



# ROTARY CLUB OF MOE



**2025-2026**

# ANNUAL REPORT

**RI President: Francesco Arezzo**

**District Governor: Peter Behm**

**Cub Presidents: Len Cairns and Alan Bishop**

**Secretaries: Maureen Bishop and Roger Taylor**

**Treasurer: Robin Noakes**

**BOARD MEMBERS**

<b>President</b>	<b>Len Cairns/Alan Bishop</b>
<b>Immediate Past President</b>	<b>Lyn Cassar</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Maureen Bishop/Roger Taylor</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Robin Noakes</b>
<b>International/Foundation</b>	<b>Diane Wilkinson</b>
<b>Community Service</b>	<b>Ross Maxfield</b>
<b>Vocational/Youth Service Co-ordinator</b>	<b>Robin Noakes/Roger Taylor</b>

**CLUB POSITIONS FOR 2025/2026**

**Club Project Co-ordinators**

Rotary Junior Community Awards—Robin Noakes / Roger Taylor  
Pride of Workmanship Awards—Roger Taylor / Maureen Bishop  
Wheelchair for Kids—Robin Noakes  
Youth Programs (RYLA / NYSF) - Roger Taylor  
Community Projects—Ross Maxfield / Alan Bishop  
MUNA (Club contact) - Diane Wilkinson  
Bali 'Adopt a School' Project—Michael Koch  
Gippsland Rotary Golf Classic—Roger Taylor / Maureen Bishop

**Club Support**

Sergeant – Helen Morrison  
Bulletin Editor - Helen MacDonald  
Club Property Officers – Ross Maxfield/Alan Bishop  
Club Protection Officer – Len Cairns  
Historian – Ross Maxfield

**Promotions/Media**

Facebook -Diane Wilkinson  
Website—Maureen Bishop

**President Len Cairns—July to December 2025**

This Rotary year the club decided to have a shared President Role, with me as President for the first 6 months (July 1st to December 30th, 2025) and Alan Bishop (from January 1st to June 30th, 2026).

This report is about the first half of the traditional Rotary year.

At the start of the 2025 -2026 year as Joint Presidents, Alan Bishop and I set out our basic programme for the year as follows:

*Together, Presidents Len and Co President Alan are united in their commitment to the Rotary International theme, "Unite for Good." Their shared vision includes growing club membership and strengthening community connections through meaningful service projects that foster inclusion, support, and goodwill.*

*This Rotary year, 2025–2026, will see the Rotary Club of Moe continue its strong commitment to both local and international service. Our work will again include the Moe Botanical Garden project and our long running support for schools within postcode 3825 through the Rotary Junior Community Awards. Later in the year, we look forward to hosting our major celebration, the Pride of Workmanship Awards.*

*Internationally, we remain proud sponsors of Bunutan Number 3 Primary School in Banyule, Bali, a partnership that has now spanned 13 years. We will also continue the very successful fund-raising cause "Wheelchairs for Kids" which has been Past President Lyn Cassar's amazing achievement with Rotarian Robin Noakes now an ambassador for this international project.*

During the winter months there were a number of our Rotarians travelling to warmer climates within Australia and overseas, so July and August were not as busy as usual. Nevertheless, we had regular meetings and managed to enjoy our fellowship and start the new Rotary year. In this first half we did have some exciting events as well.

On the 4th August we hosted a delegation from Takasago City in Japan (Latrobe City's Japanese Sister City) who requested to attend our regular club meeting at the Moe Hotel. This has been specially planned as a follow-up to our club's 2018 visit to the Rotary Club of Takasago Seisho for their 40th Anniversary when a group of our Rotarians and some 'friends of Rotary' spent a wonderful time in Takasago. (2018 group pictured below)



The then President of the Rotary Club of Takasago Seisho was Tokura Tatsuyoshi who is now the Mayor of the city and led the sister city visit to Latrobe City. Our members were delighted with the evening. (Full report follows).

Strategic events between July and December included the Pride of Workmanship Awards on 1st December, recognising school students across Postcode 3825 who have each demonstrated strong commitment to their school communities.

We also once again hosted the Rotary Junior Community Awards program, with students presenting their achievements at the Club in the presence of their families and teachers. This continues to be a highly valued and popular program within our local schools.

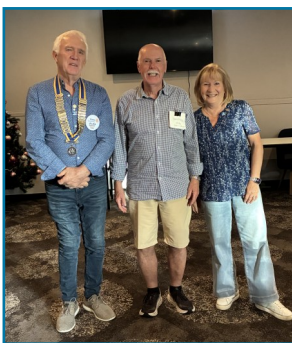


*(Pictured above L to R: Participating Schools —Elizabeth St PS; Albert St PS; South St PS; Willow Grove PS)*

Near the end of the first six months, the Club was proud to present Sapphire Pins to Past President Lyn Cassar and Past President Robin Noakes, recognising their outstanding dedication to promoting the Wheelchairs for Kids charitable project which contributed to a significant number of wheelchairs being funded for children in need.



Overall this first half of the 2025-2026 Rotary year led to some substantial events and Rotary fellowship.



My thanks to Secretary, Maureen Bishop who also finishes this half year to hand over to Secretary Roger Taylor.

We look forward to the second half of the year with President Alan Bishop.

**Len Cairns**  
**President July to December 2025**

**Takasago Visit**

On 4th August 2025, a prestigious group from Latrobe City's sister city Takasago in Japan visited our Rotary Club of Moe. This was a significant part of the group's set of events in their visit to Latrobe city as the leader of the mission, Tokura Tatsuyoshi, the Mayor of Takasago City, is well known to many of our Club Rotarians as they had visited Takasago City a few years ago when he, as President of the Rotary Club of Takasago Seisho had been the host of our visiting Rotary team. Tokura San, when planning his trip to Latrobe City had requested that he and his colleagues attend one of our club meetings.



The visit was a very special event for our club. A number of our Rotarians, including Secretary Maureen Bishop and Past President Peter Kingsbury, spoke with warmth and affection about the wonderful time they had in Takasago and Tokura San responded, emphasising the Rotary spirit we share.

The visiting group from Japan also included Yoshioka Kohei (Mr) Officer of Culture and Sports Division, Takasago City; Nishinaka Norifumi (Mr) Vice President of Takasago International Association and Kataoka Sawako (Ms), Takasago International Association.



The evening was a great success. In addition to the Moe Rotarians who had been on the Japan trip, a number of community members and 'Friends of Rotary' attended the event along with family members and community supporters.



**President Alan Bishop—January to June 2026**

In late December 2025, I had the great pleasure of being inducted as President to lead the Club from January to June 2026, taking over from Len Cairns, who did an outstanding job guiding us through the first six months of the Rotary year.

This year's Rotary Theme is "Unite for Good," and I'm happy to share that our club has truly reflected this motto by taking part in many Rotary events and projects over the course of the year.



Our major ongoing project over the past 9 months has been the restoration of the round garden bed in the Botanic Gardens. This project, which began in October 2025, reached completion in April with the final planting. A sincere thank you to Len Cairns, Diane and David Wilkinson, and all members who contributed their time and effort along the way — a job truly well done.



Following the successful Rotary Junior Community Award program in 2025, our Vocational Committee has commenced meeting with local schools and has once again secured the participation of all four schools for the 2026 program. We look forward to seeing how students from Elizabeth Street PS, South Street PS, Albert Street PS and Willow Grove PS rise to the challenge of this award in 2026.

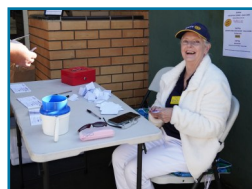
Club Project Coordinator for the Wheelchairs for Kids program, PP Robin Noakes, has recently advised the club that we have now reached the remarkable milestone of 106 chairs purchased and ready for distribution overseas since the project's inception. Our club has recently approved the purchase of 5 more chairs for this Rotary year. A great effort by Robin for his dedication to this very worthwhile cause.



Plans for the Gippsland Rotary Golf Classic commenced in January with golf coordinators Roger and Maureen working behind the scenes to ensure a smooth running of the day.



This event cannot run without 'all hands on deck' and all members contributed along the way by setting up ticket venue sales; selling raffle tickets; collecting auction items; organising catering requirements, cooking the bbq and assisting on the day. A huge thank you to every member for your efforts in making this year's Golf Day another outstanding success.



In February I attended the President Elect Meeting held at the Beaconsfield Club. The day was very informative, and I was able to share ideas, discuss common challenges, and gain a clearer understanding of the expectations and responsibilities for the year ahead.

The Business Excellence Awards was held in April and thanks to Roger for organising this great night. The successful candidate was our local veterinarian, Andrew Lewis. Andrew was very humble in accepting his award.

Also present on the night was Cesar Olange from France who was hosted as an exchange student by Sandra and Pash Demagistris in 2010. Cesar shared his reflections on his time in Australia and the lasting impact his Rotary exchange experience has had on his life.



Our Club once again participated in Anzac Day, with Rotarians Alan Sinnott and Roger Taylor laying wreaths at the Newborough RSL and Moe RSL respectively. Thank you to both Alan and Roger for representing our Club and volunteering their time.

Part of President Len's and my goals for the Rotary year was to promote our Club and attract new members. As part of this effort, a promotional flyer was produced and distributed by members throughout the business community. We also explored radio advertising with Gippsland FM which could consist of say 104 announcements being aired over a 13 week period. This option will probably be taken up in the near future. Another valuable opportunity was a half page supplement in the Latrobe Valley Express within their "Celebrating 70+ Years" feature, published in April. (*Copy of LV Express insert follows*). We hope these initiatives help spread the word about the important work our Club undertakes within the community.

Looking ahead to the next Rotary year, Incoming Presidents Lyn, Ross and I are considering a new project that we hope will involve the wider community. We will be researching the possibility of participating in Clean Up Australia Day in March 2027, with the aim of strengthening community engagement and visibility.

As our Club continues to decline in numbers, we are finding that many roles now need to be shared. This year we have successfully shared both the President's and Secretary's positions, and our Club coordinators have willingly stepped in to assist in other areas whenever required. To maintain the viability of our Club, it will be necessary to continue working under this shared responsibility model, and we will again be sharing these roles into the next Rotary year.

In closing, I wish to thank Secretary Roger for his ongoing assistance throughout my time as President. My thanks also go to our Board members and all Club members for your contribution, support, and commitment to our club this year.

**Alan Bishop**  
**President—January to June 2026**

Are you keen to make a difference in your local *community*



**GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL:** Pictured L to R: Diane Wilkinson, Ross Maxfield and Bill Connell. Photo: supplied

**New to the area and eager to meet people?**  
**Wanting a fresh outlook or meaningful new connections?**  
**Nearing retirement and looking for a renewed sense of purpose?**

The Rotary Club of Moe has been serving the Moe community since 1949, and throughout that time we have remained actively involved in supporting and working alongside our local community.

As our Club enters its 77th year and continues this important work, we are reaching out to the community to welcome new volunteers who can assist us and help ensure we maintain a strong and visible presence in Moe. Whether your interest is in supporting youth, assisting with Rotary projects around town,

or cooking up a great BBQ, your skills and enthusiasm will be warmly welcomed. Not sure you wish to commit to a club up front- then become a 'Friend of Rotary' Being a Friend of Rotary allows you to participate in fundraising events and projects and assist in hands-on working bees. It's an opportunity to enjoy activities and each other's company, catch up with old friends and make or develop new ones.

It's also a great way to experience the joy of volunteering and see how Rotary works before deciding whether to become a full member. For further information on volunteering, please contact us at [secretary@moe Rotary.org.au](mailto:secretary@moe Rotary.org.au) or check out our website at [www.moe Rotary.org.au](http://www.moe Rotary.org.au)

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Find friendship, purpose and new opportunities with the **ROTARY CLUB OF MOE**

Rotary Club of Moe 



**Volunteering provides opportunities for social engagement and networking. It's a chance to meet like minded individuals and build new friendships based on shared interests and causes.**

**WHAT WE DO .....**

The Rotary Club of Moe is a group of men and women who take action in a wide variety of service activities both locally and globally.

Locally we raise funds for a variety of projects in our district such as: Gippsland Rotary Centenary House; Botanic Gardens and the Wheelchair for Kids Program to name a few.

We work alongside other not-for-profit organisations in supporting the community.

Our club is engaged in Youth programs for young people and internationally we support the End Polio Now program and our "Adopt school Project" in Bali

The Rotary Club of Moe is part of a global network of 1.2 million men and women, neighbours, friends, leaders and problem-solvers who join together to make a difference in our communities



The Rotary Club of Moe operates three separate accounts to manage the Club's finances. The Project Account records income and expenses associated with all service-related activities. The Administration Account is used to monitor and manage income and expenses associated with the Club business operations during the year and the Disaster Fund is maintained at a level that enables the Club to respond directly to disaster situations deemed appropriate during the year. The Disaster Fund is reimbursed from the Project Account whenever such donation is made to ensure there are sufficient ongoing funds to respond to future events. This year, that represented a donation of \$2,000 to Rotary Australia World Community Service RAWCS for bushfire relief.

### **Administration Account**

The Administration account is utilised to receive annual membership fees and to process additional funds from a range of sources that assist the Club to meet all administration expenses associated with the running of the Club. Significant expense items include Rotary International subscriptions of \$2,679, Rotary District subscriptions of \$2,204, Rotary DownUnder magazine costs of \$741 and the annual costs of over \$528 for the Club Runner program through which the operations of the Club's website, record keeping and internal communication processes are managed.

### **Project Account**

During the year, the Club undertook a number of fundraising activities that provided an income source that enabled us to continue to support Rotary programs and Club projects and to make a number of donations to community organisations.

The club continued to support Wheelchairs for Kids Australia with a fund raising music event in October 2025. This event itself raised \$1,648, and the Club received \$1,052 in direct donations from individuals and businesses that were also sent to the WFK program. In addition the club made a direct donation of \$1,500 and also received numerous donations to the project totalling \$5,275 which were paid onwards through the Wheelchairs for Kids QR code.

Other fundraising activities included our annual Gippsland Rotary Golf Classic and a number of barbeques in the community. The Club was also successful in obtaining a Foundation Education Grant of \$500 which was matched by the Club to provide a \$1,000 grant to Lowanna College.

The Club contributed \$1,500 towards the cost of an industrial mower for Gippsland Rotary Centenary House. As a community service the Club assisted Moe Community Arts Collective run a student art show, managing the finances for the event and providing a free barbeque.

The Club has made a commitment in 25/26 to assist with the cost of additional toilets at Bali School Banyuning. So far \$1,400 has been expended by the Club. The total cost of this project is expected to be \$3,400, with the Club committing up to \$1,700 and the remainder being met through donations from a number of organisations and individuals.

Additional donations to various organisations as part of our annual disbursements are also included in the list below.

<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>\$</b>
Gippsland Rotary Centenary House	Donation	5,000
Rotary Foundation	International Project Annual Fund (\$1000 US)	1,420
Rotary International	Polio Plus Contribution (\$1000 US)	1,420
Disaster Fund	Disaster Aid Australia donation	2,000
Rotary District 9815	RAWCS Bushfire Relief	2,000
Gippsland Rotary Centenary House	Contribution towards Mower	1,500
Wheelchairs for Kids	Club donation for purchase of wheelchairs	1,500
Wheelchairs for Kids	Fundraising Event for WFK program	1,648
Wheelchairs for Kids	Direct Donations transferred to WFK program	5,275
Bali School Bunyuning	Half cost of additional student toilet block	1,400
Lowanna College	Rotary Foundation Educ Grant – Club contribution	500
Student Awards x 12 Schools	Pride of Workmanship Awards	650
Student Awards x 1	John Dwyer Awards	200
Royal Children's Hospital	Donation – Good Friday Appeal	500
Moe High Street Play Group	Purchase of play equipment	350
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25,363</b>



**Robin Noakes  
Treasurer**

**Co-ordinator:** Ross Maxfield, Assistant Co-ordinator Alan Bishop.

This is our second year into not having a committee structure, members have been very responsive to my request for volunteers for the various projects Community Service has undertaken throughout the year.

**BBQ Maintenance**

During July, Alan Bishop and myself have replaced the wash basin pump in the bbq trailer. It is now in perfect working order. The trailer has been hot washed and Lyn Cassar has cleaned out the inside of the trailer.

**Building Maintenance – Botanic Gardens**

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of July Alan Bishop and myself cleaned out the spouting on both buildings and gurneyed the concrete areas, we also tidied the Playground area of built-up leaves.

**Father’s Day Celebration and Car Display at Old Gipps town**

On the 7<sup>th</sup> of September we supported Old Gipps town and cooked egg and bacon rolls, unfortunately we sold out early but made a profit of \$400.



Alan Bishop, Ross Maxfield, Helen Morrison and Len Cairns attended.

**Energy Australia RU OK Morning**



An early start at 5am on the 11<sup>th</sup> of September was attended by Alan Bishop, Robin Noakes, Ross Maxfield and Len Cairns. We cooked and served 109 egg and bacon sandwiches to the workers at the Eastern Car Park as they arrived for work. The food was supplied by Energy Australia and they donated \$500 to our club.

**Ellinbank Football Finals at Trafalgar Football Oval**



Held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of September commencing at 9.30am. Alan & Maureen Bishop, Julian Yeatman, Helen & Dave Morrison and Ross Maxfield combined with Morwell Rotary Club.



We cooked and sold 272 hamburgers with a profit of \$740. Morwell cooked sausages. We packed up at 4pm.

**Rotary Community Student Art Show**

In co-ordination with the Moe Community Arts Collective, Moe Rotary through the efforts of Diane Wilkinson obtained a grant to cover the cost of the show, part of that was to supply sausages in bread and soft drinks to the students and public who attended the opening day of the show at the High Street Community Hub on the 20<sup>th</sup> of September. In attendance was Diane Wilkinson, Ross Maxfield, Robin Noakes, Helen Morrison and Len Cairns, it was a rainy day and attendance was not what was expected. The excitement on the faces of the students exhibiting their work made the event a success.



**Rejuvenation of the Round Garden Bed in the Botanic Gardens**

Diane Wilkinson obtained a grant to engage landscaper Luke for professional advice and to purchase new topsoil, drainage materials, and plants to rejuvenate the garden bed. On 9 October, digging commenced to remove approximately 300mm of topsoil, which was trailed to the Yallourn Golf Club. This was a major undertaking involving months of back breaking manual shovelling and several working bees. Eventually, all of the old soil was removed.

In March, a trench was dug around the inside circumference of the brick wall. The weep holes in the outer wall were cleared, and gravel and drainage piping were installed. A second trench was dug across the centre of the bed and filled with gravel to further improve drainage.



By April, the garden bed was ready for 10 cubic metres of fresh garden soil. Landscaper Luke used his bobcat and front bucket to load the new soil into the bed. Banksia ‘Birthday Candles’ have been planted around the outer perimeter, with alternating Hese Buxofolia and Nandina ‘Moon Bay’ in the inner circle. The garden has now been mulched.



The Rotary Roses — ‘Joy of Life’ and ‘Joy of Health’ — will be planted mid year and have been generously donated by Len Cairns.

Sincere thanks to all members who assisted with this project, including David Wilkinson.

### **Rotary Junior Community Awards**

The awards were held at Albert Street Primary School on 12 November. A free BBQ of sausage in bread was provided for those attending with 89 servings handed out. Representing our club were Diane Wilkinson, Ross Maxfield, Julian Yeatman, and Maureen Bishop.

### **Moe High Street Play Group**

In an email dated the 17<sup>th</sup> of November, a request for funding for playgroup equipment was sent to Moe Rotary and Moe Lions, we both attended the playgroup session and agreed to support them, Moe Lions decided to donate a portable sand pit, we agreed to donate \$350. which was appreciated by the playgroup.

### **Pride of Workmanship Awards**

Held at Old Gippsdown on 1 December, the event was attended by approximately 100 people. Alan Bishop, Alan Sinnott and Ross Maxfield managed the cooking, while Lyn Cassar set up the kitchen and serving area. We did run short on hamburgers and salad, which has been noted for next year’s planning.



### **Energy Australia end of year BBQ**

Held on 17 December, this year’s event catered for an estimated 500 workers, with meals served at 12.30pm. As the expected numbers were smaller than in previous years, only our club and the Moe Lions were involved in the cooking. Our team — Alan and Maureen Bishop, Lyn Cassar, Bill Connell and Ross Maxfield cooked on two BBQs from 10.15am to 1.00pm, before joining the workers for a meal. Energy Australia kindly donated \$750.00 in appreciation of our support.

### **St Vinnies Toy Run**

On 19 December, Rotary members assisted with the delivery of toys and Christmas hampers to families in need across Moe, Newborough, and Yallourn North.

Providing support on the day were Robin and Kate Noakes, Julian Yeatman, Roger Taylor, Helen Morrison, Diane Wilkinson, and Ross and Suzie Maxfield. Unfortunately, Lyn Cassar was unwell and unable to attend.

**Botanic Gardens**

A working bee was held on 12th January to clean up accumulated leaves, bark, and weeds in the playground garden area, as well as debris in the carpark.

In attendance were Alan Bishop, Ross Maxfield, and Roger Taylor. The team worked from 9.00am to 11.30am, completing a thorough tidy up of the area.

**Return to Rotary BBQ**

Held at the Botanic Gardens on 12<sup>th</sup> January, the gathering was attended by 19 Rotarians and partners, along with two guests. Ross and Alan cooked on the two Rotary Community BBQs, and we were given access to the Tennis Club Pavilion. Lyn Cassar organised the salads and sweets, with assistance from members.



**Botanic Gardens**

A second working bee was held on 24<sup>th</sup> January after easterly winds blew more bark and leaves back onto the garden area alongside the playground path. There was also a large pile of bark and leaves from the 12<sup>th</sup> January working bee that needed to be transported to the Yallourn Golf Club.

Carrying out the cleanup were Ross Maxfield, Roger Taylor, and a new friend of Rotary, Arron Halton.

**Pie Heater**

The heater has been sitting in the Rotary shed for many years needing repair. It was inspected by Alan Sinnott recently and Alan advised it required a new element costing \$175. Alan purchased and fitted the new element, cleaned the unit, and certified the lead. Alan donated the cost of the element and his labour as a donation to the Club.

Thankyou Alan for your very generous donation. We now have means of keeping BBQ meat warm when we have power.

### **Refrigerated Trailer**

The Moe Lions Club borrowed our Refrigerated Trailer on the 13<sup>th</sup> of December and also on the 26<sup>th</sup> of January, the necessary paperwork was signed and a donation of \$500 was deposited into our account.

### **Gippsland Golf Classic**

The BBQ was used at the golf day to provide a snack for the players and volunteers prior to the start of golf at 11.30am. Lyn Cassar, Helen & Dave Morrison provided the sausages in bread, of which 125 were handed out.

### **Royal Children’s Hospital Appeal**

Dave Wood organised a team consisting of Helen Morrison, President Alan Bishop, Diane Wilkinson, Roger Taylor, Lyn Cassar, Annette Mikecz, and himself to door knock the area around Parkside Drive on Good Friday.

The team collected \$674.60, and with an additional \$500 donation from the Club, the total contribution was significant. Moe/Newborough placed 10th among country regions, which was an excellent result.

### **Botanic Gardens Watering System**

As a result of discussions led by Len Cairns with Latrobe City Council, a tap has been installed on the wall of the Tennis Clubrooms to access water for the oblong garden and Council are in the process of installing a tap in a box in the ground close to the round garden.

### **Botanic Gardens Playground Roster - 2025 - 2026**

July—Robin Noakes	January—Roger Taylor
August—Bill Connell	February—Len Cairns
September—Ross Maxfield	March— Robin Noakes
October— Dave Wood	April— Ross Maxfield
November— Alan Bishop	May— Lyn Cassar
December—Ross Maxfield	June— Julian Yeatman

Thanks to all of the members who have assisted in all of the projects this year.

**Ross Maxfield**  
**Community Service Co-ordinator.**

This report outlines activities that the Rotary Club of Moe has undertaken in 2025-26 to support Rotary International and Rotary Foundation programs.

**Rotary Club of Moe “Adopt a School” Project**

The Rotary Club of Moe has continued to participate in our long-term “Adopt a School” project at the Banyuning School in Bali through our International program. Past President Michael Koch is the main contact for our Club for this project and keeps the Club informed through ongoing communication with school and local community representatives in Bali.

This year, we have constructed two new toilets and a septic tank to help meet the needs of the increasing number of students at the school. The site of the school is somewhat challenging with very limited space available. A narrow section of the grounds near the side fence was utilized to construct the toilets, with works being undertaken by local contractors. The cost of this project was met through Rotary Club of Moe funds and donations. The Club greatly appreciates the financial support that has been received from businesses and individuals which has helped us to be able to continue with this project over many years.



**Rotary Foundation Education Grant**

We were very pleased to again be successful in our application for a Rotary Foundation Education Grant (formerly known as the Rotary Foundation Student Scholarship). This provided us with another opportunity to build on our strong relationship with Lowanna College and to support students to be able to more fully participate in their education experience. The grant, which consists of \$500 contribution from the Rotary District Foundation Education Grant fund and \$500 from the Rotary Club of Moe, provides financial assistance to students who are nominated by Lowanna College, to help meet some of their educational expenses.



The school has full discretion in nominating eligible students, who are then allocated a percentage of the total education grant funds. Four students were again supported this year. We have received very positive feedback from the school in relation to the assistance provided to students and families through the provision of this grant.

*Pictured above at the cheque presentation are Kristy Bannister, Assistant Principal; Club Co-President 25-26 Len Cairns; Bernadette Cropper, Acting Principal; PP Diane Wilkinson, Foundation Chair; Club Co-President 25-26 Alan Bishop; and Michael Lakeman, Science Teacher*

**Diane Wilkinson—International / Foundation Chair**

## Rotary Junior Community Award

19 Year 6 students from 4 local schools successfully completed the RJCA award during Terms 2 and 3 of 2025, but it was during October and November that Rotary highlighted their achievements. Two programs were set aside for ASPS (Albert Street), SSPS (South Street) and ESPS (Elizabeth Street) students to report to our club, while some Rotarians attended a School Assembly at Willow Grove PS where students shared their Rotary journey. Both forms of providing feedback to Rotary were most acceptable.

The 2025 intake took the total number of RJCA graduates to 238 in the 12 years since we commenced this program in 2014. 106 of these students have represented ESPS with a further 88 coming from ASPS. Six different state schools have now been involved, with South Street PS being involved for the first time, while it was the second year for WGPS.

A key component of the RJCA program centres around the student presentations. This gives Rotary the opportunity to develop close relationships with the schools, students, parents and staff. In addition, we get to do a bit of flag waving and promotion of our club. Feedback, as always, was particularly positive.



The 2026 round started with information presentations to schools. Albert St PS and Elizabeth St PS are involved as usual. It was very pleasing to see both Willow Grove PS and South Street Primary school engage with the award again. The effect of seeing the prior year's Grade 6's do something interesting has spurred incoming grade 6's to get involved. There are approximately 36 students participating this year.

All Rotarians were involved with this year's arrangements, but we'd particularly like to acknowledge Diane Wilkinson, Maureen Bishop, Ross Maxfield, Helen MacDonald, Robin Noakes and Roger Taylor for their support and reviewing the diaries and providing feedback to the students.

Successful students in 2025 were –

ASPS	WGPS	ESPS	SSPS
Georgia Stewart	Ebony Fiddelaers	Joshua Basile	Jasmine Leas
Callum Robinson	Loui Baker	Olivia Gardner	Mary Puts
Ethan Corney	Ava Warren	Lola Stoker	Joyce Li
Lincoln Smith	Ollie Reavley	Karly Ardley	Ariana Kovacevic
Olivia Bridge-Johnson			
Jazmyne Farrugia			

**Robin Noakes and Roger Taylor—Coordinators**

**Pride of Workmanship Awards 2025**

Once again, the Moe Rotary Club hosted the annual Pride of Workmanship awards at Old Gippstown in December. Preliminary planning is now significantly easier with Rotary running sheets mirroring those maintained by Andrew Reddick at Old Gippstown.

Poor weather forecasts hampered the otherwise excellent food preparations of our hardworking Service Committee team. However, the barbecue went ahead as planned, and feedback of their endeavours were acclaimed by all.

With recipients, their families and friends, school staff and Rotarians, we catered for 90 diners. Once again, awardees and their parents were club guests, while additional supporters paid \$15.00 per head.

All 13 invitees from 12 postcode 3825 primary/church schools were in attendance.

This year’s recipients were:

Albert St PS .....	Levi Foley	South Street PS.....	Ariana Kovacevic
Barina Special .....	Jason Mifsud	St. Kieran’s Cath PS.....	Jade Carroll
Elizabeth St PS.....	Lola Stoker	St. Mary’s Newb PS....	Stella Ridley
Lowanna SC.....	William Ablitt	Tanjil South PS.....	Matilda Suchodolski
Newborough East ...	Cooper O’Reilly	Willow Grove PS.....	Ollie Reavley
Newborough PS.....	Kate Wagner	Yallourn North PS.....	Jacynta Anceschi
Rawson PS.....	Raylee Matthyssen		

There is no doubt that this event is highly valued by our network of schools, who turn up in large numbers. This year 7 of our school principals supported their awardees, which speaks volumes of the program’s stature in the school community. Rotarians take much pride in showcasing this activity. Parents too, love to see their sons and daughters feted and photo opportunities were gratefully accepted. Four recipients were re-presented with their POW award, by a Moe Rotarian, at their Presentation Night.



**John Dwyer Award**

2025 recipient, Declan Osborne, was delighted to share in the Pride of Workmanship evening. After the initial presentations, Declan was awarded the John Dwyer certificate, together with a \$200 grant, in memory of outstanding past Rotarian, mentor and educator, John. Declan unfortunately was unable to attend Lowanna’s Presentation evening.

**Co-ordinators: Roger Taylor and Maureen Bishop**



At the start of the 2025 2026 year “shared” Presidents Len Cairns and Alan Bishop endorsed the WFKA project as a club project. The grand total from the previous 2 years stood at 68 chairs. Whilst no particular goal for the club was set, I started working towards a target of 20 chairs.

In August 2025 I made a trip to South Australia and reached out to several Rotary Clubs in Adelaide and the Fleurieu Peninsular. My wife Kate and I made numerous presentations to Rotary clubs, many of whom made donations and expressed interest in long term support. One Rotarian in Goolwa was so enthused that she has joined WFKA as a Volunteer Coordinator. This will significantly improve awareness of the project with an additional State now involved.



Our own club ran a fund-raising music night in October 2025 which raised enough to purchase 9 chairs.

Many local clubs and individuals have made donations leading to a current total in 2025/26 of 38 chairs. Since inception our club has directly raised over 106 chairs.

Additionally, in my Victorian Coordinator role, I assisted the Rotary Club of Traralgon run a Wheelathon at St Paul’s Anglican Grammar School, Traralgon campus. This raised over 14 chairs. It was immensely enjoyed by all of the students pushing chairs around the basketball courts.



Robin Noakes  
Club Project Coordinator Rotary Club of Moe  
**Volunteer, Victorian Coordinator, Wheelchairs for Kids Australia**

The Rotary Club of Moe is once again immensely grateful to a variety of people for ensuring the success of the twenty-sixth staging of this wonderful event.

As usual, raffle sales were conducted in the Moe CBD for 8 weeks leading up to the golf day which was blessed with perfect conditions at the beautiful Yallourn Golf Club on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

96 players, representing 32 teams, competed, with the golf followed by mini raffles, dinner, an auction of donated goods and services, and the major raffle draw.

Due to the generous support of sponsors, golfers, Rotarians and their families, and catering by Moe Inner Wheel Club members, the annual charity fundraiser was extremely successful. Proceeds totalled \$19,300, most of which has been earmarked for distribution amongst local projects.

The raffles and auction were well supported and provided spirited bidding. Again, it was gratifying to witness so many golfers remain after the event to support the fundraising activities. We especially thank our donors for their ongoing contributions.

**This year’s golf presentations went to:**

Best team

*Danny Edebohls Property  
Sales comprising  
Clinton Taylor, Jarrod Cook  
and Stuart Wildblood*

Runner Up

*Dennis Hicks,  
Loretta Booth  
and Kerrie Davey*

Third

*Chris Robinson,  
Jedd Murdoch and  
Greg Boorer*

Ladies’ Winners

*Sue Caldwell,  
Samatha Caldwell and  
Donna Mellon*



**Our major raffle winners were:**

First Prize - \$2000 Bellevue Lakes Entrance Getaway – Jan Curtis

Second Prize - \$1000 Moe Betta Home Living – Peter

Third Prize – Ninja Slushi – winner requested anonymity.

When we thank the usual people at the presentations, we omit the real stars of the event. It gives me great pride to reflect on the whole club support for the GRGC and more importantly, that no matter how busy or tired we are, everyone pulls together to make each event something special. This is reflected in the feedback we get from a broad cross section of Moe, not just the golfing community.

It would be a grave omission not to specifically thank the hard-working committee members who devoted much time, energy and experience to the roles of Catering (Diane Wilkinson), Marketing (Robin Noakes), Manpower (Alan Bishop) and Administration (Maureen Bishop.)

**Roger Taylor—GRGC coordinator**

**The Rotary Club of Moe wish to acknowledge the following sponsors who contributed to the Gippsland Rotary Golf Classic charity day**



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| Alan and Alison Sinnott       | Gippsland Water                 | Moe Veterinary Centre               |
| Alan and Maureen Bishop       | Harvey Norman                   | Morwell Club                        |
| Armstrong Flooring            | Helen MacDonald                 | Newborough Newsagency               |
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| Bunnings                      | Latrobe City Council            | Old Sale Road Vet                   |
| Butchers on George            | Latrobe Road Storage            | Paint Spot                          |
| Cammy's Car Care              | Latrobe Valley Express          | Paul Buchanan                       |
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| Choices by Paulls             | Len Cairns                      | Robin and Kate Noakes               |
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| East West Autos               | Mick North Electrical Inspector | TM & H Mitre 10                     |
| Energy Australia              | Michael's Golden Hen            | Triangle Trophy                     |
| Evolution by Ebony            | Moe Betta Home Living           | Twenty20                            |
| Frame by Frame                | Moe Fruit Market                | Walhalla Gold Mine Extended Tunnell |
| Future Flicks                 | Moe Hotel                       | Walhalla Goldfields Railway         |
| Georges Mowers                | Moe Racing Club                 | Warragul and Moe Optical            |
| Gippsland Land Services       | Moe RSL                         | 3825 Barbers                        |
| Gippsland NDT                 |                                 |                                     |



MONTH	DATE	Program - July to December 2025
<b>July</b>		<b>Maternal &amp; Child Health Month</b>
	7	Plans for the year—President Len Cairns
	14	Club Meeting
	21	Board Meeting
	28	Club Meeting
<b>August</b>		<b>Membership &amp; New Club Development Month</b>
	4	Japanese Visit
	11	Quiz Night
	18	Club Meeting
	25	Club Meeting
<b>Sept</b>		<b>Basic Literacy and Education Month</b>
	1	Club Meeting
	7	Fathers Day BBQ at Old Gipstown
	8	Club Meeting
	11	RU OK Day—Energy Australia
	13	Ellinbank Football League Grand Final BBQ
	15	Board Meeting
	20	Community Art Collective—BBQ
	22	Club Assembly / Guest—Rotary Nomads
	29	Club Meeting
<b>October</b>		<b>Community Economic &amp; Development Month</b>
	6	Club Meeting
	13	RJCA—Willow Grove & Albert Street Primary Schools
	18	Johnny Cash night
	20	RJCA—Elizabeth Street and South Street Primary Schools
	27	Julian's 50th Anniversary & Rotary Mental Health Hat Night
<b>November</b>		<b>Rotary Foundation Month</b>
	3	Cup Eve
	10	Technology Safety for Seniors—Guest Speaker Linda Rowley
	12	RJCA Presentation night at Albert St Primary School
	17	Board Meeting at the Bishops
	24	AGM & Club Assembly
<b>December</b>		<b>Disease Prevention and Treatment Month</b>
	1	Pride of Workmanship Award
	8	Official Presidential Handover—Len Cairns to Alan Bishop
	17	Energy Australia Staff BBQ
	20	Xmas break up at Penny Lane

MONTH	DATE	Program—January to June 2026
<b>January</b>		<b>Vocational Service Month</b>
	12	Welcome Back BBQ at the Botanic Gardens
	19	President Alan Bishop's Plans for 2026
	26	AUSTRALIA DAY—no meeting
<b>February</b>		<b>Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month</b>
	2	Gippsland Rotary Golf Classic 2026—Review of Roster
	9	Guest Speaker—Greg King Gippsland FM
	16	Board Meeting @ the Bishops
	23	Club Assembly
<b>March</b>		<b>Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Month</b>
	2	Dinner meeting
	9	Labour Day—No meeting
	16	Golf Day Fine Tuning with whole Club
	23	Rotary Marketing and Wheelchairs for Kids
	30	Gippsland Rotary Golf Classic at Yallourn
<b>April</b>		<b>Environmental Month</b>
	6	EASTER MONDAY —No Meeting
	13	Business Excellence Award—Andrew Lewis
	20	April Board Meeting at the Taylors
	27	Club Assembly
<b>May</b>		<b>Youth Service Month</b>
	4	Partner's night at Twenty20
	11	Len Cairns—The Author
	18	General reports night
	25	Moe Historical Presentation at Moe Library followed by dinner meeting
<b>June</b>		<b>Rotary Fellowships Month</b>
	1	'Do Food Safely' and Pizza night at the Noakes
	8	KING'S BIRTHDAY—no meeting
	15	Combined Board Meeting at the Bishops
	22	President Elects Learning & Development—Report from Presidents Elect
	29	CHANGEOVER

**MEMBERSHIP as at 30 June, 2026**

INDUCTION DATE	ROTARIAN		PARTNER	CLASSIFICATION
21.09.2015	Barry	Daniel	Linda	Honorary Member
05.03.2012	Bishop	Alan	PHF -1 Maureen	Plumbing Services
30.05.2011	Bishop	Maureen	PP, PHF -2 Alan	Education Administration
20.12.1999	Cairns	Len	PP, PHF -1 Margaret	Honorary Member
20.11.2006	Cassar	Lyn	PHF Eddie	Catering
23.03.2018	Connell	Bill		Education
04.05.1998	Dunstan	Barry	PP, PHF -1 Pam	Honorary Member
23.10.2017	Eishold	Bryce	Ann	Honorary Member
09.07.2012	Guo	Shen	Sharlee	Electrical Management
18.01.1982	Hutchinson	John	PP, PHF-1 Norma	Honorary Member
14.08.1987	Koch	Michael	PP, PHF-2 Ya	Electronics Sales & Service
10.12.2012	Lesney-Noakes	Robin	PHF-1 Kate	Business Management
23.03.2018	MacDonald	Helen	PP, PHF	Administration
03.05.2005	Manani	Kishor	PHF Reshma	Pharmacy
18.05.1975	Maxfield	Ross	PP, PHF-1 Suzie	Real Estate
05.03.2012	Morrison	Helen	PP, PHF David	Local Government
29.03.1993	Paull	Bruce	PP, PHF Irene	Carpet & Drapes Retail
25.03.1975	Power	David	PP, PHF-1 Jan	Honorary Member
11.12.2000	Sinnott	Alan	PP, PHF Alison	Electrical Contracting
07.06.2004	Taylor	Roger	PP, PHF-2 Irene	Education Primary
07.04.2002	Wilkinson	Diane	PP, PHF-2 David	Health Services
01.10.1990	Wood	Dave	PP, PHF Kerry	Automobile Recycler
27.10.1975	Yeatman	Julian	PHF Jocelyn	Newsagency



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**ROTARIANS**



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|---------------------------------|--|
| 1979 Allan McHardy              | 2011 Bruce Paull                       |
| 1984 Brian O'Reilly             | 2011 Diane Wilkinson                   |
| 1986 John Dwyer                 | 2012 Alan Sinnott                      |
| 1987 Claude Staff               | 2013 Bryon Puddy (Sapphire 2)          |
| 1988 Allan Ormond               | 2013 Wendy Farmer                      |
| 1988 Jim McAllister             | 2013 Peter Kingsbury                   |
| 1989 Bob Pugsley                | 2014 Roger Taylor                      |
| 1989 John Leckey                | 2014 Len Cairns                        |
| 1991 Charles Robertson          | 2014 Lyn Cassar                        |
| 1992 Charles Witts              | 2015 David Power (Sapphire)            |
| 1993 Ross Maxfield              | 2016 Kishor Manani                     |
| 1994 Bryon Puddy                | 2016 Barry Dunstan (Sapphire)          |
| 1994 Ben Verschuur              | 2017 Alan Bishop                       |
| 1995 David Power                | 2017 Maureen Bishop                    |
| 1996 John Hutchinson            | 2017 Peter Kingsbury (Sapphire 5)      |
| 1997 Laurie Huffer              | 2018 Ross Maxfield (Sapphire)          |
| 1998 Julian Yeatman             | 2018 Robin Lesney-Noakes               |
| 2000 Evan Platschinda           | 2018 Helen Morrison                    |
| 2001 Chris Lampel               | 2018 Diane Wilkinson (Sapphire)        |
| 2002 Bryon Puddy (Sapphire)     | 2018 Roger Taylor (Sapphire)           |
| 2003 Ken MacGregor              | 2018 Len Cairns (Sapphire)             |
| 2003 Steve Micah                | 2019 Diane Wilkinson (Sapphire 2)      |
| 2004 Michael Koch               | 2019 Di Harrison                       |
| 2004 Barry Dunstan              | 2019 Michael Koch (Sapphire)           |
| 2005 Pash Demagistris           | 2019 Peter Kingsbury Major Donor Award |
| 2006 Ian Needham                | 2021 Di Harrison (Sapphire)            |
| 2007 Neil McCluskey             | 2022 Maureen Bishop (Sapphire 2)       |
| 2007 Peter Wells                | 2022 Alan Bishop (Sapphire)            |
| 2007 Steve Micah (Sapphire)     | 2022 Rog Taylor (Sapphire 2)           |
| 2008 Ed Achorn                  | 2022 Robin Lesney-Noakes (Sapphire)    |
| 2009 Dave Wood                  | 2023 Barry Dunstan (Sapphire 2)        |
| 2010 John Hutchinson (Sapphire) | 2025 Robin Noakes (Sapphire 2)         |
|                                 | 2025 Lyn Cassar (Sapphire)             |

**COMMUNITY AWARDEES**

- |                       |                                  |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1999 Max Grubb        | 2015 Norma Hutchinson            |
| 2013 Carmel Cook      | 2017 Norma Hutchinson (Sapphire) |
| 2014 John Buckton     | 2020 Sandra Demagistris          |
| 2014 Darrell Benjamin |                                  |



## Rotarians sharing Friendship and Fun





Annual Golf Day  
Rotarians and friends  
lending a hand



### Special events

