

**ROTARY CLUB OF PORT FAIRY Inc.**

**Minutes**

**Board Meeting No.10 (2022-23)**

**4.30pm, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May2023 (@ Gleeson home)**

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**Present:** Graeme Cox, Mllee Cox, Jill Gleeson, Harry Bracegirdle, John Clue, Michael Crowe, Tony Murray

**Apologies:** Jed Macartney, Bill Moore, Jeff McLean, Andrew Long, Sue Robertson

**Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting:** (Meeting #9 held 19 April 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. **CLOSED.** Graeme spoke to District Secretary Paul Barrett and District Legal officer Serg and confirmed the **RI constitution** (from RI USA) **and rules** (determine how the club operates) will be adopted and our **club by-laws** will change to reflect the change in meeting dates and any other agreed amendments. **\*\*FYI- RI Constitution can only be changed every 3 years via Counsel of Legislation. By-laws are to be reviewed by club members on a regular basis and changes made after agreement has been made\*\***
2. **Bylaws: ACTION:** Mllee set a "special meeting" date and to adopt changes to our by-laws providing members 14 days notice (5<sup>th</sup> June 2023). Send out existing constitution and amended by-laws for members to review prior to 5/6/23 meeting.
3. **Board Meetings: ACTION:** Mllee contact Mens Shed expressing interest in using their clubrooms for our monthly board meetings (preferred Wednesday evening 6.30pm) we will make a donation to them for the use of the room TBC

**Director's Reports:**

- **President:** Graeme has been invited to Rotary Club of Portland as a guest speaker to discuss Youth Protection (Graeme is incoming District Youth Protection Officer) Rotary Club of Portland Bay are invited to attend as well (19 June). Jill agreed to provide a President's report on behalf of Graeme as he will not be present at our club meeting that night. Graeme has also been asked to speak at Rotary Club of Warrnambool East on 18<sup>th</sup> May to share our club's successes and experiences.
- **Ballarat South Car Raffle** was drawn recently, thank you to all the members who sold raffle tickets in Sackville street. This fundraiser has earned us around \$1500.00.
- **Providing support** to Brett Murray's nephew Jacob who will visit Japan. John Clue to raise in his report.
- **Pride of workmanship awards-** as discussed earlier we plan to give this award to Postman Steve. Harry to confirm this will go ahead.
- **A4WH-** Dr Ray Hodgson is back from Nepal soon and will provide us with an up to date list of what our \$6,000.00 will go towards. As he is originally from Geelong, perhaps he could visit

our club in the future as a speaker. Graeme to invite Ray to RCPF, this would be a great opportunity to bring together other Rotary clubs to hear him speak. **ACTION:** Graeme invite Dr Ray to our club as a speaker

- **Donations** are being sought for Trivia Quiz- Jill to raise in her report

**Past President:** (Jill Gleeson)

- **Open Garden** After discussion with the board the date was set for our next Open Garden- 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023. **ACTION:** Harry to put a “save the date” on social media etc to get in early before Warrnambool clubs choose the same date for their open gardens.
- **Trivia Day** As discussed with Friends of Rotary, catering plans are well under way. Donations for prizes are being sought from members, particularly chocolates and wine. Michael Crowe is quizmaster and currently preparing questions. Plants have been donated by Di Walker (and chocolates too) for the raffle on the day. It was agreed all monies raised will be a part of the Port Fairy chapter of Biggest Morning Tea going towards Cancer Research. Lynda Hughes has taken posters from Harry to distribute around town.

**Treasurer:** (Jeff McLean-absent)

- Finance report provided by Jeff. Current balance as at **30 April 2023 \$19,891.78**
- The board will seek clarification from Jeff around exactly how much money we can disburse, Graeme to speak to Jeff by phone (he is away for 2 meetings). Graeme wants the balance in account at the end of 2023/23 be no less than \$5,000.00.
- The board agreed for disbursements for 2022/2023 year are as follows (more can be added if more funds available)
  - Australians 4 Women’s health \$6,000.00
  - Port Fairy Rail Trail \$750.00 (already provided to them for brush cutter)
  - Bandari Project student sponsorship \$300.00 (already provided to them)
  - Rotary Foundation \$1,500.00
  - Primary School awards \$400.00
  - Foodshare \$500.00
  - Australian Rotary Health \$500.00
  - Port Fairy Hospital \$1,000.00
  - Biggest Morning Tea \$? (costs yet to be raised, approx. \$1,500.00)
  - Youth Programs \$1,616.29 (carry over until needed)
    - **Committed above \$12,566.29** exc biggest morning tea

**Service Projects / Environment: (Michael Crowe)**

Footbridge project

- The port manager (Cameron Brown) advised that the Assets department of the Council has reservations about the proposal to install garden beds on the Gipps Street approach to the footbridge. They have suggested somewhere on the East side of the bridge would be preferable. Michael requested a site inspection with them to discuss. Michael asked for another board member to attend the site meeting along with Ashley King who will be involved. Harry also volunteered to be at the meeting. Moyne Shire council are consistently being unhelpful with our requests.

**Youth / International Service: (John Clue)**

The Club has two main youth programs that we can participate in.

- **The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) 16<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023**

Kangaroobie, Princetown No applicants from our club this year.

- This is a 6-day Leadership & Self Development Seminar that is a once in a lifetime experience. Harry uploaded an information sheet onto the Port Fairy Community Notice Board that will; hopefully attract some interest. John also made mention of the program to our corporate member Bendigo Community Bank who have young staff that maybe interested. An offer to speak with the staff has also been made with Ashly King.
- No contact made by Bendigo Bank after our invitation to speak with staff.

### **2023/24 Youth Exchange**

- Opportunities are available for the Club to again participate in the program.
- Promotion activity to commence seeking interest once John has obtained the current information and flyers for distribution. We will again use the Port Fairy community notice board to promote the program.
- Expression of interest received from Tara Neal, Port Fairy resident & student @ Warrnambool College. Information pack received from YE placement officer Scotney Hayter. A meeting has been arranged between John, Tara and her parents' tomorrow night. Student Mentors (formerly known as student counsellors) were discussed, Graeme and Millee could share the role if the applicant is successful. The first Youth Exchange briefing is next weekend in Halls Gap.

### **Jacob Murray**

- Participation at the Asian Pacific Children's Convention being held in Fukuoka Japan in July. Board approved financial support. Moyne Shire has come on board with offer to provide badges/pins & information etc. Email received from Ashley Price Team Leader Visitors Services Moyne Shire, John to organise a time to meet with Jacob, Brett and the Ashley at the centre.

### Future suggested programs.

- We connect with local schools. Vocational Club meeting visit. Previously held with Consolidated School. Public speaking & choir.
- Assist with school garden projects that can be incorporated into our Open Gardens day.
- Introduce Rotaries Environment focus, establish projects, provide information etc.

**Membership:** (Bill Moore-absent).

- NIL provided

**Public Image:** (Harry Bracegirdle)

### Major tasks undertaken since last meeting:

1. Finalise and reconcile Car Raffle sales
2. Setup TryBooking portal for the Winter Trivia Quiz
3. Write up stories on Anzac Day and Trivia Quiz for Facebook and website
4. Compile and distribute May bulletin
5. Fulfill acting secretary roles at club meeting and Board meeting (minutes etc.)
6. Setup TryBooking portal for D9780 Changeover lunch

7. Setup rosters for May MOWs and Lighthouse Tours. Adrian is the only volunteer for this day, 3 x 2hr shifts need to be filled. All volunteers need an induction by the council before doing the shifts.

John Clue mentioned a District Radio promotion available to local radio stations in D9780. Presidents were contacted by DG Kathy Rivett (Pres Graeme did not receive it) Jill played the 30 second promo for the board to hear. **ACTION:** Harry to share it on Community noticeboard on Facebook.

### **Fundraising:**

### **General Business:**

- **Winter weekends-** Harry is involved in the Winter Weekends event (lighting). The group has offered \$1,000 to our Rotary Club to acknowledge the hard work Harry does. Harry asked for two Rotarians to help with the physical work involved. He will approach some members of our club. The work starts on 15<sup>th</sup> May. Harry asked that the money from WW's go toward a notebook to be a part of our AV equipment. Jill Gleeson moved a motion "Harry purchase a notebook using money donated to club from Winter Weekends committee" seconded by John Clue. This is not an official Rotary event, we are supplying manpower to assist the Winter Weekends committee only.
- **Changeover-** A meeting was held earlier today to discuss the changeover. Tony and Harry previously met with staff at the Sentinel. They have agreed for us to hold our changeover on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023. The venue will be exclusively ours, apart from the bar which will be open to the public. A menu was discussed, beef & chicken alternative drop with a dessert. We are planning on \$40 per head, book via Trybooking. 6.00 for 6.30 start. John Ellard has agreed to be MC. Tony has ordered pins for 2023/24 exec. Harry to order Paul Harris Fellow certificates.

### **Correspondence summary:**

- Bulletins- DG Kathy Rivett Travel guide, Ballarat South, Hamilton, Corio Bay, Grovedale Waurin Ponds
- Email from Gerda Saeys D2130 AG Groep 09, Rotary Club Waasmunster-Durmeland (Belgium) who was hoping to visit Port Fairy following her attendance at RI convention. Unfortunately, her dates do not align with our meetings and she will attend a meeting in Adelaide prior to returning home.
- Warrnambool Daybreak invitation to "Long Lunch" 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023
- Email from DG Kathy Rivett announcing DGN Christine Dufty, RC Nhill 2025/26

### **Business Arising from the Correspondence:**

NIL

Next Board Meeting: 14 June 2023 @ 6.30pm at Jills hoyuse. Everyone bring a plate of finger food to share

Meeting Close: 1814hrs (6.14pm)