

# ROTARY CLUB OF PORT FAIRY INC

*Registration No: A002126/C*

**District 9780**



## ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16



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To be presented at Changeover Dinner – 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016

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Rotary International District 9780  
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**Welcome to the Rotary Club of Port Fairy**

We meet Mondays at 7:00 PM  
Star of the West Hotel  
76 Sackville Street  
Port Fairy, Victoria 3284  
Australia

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**Rotarians Clean Up!**  
Posted by Harry Bracegirdle on Jun 28, 2013  
Members of the Rotary Club of Port Fairy did their bit to help clean up Port Fairy.

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**This month**

Jun 2013						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
26	27	28	29	30	31	01
02	03	04	05	06	07	08
09	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	01	02	03	04	05	06

**Club Events**



*Club members and friends gathered at the Port Fairy Consolidated School (20<sup>th</sup> June 2015)*

## Membership of the Rotary Club of Port Fairy Inc.

### Club Executive (Board Members) 2015/16

<b>President:</b>	..... Michael Crowe
<b>Past President:</b>	..... John Clue
<b>President Elect:</b>	..... Adrian Crosier
<b>Secretary:</b>	..... Geoff Coxall
<b>Treasurer:</b>	..... Bernie Waixel
<b>Director of Membership, Youth &amp; Public Relations:</b>	..... Jill Gleeson
<b>Director of Service Projects:</b>	..... Reg Beattie

### Full Membership listing for 2015/16

Members 2015/16		Members who left Club during year
Brian Atkins	Colwyn Martin	Jim Delaney
Tony Bawden	Kevin Matthews	Jim Robinson
Maureen Beattie	Jeffrey McLean	
Reg Beattie	William Moore	
Harry Bracegirdle	Lynette Morgan-Payler	
Margaret Broers	Trafford Morgan-Payler	
John Clue	Brett Murray	
Geoff Coxall	Sue Robertson	
Adrian Crosier	Peter Smith	
Michael Crowe	Neil Sproal	
Jude Dawson	Bernie Waixel	
John Ellard	Margaret Whitehead	
Jill Gleeson	Robert Whitehead	
Lucy King	Hester Woodrup	
Joanne Levey		

### Membership report for 2015/16

2015/16 was pretty much “steady as you go” as far as membership numbers were concerned increasing by one to be 29 at the end of June 2016. Good work by the membership team saw four new members welcomed to the Club in 2015/16. The Club inducted new members, **Tony Bawden**, **Robert Whitehead**, **Sue Robertson** and **Neil Sproal** over the year but unfortunately lost two members in **Jim Delaney**, who moved to Barwon Heads, and **Jim Robinson** who sadly passed away in April after a recent illness. Both were willing workers for the Club and will be greatly missed.

The Club also initiated a new form of membership called “**Friends of Rotary**”. Margaret Whitehead took up the challenge to develop this arm of the Club and we welcomed Ashley King, Danny Warner, Sharon Arnold, Diana Bracegirdle, Heather Clue, Shane Morris, Alan & Jill Rasmussen, Wilma Preston, Rae Williams, Sue Robinson, Peter Gleeson and Jenny McLean to this new class of membership which is expected to grow even further in subsequent years.

### Incoming Club Executive for 2016/17

<b>President:</b>	..... Adrian Crosier
<b>Past President:</b>	..... Michael Crowe
<b>Vice-President / President Elect:</b>	..... Bill Moore
<b>Secretary:</b>	..... Peter Smith
<b>Treasurer:</b>	..... Jeff McLean
<b>Director of Membership, Youth &amp; Public Relations:</b>	..... Jill Gleeson
<b>Director of Service Projects:</b>	..... Bernie Waixel

## Report from the President



The busier we are - the faster time seems to move. This is certainly true for our Club over the last 12 months. Nevertheless when we look back we can be satisfied with what we have achieved in all our areas of endeavour. The Club has continued its focus on service to the local community. Our fundraising has enabled us to support many important local and international causes and we have taken several initiatives to strengthen our Club's structure and capacity. Membership remains strong.

I want to acknowledge and thank the Board and the members for their support over the year. The success of the Club reflects the commitment and contributions of each individual on the team and this year has been a clear illustration of that maxim. In particular my job as President has been made so much easier by the willingness of members to initiate and carry out the many tasks that add up to the sum of the Club's achievements.

On a sad note I wish to recognize the outstanding contribution of Rotarian Jim Robinson, who passed away in April this year. Jim was involved in many aspects of Club service including the *Bandari project* for which he visited Tanzania in 2015 to work on the kindergarten. His strong support of the project resulted in the naming of the school road as 'James Robinson Road'. He was a big character around the Club and is greatly missed.

Twelve months ago I made a commitment on behalf of the Rotary Club of Port Fairy that we would continue supporting the many local and international causes that are our core business. This we have done. I also outlined my priorities for the year; a \$7500 contribution to Moyne Health Services towards new equipment for the hospital refurbishment; the establishment of a Friends of Port Fairy Rotary; and the development of a long-term Communications Strategy for the Club.

In February this year Cyclone Winston hit Fiji. It was the strongest tropical cyclone in the country's recorded history and 350,000 people in the region were significantly impacted. The Club responded with the donation of a Shelter Box to assist people in Fiji affected by the cyclone.

The Club, and particularly Secretary Geoff Coxall, has been closely involved in the Bandari School Project over the past two years to build educational facilities in the town of Mto Wambu in Tanzania. Seif Sakate, originally from Tanzania, and his wife, Catherine Ryan have inspired the Port Fairy community to get behind the Bandari Project. This year volunteers, including several Rotarians, visited Tanzania to complete work on the kindergarten built in 2015 and to add a toilet block and a hen house. The Club was successful in obtaining a Rotary Foundation grant to assist with the construction of the hen house. The Club also assisted with a BBQ at the open garden day at the home of Colin Cleary that was conducted to raise funds for the Bandari Project.

The Club carried on its commitment to contributing to the care of Port Fairy's environment. First impressions are important and we continued with our efforts to improve the entrance to our town along Skene's Road, with particular attention given to the young trees planted along the roadside. Weeds were removed and broken tree guards reinstated. Trees that had died or were badly damaged were replaced. Our thanks are extended to the Shire of Moyne for supplying the new plants and overseeing the replanting. Other clean-up activities included trimming areas of long grass and picking up the rubbish that regularly accumulates along the roadsides.

Again, this year, Rotarians contributed to the maintenance of the good appearance of the Charles Mills Reserve. The grass was cut, weeds removed and the riverside park was given a general clean up in time for the summer use by locals and visitors.

The Moyneyana Festival is an important event for Port Fairy over the summer holiday period. The Club contributed to the Festival by organising and running the Christmas lights competition, the Backwards Running Races for children and adults and the New Year's Eve BBQ.

The Club again delivered Meals on Wheels around the town several times during the year. Thanks to coordinator Bernie Waixel who organized drivers and rosters. Rotarians also participated in the

annual Good Friday Appeal for the Royal Children's Hospital through door knocking in the Port Fairy area.

The Club was pleased to be involved in the Sun Pharma open day in December. Rotarians served lunch to the over 300 current and past staff members and their families who attended the open day. We thank Sun Pharma for the donation made in support of the Club.

Everybody loves the Port Fairy Show and this year the Club helped out by staffing the entrance gate and contributed to what was acclaimed as a successful and enjoyable event for the community of Port Fairy and district.

A major initiative taken by the Club was to participate in the Rotary Youth Exchange program for 2017 for an out-bound student. The Club's nominee for the 2017 Rotary Youth Exchange Program is Lisa van Someren, a student at Hawkesdale Secondary College. Following interviews held in Hall Gap in May and more intensive interviews held in June in Ballarat, Lisa was successful in her bid to join the program and will now leave for Canada in January 2017. This is the first time that Port Fairy Rotary has sponsored an exchange student so it has been a learning curve for the Club. My thanks to John Clue for leading the Club's work in this area, ably assisted by Marg Broers and Harry Bracegirdle. The training procedures for this program, operated by Rotary District 9780, will continue through the remainder of 2016.

We have had a busy and successful year of fundraising activities. The Lighthouse tours are always popular, particularly with visitors to the town. The Club took up the opportunity to open the Lighthouse on four weekends during the year. This year all children completing the tour were presented with a certificate.

Raffles were also a major part of our fundraising efforts. Thanks to local artist Wilma Preston who again donated a framed painting for the Summer Painting raffle. This proved to be a popular draw-card through January at the weekly Wharf market. During August and September the Spring Raffle was a major focus of our fund raising activities. The prize of a barrow load of hardware and garden supplies was kindly donated by Brookes Timber & Hardware. Our allocation of tickets for the annual Car Raffle (organized by the Rotary Club of Ballarat South) sold out early in December.

The Club was again active during the Port Fairy Folk Festival long weekend in March. Club members raised funds at the sausage sizzle on Friday outside the ticketing tent and then over the weekend by manning the festival gate.

The film night in October proved to be a popular attraction. The movie, *Force of Destiny*, was a story of survival inspired by Paul Cox's personal experiences and his recent book *Tales from the Cancer Ward*.

The Open Gardens Day was conducted in November. This year, four beautiful Port Fairy gardens were on display with the funds raised going to the Moyne Health Services. The Shelter Box display created a large amount of interest. The Club is very appreciative of the owners who made their gardens available for the day.

The annual Trivia Night was held in April and proved to be a popular and fun event. 13 teams, comprising nearly 80 players, competed for the trophy with challenging questions set by quizmaster, Pauline McDonald. Many thanks to our sponsors - Port Fairy IGA, the Port Fairy Folk Festival, Captains on the Wharf, Rebecca's Cafe and the Star of the West Hotel.

The fundraising enables the Club to make donations to various humanitarian causes as well as community organisations and clubs. A list of the recipients is included in this Annual Report.

Thanks to the outstanding efforts of Kevin Mathews, the guest speaker coordinator, the Club has been privileged to have a number of outstanding guest speakers over the year.

We have initiated a number of club development activities over the last twelve months. Significantly the *Friends of Port Fairy Rotary program* was initiated, based on a set of guidelines for the operation of the Group. Thanks to Margaret Whitehead for her work on developing the guidelines and taking on the job of coordinating the Friends group. The Group was launched in May and already 13 members have been recruited.



A review of the Club's communications was prepared by a sub-committee led by Jim Delaney. The Club has adopted the review as its strategy document for improving our communications in the short-and longer term. Implementation has commenced on the initial actions in the three-year strategy.

The Club was successful in obtaining a grant under the District 9780's Club Strengthening Grant program. The grant was put towards upgrading the audio-visual system for use during Club events.

The Club's Vision and Mission Statement is a key document that sets out our Club values and defines our work program in the various areas of service. This year we updated the work program to more accurately reflect our current and planned activities.

Congratulations to John Clue who graduated from the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) course. The RLI is a three-day interactive course offered to refine a Rotarian's leadership skills and increase their base of knowledge in Rotary.

Club membership has grown slightly this year, up from 28 to 29. We welcomed new members Tony Bawden, Robert Whitehead, Sue Robertson and Neil Sproal.

Rotarian Jim Delaney left the Club in January 2016 as he and Mary made the move to Barwon Heads. Jim was a significant contributor to the Club and we wish Jim and Mary all the best.

I thank all members and friends for their support during the year and their commitment and hard work on our community service. Along the way we also managed to have a lot of fun. I wish incoming President Adrian Crosier and the new Board all the best for the upcoming year and know I speak for all members in saying that we offer our support and best efforts to make next year a great success.

*Michael Crowe - President, Rotary Club of Port Fairy (2015/16)*

Pictures from the Trivia Night held 18<sup>th</sup> April 2016. Hester Woodrup's winning team the "Awesome Foursome" (shown at top right)



## Financial Report 2015/16 (as at 20th June 2016)

Activities	Notes	2014/15	2013/14	2012/13
<b>Club Operations</b>				
Income	\$19,885 <i>Meetings, fines, membership dues etc</i>	\$22,347	\$21,077	\$20,505
Expenses	\$20,710 <i>New member costs, projects, misc. expenses</i>	\$20,323	\$20,951	\$22,502
<b>Fund Raising</b>				
Income	\$19,686 <i>* see list below</i>	\$23,712	\$23,304	\$20,925
Expenses	\$4,685 <i>Catering costs, Trivia night, hire venues, etc.</i>	\$6,084	\$4,345	\$4,857
<b>Grants Projects/Activities</b>				
Income		\$2,850	\$4,169	\$4,310
Expenses	\$1,520 <i>Various project costs</i>	\$6,881	\$3,047	\$4,859
<b>Donations Made</b>				
Donations	\$14,990 <i>* see list below</i>	\$21,567	\$17,199	\$10,000
Total Income	\$39,571	\$48,909	\$48,530	\$45,741
Total Expenses	\$41,905	\$54,855	\$45,542	\$42,217
<b>Profit/Loss</b>	<b>-\$2,334</b>	<b>-\$5,946</b>	<b>\$2,988</b>	<b>\$3,524</b>
Balance at July 1 2015	\$6,262			
<b>Balance at June 20 2016</b>	<b>\$3,928</b>			
<b>Fund Raising Income</b>				
Film Night	1,128			
Lighthouse Openings	3,086			
Members BBQs	235			
New Year's Eve BBQs	1,357			
Open Gardens Events	3,742			
Car Raffle	3,004			
Spring Raffle	1,232			
Painting Raffle	1,429			
Trivia Night	2,910 <i>Includes cost of meals</i>			
Folk Festival BBQ	1,563			
<b>Total Fund Raising income</b>	<b>19,686</b>			
<b>Donations made</b>				
	Amount			
Australian Rotary Health	100			
Children's First Foundation	100			
Community House	300			
Marine Rescue Boat	300			
Interplast	300			
Lifeline	150			
Moyne Health Services	7,500			
Moyneyana Festival	600			
PF Wbool Rail Trail	500			
Polio Plus	740			
Port Fairy Citizens Band	400			
Port fairy SLSC Nippers	500			
Prostate Cancer Foundation	100			
Rotarians Against Malaria	300			
Shelter Box	2,000			
St Vincents de Paul	150			
Tasty Plate	300			
The Bandari School Project	500			
The Francis Foundation	150			
<b>Total donations made</b>	<b>14,990</b>			

NB. As the Annual Report is being presented at the Changeover Dinner on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016 then the financial report presented above only includes transactions up to 20<sup>th</sup> June 2016.





Kevin Matthews with guest speaker Sharon Homberg



Guest speaker – Damian Gleeson



Induction of new member -Robert Whitehead (centre)



Exchange Student nominee  
– Lisa van Someren



Port Fairy Rotary Club's  
oldest member, Col Martin



Geoff Coxall – hard at work on Tanzanian Bandari project



The road in Tanzania named after Jim Robinson



Geoff Coxall (R)– supervising the Bandari project  
construction in Tanzania



Members of the Rotary Club enjoy a drink prior to a  
Dinner Meeting





*Wilma Preston displays the painting she donated for the annual Painting Raffle*



*Bill Moore and Marg Broers conduct the draw for the Painting Raffle*



*John Clue presents a \$10,000 cheque to the Moyne Health Services CEO, David Lee*



*David Lee, Adrian Crosier and Peter Smith socialise at the 2015 Changeover Dinner*



*Dennis Naphthine, Peggy Naphthine and Heather Clue at the 2015 Changeover Dinner*



*Ilma Cameron, Hester Woodrup and Margaret Whitehead at the 2015 Changeover Dinner*



*John Clue, Michael Crowe and DG Geoff James*



*Lions Club members attend the 2015 Changeover Dinner*