

ROTARY CLUB OF PORT FAIRY INC

Registration No: A002126/C

District 9780



Annual Report 2019-20



To be presented at Changeover Dinner on 29 June 2019

Membership of the Rotary Club of Port Fairy Inc.

Club Executive (Board Members) 2019-2020

President: Peter Smith (Resigned August 2019)
Sue Robertson (Commenced Sept. 2019)

Past President: Sue Robertson

President Elect: Tony Bawden

Secretary: Adrian Crosier

Treasurer: Jeff McLean

Director of Membership and Public Relations: Hester Woodrup (Resigned June 2020)

Director of Service Projects: David Digby (Resigned December 2019)
Robert Whitehead (Commenced January 2020)

Director of Youth Affairs:.....Tony Bawden

Membership listing at 29 June 2020

Tony Bawden	William Moore	Members who left the Club
Maureen Beattie	Brett Murray	David Digby
Reg Beattie	Sue Robertson	Lyn Morgan-Payler (Deceased)
Margaret Broers	Robert Whitehead	Peter Smith
John Clue		Margaret Whitehead
Adrian Crosier		Hester Woodrup
Michael Crowe		
Jude Dawson		
Barbara Eldridge		
John Ellard		
Jill Gleeson		
Joanne Levey		
Jeffrey McLean		

Incoming Club Executive for 2020-21

President: Tony Bawden

Past President: Sue Robertson

President Elect: Jill Gleeson

Secretary: Adrian Crosier

Treasurer: Jeff McLean

Director of and Public Relations/Youth:.....Sue Robertson

Director of Membership:..... Rob Grendon

Director of Service Projects: Robert Whitehead

President's Report



What a contrast this year has been compared with my last year as President in 2018. To begin with I became President in September 2019 when sadly, for family reasons, Peter Smith resigned from Rotary. We wished him well as we thanked him sincerely for all that he had done for our Club during his time as a member, Secretary and President. I wish him a happy retirement from Rotary as he spends more time with his family.

Thank you to all our Club's members for the wonderful work you do through Rotary. And of course, grateful thanks must go to Board members for all that they do. In particular I would personally like to thank Jeff McLean for another great year as Treasurer and Adrian Crosier, such a methodical and efficient Secretary. Thank you Adrian for all you have done for me this year and for being such a great sounding board.

We have, however, had a limited amount of time at our disposal due to the COVID -19 lock-down enforcement in March which has impacted on the Club's capacity in the areas of Service Above Self and Connecting in the local community and beyond

However, the first half of the year was as busy as ever. Some highlights were a Mayoral reception followed by dinner in Ballarat for RI President Mark Daniel Maloney and his wife Gay.

The Peace Concert was also a wonderful night showcasing our local Find Your Voice All Abilities Choir and a number of Peace Award Nominees from each Club. It was an honour to present Jeff McLean and Jenny Thurbon with their Peace Award Nominees at the Concert and their Pin and Certificate at the meeting following. Congratulations Jenny and Jeff.

I also attended a Rotary Learning Institute Course which involved 3 days in Ballarat, spread over several months.

In March this year life became very different. All activities stopped and the world of technology began for many for the first time. Congratulations to all those who managed to become au fait with using Zoom. We moved to fortnightly Zoom meetings along with our Board meetings. Most people joined us. Our best night was 13 members. We tried to make it fun by encouraging the meetings to be Nibble and Natter meetings, we also held a jokes night and a couple of times asked for, 'Something you've done, good, fun etc.' nights. It has been interesting being able to be part of District Zoom meetings and I found that it has focused me more on the Learning Courses on My Rotary. We are looking forward to getting back to face to face meetings and the more social aspect of Rotary.

Service

The first half of the Rotary year saw us continuing with our service work. We participated in Meals on Wheels until mid March when only those under 65 were able to continue. Many thanks to all who have been delivering Meals on Wheels with the help of their partners and friends. It is a joy to volunteer at the Primary School wearing two hats, both as a Rotarian building links with the school and with my teacher hat on. We have been helping with the replanting of the Botanic Gardens under the guidance of Dave Digby before Christmas and Robert Whitehead after Christmas. Dave liaised with Richard Hodgins from the Council in selecting plants etc. The Club continues to maintain Charles Mills Reserve, keeping it tidy and painting the bollards. We also do a regular clean up of Skene's Road. We provide support and work on the gates for the Folk Festival, the local Show and the Jazz Festival. We also worked on the gates for the Replenish Our Planet Festival in Koroit.

Fundraising

The ever present fundraising is a very important part of the club as it has allowed us to support many projects. We have actively supported End Polio and a number of members attended the breakfast in Warrnambool on World Polio Day. Members supported the Lift the Lid venture at Bunnings run as a Rotary Group 5 project. We assisted Rotary Club of Warrnambool East with their Hole in One competition. We opened the Griffith Island Lighthouse on Public Holidays, always a popular activity for tourists. Always a good faithful fundraiser are the raffles held. We have a Spring Raffle with garden supplies, a car raffle and a painting raffle during January. Many thanks to Wilma Preston for the donation of her paintings for the raffle. This year she generously donated two.

We held a fundraiser film night to raise funds for our Youth Exchange Student, Destiny Kelly who is in Switzerland and having a wonderful time despite being in lock down with COVID-19.

We have not had many BBQ fundraisers' this year but did do one for the Folk Festival.

Our big fundraiser for this year was our Open Garden Day in October. Four magnificent gardens were opened. Many thanks go to the owners; the Thomas's in Martin Lawrence Place, the Brown's in Bank St. and the Sharp's in Model Lane. Special thanks must go to Margaret and Franco Cavalieri for allowing us to use their beautiful garden to have the morning and afternoon teas. A huge thank you to Margaret Whitehead and Hester Woodrup for a mammoth effort in organising the day and to Jill Gleeson and Maureen Beattie for organising the wonderful food provided to visitors to the gardens.

This year we have made or will make donations to;

The Bush Fire Appeal

End Polio

Lift the Lid

Bandari School

The Purple Bus

Warrnambool Special Developmental School

and a number of organisations in the town.

At the time of writing we are participating in the Littlest Morning Teas to raise funds for cancer research.

Youth

During January we hosted the inbound Rotary Exchange students for a day on their mini safari. A great day was had by all with a boat trip, walk to the light house and surfing in the afternoon. Many thanks to all who helped on the day. Special thanks must go to Shaun Murrhy for organising things at the Surf Club, and to Jill Gleeson and Maureen Beattie for providing the lovely lunch.

Our Youth Exchange student, Destiny Kelly, headed off to Switzerland mid January and is having a wonderful time. She is now with her second host family. We weren't sure if she was going to stay as quite a lot of students went home early or came back to Australia at the start of the lockdown due to the virus. Destiny and her parents are managing very well.

In September last year Louise Tamar and Bree Fox contacted us to ask if we would sponsor them to attend the ConocoPhillips Science Expo in Ballarat. We were pleased to do this. Both girls spoke extremely well when they returned and visited us to share their experiences. We were very impressed with the standard of their presentations.

We also had the Port Fairy Consolidated Primary School students as guest speakers in September. They all spoke passionately about their chosen topics and will be speakers and leaders of the future.

We provided books for all the new-borns in the district and Jude Dawson does a wonderful job looking after that.

Membership

Sadly our membership numbers have gone down this year. In September we were all saddened by the sudden death of Lyn Morgan-Paler. Lyn was a faithful and hard working member of our club for quite a while. We send our love and sincere condolences to her husband Traff and their family.

At Christmas time Dave Digby and Margaret Whitehead resigned, Margaret for health reasons and Dave to continue the fantastic work he does with the Port Fairy Theatre group.

We thank them both most sincerely for their tireless work for Rotary. Margaret is a past President, Board member and Paul Harris Fellow who dedicated many years serving Rotary. Dave, although a relative new comer, was a wonderful asset serving on the Board as Director of Services and Preserving Planet Earth. He worked tirelessly on the environmental projects. Thank you, Margaret and Dave.

As we resume our activities after the lockdown Hester Woodrup has decided the time is right for her to focus on her other interests and sadly has also resigned. We say thank you to her too and recognises her contribution to our Club as ; Past President, Board member and Paul Harris Fellow.

We thank Margaret, Dave and Hester for the outstanding work they have done for Rotary and wish them all well in the future.

Our very best wishes and thanks also go to Peter Smith for his time in Rotary and in particular for the fantastic job he did as secretary for 3 years.

We were pleased to welcome new Rotarian, Rob Grendon in November and delighted that he will take up the role of Membership Director on the Board at the Changeover.

Friends of Rotary

Friends continued to meet monthly until the lockdown. Unfortunately this curtailed their plans of holding a fashion parade as a fundraiser. Many thanks to the Friends for all they do and I look forward to meeting with them when their meetings resume.

As we look to the next year in whatever form that may take, may I again thank members and especially the Board for their untiring work and wish Tony and the new Board all the very best in continuing the amazing work the Rotary Club of Port Fairy does.

Financial Report 2019/20 (as at Mid June 2020)

Activities	Notes	2018/19	2017/18	2016/17
Club Operations				
Income	17698 <i>Meetings, fines, membership dues etc</i>	\$23,410	\$27,599	\$27,962
Expenses	19393 <i>Meetings, Rotary dues & subs, admin exp.</i>	\$24,714	\$29,178	\$27,139
Fund Raising				
Income inc. Donations Rec'd	29387 <i>* see list below</i>	\$37,645	\$27,618	\$22,690
Expenses	3307 <i>Catering BBQ costs film night, raffles, etc.</i>	\$8,224	\$6,175	\$2,974
Grants Projects/Activities				
Income	6920 <i>Folk Fest Gate, Gardens Restore</i>	\$5,730	\$1,570	\$3,330
Expenses	4555 <i>Youth Exchange, Tree Plant,</i>	\$5,025	\$1,923	\$2,236
Donations Made				
Donations	26479 <i>* see list below</i>	\$32,210	\$20,605	\$21,335
Total Income	54005	\$66,785	\$56,787	\$53,982
Total Expenses & Donations	53734	\$70,173	\$57,881	\$53,684
Profit/Loss	271	-\$3,388	-\$1,094	\$298

Fund Raising Income		Amount	Donations Made		Amount
Bushfire Collection	\$1,033	Australian Rotary Health	\$500		
Light House Tours	1668	Belfast Community Pool Group	1,500		
Light House BBQ's	931	Bushfire Appeal	3,033		
Lift the Lid	490	Bandari Project	11,240		
Bandari - Folk Fest. Grant	10000	Purple House	1,550		
Film Nights	2,143	Francis Foundation	500		
Open Gardens Events	5,380	Foodshare	1,000		
Car Raffle	2,882	PFSLC Nippers	1,000		
Spring Raffle	1,631	Rail Trail Port fairy Section	500		
Painting Raffle	1,732	Rotary Foundation	2,500		
Purple House	50	School Awards	400		
Folk Festival BBQ	957	Sam Hooker Education Fund	200		
Collection Rotary Foundation	440	Café Vouchers Medical Staff	1056		
Sundry Donations	50	Vinnies	500		
Total Fund Raising income	\$29,387	WBool Special Development School	1,000		
Less: Fundraising Expenses:	-3307				
Net Fund Raising income	\$26,080	Total Donations Made	\$26,479		