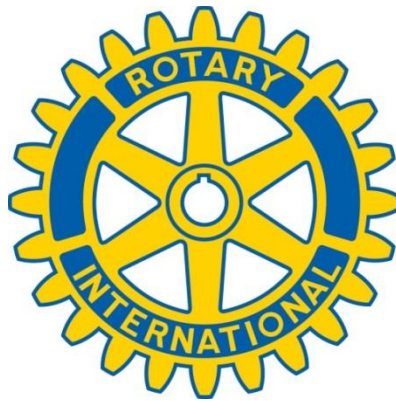


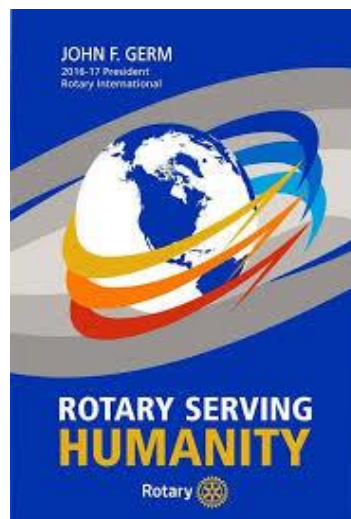
ROTARY CLUB OF PORT FAIRY INC

Registration No: A002126/C

District 9780



ANNUAL REPORT 2016/17



To be presented at Changeover Dinner – 3rd July 2017

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<http://www.rotaryclubofportfairy.org/>

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Rotary Club of Port Fairy Inc. website. The header includes navigation links: Home, Stories, Events / Volunteering, Speakers, Photo & Videos, and Downloads. The main banner features the Rotary logo, the club's name, and its registration details: Rotary International District 9780, Registered Club Number A002126/C. Below the banner, there are several sections: a 'Download the ClubRunner Mobile App' button, a 'Welcome to the Rotary Club of Port Fairy' section with meeting details (Mondays at 7:00 PM at Victoria Hotel, Cnr Bank & James Streets, Port Fairy, VIC 3284, Australia), and a 'Home Page Stories' section. The 'Home Page Stories' section features a recent report from Exchange student Lisa in Canada, posted by Harry Bracegirdle, with a photo of Lisa and her host family.

In 2016/17 the Rotary Club was an active contributor to the Port Fairy Community Lunch program conducted at the Port Fairy Community House (see photos below)



Membership of the Rotary Club of Port Fairy Inc.

Club Executive (Board Members) 2016/17

President:	.....Adrian Crosier
Past President:	.....Michael Crowe
President Elect:	.....Bill Moore
Secretary:	.....Peter Smith
Treasurer:	.....Jeff McLean
Director of Membership, Youth & Public Relations:	.....Jill Gleeson
Director of Service Projects:	.....Bernie Waixel

Full Membership listing for 2016/17

Members 2016/17		Members who left Club during year
Brian Atkins	Colwyn Martin	Kevin Matthews
Tony Bawden	Jeffrey McLean	Lucy King
Maureen Beattie	William Moore	
Reg Beattie	Lynette Morgan-Payler	
Harry Bracegirdle	Trafford Morgan-Payler	
Margaret Broers	Brett Murray	
John Clue	Sue Robertson	
Geoff Coxall	Peter Smith	
Adrian Crosier	Neil Sproal	
Michael Crowe	Bernie Waixel	
Jude Dawson	Diane Walker	
David Digby	Margaret Whitehead	
John Ellard	Robert Whitehead	
Jill Gleeson	Hester Woodrup	
Joanne Levey		

Membership report for 2016/17

2016/17 was pretty much “steady as you go” as far as membership numbers were concerned, gaining two new members and losing two keeping us at a healthy membership of 29 at the end of June 2017. New members inducted into the Club in 2016/17 were David Digby and Diane Walker both of whom have already proven to be valuable volunteers.

The Club also grew its “**Friends of Rotary**” list to be 16 who meet periodically under the guidance of Rotarian, Margaret Whitehead.

Incoming Club Executive for 2017/18

President:	.....Bill Moore
Past President:	.....Adrian Crosier
Vice-President / President Elect:	.....Sue Robertson
Secretary:	.....Peter Smith
Treasurer:	.....Jeff McLean
Director of Membership, Youth & Public Relations:	.....Jill Gleeson
Director of Service Projects:	.....Bernie Waixel

Report from the President



It was a great honour and a privilege to be selected by my fellow Rotarians to be president of the Rotary Club of Port Fairy for the 2016/17 year. The year has certainly flown by with many achievements made and many events held.

At the outset I wish to acknowledge the support of my fellow Rotarians, you are a great group of people who have made my position enjoyable and I will look back at the past year with a sense of pride for the achievements we have made together. Since joining Rotary in 2010 we have had some outstanding presidents, and all have left a significant legacy and they indeed leave very big shoes to fill. I hope that I have gone some way in

taking the Club forward.

I joined Rotary because I was looking for a way to make a difference and have always enjoyed contributing to Community Service. I am very proud of the work of Rotary and I am proud to be called a Rotarian and enjoy the fellowship from the Members of our Club, and their dedication to the cause whatever that may be. The theme for Rotary in 2016/17 was – “**Rotary Serving Humanity**”. I think our Club has certainly adopted the theme and has worked very hard on this objective.

Our club’s strategic plan identifies the activities we will perform; these are under the 5 Avenues of Service. This report summarises the achievement made under each avenue.

Club Activities – A significant achievement in this area has been the ongoing development of the Friends of Rotary under the stewardship of Margaret Whitehead. This important group of supporters for our Club proves to be a valuable source of manpower and have aided our fundraising activities. We are also in the midst of improved communication with our Members, Friends and the broader community through a Communication Strategy which includes the enhanced use of ClubRunner and the development of Social Media. This year has seen our Club relocate our dinner meetings from the Star of the West hotel to the Victoria Hotel. I would like to thank Sue and Damian Gleeson and their staff for the many years of support they gave our Club through hosting our dinner meetings. I would also like to thank Andrew Blake and his staff at the Victoria Hotel for the warm welcome they have extended to us. We look forward to using your venue for years to come. During the year, we have also done some work on policy development which has seen the adoption of policies regarding Risk Assessments and Child Safe Standards which has also seen the appointment of a Youth Protection Officer.

Vocational – Our club continued to support our local community by providing assistance at important events such as the Moyneyana Festival and Port Fairy Folk Festival. We also participated in a workplace visit to Gary Stewarts Boat shed to view the construction of a replica of a historic whaleboat which is an amazing project. Another visit was conducted to Limestone Gallery where Meg Finnegan demonstrated her talent in making beautiful items of pottery. In September, we were pleased to present Julie Holcombe with a Pride of Workmanship award. Julie had recently retired from the National Australia bank where she had given many years of valuable service to members of the local community including helping our Club with our banking needs.

Community – Our community work is one of the most important aspects of our club activities. During the year, a number of working bees were conducted including weed removal and tree planting at the Battery Hill development, rubbish collection, tree maintenance and whipper snipping on Skenes Road, participation in Preserve Planet Earth Day by undertaking a beach cleanup from the mouth of the Moyne River out to the Golf Course. This year we also participated in two new initiatives aimed at supporting our Community. The Club undertook to provide assistance at the inaugural Port Fairy Jazz Festival by manning the door at the St Patricks School Hall. The Jazz Festival provides another activity on the town’s calendar of events and we look forward to supporting it again in the future. The other new Community activity was the development of a Community Meals program where, in conjunction with a number of other community organisations, a lunch was provided to socially isolated members of our Community. While this program has struck a number

of hurdles, we look forward to helping out in the future should the opportunity arise. Other community activities were performing a regular rotation on the Meals on Wheels roster, participation in May Bowel Scan month, participation in the Good Friday appeal, providing a barbeque at the Salvation Army Walking home event and at the Murray to Moyne Cycle relay, manning the gates at the Port Fairy show and participation in the ANZAC day ceremony.

Youth – During the year we provided a number of support and development opportunities for our young people. This included participation in the Rotary Youth Exchange Program, which was a first for our Club in over 20 years. We were very proud to support Lisa van Someren in her successful application to join the program which has seen Lisa travel to Woodstock in Canada where she is being hosted by the local Rotary Club. Lisa is a fantastic ambassador and I am sure she will be an asset to the Rotary movement in the future. I must thank John Clue for taking on the role as Youth Director and leading the Club through the requirements in this program. Other areas of Youth in which our Club has participated were the provision of scholarships for our local schools, participation in speech nights and sponsoring a student in her application to attend the National Youth Science Forum.

International – Our Club continues to support a number of international projects through various donations from our fund raising efforts. In addition to this our Club has formed a close association with the Bandari School Project in Tanzania. This project has inspired the Port Fairy community to support Saife Sakate and his wife Catherine with their endeavours to provide education in Saife's home village. This year, in conjunction with the local Bandari Committee, a joint open gardens event was held in November raising almost \$6000 which has gone towards the construction of additional facilities at the Bandari School. We were also successful in obtaining a Rotary Foundation grant to assist with the construction of a hen house and another Foundation grant for a vegetable garden and shade house. Over the years, a number of our Rotary Members have taken a very active role by travelling to Tanzania to work on this project. This year Rotarian Jo Levey travelled with the group and used her skills as an experienced educator to develop some protocols for the operation of the school. Jo is also helping to support the teachers that have been engaged. This year, I had pleasure in selecting the Bandari Project as our Club's key project for the year. I must thank Rotarian Geoff Coxall for his work with the Bandari Committee and for keeping our club informed of progress being made.

To support our club activities and programs, a number of successful fundraising activities were held throughout the year. These included open gardens, barbecues on New Year's Eve and at the Folk Festival ticketing venue, Spring Raffle, Wilma Preston Painting Raffle, participation in the Ballarat South Car Raffle, manning the Folk Festival Gates, Lighthouse Tours, Film Nights, a Fashion Parade, sale of Polio Plus badges, a fund raising dinner in aid of victims of Cyclone Debbie. A big thank you to all the members and friends who helped out in any way at these activities. Also a big thank you to all the businesses that assisted in anyway in these events, your support is very much appreciated.

During the year we welcomed Diane Walker and David Digby as new members. New members are very important to our Club as they bring new talents, new enthusiasm and new interests. During the year we also said farewell to retiring members, Lucy King and Kevin Matthews, thank you both for your contribution over the years.

I must also thank the members of the Rotary Board for their help and guidance through the past year. To the members Bill Moore, President Elect, Michael Crowe, Past President, Peter Smith, Secretary, Jeff McLean, Treasurer, Bernie Waixel, Director of Service Projects and Jill Gleeson as Director of Membership, Public Relations and Youth, I really do appreciate the support you have given me over the past year.

I would like to take the opportunity to wish Bill Moore and his team all the best for the forthcoming year. I look forward to supporting you with your goals.

Again, thank you for the opportunity you have given me. I think we have a great Club that achieves a lot for our community and our Club really does make a difference.

Adrian Crosier - President, Rotary Club of Port Fairy (2016/17)



Row 1 (L) Visitors queue to view the PF Lighthouse on Open Day run by the Club. (Photo by Port Fairy Pics)

Row 1 (R) President Adrian Crosier with his wife (and "1st Lady") Helen at the 2016 Changeover Dinner

Row 2 (L) Sponsor, Ken Brookes (Brookes Timber & Hardware), draws the winning ticket in the Spring Raffle

Row 2 (R) Member for SW Coast, Roma Britnell with Adrian Crosier and outgoing President, Michael Crowe

Row 3 (L) Rotarian, Col Martin celebrates his 102nd birthday at the 2016 Changeover Dinner

Row 3 (R) Rotarians Sue Robertson and Tony Bawden - with Tony's wife, Mandy in the foreground.

Financial Report 2016/17 (as at 28th June 2017)

Activities		Notes	2015/16	2014/15	2013/14
Club Operations					
Income	\$27,962	<i>Meetings, fines, membership dues etc</i>	\$19,885	\$22,347	\$21,077
Expenses	\$27,139	<i>New member costs, projects, misc. expenses</i>	\$20,710	\$20,323	\$20,951
Fund Raising					
Income	\$22,690	<i>* see list below</i>	\$19,686	\$23,712	\$23,304
Expenses	\$2,974	<i>Catering BBQ costs film night, raffles, etc.</i>	\$4,685	\$6,084	\$4,345
Grants Projects/Activities					
Income	\$3,330	<i>Folk Festival Gate, Polio Plus, District Grant</i>		\$2,850	\$4,169
Expenses	\$2,236	<i>Various project costs inc. Youth Exchange</i>	\$1,520	\$6,881	\$3,047
Donations Made					
Donations	\$21,335	<i>* see list below</i>	\$14,990	\$21,567	\$17,199
Total Income	\$50,652		\$39,571	\$48,909	\$48,530
Total Expenses	\$53,684		\$41,905	\$54,855	\$45,542
Profit/Loss	-\$3,032		-\$2,334	-\$5,946	\$2,988
Balance at July 1 2016	\$4,405				
Balance at June 20 2017	\$1,373				

Fund Raising Income	Amount	Donations made	Amount
Cyclone Debbie	950	Australian Rotary Health	200
Exchange Student Raffle	329	Alternative Schoolies	200
Sun Pharma BBQ	1000	Breast Cancer Australia	200
Film Night	1,055	Brophy House	200
Lighthouse Openings	2,910	Community Lunch Program	250
Members Raffles/Sundry	214	Cyclone Debbie	950
New Year's Eve BBQs	1,386	East Timor Heart Fund	500
Open Gardens Events	6,075	Indigenous Nurse Scholarship	500
Car Raffle	3,010	Interplast	300
Spring Raffle	1,698	Lifeline	200
Painting Raffle	1,270	Moyne Health Services	1,000
Fashion Parade	1,090	Moyneyana Festival	300
Folk Festival BBQ	1,703	PF Wbool Rail Trail	500
Total Fund Raising income	22,690	Polio Plus	630
		Port Fairy Citizens Band	400
		Port Fairy SLSC Nippers	500
		Prostate Cancer Foundation	200
		Rotarians Against Malaria	300
		Rotary Foundation	1,825
		Shelter Box	500
		St Vincents de Paul	200
		Tasty Plate	300
		The Bandari School Project	10,980
		The Francis Foundation	200
		Total donations made	21,335

NB. As the Annual Report is being presented at the Changeover Dinner on 3rd July 2017 then the financial report presented above only includes transactions up to 20th June 2017 rather than the EOFY.



New member, **Diane Walker**, (centre) is inducted to the Club – with sponsor, Hester Woodrup and Adrian Crosier



New member, **David Digby**, with wife Debra



Pride of Workmanship recipient in 2016 – **Julie Holcombe** with Bernie Waixel and John Clue



Guest speaker, **Judy Pollock**, shows her Olympic medals

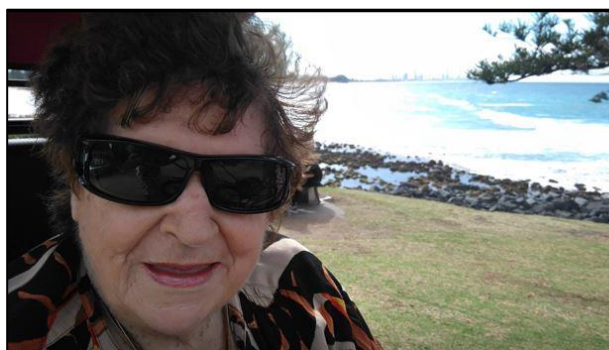
Long standing Rotarian **Brett Murray**



Rotary Club of Port Fairy's Exchange student, **Lisa van Someren** (centre) with new friends in Canada



Members of Rotary Club prepare to cleanup the East Beach on "Save Planet Earth Day"



Former member and long serving Rotarian, **Sylvia Reiter**, who sadly passed away in 2017