

ROTARY CLUB OF PORT FAIRY INC

Registration No: A002126/C

District 9780



Annual Report 2017-18



**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

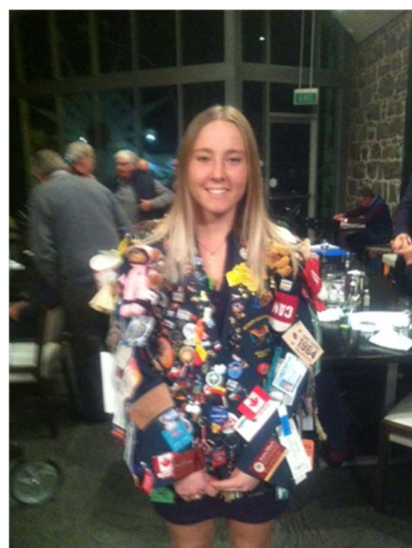
To be presented at Changeover Dinner on 25 June 2018



President Bill Moore and Wilma Preston painting raffle winner Anthony Clifford



Roger and Sue Haldane and family at Shaw River



Rotary Club exchange student Lisa van Someren

Membership of the Rotary Club of Port Fairy Inc.

Club Executive (Board Members) 2017-18

President: Bill Moore
Past President: Adrian Crosier
President Elect: Sue Robertson
Secretary: Peter Smith
Treasurer: Jeff McLean
Director of Membership, Youth & Public Relations: Jill Gleeson
Director of Service Projects: Bernie Waixel and David Digby
Director of Youth Affairs:.....Tony Bawden

Membership listing for 2017-18

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

Membership report for 2017-18

This year the Club welcomed Barbara Eldridge who joined the club in June having been a member in Mortlake for over twenty years.

The Club continues to be a strong club notable for the high level of participation by all our members. Friends of Rotary, under the leadership of Rotarian Margaret Whitehead, goes from strength to strength with current numbers at 20. This is an important and valued support group for the Port Fairy Club.

Sadly, our Past President and Paul Harris Fellow (Sapphire Pin) Colwyn Martin died on January 5th 2018. Col was a member for 27 years and was the Club's oldest member. Many Rotarians from Port Fairy and neighbouring clubs attended the farewell service at St John's Church Port Fairy. The Rotary Peace Choir sang at the service and Rotary Club and RSL members formed a guard of honour after the service.

Incoming Club Executive for 2018-19

President: Sue Robertson
Past President: Bill Moore
President Elect: Peter Smith
Secretary: Peter Smith
Treasurer: Jeff McLean
Director of Membership and Public Relations: Hester Woodrup
Director of Service Projects: David Digby
Director of Youth Affairs: Tony Bawden

President's Report



It has been a pleasure to be the President of the Port Fairy Rotary Club and I thank all the members who have elected me to this position for their support over the past twelve months.

When I took on this role, on behalf of the Club, I took on three of the challenges that our International President Ian Riseley had set for our clubs worldwide under the banner of **'MAKING A DIFFERENCE'**

- To Strengthen our Club
- To Support a Humanitarian Project and
- To Undertake a Community Project focussed on the Environment

Throughout the year these three areas have given us focus and served as important anchors for all the activities that the club has undertaken during the year.

We began the year by conducting a Club Assembly to review our current strategic plan and to set priorities for the year. All our members participated in this process. Importantly, in addition to endorsing our strategic direction and our ongoing community service activities, our members identified three special objectives for the year:

- To identify a signature fund raising event which would be conducted annually
- To conduct an additional fundraising event during the summer vacation period which would appeal to holiday makers
- To schedule a social event for members and friends every second month.

Accordingly, as a club we planned our activities so that these objectives supported the overall framework of the three challenges we had set for the club.

HUMANITARIAN PROJECTS

Inaugural Golf Day

A golf day at the iconic Port Fairy Golf Links was chosen to be our signature annual event. Our inaugural day was held on April 20th and was judged a successful event by both players and volunteers who reported that the format for the day worked well. It was decided that the proceeds from the event this year should go towards Rotary's 'End Trachoma by 2020' project. Trachoma is the world's leading infectious cause of irreversible blindness and Australia remains the last developed country where this disease is still considered endemic, persisting in some of our outback indigenous communities. Our club is donating \$4000 towards this project. Special thanks to past President Adrian Crosier and Secretary Peter Smith for their efforts in getting this off the ground.

Shaw River Tours

During January the club arranged five visits to the Shaw River Buffalo Cheese farm. The tour was well supported by holiday makers. The proceeds from these tours and other fundraising events during the year were dedicated to Rotary's 'End Polio' project. The Club gives special thanks to the Haldane family for their generous hospitality and assistance with the tours. Our Club is donating \$3000 towards this project.

COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT PROJECT

Our Club members recently planted 13 Norfolk Island Pines as part of the rejuvenation of the Port Fairy Botanic Gardens. The trees have contributed to the Club's response to the Rotary International President's challenge to every Rotary Club to plant a tree for each of its members between the start of the Rotary year on July 1st and Earth Day on April 22nd 2018. The club has well and truly achieved the goal with over 200 trees planted during this period at Battery Hill, Skenes Road and the Botanic Gardens.

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Our Club has been a long-standing supporter of the Bandari project in Tanzania. Rotarian Jo Levey recently travelled to Tanzania with a group of Bandari supporters from Port Fairy and other areas to provide professional training and resources for teachers at Mto wa Mbu. Club fund raising and Rotary support has enabled our club to donate \$2630 to this project this year.

YOUTH

Lisa van Someren was an outbound Rotary exchange student for 2017-18, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Port Fairy. Lisa recently returned to the Club and spoke to members about her experiences. Lisa's exchange year was a great experience and she thanked Port Fairy Rotary Club for the opportunity and support during this time.

On January 16th Rotary International Exchange students hosted in District 9780 visited Port Fairy as part of their mini-safari around the Western District. They were entertained by members of our Club and visited iconic local sites such as the Lighthouse and East Beach and enjoyed a barbeque at Rotary Park.

Special thanks to Assistant Governor John Clue for his support for the Van Someren family and his contribution to youth activities.

OUR COMMUNITY

The Port Fairy Rotary Club has instituted 'The Pride of Workmanship Award' to recognise people who have provided outstanding service to the community throughout their working life. This year the award was presented to Jenny Ciavola. Jenny has worked at the Port Fairy Medical Clinic for over 30 years and is recognised by the community for her polite and friendly service sometimes under trying conditions.

When our District Governor visited in October he remarked on the substantial contribution our club had made to Moyne Health Services over several years. This year there is a special fund-raising initiative for the new Urgent Care Centre. Our Club is donating \$5000 to this project.

Our Club continues to see its role as supporting all the community activities that we have supported in the past.

Over the past year our Club has completed 35 Service and Fundraising projects involving over 935 volunteer hours!

Port Fairy Rotary Club sees itself primarily as a local organisation; linked internationally but primarily local as witnessed by our activities and funds distribution.

OUR CLUB

Our members have responded enthusiastically to our social nights and all have been well attended.

The 'Friends of Rotary' group has grown over the past twelve months and has proven to be an important support group for our activities.

The Board has decided to review the club constitution so that we can formalise the contribution of the 'Friends' as well as providing for the potential enrolment of Corporate members.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of our Club for their support. But especially the members of my committee and in particular our Secretary Peter Smith who with wry acknowledgment has kept the show on the road.

I wish incoming President Sue Robertson and her committee all the best and I am looking forward to being part of her new team.



Row 1 (L) PP and Paul Harris Fellow Colwyn Martin. Deceased 5 January 2018 at 103 years
 Row 1 (R) Induction of Barbara Eldridge 4 June 2018. Member at Mortlake for over 20 years
 Row 2 (L) District 9780 overseas exchange students visit Port Fairy in January on District Safari
 Row 2 (R) H. Bracegirdle, A. Bawden, A. Crosier, J. Ellard (absent). 2nd place at the Club's Golf Day
 Row 3 (L) Moyne Health Services CEO, Jackie Kelly addresses the Club
 Row 3 (R) President Bill Moore and Hester Woodrup present a Pride of Workmanship award to
 Jenny Ciavolo of Port Fairy Medical Clinic

Financial Report 2017-18 (as at 31st May 2018)

Activities		Notes	2016-2017	2015-16	2014-15
Club Operations					
Income	\$27,599	Meetings, fines, membership dues etc	\$27,962	\$19,885	\$22,347
Expenses	\$29,178	New member costs, projects, misc. expenses	\$27,179	\$20,710	\$20,323
Fund Raising					
Income	\$27,618	* see list below	\$22,960	\$19,686	\$23,712
Expenses	\$6,175	Catering BBQ costs film night, raffles, etc.	\$2,974	\$4,685	\$6,084
Grants Projects/Activities					
Income	\$1,570	Folk Festival Gate, Polio Plus, District Grant			\$2,850
Expenses	\$1,923	Various project costs inc. Youth Exchange	\$1,520	\$1,520	\$6,881
Donations Made					
Donations	\$20,605	* see list below	\$21,335	\$14,990	\$21,567
Total Income	\$56,787		\$50,652	\$39,571	\$48,909
Total Expenses & Donations	\$57,881		\$53,684	\$41,905	\$54,855
Profit/Loss	<u><u>-\$1,094</u></u>		<u><u>-\$3,032</u></u>	<u><u>-\$2,334</u></u>	<u><u>-\$5,946</u></u>
Fund Raising Income	Amount	Donations Made	Amount		
Shaw River Tours	\$1,870	Australian Rotary Health	\$175		
Light House Tours	\$2,388	End Polio	\$3,000		
Lift the Lid	\$175	End Trachoma	\$4,000		
Bandari Project	\$630	Moyne Health Services	\$5,000		
Youth Colour Run	\$1,013	Bandari Project	\$2,630		
Film Nights	\$3,661	Rotary Foundation	\$2,000		
Equestrian Event	\$664	Rotary Bushfire Appeal	\$1,500		
Members Raffles/Sundy	\$288	Port Fairy Warrnambool Rail Trail	\$500		
New Year's Eve BBQs	\$1,521	PFSLC Nippers	\$500		
Open Gardens Events	\$2,822	Disaster Aid	\$1,000		
Car Raffle	\$2,961	Moyneyana Festival	\$300		
Spring Raffle	\$1,423				
Painting Raffle	\$2,025	Total Donations Made	<u><u>\$20,605</u></u>		
Golf Tournament	\$4,826				
Folk Festival BBQ	\$1,351				
Total Fund Raising income	<u><u>\$27,618</u></u>				

NB – The most up to date figures available for the purposes of this annual report, presented at the Changeover Dinner on 25 June 2018, are those as at 31 May 2018. Audited figures to 30 June 2018 will be presented to the Annual General Meeting in November.



Bandari School Project in Tanzania



President Bill Moore exchanges banners with Ferdinand and Catherine Gausseur from Austria



President Bill Moore presents former member Harry Bracegirdle with a Paul Harris Fellow Award.