

**ROTARY CLUB OF PORT FAIRY Inc.**

**Minutes**

**Board Meeting No. 06 (2022-23)**

**4:30pm, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022 (@ Gleeson home)**

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**Present:** Harry Bracegirdle, Graeme Cox, Jill Gleeson, Michael Crowe, Mllee Cox, Jeff Mclean

**Apologies:** Geoff Coxall, Bill Moore

**Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting:** (Meeting #5 held 16 November 2022).

Moved : Harry Bracegirdle      Seconded: Jeff Mclean

**Business Arising from Previous Minutes: All complete**

1. **ACTION:** Mllee to do thank you letters to Open Gardeners, Di Walker and Cobbs Bakery. **DONE**
2. **ACTION:** Jeff to write letters to accompany the donations to recipients of conference funds. **DONE**
3. **ACTION:** Jeff forward spreadsheet to Michael Crowe of Open Garden monies raised to forward to friends of Rotary **DONE**
4. **ACTION:** Graeme forward email to Michael to apply for Environmental award **DONE**
5. **ACTION:** Graeme speak to Marg re this Jazz festival request for volunteers **DONE**
6. **ACTION:** Mllee apply to Moyne to sell tickets on Saturdays mornings in Sackville st between Feb-April 2023. 10am-1.pm with 2 x 1 ½ hr shifts. **DONE**
7. **ACTION:** Jill speak to Pam at Community House re selling tickets on Saturdays at the markets in Dec 22 & Jan 23 **DONE**
8. **ACTION:** Graeme will look into the possibility of a license for the Bowls club. Harry and Tony speak to the golf club as an alternative Christmas function venue **DONE**

**Director's Reports:**

**President:** (Graeme Cox)

- **Christmas Party** RCPF Xmas Party will be held on Dec 19, 2022, starting at 6:30pm at The Sentinel Restaurant, 20 Bank Street, Port Fairy. All members and F.O.R have been invited. Thanks to Harry for putting out the Invitation on Clubrunner. Harry reported we have 29 RSVP for the party, Menu discussed and alternate drop between Beef/Chicken, Dessert Eaton Mess/Christmas pudding. We hope to get more RSVP as cut off is Friday. Jo Levey in charge of \$10 Kris Kringle.
- **Summer Raffle** The Summer Raffle is well underway and will stretch through January. Volunteers are required to sell tickets at the twilight market, ordinary market and down the main street. Wilma has kindly donated a painting for the Raffle and it looks magnificent.
- **Ballarat South Car Raffle** Application has been sent the RCBS and the tickets should be heading to the Club shortly. Volunteers will be required to sell tickets. Roster to be set up for sale in new year
- **RAWCS** The Umoja Orphanage Kenya project is a project of Rotary Australia World Community Service (Project 51 / 2011-12,) and our volunteers are the backbone of this project that is now

11.5 years old. **144 volunteers** - mostly Rotarians have come to our project and assisted to make Umoja what it is today.

Can you paint? We are needing painters to assist us in re-painting inside and out the first children's home. No worries if you can't, there are other tasks to do, or we can teach you. We are after handymen and women or anyone who seeks adventure and a unique experience at a RAWCS project and are happy to work in a team environment - AND not to mention have a unique safari experience with us after volunteering. The tour includes 10 - 11 days volunteering at the Umoja Project, then a 6 day wildlife safari to 3 national parks seeing the amazing wildlife and landscape of Kenya.

- **Hole in One – Warrnambool** Thank you to all those Rotarians who have volunteered over the Christmas/New Year period to assist in the Warrnambool Hole in One. It is a great way of meeting other Rotarians from the Warrnambool Clubs as well as raising valuable funds for our Club.
- **2023 District 9780 Conference** DG Kathy is excited to let us all know that our 2023 District 9780 Conference website and Try-booking is now open. DG Kathy is encouraging members to come along. There will be some amazing guest speakers like Jelena Dokic - tennis legend, TV commentator and Mark O'Toole - legend in Lismore for not only his own helicopter rescue, but also his on-going support and assistance for flood displaced locals.
- **Transfer of Tony Murray** I have received an email from the Treasurer advising that Tony has been a financial member of the RC of Doncaster and is of good standing. I have therefore asked that they commence his transfer to the RCPF.
- **Kristy Simpson-** Graeme recently emailed Kristy re her intention to remain a member of RCPF given she has not attended a meeting for 6 months nor made any contact with us since changeover. As the cut off for financial members is the end of the year, Graeme will follow this up with a phone call ASAP.

**Past President: (Jill Gleeson)**

- Catering for Port Fairy Marathon on 19 Feb 2023. Robert from the organising committee has asked us to again cater for the event. Jill agreed we would do it, but on a smaller scale than last time.

**Treasurer: (Jeff McLean)**

- As tabled- November deficit of \$487.31. Current bank balance \$9,964.49 Outgoing funds of \$6,000 to Australians 4 Women's Health. (**ACTION** Graeme to forward A4WH bank details to Jeff for distribution of these funds)
- Geoff created a simple version of a spreadsheet of the Open Gardens fundraising for distribution to Friends of Rotary.
- Ken and Barb Eldridge donated \$300 to the club for cleaning up their garden

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

- The Club's application for the Bronze Environmental Award was prepared and sent to the District Environment Chair, David Sanders. David has indicated that he will endorse the application and pass it onto DG Kathy.
- The Recycling Guide poster has been distributed for display in the Port Fairy shop windows.
- Barclay St has been weeded by the Moyne Shire, weeds will again grow given the warmer weather which will need some weedkiller in the future.
- As the position of Service Projects/Environment was left vacant at the AGM last month, Michael was asked if he wished to once again to do the role. Michael agreed to again be the Director but he decided he would let go of "Chair of Friends of Rotary" group. We will

need to find a replacement for this role for 2023/24. As the Chair of Friends of Rotary is not a Board member we can ask for volunteers from the club to do the role.

- Michael hasn't been able to contact Ashley King re the tidying up of the footbridge. He will keep trying

#### **Youth / International Service: (Geoff Coxall-absent)**

- My report consists of a global grant application to install a bio digester and solar pump at Bandari. Slowly working through this and will forward a draft when ready. Bandari has received a grant of about \$11,000 from the uniting church and rotary grant should cover the rest. I am about to participate in the online qualifying course and prepared the MOU for Graeme and John. Hopefully I'll be able to attend a meeting soon and present in person. Looking forward to being part of rotary again. Regards to all, Geoff
- Following discussion re the above report, the Board has asked for more information regarding the grant. The Board cannot endorse anything until more detail is received (which type of grant, did the Board endorse this application? etc)
- RCPF has agreed to lend our BBQ to the Bandari Project to raise funds at the Folk Festival ticket collection point. Bandari to supply own food, volunteers and gas etc

#### **Membership: (Bill Moore).**

- Nil report. Ashley King will be inducted as a corporate member in new year, possibly 6 February 2023. **ACTION** Millee purchase new member kit for Ashley

#### **Public Image: (Harry Bracegirdle)**

- Roster setup for the Xmas Party
- Roster setup for raffle ticket selling for Painting Raffle- still some gaps in new year. 500 tickets have been printed.
- Stories with photos developed for Facebook and website on clean up at Barb and Ken Eldridge's home.
- RYLA being promoted via our Facebook page
- Folk Festival gates. An email was received from the PFFF committee. Harry responded as they have asked for us to cover more hours (start 4pm on Friday not 5pm) He has asked for an extra ticket to offset this request. No response received yet. He will report back when we receive a response. Filling the shifts is challenging, getting 3 extra shifts will add to the pressure. We will need to complete the agreement after we receive the response. The agreement was signed on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022. The PFFF ask for a list of our volunteers prior to the event.

#### **Fundraising:**

#### **General Business:**

1. **Sea scouts.** Following a recent conversation with a member of the public, Jill received a thank you card and a gift of chocolates
2. **Presentation of awards** at Consolidated school and St Patrick's. we received an email from St Patricks school asking for a representative of RCPF to present awards @7pm Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. No request has been received from Consolidated school so far. John Clue to do St Patrick's school.
3. **2023/24 President:** John Clue volunteered to be mentor for Jed Macartney and Andrew Long. He has asked for Rotary email addresses, which they already have. It is not necessary for a member to use a Rotary email address.

4. [www.moyne.vic.gov.au/Community-Assistance-Fund](http://www.moyne.vic.gov.au/Community-Assistance-Fund)
5. RDU purchase 4 extra vests for Friends of Rotary to use while volunteering for our club? RCPF already have spare ones at the shed we can use (no logo)
6. **Volunteer hours** 95 hours in November (not all board members have submitted their hrs) 562.5 hrs since July-December
7. **AGM office bearers 2023/2024**- vacancy- see Michael Crowe report
8. **President Graeme** formally thanked Jill Gleeson for opening her home each month for the Board meetings. It is a challenge living out of the town and we really appreciate the local support in Port Fairy. Thanks Jill
9. **Merry Christmas** to all board members, Graeme distributed a small gift to each member

#### Diary Dates:

- **Next RCPF Members meeting (Social):** 18 January 2023 Combined Lions dinner. **ACTION:** Graeme to liaise with Neil Hedger to discuss details. Will go out on Club runner when have more details
- **Next Board meeting** 8 February 2023
- **Next RCPF Members meeting (Ordinary):** 6 February 2023 Induction **ACTION:** Millee book Star of West for 6 February 2023

#### Business Arising from the Correspondence:

Correspondence summary:

- Bulletins- DG Kathy Rivett Travel guide, Ballarat South, Corio Bay, Grovedale Warun Ponds, Bandari December newsletter
- Response from D9780 re application for Environmental award (see attached)
- Email from RC Doncaster re transfer Tony Murray (see attachment)
- 2022 Council of Resolutions Report of Action (link for your information- worth a look at): [https://msgfocus.rotary.org/files/amf\\_highroad\\_solution/user\\_480/2022\\_Council\\_on\\_Resolutions\\_Report\\_of\\_Action\\_EN.pdf](https://msgfocus.rotary.org/files/amf_highroad_solution/user_480/2022_Council_on_Resolutions_Report_of_Action_EN.pdf)
- Rural Doctors foundation seeking donations
- RYLA application form
- Rotary Foundation seeking donations
- Invitation to participate in 2022 SpringFest Ballarat Online Raffle (FTF cancelled)
- National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) 16-19 Jan 2023 seeking volunteers to assist facilitating the program in Brisbane, Newcastle, Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth
- RI Convention 27-31 May volunteer opportunities (to be circulated at meeting)

**Next Board Meeting:** 8 February 2023

**Meeting Close:** 1801hrs (6.01pm)