and with an initial contribution of just US\$26.50, the Foundation has spent billions on life-changing, sustainable projects. The Rotary Foundation invests Endowment assets to provide funding for today’s programs while growing the portfolio to support Foundation programs in the future.

The Rotary Foundation is supported solely by contributions from the public, Rotary members and friends of the Foundation. Those contributions, gifts and donations are transformed into service projects that change the lives of thousands of people across the world - advancing world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty.

## Some Rotary Foundation Facts

- Since 1988, Rotary and our partners have immunized around 3 billion children against polio. And committed more well over \$2 billion (\$US) to global polio eradication.
- Global grants fund large-scale international activities with sustainable, measurable results that support Rotary’s areas of focus, including humanitarian projects, scholarships, and vocational training teams.
- District grants support small-scale, short-term projects related to the Foundation’s mission.
- Disaster response grants support relief and recovery efforts in areas that have been affected by natural disaster.
- Each year, the Foundation supports the training of peace fellows at Rotary Peace Centres; and Programs of Scale grants empower Rotary members to work with experienced partners to implement large-scale, high-impact projects over three to five years to benefit a large number of people.



Since 1988, we’ve seen a worldwide reduction in polio cases of 99.9%. Only two countries remain polio-endemic: Afghanistan and Pakistan.

# International

Director : Sue Kilsby

In the 2022/23 year the Rotary Club of Casterton has supported the Shelter Box Pakistan Appeal by donating \$1000. The floods from June to August 2022 devastated one third of Pakistan killing approximately 2000 people. More than six months after the floods 10 million people still lack access to safe drinking water, and disease and malnutrition is prevalent.

The Casterton Rotary Club will continue to support Rotarian Andrew Seabrook in the Klibur Domin Timor Leste NGO ICT Project. The goal of the project is to design and implement a local area network to ensure that records kept by health providers and other programs will be digitised.

A comprehensive report of the Klibur Domin project has been provided by Andrew, and can be found below.

Casterton Rotary Club members have contributed \$1480 to the Rotary Foundation which enables Rotary International to fund Disaster response grants.

There are so many worthwhile programs to support internationally that to make an impact as a club it's important to only focus on a couple.

Many Rotarians make individual donations to causes they feel passionate about.

## **The Klibur Domin ICT project 2022**

*By Andrew Seabrook*

In 2022, one of Casterton Rotary's projects has been an ICT project to design and implement a Local Area Network for the Timore-Leste NGO Klibur Domin.

Klibur Domin is a Timorese NGO based in Tibar, Timor-Leste, about 17 km from the capital Dili.

Klibur Domin has three main programs: the Inpatients Program, providing care for low needs patients; the Community Based Rehabilitation program, which supports children and adults with disability and provides respite care and access to education; and the Tuberculosis (TB) Program, which provides care for patients with both TB and Multi-Drug Resistant TB.

The main functions of Klibur Domin are to:

- care for and support low dependency patients referred from Hospital Nacional Guido Valadares (Hospital Nacional) and other clinics;
- provide a centre for treatment and health education for TB & Multi-Drug Resistant (MDR) TB patients;
- provide a permanent home for a small group of residents who are elderly or who have a disability; and
- provide respite care for people with a disability.

Klibur Domin also operates two outreach programmes in surrounding districts - a Mobile TB team and a Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) programme for people with disabilities.

Rotary has been a supporter of Klibur Domin, and it has been a particular focus for Casterton Rotary over the years.

### **What the Project is addressing:**

There is a World Health Organization, and a government expectation that records kept by health providers and other programs will be digitized. In addition, to meet the governance requirements of sponsors and program donors Klibur Domin will increasingly need to rely on SAAS (Cloud) programs.

KD Staff have been issued laptops, which is the preferred device due to the inconsistent electricity supply in Timor-Leste. The laptops are a mixed of Windows 7, 10 and 11 builds. There are different versions of MS Office in use. Because there is no network, all users login locally on their machines with their own login credentials. Data is then held in on that device and is not transferred to a central data store.

#### **The key Project Requirements**

- A secure local internal network (LAN) that will allow staff, volunteers and visitors to roam the site and be connected. This includes the consolidation of all 4G LTE modems to reduce the cost of internet access. Also, rationalization of printing to facilitate cost savings.
- A secure file storage capability for corporate files/data and medical records.
- Auditable accesses to the network and any files by implementing a username/password policy for all staff and volunteers. Policy to reinforce that data is not to be saved on local machines but on secure shared drives.
- The implementation of Microsoft 365 which will facilitate a corporate intranet, Klibur Domin email accounts for staff and long-term volunteers, and enable the use of Teams as a collaboration tool.
- Support for the ongoing telehealth program.
- Enable and support the implementation of a new finance system-QuickBooks.

### **Project Overview**

The project will be implemented in a number of stages. These are not sequential.

#### **Stage 1 Network Site and improve internet connectivity**

Design and Implementation of a mixed wired and Wireless LAN. Procurement and implementation of a bonded internet capability. Internet connectivity at KD is problematic as the only access is via the 4G LTE networks.

#### **Stage 2 Migrate to Microsoft 365**

Standardise on the latest version to simplify support, training and to improve security. This also requires all computers to standardise of a single Windows 10 SOE.

#### **Stage 3 Conference/meeting capability.**

Procurement and installation of a PTZ Camera, Desk Microphone, large monitor and control systems for the Director's office. This will allow better group use of web conferencing using Teams or Zoom.



#### Stage 4 Upskilling

The project will require an IT Officer support role within KD. This role will have a number of key functions. An existing staff member has been identified and will receive training on the role. Current staff will require training on the upgraded versions of Word, Excel and PowerPoint, and on processes and procedures needed to use the new network.

#### Achievements to date

- Donation of an HP Proliant Server and Windows Server 2022 licence from Lumify Group (approx. \$4500.00USD).
- Commitment from Inovar4 for the supply of materials. These have been ordered and delivered.
- Procurement of 4G LTE Bonding solution (ZifiLink 5x) for 1270 USD + 349 USD p.a. Bonding licence +50USD shipping. ZifiLink has setup a bonding server in Australia.
- Recognition from Microsoft as a Not-For-Profit entity and the awarding of donated and discount licences through their partner TechSoup.
- Registration of a new domain name kliburdomin.tl and the development of a new website by Naroman.tl
- Key staff and Board members issued corporate email addresses.
- Cabling and key network components installed ready for commissioning.



# Membership/Vocational

Director : Peter Gorman

It is the responsibility of every Rotarian to recruit new, quality members and retain existing members to ensure continued success in meeting the many needs of our local and international communities and to extend the spirit of Rotary throughout the community.

Many approaches have been made to prospective Rotarians throughout the last twelve months and has resulted in one new member to our club. Katrina Newman comes with an impressive resume and has assisted us during the past months with many projects; we are very pleased to welcome her as our newest member.

PICTURED RIGHT: Katrina Newman with proposers Wally Walsh and Roger Dalby as she is inducted as a Rotarian by AG Darren Brown.



However despite the small number of new people joining our ranks, member satisfaction is at an all time high. A recent published report on the survey of 78,000 members spelled out the aspects of club experience that mattered most to members - "meeting enjoyment", and confidence in club leadership" followed closely by "satisfaction with club services", "satisfaction with finding friends", and "comfort with other club members". The findings confirm the obvious; members with higher satisfaction level are more likely to stay in Rotary. Perhaps less obvious, those satisfied members also attract more new members to our clubs.

Our clubs participation at district level and International level has never been surpassed. We had 11 members travel to Melbourne recently to participate in the International Convention. That equates to 60% of our membership which would be a record hard to beat for a small country Club.

At District level and beyond members have made the following commitments:

- Darren Brown Assistant Governor Group 1 (District 9780) which now includes Naracoorte and Bordertown.
- Andrew Seabrook District 9780 Information and Technology Manager and a continuing commitment to Timor Leste with another visit planned shortly
- Tonie Thiel. 2 Roles - Assistant Governor Learning and Development, and district Trainer

The survey also yielded important reasons why members join and stay in Rotary. New members join for a multitude of reasons- community service, friendship, international service, and professional connections. However they stay for two main reasons Community service and Friendship. Other important findings to experience satisfaction for members

- Taking time to understand individual members needs and expectation.
- Ensuring members are actively engaged and engaged is service and making friends
- Improving the meeting experience through more effective time management, better speakers, and more interesting opportunities for club members to learn.

I encourage everyone to make member satisfaction and improving member experience a priority in our club, and of course be on the lookout for new members.

## Youth

Director : Sheryl-Lee Brown

Back into projects this year, youth involvement was high on our list. We want to get involved in youth related projects locally, and have them involved in our projects such as the art show.

The Casterton Primary School asked for our help to do a project with some students. In stepped our master craftsmen Roger, Peter B and Jon and a new arbour was designed, costed, built and painted by the kids, all supported by Rotarians. It stands proudly as the entrance of the Community Garden.



The National Youth Science Forum was attended this year by Katie Richardson. Katie is the daughter of Mandy and Barry Richardson, the winner of the local Youth of the Year competition and the recipient of the Quong Le Dow Young Scholars Program at Melbourne Uni.

Katie reported back to the club at a dinner meeting attended by her parents also, that she had “the most amazing time”.

From attending discussions and hands on sessions, to meeting new friends and having a great time, Katie presented a very informative slideshow which provoked many thoughtful questions from our Rotarians. Katie hopes to further her knowledge in the science area when she finishes year 12 at The Hamilton & Alexandra College where she is currently school vice-captain.



Above: Katie Richardson addresses our Club regarding her experience at the National Youth Science Forum

Jon Schill put a proposal to the club to hold a Kids craft market, where the products sold are made and sold by local children. This idea received great discussion; now we hope to see it come to fruition in the coming year.

### **WINNER**

#### **Junior (U12) Award**

**Sponsored by Tony Thiel**

(\$100)



*"Faithfull Companion Kelpie"*

**Scarlett Torpy**

(Narrawong)

Merino Consolidated School, Sacred Heart and Casterton Primary School all provided entries for our Art Show, with a number of the pieces sold.

The Art Show judge, Tessa Dodds provided some amazing feedback for the artwork and congratulated us on the involvement of youth in our art show each year.

We look forward to the next year and hope that we can continue to involve our local youth in many of our activities.



# Financial Report 2022/23

Treasurer : Barb Toma

2022/2023 has been a busy year for our members and they have been rewarded financially for their hard work and commitment to the Rotary vision to make the world a better place for all.

We have actively fundraised over the course of the year raising \$4,743.55 from various raffles, Catering Activities \$3,676, Chooklotto \$1,820, collection jars in local businesses \$154 also received generous member and community donations.

Major activities during the year included the annual Kelpie Muster Art Show, this year a resounding success, producing a profit margin of \$8,342. After a huge commitment, and all systems in place, it was disappointing to have to cancel our MAGIC event at the last minute due to weather conditions.

In conjunction with the Casterton Memorial Hospital we conducted a very successful 'Healthy Minds' mental health seminar.

Programs remaining on our agenda and progressing well is the upgraded town Information Centre with a focus on the endangered Red Tail Black Cockatoo. This project has a budget of \$8,000 and is supported by various grants with a Club 'in kind' commitment of \$2,500. Expenditure to date \$5,589.

We are currently holding \$2,000 for the RAWCS sub-project 'Creating a Local Area Network' for Klibur Domin medical clinic in Dili, Timor Leste with a commitment to add further funds when and as required.

We have been successful in obtaining Grants to the value of \$14,000 during this financial year in support of our programs and equipment.

Donations during the year have been \$1,000 to Pakistan Shelter Box, \$500 flood relief Rotary Club of Kerang, \$250 Casterton Ladies Fire Brigade, \$1,250 Annual Bowel Scan Program and \$1,000 Sponsorship for local student to attend the National Youth Science Forum.

Members continue to support the Rotary Foundation 'Polio Plus' fund and this year contributed \$1,480.

We have purchased Club assets: Heaters & Ladders \$410, Pie warmer \$899 and new Ride on Mower \$4,000.

Final accounts, pending successful Audit, reveal as at 30 June 2023 a healthy profit on the year's activities of \$16,745. Our 30 June 2023 cash position remains healthy with Operating Cheque Account balance \$25,553.55, Bendigo Bank Term Deposit, currently invested @ 4.1%, balance \$12,658.86 with total funds held totaling \$38,212.41.

Outstanding revenue at 30 June 2023 is District Grant \$1,000 not yet received, Foundation payment of \$1,480 not processed at Bank before 30 June 2023.



## Our Casterton Exchange Student Honour Board

1965	Errol Reid	to	Philippines
1967	Rita Miller	from	U.S.A
1968	Bryony Edwards	to	Canada
1969	Junko Tamada	from	Japan
1970	Neville Cowland	to	Canada
1971	Rick Robinson	from	U.S.A
1972	Ian Bond	to	Canada
1973	Meredith Gill	to	Japan
1974	Ken Allan	to	Japan
1975	Michiko Yanagisawa	from	Japan
1976	Greg Earl	to	Philippines
1978	Valerie Roth	from	Canada
1980	Marion Baulch	to	U.S.A
1982	Tony van Haldren	from	South Africa
1983	Belinda Brown	to	Japan
1983	Eric van Duin	from	Holland
1985	Dean Murphy	to	South Africa
1986	Anne Maree Keikkinen	from	Finland
1987	Sophie Tischler	to	Finland
1988	Michelle Booth	from	South Africa
1988	Jenelle Currie	to	Brazil
1989	Masato Kobayashi	from	Japan
1991	Anna Flanders	to	Denmark
1992	Ulla Ilvejsel	from	Denmark
1995	Jessica Hill	to	Mexico
1997	Daniel Aguilar	from	Mexico
1998	Josh Richardson	to	U.S.A
1999	Karin Lonstrup	from	Denmark
2009	Venla Haapala	from	Finland
2010	Charles Walsh	to	Germany
2011	Max Wildon	from	Germany
2012	Andrew Walsh	to	Sweden
2013	Nathali Hakansson	from	Sweden



