

# ROTARY CLUB OF PORT FAIRY INC

Registration No: A002126/C

**District 9780**



## Annual Report 2018-19



**BE THE INSPIRATION**

To be presented at Changeover Dinner on 24 June 2019





*President Sue Robertson and Wilma Preston draw the winning raffle ticket*



*Roger and Sue Haldane and family at Shaw River*



*RYLA participant Lisa van Someren*



*Youth Exchange candidate Destiny Kelly*

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

### Club Executive (Board Members) 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

### Membership listing for 2018-19

Tony Bawden	Joanne Levey	<b>Members who left Club</b>
Maureen Beattie	Jeffrey McLean	Brian Atkins
Reg Beattie	William Moore	Geoff Coxall
Margaret Broers	Lynette Morgan-Payler	Trafford Morgan-Payler
John Clue	Brett Murray	Neil Spoyal
Adrian Crosier	Sue Robertson	
Michael Crowe	Peter Smith	
Jude Dawson	Margaret Whitehead	
David Digby	Robert Whitehead	
Barbara Eldridge	Hester Woodrup	
John Ellard		
Jill Gleeson		

### Membership report for 2018-19

Membership numbers fell by four for the second year running which was not the desired outcome, however initiatives were taken to address this trend. Club members attended the membership session at District Assembly, a film night was held where AG John Clue spoke to attendees about Rotary and a slide show advised of Rotary's international activities, potential members were invited to attend meetings and subsequently several publicity initiatives have been suggested. Most notably there will be a D9780 Rotary Membership Seminar in Port Fairy on 23 November.

The Club however continues to be strong with a high level of participation by all members at meetings, and service and fundraising activities. Friends of Rotary, under the leadership of Rotarian Margaret Whitehead, goes from strength to strength with current numbers at 26. This is an important and valued support group for the Port Fairy Club.

In 2018 the Club was saddened by the passing of Past President and Secretary, and Paul Harris Fellow Ken Lemke.

### Incoming Club Executive for 2019-20

**President:** ..... Peter Smith  
**Past President:** ..... Sue Robertson  
**President Elect:** ..... Tony Bawden  
**Secretary:** ..... Adrian Crosier  
**Treasurer:** ..... Jeff McLean  
**Director of Public Relations:** ..... Hester Woodrup  
**Director of Membership:** ..... Brett Murray  
**Director of Service Projects:** ..... David Digby  
**Youth Affairs:** ..... Sue Robertson

## President's Report



I would like to begin by thanking all members for the wonderful effort they have contributed to the club this year. Thank you to the board for their work and support, thank you to Peter, our secretary and Jeff, our treasurer for the work they have done. The board directors - Bill Moore Immediate Past President, Foundation; Hester Woodrup Membership; Tony Bawden Youth and Public Relations and David Digby Service Projects, a big thank you to all for all the work you have done this year. It has been a busy year and at times everyone has been pretty tired. Thank you again for your commitment to Rotary and this club of Port Fairy.

I was honoured throughout the year to present three Paul Harris Fellowships to John Clue, Geoff Coxall and Hester Woodrup. I congratulate those three most worthy recipients.

This time last year I spoke about this being a year of inspiration - a message from RI president Barry Rassin for this year was 'Be the Inspiration'. We have indeed inspired to new ideas and new ways of doing things - all members are now involved in meetings by taking turns to lead the meeting and by sharing the reading of the invocation.

We said we would make club visits, some of our members have visited other club meetings through the year and I would encourage us to do more of this in the future, a great way to build contacts, see new ways of doing things and more. I believe we have interacted more with the community as was our hope. We have certainly raised our profile. Rotary Club of Port Fairy has been in the Moyne Gazette on several occasions, we have a Facebook Page with frequent posts and a Website with updates when events arise. Most members now have a Rotary Club of Port Fairy shirt which identifies us whenever we are undertaking a project.

Branding has been another focus area and to this end we have bought our shirts, new signs for the Highway with the latest Rotary brand sign, new flags to put up when we are carrying out projects and have ordered a new banner for the Club. It is important that everything is uniform and using the correct branding.

Rotary's motto is of course Service Above Self.

First and foremost we are a service club, however, to undertake some projects funds are required and so fundraising is an integral part of the club.

We have had a number of large fundraisers this year. The Open Garden Day raised over \$7,000. With these funds we were able to buy a new piano for Moyneyana House with the capability of being able to plug in ear phones, play recordings and more. A very big thank you to the owners of those beautiful gardens and for all their hard work which made the day such a success.

The Annual Golf Day was again most successful. We had double the numbers from last year's inaugural day and the event looks set to continue growing. Funds from this day will go to Moyne Health Services.

We have also been able to present the Belfast Aquatic Centre with a hoist for use by those who are wheel chair bound so that they may access the pool.

Recently we enjoyed the membership drive and fundraiser film night -The Green Book. John Clue spoke about Rotary and during his presentation a video was played. It was an enjoyable evening and a successful fundraiser and has hopefully encouraged people to think of joining Rotary.

Special thanks must go to Wilma Preston who donates a painting each year of an iconic spot in Port Fairy. The last two years at the request of several it has been the lighthouse. Thank you to Wilma, your beautiful paintings are highly sought after and ensure the raffle is a great success.

BBQs! Something we do well and they have been successful, particularly the ones at the Rotunda by the causeway to Griffith Island. These have been held on the days that we have the Lighthouse open. The lighthouse openings continue to be popular with our locals and with visitors.

Our service projects have been varied. We have cleaned up Skene's Road, planted trees, including 12 Norfolk pines in the Botanic Gardens and delivered Meals on Wheels. Through a Centenary of Armistice Day Grant we were able to purchase two Morton Bay fig trees and plant them in the Botanic Gardens with a plaque commemorating the Centenary of Armistice Day. Beside them we placed a picnic table set. We have maintained Mills Park, cutting grass and painting bollards. Volunteering at the Consolidated Primary School has been rewarding, something I have been doing wearing two hats, as a Rotarian and as a retired primary/special education teacher.

### **International**

Our main focus this year has been community, however, we continue our connections with the Bandari School Project in Tanzania. We have had a couple of members visit this year and Jo Levey continues to be in touch with the school, supporting the staff with their curriculum. It was lovely to meet Gloria, the project manager of Bandari, while she was in Port Fairy visiting.

Some of the men from the club assisted with the dismantling of water tanks at Moyne Health which were no longer required and these have gone to Timor Leste through a project carried out by one of the Warrnambool clubs

We have maintained our commitment to funding End Polio, Rotary International's important project.

### **Youth**

This year Lisa Van Someren, our 2017 exchange student attended RYLA - Rotary Youth Leadership Award course. I was delighted to present her with her framed certificate when she came to speak to the club of her experiences.

Destiny Kelly will be our Exchange Student for 2020, she is heading off to Switzerland .

In January we again hosted the safari for inbound exchange students. They enjoyed a walk around Griffith Island and after salad rolls at Mills Park, an afternoon surfing. Our thanks to Shaun Murrhiy for organising the surf boards and the afternoon, the students loved it.

Judy Dawson buys the books for the Book for Babies programme. Each new born in our community receives a new book from Rotary.

### **Group 5**

I have really enjoyed the experience of the Group 5 meetings. It has enabled me to get to know friends from the other clubs and more about other clubs, to see different ways of doing things and hear different ideas. A highlight of the group was the combined meeting in Portland recently. What a wonderful day. Thank you to the Portland Clubs for their organisation. I look forward to the next combined day. Maybe we can host it. Another very successful Group 5 venture was the Film Night for End Polio which was a sell out in two of the theatres at the Capitol in Warrnambool. The film Bohemian Rhapsody was enjoyed by all. Sincere thanks to John Clue for his leadership of this group.

This year we have enjoyed a wide variety of speakers and I would like to thank Hester Woodrup for organising them.

### **Friends of Rotary**

We are very fortunate to have an active group of past members and others who belong to Friends of Rotary. Our friends group has 26 members. They meet on the fourth Friday of the month for coffee and a chat and support the club or rosters with events we run. Recently they held a most successful Op Shop fashion parade. I would like to thank Margaret Whitehead for all she does in chairing their meetings and guiding their discussions. Thank you to Margaret and thank you Friends.

Finally, many thanks again to all members, but I would like especially to thank John Clue for his support and mentoring, it has been most valuable.



Row 1 (L) Presentation of Paul Harris recognition to past member Geoff Coxall

Row 1 (R) Presentation of Paul Harris recognition to PP and AG John Clue

Row 2 (L) Presentation of Paul Harris recognition to PP Hester Woodrup

Row 2 (R) 2019 Golf Day winners Kevin Leddin, Gerard Gleeson, Peter Langley and John Rahilly

Row 3 (L) Robert Dowell, Principal of Warrnambool SDS receives a donation from President, Sue Robertson

Row 3 (R) Hester Woodrup, David Digby, Sue Robertson and Peter Smith with piano donated to Moyneyana House

## Financial Report 2018-19 (as at 16 June 2019)

Activities	Notes	2017/18	2016/17	2015/16	
<b>Club Operations</b>					
Income	\$23,410	<i>Meetings, fines, membership dues etc</i>	\$27,599	\$27,962	\$19,885
Expenses	\$24,714	<i>Meetings, Rotary dues &amp; subs, admin exp.</i>	\$29,178	\$27,139	\$20,710
<b>Fund Raising</b>					
Income	\$37,645	<i>* see list below</i>	\$27,618	\$22,690	\$19,686
Expenses	\$8,224	<i>Catering BBQ costs film night, raffles, etc.</i>	\$6,175	\$2,974	\$4,685
<b>Grants Projects/Activities</b>					
Income	\$5,730	<i>Folk Fest Gate, Armistice Grant, Bowelscan</i>	\$1,570	\$3,330	
Expenses	\$5,025	<i>Bowelscan, Armistice Anniv. Catering.</i>	\$1,923	\$2,236	\$1,520
<b>Donations Made</b>					
Donations	\$32,210	<i>* see list below</i>	\$20,605	\$21,335	\$14,990
Total Income	\$66,785		\$56,787	\$53,982	\$39,571
Total Expenses & Donations	\$70,173		\$57,881	\$53,684	\$41,905
<b>Profit/Loss</b>	<b><u><u>-\$3,388</u></u></b>		<b><u><u>-\$1,094</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>\$298</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>-\$2,334</u></u></b>

Fund Raising Income	Amount	Donations Made	Amount
Shaw River Tours	\$1,878	Australian Rotary Health	\$685
Light House Tours	2,924	Belfast Community Pool Group	3,380
Light House BBQ's	2,828	Drought Appeal	1,630
Lift the Lid	685	Moyne Health Services	10,645
Bandari Project - Dist. Grant	602	Bandari Project	2,740
Youth Colour Run	546	Rotary Foundation	2,000
Film Nights	2,300	Lifeline	500
Author Session	146	Francis Foundation	500
Fashion Parade	1,805	S/W Healthcare Backpack Project	1,000
Lifeline Book Sale BBQ	321	PFSLC Nippers	1,000
Open Gardens Events	7,128	Warrnambool SDS	3,000
Car Raffle	3,042	Port Fairy Consolidated School	2,000
Spring Raffle	1,615	School Awards	400
Painting Raffle	1,776	Motor Neuron Disease	2,500
Golf Tournament	7,770	Maternal Health - Baby Books	230
Folk Festival BBQ	1,528		
Collection Rotary Foundation	702	<b>Total Donations Made</b>	<b><u><u>\$32,210</u></u></b>
Sundry Donations	49		
<b>Total Fund Raising income</b>	<b><u><u>\$37,645</u></u></b>		

NB – The most up to date figures available for the purposes of this annual report, presented at the Changeover Dinner on 24 June 2019, are those as at 16 June 2019. Audited figures to 30 June 2019 will be presented to the Annual General Meeting in November.





*Tree planting at Battery Hill with Lions Club and Friends*



*D9780 Rotary Exchange students visit Port Fairy*



*Mayor of Moyne Shire, Sergeant Mick Wolfe speaks to the Club*