

ROTARY CLUB OF PORT FAIRY Inc.

Minutes

Board Meeting No.11 (2022-23)

6.30pm, Wednesday 14th June 2023 via TEAMS

Present: Graeme Cox, Millee Cox, Andrew Long, John Clue, Tony Murray, Harry Bracegirdle, Jill Gleeson, Bill Moore, Sue Robertson, Michael Crowe & Jeff McLean via phone

Apologies: Jed Macartney

Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting: (Meeting #10 held 10 May 2023).

Moved: Jill Gleeson **Seconded:** Harry Bracegirdle

Business & Action items arising from previous Minutes:

1. **Update of Club Bylaws: ACTION-** Graeme to do this or make contact with Adrian to see if he can do it. **COMPLETED**
2. **Letter to Men's shed: ACTION:** Graeme write to the Men's Shed to seek access to building to hold Board meetings **COMPLETED**

Director's Reports:

President: (Graeme Cox)

- Thank you to all the great work the Board has done this year.
- Club Changeover 26th June 2023. 34 seats booked on Trybooking so far. Hope to get at least 40 members and guests in attendance. Badges and new Banner have been purchased as well as PHF regalia.
- Trivia Day on 10/6/23 -cancelled due to lack of bookings, very sad outcome after all the hard work /done so far by the committee. Prizes for the Trivia day will be used at the Changeover as a raffle as to not waste the donations made so far.
- Lighthouse Tour on 11/6/23- cancelled as the key to the Lighthouse made its way to Western Australia rather than where it was supposed to be (with Moyne Shire in Port Fairy) Thanks to Adrian who tried valiantly to get the spare key from Geelong to Port Fairy in time to hold the tours unsuccessfully.
- Graeme plans to have an informal get together with the outgoing board as a thank you and to celebrate the achievements over the year.

Past President: (Jill Gleeson)

- Marathon date for 2024- Robert Gibson approached Jill to see if RCPF can repeat the great work done at the Marathon this year. Incoming President Andrew agreed that on 18/2/24 the RCPF would supply catering in the same manner as done this year.
- Set up for change over- Jill, Harry and Tony hope to gain access to the venue at 3pm to set up tables, decorations and flowers etc.

Treasurer: (Jeff McLean)

- Report was received from Jeff this evening just before the meeting. Jeff relayed over the phone via Graeme that the club:
- Balance at the 14th June 2023- \$19,637.93

Disbursements for 2022/2023 year:

- **Australians 4 Women's Health** \$6,000
- **Aust. Rotary Foundation** 1,500
- **Bandari Project - Sponsor Student** 300
- **Aust. Rotary Health "Lift the Lid"** 500
- **Port Fairy Rail Trail - Brush Cutter** 750
- **Moyne Health Services** 1,000
- **Foodshare** 500
- **PF Biggest Morn.Tea Cancer Research** 1,500
- **School Awards** 400
- **Woody's Murray 2 Moyne Cycle Relay** 387

Forecast balance after all disbursements are made will be: \$7022.00

- Funds beginning 1/7/2/22 \$6060
- Profit for year to 14/6/23 \$13,578
- Bank Balance @ 14/6/23 \$19,368
- Less donations to be disbursed \$11,000
- Approximate funds available @ 1/7/23 \$8638

(This figure includes the \$1616 held for Youth programs in the future)

Adjusted funds available @ 1/7/2023 **\$7022**

Biggest Morning Tea – Port Fairy branch would have received all the funds raised at the Trivia Day (cancelled event). It was agreed that the sum of \$1,500 from remaining undisbursed funds be allocated to the Port Fairy Branch of the Biggest Morning Tea for Cancer research. All in favour- Accepted

Service Projects / Environment: (Michael Crowe)

- I spoke to Cameron Brown who informed me that his Director at the Council is now keen to proceed with the planting of garden beds on the Gipps Street side of the footbridge (huzzah!). The next steps are the preparation of a simple landscape plan and arranging for the supply of materials (mulch and plants) and organising of the works. Will speak to Ashley King and discuss the purchase of plants
- Also for discussion is the reduction of weeds in the Rail Trail centenary plantation in collaboration with the Port Fairy RT volunteers, most likely on a Tuesday while Rail Trail volunteers are on site.

Youth / International Service: (John Clue)

- John advised the keen Rotary Youth Exchange Student candidate declined to proceed with her application. She was keen on going to Japan only, which our District does not exchange with due to Insurance differences. John asked that the Board consider supporting this applicant when RYLA comes about next time.
- Jacob Murray, Brett Murray's nephew will leave for Japan next month. The Board agreed to support Jacob with \$100.00 toward his souvenirs etc to take away. John has forwarded

details to Brett to take Jacob and Tania (Jacob's mother) to the Port Fairy Visitors centre to get some things from there. John noted that Jacob would be a great outbound exchange student in the future, something to consider when he is old enough.

- John will forward the details of the student interested in RYE with a view to sponsoring her for RYLA.

Membership: (Bill Moore).

- Not much to report, Bill is ready to proceed to the next stage of the Corporate Membership process by getting some of the Bendigo Bank employees involved in our activities. Bill will speak to Ashley about this.

Public Image: (Harry Bracegirdle)

- Setting up TryBooking for RCPF and D9780
- Purchased and set up a new laptop (part of payment of \$1000 from Winter Weekends)
- Finalising Volunteer Hours for May
- ClubRunner housekeeping tasks.
- Work on Club Changeover Dinner tasks.

Fundraising:

- NIL

General Business:

- John and Heather attended the "Dinner with RI President Gordon McNally and wife Heather" in Mount Gambier on 5th June. It was a very successful evening, well done to the Mount Gambier clubs for organising the great event.
- District Code of Conduct- DG Kathy emailed all club Secretaries asking to ensure all club members have read and signed a copy of the code of conduct for 2022/23. Millee to forward to all members, incoming Secretary Tony Murray will coordinate & store the records.
- Child Safe standards- Graeme forwarded the 7-page combined Child Safe Policy and Code of Conduct template created by RC Torquay to Jo Levey. Jo (who audits the Dept of Education Child Safe Standards as her employment) has indicated she will create a version of the Child Safe Policy that covers all requirements in a more succinct way and bring it back to the club.
- Changeover-already discussed- Subcommittee met today to tie up any loose ends, all plans are progressing well
- Quiz questions- Michael used his Trivia Day questions recently on his Kimberley holiday with great response by all. Perhaps we can have a trivia night with other clubs invited and use them as a fundraiser in the future? To be considered.
- Great south Coast Science and Engineering challenge- email from Warrnambool coordinator Brooke Jensen discussed- to be forwarded to all club members for their information.
- 1st Aid for Rotarians- a course will be held on 2nd July and Rotarians are invited to attend. Information to be forwarded to all club members, they register via a link.

Correspondence summary:

- Invitation to RC Warrnambool changeover on 27th June 2023, Lady Bay Resort \$50pp
- Invitation to RC Portland changeover on 26th June 2023 (same as ours)
- Invitation to DG Ian's Changeover Mount Gambier 25th June 2023
- Invitation to RC Warrnambool East changeover on 29th June 2023
- Bulletins- DG Kathy Rivett Travel guide, Ballarat South, Hamilton, Corio Bay, Grovedale Warun Ponds and Portland
- Prostate Foundation of Australia seeking funds for research.
- Craniofacial Association- Winter newsletter
- 2022 Partnership impact report from ShelterBox
- Australian Rotary Health- Lift the Lid on Mental Illness thank you for donation last year and seeing further funds

Business Arising from the Correspondence:

Next Board Meeting: **TBC**

Meeting Close: