

# ROTARY CLUB OF PORT FAIRY INC

Registration No: A002126/C

**District 9780**



## Annual Report 2022-23



*To be presented at Changeover Dinner on 26 June 2023*



President Graeme Cox



Harry & Graeme Meals on Wheels



Farewell John & Heather Clue



DG Kathy Rivett visit to RC Port Fairy October 2022



Guest Speaker Mark Powell from WRAD



Combined Lions & Rotary BBQ, January 2023



RCPF members practising how to put up the new marquee.

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

### Club Executive (Board Members) 2022-23

**President:** .....Graeme Cox  
**Past President:** .....Jill Gleeson  
**President Elect:** .....Andrew Long & Jed Macartney  
**Secretary:** .....Milee Cox  
**Treasurer:** .....Jeff McLean  
**Director Public Image:** .....Harry Bracegirdle  
**Director - Youth/International Service:** .....Geoff Coxall/John Clue  
**Director – Membership** .....Bill Moore  
**Director- Community Service/Environment:** .....Michael Crowe

### Membership listing at 26 June 2023

Tony Bawden	Michael Crowe	Sue Robertson
Maureen Beattie	Barbara Eldridge	Jed Macartney
Reg Beattie	John Ellard	Ashley King (Corporate)
Harry Bracegirdle	Jill Gleeson	
Margaret Broers	Joanne Levey	<b>Members who left the Club</b>
John Clue	Andrew Long	Kristy Simpson
Graeme Cox	Jeffrey McLean	
Milee Cox	William Moore	
Geoff Coxall	Brett Murray	
Adrian Crosier	Annie Ridgway	

### Incoming Club Executive for 2023-24

**President:** .....Andrew Long & Jed Macartney  
**Past President/Rotary Foundation/International:** .....Graeme Cox  
**President Elect:** .....TBD  
**Secretary:** .....Tony Murray  
**Treasurer:** .....Jeff McLean  
**Director - Youth:** .....Sue Robertson  
**Director - Membership:** .....Bill Moore  
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## President's Report

Little did we expect that after a few years where we were controlled by COVID, the Rotary Club of Port Fairy (RCPF) has emerged fitter, stronger and delivered some very sustainable activities throughout the year. Our Rotary International President Jennifer Jones theme was "Imagine Rotary", Jennifer wanted members to imagine the possibilities in the change they can make to transform the world and I truly believe the RCPF has done exactly that.

We started the Rotary year running and I thank the members of the RCPF for providing me with the opportunity to lead such a vibrant and enthusiastic Club that prides itself on providing 100% to their community. At last year's Changeover I outlined my vision for our Club's major project for the year. Australians 4 Women's Health is a charitable trust that aligns with one of the seven areas of focus in Rotary. Maternal and Child Health projects ensure sustainability by empowering the local community to take ownership of health care. Australians 4 Women's Health in Nepal provides improved health of mothers and their children by reducing the mortality and morbidity rate for children, improves access to essential medical services, trained community health leaders, and health care providers for mothers and their children and supports studies for career-minded professionals related to maternal and child health.

I thank all the Directors who set to work from the first month in planning activities for the year. A general outline of activities and projects was presented by each Director at our mini assembly during our first meeting. It would be remiss of me therefore not to highlight the many Club activities. July, a few Club members gathered at the Rotary Shed for a 'Clean Up'. We needed to erect our new marquee as well as make room for our new BBQ, with the old one being donated to the Koroit Scouts. All our activities throughout the year were coordinated by Harry Bracegirdle using ClubRunner. He organised members ensuring that they knew what the activity was, timings and any special requirements. Harry also set up a monthly Bulletin, which featured a summary of all things Rotary both personal and club specific. A formidable task that in the end was appreciated by every Rotarian. Thanks Harry.

As Rotarians we give a lot and ask for very little in return, so it was decided that a social function would be held when there was a fourth Monday in the month. Our first function was a lunch at the Woolsthorpe Pub. A pleasing turnout of Rotarians enjoyed some fellowship and a wonderful meal. Jill commenced planning for the Open Gardens which was planned for October. Jill approached several Port Fairy locals to allow their gardens to be viewed and they were truly spectacular. The Club thanks each one for opening their home and gardens for the enjoyment of the wider community. All funds raised at the Open Gardens were earmarked for my major project. Thanks to Jill and her team, the RCPF raised much needed funds for Australians 4 Women's Health, which was an impressive effort. See a list of our disbursements later in the Annual Report.

Our Rotary Centenary Project finally came to fruition on 16 October 2022, with the Centenary Seat, sign and final planting of trees along the Port Fairy Rail Trail between Regent Street and the Highway. It was officially opened by our District Governor Kathy Rivett prior to her official Club visit. Thanks to PP Tony Bawden for all his hard work with the design and ensuring that the project was going to be ready for the official opening.

The RCPF continues to support our local community with Books for Newborns, School awards for both Port Fairy Primary schools, our Club's ongoing commitment to Meals on Wheels, Folk Festival gates, Jazz Festival, Port Fairy Marathon catering, Warrnambool East Rotary Club Hole in one Golf

Competition. The Club also continues to sponsor the Bandari Project, a program that assists in breaking the cycle of poverty by providing educational opportunities to underprivileged children and women in Tanzania. It was with a sad heart that we announced that Rotarian Geoff Coxall had passed away. Geoff was a dedicated and enthusiastic Rotarian and supporter of Bandari. Several Rotarians formed a guard of honour at his funeral. His commitment and devotion were infectious and the RCPF and members of the Bandari family will miss him.

Our Friends of Rotary continue to be active participants across all our events, functions, and activities. They support the Club and the members and have committed themselves through fellowship and hard work. Michael Crowe did a fine job being the conduit between the Friends of Rotary and the Club. Michael has since stepped down from his role, handing the reins over to Tony Bawden. Thanks Michael, for your time and effort and good luck Tony. John Ellard continued to find us some very insightful guest speakers throughout the year with their interesting and fascinating topics, thanks John.

It was a very busy few months before and after Christmas. The Club continued its commitment to the Ballarat South Car Raffle with an 'all hands-on deck' approach to selling raffle tickets. Additionally, we were again pleased to raffle a painting of East Beach by Wilma Preston. Wilma has been a great supporter of our Club through her paintings. I would like to acknowledge all Rotarians and Friends of Rotary for their never-ending drive. Membership continues to be a strong focus for the RCPF and this year we saw several new members inducted. Jed Macartney, Tony Murray (a transfer from the RC of Doncaster) and Ashley King. Ashley's induction was somewhat special due to the fact he was our first Corporate member. With a power of work done by Bill Moore, the RCPF now has a viable and worthwhile avenue to offer corporate organisations an opportunity to join our vibrant Club. However, membership is a responsibility of all of us.

A number of other milestones were achieved by the RCPF over the past year. We conducted a very successful Spring Raffle coinciding with Open Gardens. The Club was successful in its application for a grant from the Moyne Shire for some new equipment. Michael Crowe and Mlle assembled an extremely wide-ranging Recycling Re-Homing & Re-Using Guide on behalf of the Moyne Shire. The Club was awarded the Enviroclub Bronze Award at District Conference by DG Kathy Rivett for our ongoing commitment to the environment, thanks Michael.

Michael continued his coordination of the Barclay St Clean Up. PP Jill Gleeson completed RLI (Rotary Leadership Institute) last year and became one of the many RLI alumni. A successful Combined RCPF/Belfast Lions Club BBQ was organised and was well attended by both Rotarians and Lions. It is anticipated that this will become an annual event. Several District events were held during the year and were attended by a few members, District Conference, District Assembly and recently the RI Convention in Melbourne. A few Club procedural outcomes were achieved as well with Group 5 meetings, the Regionalisation Zone 8 vote, and our Constitution and Bylaws finally received the necessary approvals, thanks to Adrian for his assistance.

As Rotarians we pride ourselves on Service Above Self. During 2022-2023, RCPF members and Friends of Rotary donated their time and energy in extraordinary ways. Our overall Volunteer hours topped 1,648 hours. Members contributed 1,419 hours @ 129 hours per month. Our Friends of Rotary contributed 229 hrs @ 20 hours per month. These figures indicate that the RCPF is committed and impassioned about serving our local community.



Incoming District Governor Ian McKay has approached three members of our Club to take on District roles in 2023-2024. Mlle Cox will be appointed District Secretary, Harry Bracegirdle will be the Districts Try Booking Manager and I will be the District's Youth Protection Officer. It is a credit to the Club to have three members appointed to District roles.

With successful recruitment often comes the odd departure. This year due to family and work commitments we said goodbye to Kristy Simpson. Kristy volunteered where she could and was a strong supporter of the Club. More recently we said our farewells to PDG John Clue and wife Heather who have (as at this report) settled into life in Castlemaine. John and Heather have been loyal members of the Club and have contributed enormously to the local community and Rotary. John volunteered after the sudden passing of Geoff Coxall to be the new Youth Director. The Club wishes John and Heather all the best.

Finally, thank you to all members for your continuing commitment and a special thank you to my Board who have shown strength, innovation, and leadership as needed. I would like to make special mention to Jill Gleeson and husband Peter who so graciously gave up their home so that the Board could meet each month in Port Fairy, it was truly appreciated.

I wish Andrew, Jed and their team success in the 2023-2024 year; I am confident with the support of members and the variety of skills collectively in this club much can be achieved. If there was a judgement on the ideals of Rotary and the *four way test* this club would be highly rated.

**Graeme Cox**  
**President RCPF 2022-2023**



President Graeme and his Board for 2022-2023

Graeme accepting the Presidency of the Rotary Club of Port Fairy





*Open Gardens, October 2022*





## Financial Report 2022/23 (as at Mid June 2023)

Activities		Notes	2021/22	2020/21	2019/20
<b>Club Operations</b>					
Income	\$9,126	Meetings, fines, membership dues, Fees etc	\$14,437	16825	\$23,410
Expenses	10,260	Meetings, Rotary Subs, Admin Exp, Equip.	17,458	16141	24,714
<b>Fund Raising</b>					
Income Fundraising					
Activities	12,001	* see list below	12,206	3243	37,645
Expenses	793	* see list below	2,081	447	8,224
<b>Grants Projects/Activities</b>					
Income	5,950	Hole in One, Folk/F Gate ,WWE Tourism	6,285	8650	5,730
Expenses	609	Carbon Offset Rail Trail, Youth, Recycle Info	4,505	3708	5,025
<b>Donations Distributed</b>					
Total Donations Distributed	12,837	* see list below	11,537	2940	32,210
Total Income	27,077		32,928	\$28,718	66,785
Total Expenses & Donations	24,499		35,581	\$23,236	70,173
Profit/Loss	\$2,578		-\$2,653	\$5,482	-\$3,388
Fund Raising Income	Amount	Donations Distributed	Amount		
BBQ Port Fairy Marathon	\$610	Australians 4 Women's Health	\$6,000		
District Conference Port Fairy	1,616	Aust. Rotary Foundation	1,500		
Open Gardens	4,304	Bandari Project - Sponsor Student	300		
Car Raffle	1,895	Aust.Rotary Health "Lift the Lid"	500		
Spring Raffle	1,840	Port Fairy Rail Trail - Brush Cutter	750		
Summer Paint Raffle	1,054	Moyne Health Services	1,000		
Murray to Moyne Collection	387	Foodshare	500		
Collection Rotary Foundation	295	PF Biggest Morn.Tea Cancer Research	1,500		
		School Awards	400		
		Woody's Murray 2 Moyne Cycle Relay	387		
<b>Total Fund Raising Income:</b>					
	<b>\$12,001</b>				
<b>Less: Fundraising Expenses:</b>		Youth Programs: an amount of			
Summer Paint Raffle	10	\$1,616.29			
BBQ Port Fairy Marathon	267	is to be carried over to next year. These			
Car Raffle Commission	372	funds were generated from the District			
Spring Raffle/Open Gardens	144	Conference held in Port Fairy 2022			
<b>Total Fundraising Expenses</b>					
	<b>\$793</b>				
Net Fund Raising Income:	\$11,208	Total Donations Distributed:	\$12,837		



