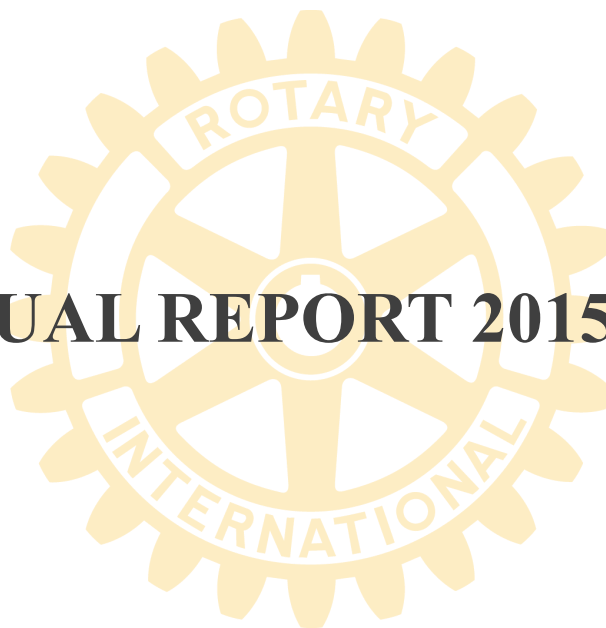




## ROTARY CLUB OF MOE



**ANNUAL REPORT 2015-2016**





*Rotary International President: K.R. Ravindran*  
*District Governor: Mervyn Williams*  
*Assistant Governor: Carol Crewe*  
*President: Michael Koch*  
*Secretary: Maureen Bishop*  
*Treasurer: Diane Wilkinson*

#### **BOARD MEMBERS**

President	Michael Koch
President Elect	Len Cairns
Immediate Past President	Bruce Paull
Secretary	Maureen Bishop
Treasurer	Diane Wilkinson
Club Service	Len Cairns
Community Service	Pash Demagistris
International Service	Peter Kingsbury
Vocational Service	Helen Morrison
Youth Service	Helen Morrison

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Pash Demagistris (Chair)  
Lyn Cassar  
Ken MacGregor  
Sue Marsh  
Dean Pascoe  
Evan Platschinda  
Alan Sinnott  
Dave Wood  
Julian Yeatman  
Barry Dunstan  
Bruce Paull

#### **CLUB SERVICE**

Len Cairns (Chair)  
Michael Koch  
Maureen Bishop  
Diane Wilkinson  
John Hutchinson  
Barry Dunstan  
Ross Maxfield  
Kishor Manani  
Shen Guo  
Peter Kingsbury  
David Power  
Bryon Puddy  
Alan Bishop  
Roger Taylor

#### **INTERNATIONAL SERVICE**

Peter Kingsbury (Chair)  
Nathan Harding  
Wendy Farmer  
Shen Guo  
Laurie Huffer  
Daryl Larsen  
Neil McCluskey  
Kishor Manani  
Sharlee Zhang

#### **VOCATIONAL SERVICE & YOUTH**

Helen Morrison (Chair)  
Alan Bishop  
Robin Noakes  
Rhonda Crooks  
Diane Wilkinson  
Diane Carson  
Ross Maxfield

#### **SPECIAL PROJECTS & FUNDRAISING**

Barry Dunstan  
Alan Bishop  
David Power  
John Hutchinson



It gives me great pleasure to present my report for 2015/16. It has been 21 years since I served as President for the Rotary Club of Moe in 1994/95 and how things have changed. We had mobile phones, but not many people had access to them, there was no email, only normal mail, the world moved a lot slower.

The change was starting, life was getting busier, and as the years moved on so did Rotary, we have a website presence we have Facebook, we have mobile phone's, we are now in constant contact with the world.

As a small regional Rotary club, this years' theme is very important. "Be a Gift to the World" The Rotary Club of Moe is only a cog in our Rotary wheel and as a cog we play our part, helping the local community, disaster stricken countries and overseas projects. Some of the projects that our club has assisted in are.

- The annual Apex Bonfire night.
- The annual Bali trip helping school No.3 Bunutan Banyuning in the Amed area.
- Youth Exchange student to America.
- Operation Flinders Program helping youth of the Valley.
- Gippsland Rotary Golf Classic 2016 raising \$25000.00
- Assisting with parking at the car and motor bike show
- Visit by delegates from Takasago sister City Rotary Club from Japan
- Catering at the Maltese Festival with all funds going to Rotary Centennial House.
- Business Awards Presentation.
- Rotary Junior Community Awards
- Pride of Workmanship Awards involving schools in 3825
- Botanic Gardens Playground

Our hardworking Rotarians in the club have made the year work effectively and efficiently. The Secretary, Maureen Bishop and Treasurer, Diane Wilkinson two key officers have been essential to the club. Many others have worked above and beyond for the club during the year.

This year's successful major fundraiser, the Rotary Golf Day was once again a superb effort by all concerned and we should give special thanks to John and Norma Hutchinson who have decided that the 2016 day was their final effort. Thank you for the long standing support of this event.



Our Bulletin and online presence have been outstanding and Rotarian Roger Taylor and Past District Governor, Bryon Puddy, have, in a tough year done a great job.

All chairs of committees and all club Rotarians have really performed well over the year and we have a great club to be proud of.

This year also included my marriage to Ya and I want to thank all the Rotarians who came with us to Thailand for the wedding. Next year there will be a new junior Rotarian as well as Auto.

Ya has been a great support throughout the year and has been involved in many of the club's activities this year. I could not have completed the year without her and the family support.

Our Paul Harris Fellows and the Moe Rotarian of the Year are well deserving recipients and we all offer our congratulations.

Michael Koch  
President  
2015-2016



## Service Account

The Rotary Club of Moe has raised over \$40,000 this year from a variety of fundraising activities and donations from Club members and the general community. The Gippsland Rotary Golf Classic remains the major fundraising event and this year resulted in \$25,000 for the Club to put towards our continued support of local and international projects and programs. In addition to the Golf Day, we have undertaken a number of barbecues in conjunction with organisations and community events, including Carols by Candlelight, the Herald-Sun Cycling Tour, the Latrobe Valley Maltese Festival, the Moe Traders Day, Energy Australia Open Day and the Car and Bike Show held at the Moe Racecourse.

Over \$24,000 has been donated by the Club so far this year towards Rotary programs and directly to local organisations, as listed in the table below. An additional \$5,000 has been reserved for other local projects and allocations to community activities. The Club has also established a Term Deposit for use in future longer-term major Club projects, with an initial deposit of \$7,000 and an additional \$5,000 to be deposited into this account in the coming months.

RECIPIENT	PURPOSE	AMOUNT
Latrobe Regional Hospital	Fundraising Appeal	3000
Gippsland Rotary Centenary House	Fundraising Appeal	4000
Rotary International Foundation	International Projects	2600
Rotary International	Polio Plus	1300
Rotary Club of Moe Bali School Project	Educational Support	1650
Disaster Aid Australia	Disaster Response	3593
Flinders Project	Student Support Program	4000
Latrobe Valley Maltese Festival	Fundraising Appeal	729
Pride of Workmanship Awards	Student Awards	1038
John Dwyer Award	Student Award	150
Rotary Junior Community Awards	Student Project	674
RYPEN	Rotary Youth Program	350
Inner Wheel Club of Moe	Golf Day Support	500
District Governor Partner's Project	Healthy Villages	150
Headway	Fundraising Donation	299
One Planet Classrooms	IT Project	200

The Club also maintains a separate Disaster Fund to the value of \$10,000 which provides us with the opportunity to provide appropriate donations in response to disasters and emergency situations at short notice as and when they occur.

## General Account

During the year, the Club raised some \$4,875 from member subscriptions. Membership of the Club sits at 35 members, with 2 of these being Honorary Rotarians. Rotary District, Rotary International per capita fees and RI magazines charges now exceed \$7,600. This has meant a net reduction in the account balance in the Club's general account and will require further consideration by the Board to review current subscription rates to ensure the Club can continue to cover these fees and charges.

Diane Wilkinson  
Club Treasurer  
June 2016

			ACTUAL + MAKE	
ROTARIAN		POSSIBLE	UPS	PERCENTAGE
Bishop	Alan	40	38	95
Bishop	Maureen	40	36	90
Cairns	Len	40	37	93
Carson	Diane	40	10	25
Cassar	Lyn	40	40	100
Crooks	Rhonda	40	14	35
Demagistris	Pash	40	32	80
Dunstan	Barry *	40	31	78
Farmer	Wendy	40	36	90
Guo	Shen	40	32	80
Harding	Nathan	40	26	65
Hutchinson	John *	40	34	85
Kingsbury	Peter	40	37	93
Koch	Michael	40	40	100
Larson	Daryl	40	2	5
Manani	Kishor	40	36	90
Marsh	Sue	40	13	33
Maxfield	Ross *	40	15	38
MacGregor	Ken	40	20	50
McCluskey	Neil	40	6	15
Morrison	Helen	40	40	100
Noakes	Robin	40	22	55
Pascoe	Dean	40	2	5
Paull	Bruce	40	32	80
Platschinda	Evan *	40	7	18
Power	David	40	28	70
Puddy	Bryon	40	22	55
Sinnott	Alan	40	40	100
Taylor	Roger	40	33	83
Wilkinson	Diane	40	40	100
Wood	Dave	40	33	83
Yeatman	Julian	40	36	90
Zhang	Sharlee	40	26	65

## Monthly Meeting Attendance Percentage

July	76.0	January	81.0
August	77.0	February	79.0
September	72.0	March	85.0
October	71.0	April	71.0
November	84.0	May	79.0
December	83.0		



Average Yearly Attendance Percentage = 78.0




(Exempt \*)



The programs over the past 12 months have been varied, interesting and informative. The topics helped to maintain interest and have ranged from Rotary Programs, Community and International issues.

The following programs were presented during 2015/16:

<b>July</b>	
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Changeover Night: President Michael Koch</li> </ul>
13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What we will be doing in 2015 -2016 in the Rotary Club of Moe</li> <li>New Committee Meetings</li> </ul>
20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speaker L. McGrath</li> <li>Board Meeting</li> </ul>
27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Club Assembly</li> <li>Committees and Board plans for the year</li> </ul>
	
<b>August</b>	
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speaker Rtn Nathan Harding—Vanuatu Project</li> </ul>
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>District Governor Merv Williams and Christine Visit</li> </ul>
17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Games Night with Japanese Latrobe City Sister city Mayor and Rotarians</li> </ul>
24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Club Assembly: Reports from Board and all Committees and discussion of projects</li> </ul>
31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partners Night—Speaker Kerry Vaughan</li> </ul>
	
<b>Sept</b>	
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Who am I? Rotarian Quiz</li> <li>Student reports on Community Certificate</li> <li>Committee meetings</li> </ul>
14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speaker Paul Davine on ROMAC</li> </ul>
21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speaker Peter Kingsbury on ROTARACT</li> </ul>
28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student presentations by Elizabeth Street Primary School</li> <li>Club Assembly</li> </ul>
<b>Oct</b>	
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visit to Centenary House</li> <li>Student Presentations from Elizabeth Street Primary School</li> <li>Committees meetings</li> </ul>
12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speaker from Federation Training—Ryan Evans</li> </ul>
19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation by Elizabeth Street Primary Students</li> <li>Card Games Night (500)</li> <li>Board Meeting</li> </ul>
26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Club Assembly</li> <li>Final Student Presentations</li> </ul>

<b>Nov</b>	
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committees meetings</li> </ul>
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speakers Lauren Smith and James Dale, Latrobe Community Health, on Drug and other related issues in our community</li> </ul>
16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Celebration partners' night for three Moe Rotarians attaining 40 years of Membership. Congratulations to Rtn Ross Maxfield, Rtn David Power and Rtn Julian Yeatman on this great achievement.</li> <li>Board Meeting</li> </ul> 
23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Club Assembly, Board and Committee reports</li> </ul>
30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual General Meeting of the Rotary Club of Moe</li> </ul>
<b>Dec</b>	
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pride of Workmanship — School Awards Night for Moe and Newborough Schools</li> </ul>
14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christmas Night</li> </ul>
21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Club Christmas recess till resumes on January 11.</li> </ul>
<b>Jan</b>	
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Club resumes with traditional BBQ in Botanic Gardens</li> <li>Partners Night</li> </ul>
18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Club Assembly</li> <li>2016 programme and activities discussion</li> </ul>
25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Australia Day Holiday, No meeting</li> </ul>
<b>Feb</b>	
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speaker - David McKinnon, CEO More Racing Club</li> </ul>
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flinders Project Meeting</li> </ul>
15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mikayla (Youth Exchange Student) reporting</li> <li>Board Meeting</li> </ul>
22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Club Assembly</li> <li>Dene Cairns on UN work in South Sudan and Rome with the World Food Programme</li> </ul>
29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partners Night. Bali School Project Report</li> </ul> <div>   </div>

<b>March</b>	
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee meetings</li> </ul>
14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Labour Day Holiday - No Meeting</li> </ul>
21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rotary Club of Moe Golf Day and evening meeting</li> </ul>
28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EASTER MONDAY. No meeting</li> </ul>
<b>April</b>	
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rotary International</li> <li>Update from Bryon Puddy</li> </ul>
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speakers Ann Lovison and Mark Williams on Palliative Care in the Gippsland region and "Hospice in the Home" developments</li> </ul>
18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rotarians' Survey on possible changes and briefing from President Elect on District 9820 and RI changes and possibilities.</li> <li>Board Meeting</li> </ul>
25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY. No meeting</li> </ul>
<b>May</b>	
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rotary Club of Moe – Business Awards Presentation Night</li> </ul>
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speaker – David Bloomfield on "Variety Bash" charity and its work.</li> </ul>
17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moe Service Clubs Joint Meeting. Tuesday Meeting</li> </ul>
23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Club Assembly</li> <li>Special Board Meeting to approve 2016-2017 District Grant Application</li> </ul>
30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speaker- Neil Carpenter presenting possibilities for Themed Playground in Botanic Gardens</li> </ul>
<b>June</b>	
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strategic Planning Night for 2016-2017 Year ahead</li> <li>Final Committee meetings and Annual Report finalisation</li> </ul>
13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY. No meeting</li> </ul>
20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speaker - Trent Euman on RYLA Experience.</li> <li>Joint Board Meeting</li> </ul>
27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Club Changeover for 2016-2017. President Len Cairns</li> </ul> <div data-bbox="651 1818 1082 2072" data-label="Image"> </div>



## **PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS**

### **Honouring a Legacy of Service to Rotary and the Community**



#### **ROTARIANS**

1979 Allan McHardy  
1984 Brian O'Rielly  
1986 John Dwyer  
1987 Claude Staff  
1988 Allan Ormond  
1988 Jim McAllister  
1989 Bob Pugsley  
1989 John Leckey  
1991 Charles Robertson  
1992 Charles Witts  
1993 Ross Maxfield  
1994 Bryon Puddy  
1994 Ben Verschuur  
1995 David Power  
1996 John Hutchinson  
1997 Laurie Huffer  
1998 Julian Yeatman  
2000 Evan Platschinda  
2001 Chris Lampel  
2002 Bryon Puddy (Sapphire)  
2003 Ken MacGregor

2003 Steve Micah  
2004 Michael Koch  
2004 Barry Dunstan  
2005 Pash Demagistris  
2006 Ian Needham  
2007 Neil McCluskey  
2007 Peter Wells  
2007 Steve Micah (Sapphire)  
2008 Ed Achorn  
2009 Dave Wood  
2010 John Hutchinson (Sapphire)  
2011 Bruce Paull  
2011 Diane Wilkinson  
2012 Alan Sinnott  
2013 Bryon Puddy (Double Sapphire)  
2013 Wendy Farmer  
2013 Peter Kingsbury  
2014 Roger Taylor  
2014 Len Cairns  
2014 Lyn Cassar  
2015 David Power (Sapphire)

#### **COMMUNITY AWARDEES**

1999 Max Grubb  
2013 Carmel Cook  
2014 John Buckton  
2014 Darell Benjamin  
2015 Norma Hutchinson

## MEMBERSHIP as at 31 May, 2016

INDUCTION DATE	ROTARIAN			PARTNER	CLASSIFICATION
21.09.2015	Barry	Daniel		Linda	Honorary Member
05.03.2012	Bishop	Alan		Maureen	Plumbing Services
30.05.2011	Bishop	Maureen		Alan	Education Administration
20.12.1999	Cairns	Len	PP, PHF	Margaret	Education Tertiary
06.05.2013	Carson	Diane		Tony	Education & Training
20.11.2006	Cassar	Lynette	PHF	Eddie	Catering
18.10.2010	Crooks	Rhonda			Development Management
14.12.1992	Demagistris	Pash	PP, PHF	Sandra	Building Construction
04.05.1998	Dunstan	Barry	PP, PHF	Pam	Education Services
11.12.2006	Farmer	Wendy	PP, PHF	Brett	Community Advocacy
09.07.2012	Guo	Shen		Sharlee	Electrical Management
24.03.2014	Harding	Nathan		Diana	Cleaning Services & Restoration
29.04.2016	Huffer	Laurie	PP, PHF	Jean	Honorary Member
18.01.1982	Hutchinson	John	PP, PHF/S	Norma	Energy Management
16.12.2010	Kingsbury	Peter	PP, PHF		Dental Surgery
14.08.1987	Koch	Michael	PP, PHF		Electronics Sales & Services
19.11.2012	MacGregor	Ken	PP, PHF	Rita	Plumbing
03.05.2005	Manani	Kishor		Reshna	Pharmacy
12.05.2014	Marsh	Susan		Brian	Book-Keeping
18.05.1975	Maxfield	Ross	PP, PHF	Suzie	Real Estate
22.11.1993	McCluskey	Neil	PP, PHF	Lorraine	Accountancy
05.03.2012	Morrison	Helen		David	Local Government
10.12.2012	Noakes	Robin		Kate	Business Management
26.05.2014	Pascoe	Dean		Claire	Building Construction
29.03.1993	Paull	Bruce	PP, PHF		Carpet & Drapes Retail
11.03.1988	Platschinda	Evan	PP, PHF	Florence	Real Estate Resident
25.03.1975	Power	David	PP, PHF/S	Jan	Law Practice
31.10.1983	Puddy	Bryon	PDG, PHF/DS		Education TAFE
11.12.2000	Sinnott	Alan	PP, PHF	Alison	Electrical Contracting
07.06.2004	Taylor	Roger	PP, PHF	Irene	Education Primary
07.04.2002	Wilkinson	Diane	PP, PHF	David	Health Services
01.10.1990	Wood	Dave	PP, PHF	Kerry	Automobile Recycler
27.10.1975	Yeatman	Julian	PHF	Jocelyn	Newsagency
09.07.2012	Zhang	Sharlee		Shen	Retail Management

I would like to thank President Michael Koch for giving me the opportunity to chair the Vocational Service Committee and present this report on the various programs and activities we have undertaken over the past 12 months.

I would also like to express my gratitude to my hardworking committee members: Alan Bishop, Robin Noakes, Di Wilkinson, Rhonda Crooks, Di Carson and Ross Maxfield for their ongoing support.

### **ROTARY JUNIOR COMMUNITY AWARDS**

We had students from Elizabeth Street, Albert Street and Newborough Primary Schools come to our meetings over a number of weeks to share their experiences of participating in the Rotary Junior Community Awards Program.

It was great to meet these students and see them grow in confidence as they completed the various elements of the program.

In November we held the Rotary Junior Community Awards Program graduation and presentation barbecue at the Moe Botanic gardens. All who attended said it was a great evening.



Thank you to the Rotary Club of Moe Community Service Committee who assisted with the catering and special thanks to Robin for doing a great job as MC.

### **PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP**

In December we held the Pride of Workmanship Awards at the Gippsland Heritage Park. We had 13 students who were nominated from their respective schools.



Each student received a certificate and a \$50 award in recognition of their contribution to their school and to their local community.

What a fantastic evening thanks to Rhonda for all her hard work contacting and organising the schools.

Thanks also to every Rotarian who helped to make this event so successful.

### **JOHN DWYER CITIZENSHIP AWARD**

Also in December, Moe Rotarian Peter Kingsbury presented the John Dwyer citizen award to Shelby Wulffers at the Lowanna Secondary College end of year presentations. Thank you Peter for representing the Vocational Service Committee at this event.

## VOCATIONAL SERVICE BUSINESS AWARD

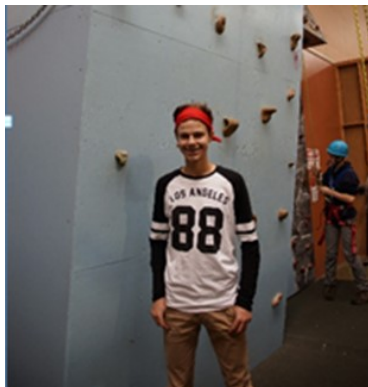
In May 2016, we presented two Moe businesses with the Vocational Service Business Award.

Danielle Ferguson from Lilly Pilly Florist and Peter and Rita Ryan from IGA were our very worthy recipients and we congratulate them on their ongoing commitment to our community.



## YOUTH AWARDS

The Vocational Service Committee also oversees a number of other programs and activities on behalf of our Club.



These include Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA), Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA), Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN) and Rotary Fostering Youth Drive Awareness (RYDA) and we actively encourage participation in each of these programs.

We continue to look forward to the next year and working with our youth, the leaders of the future.

*Trent Euman from Lowanna Secondary College participated in RYPEN*



Helen Morrison  
Chair—Vocational Service Committee





### ***Committee Members:***

Pash Demagistris (Chair) Alan Sinnott, Barry Dunstan, Bruce Paull, Lyn Cassar, Dave Wood, Julian Yeatman, Sue Marsh, Ken MacGregor, Evan Platschinda, Rhonda Crooks.

I would like to thank my committee members and the other members of the Club that participated in helping us in our BBQ events and working bees held throughout the year.

### ***Catering and BBQ,S***



Some of our most successful fund raising efforts for the year have been catering at various community events.

We have cooked up a storm at the Moe Traders Day, TM & H Home Timber and Hardware, Moe Race Day and the Jayco Herald Sun Bike Ride.

Every year, the Community committee assists with the catering at the Pride of Workmanship Awards as well as cooking and handing out free sausages at the Carols by Candlelight.

### ***Other Committee Activities***

Our club also supported other organisations by providing the labour required to run their events.

Members volunteered their time to assist with the parking at the Moe Racing club's car show which resulted in a donation to our club.



Members assisted at the Moe Apex/Lions club bonfire night and received \$500 for our effort.

Every year, our members walk the streets of Moe, to raise funds for the Good Friday Appeal. This year we had an excellent result raising \$1,100. Thanks to all members who participated.

### ***Maltese Festival***



Another big day on the calendar was in February when our club combined with the Morwell Rotary Club to cater for the Maltese Festival.

This event was organised to help raise funds for Centenary House. Our club managed to raise \$720 which was donated to Centenary House.



### ***Joint Effort – Great Reward***

We have once again assisted Energy Australia by cooking bbqs at their Christmas break up in December and at their Open Day held in April 2016.

Our club together, with the Apex Club of Moe, were invited to assist at the Open Day by cooking a bbq for the visitors.



Our members, working alongside the Apex Club members, spent a long day cooking sausages and hamburgers.

We were rewarded with a cheque for \$2,000 as well as the offer of a personalised tour of the mine.

### ***Riding for the Disabled Working Bee***

Our club was approached by the President of Riding for the Disabled to assist with erecting a suitable shelter for their horses.

Alan Bishop, David Wilkinson and myself provided the labour and materials required to enclose the east wall of the hay shed which resulted in providing shelter from the weather for the horses.



### ***Headway Gippsland***

Headway Gippsland, an organisation who supports adults with acquired brain injury and their families, approached our club for a possible donation to their yearly raffle.

We were very happy to be able to donate a Television as a major prize and also donated the cost for the printing of the raffle tickets.

### ***Social Outing Activity***

A bus trip of 50 Rotarians and friends travelled to the Mornington Peninsula, Mt Martha to East Bar and Dining Restaurant. This was a fun and fellowship day with everyone enjoying a day's outing and the experience of wine and fine dining.



Pash Demagistris  
Chair—Community Service

Well international kicked off the year with a big bang. The Takasago Sister City Rotary Club from Japan had a visit in early August. It was a light hearted time with games on club night with everyone joining in.



Ryodi Nishinaka, President of the Takasago International Association, was accompanied by Yukihiro Mobori Takasago City Major. Tatsuyoshi Tokura Club International Chairman, Fumitaka Konishi Club International 2<sup>nd</sup> Chairman.

The previous day had been spent playing golf at Traralgon Golf club with Tommy Sawamura, Manager of the Paper Mill and hosted by Latrobe City.

The club hosted a golf match at Yallourn Golf club. Even though it was very wet underfoot it stayed dry for the match. Great fun was had by all concerned.

A special vote of thanks should be expressed to Len Cairns, Alan Bishop and Roger Taylor who with the help of Aki Sakaki, made the visit truly memorable.



I, Len, Roger and Alan attended the farewell dinner at Century Inn to round off a great visit by the Rotary Club of Takasago Speisho (small Pinetree). It was wonderful to see Nobori-San, Nishinaka-San, Kokua-San and Konishi-San in such high spirits. We hope to make a return visit to Japan to celebrate their club's birthday.

Then it was off to Thailand in October for our President, Michael and Ya's wedding. On the way back we travelled to see our 'adopt a school' project at the Bunatan No 3 School near Amed on the North-East tip of Bali, overlooking the Lombok Strait.



Tonya Cairns did a wonderful job as our interpreter as we handed over 323 school uniforms at a cost of \$1600. \$1,200 of which was raised from outside sources.



A regional education officer was surprised when 15 Rotarians and friends all resplendent in blue tee shirts descended on the school to make the presentation and hand out sweets to the kids. Once again (this was our 8<sup>th</sup> trip) a successful exercise in bridge building with one of our nearest neighbours – Indonesia. It was a great way to build fellowship in the club and meet up with our friends of Rotary.

The only glitch to our trip was the eruption of a volcano on the island of Lombok. This disrupted air traffic to and from Denpasar airport. We were not greatly inconvenienced.

Mikayla Arnold was our out-going exchange student to Buffalo, New York State. Her report appears separately.

I was privileged to be the leader of a great team. I would like to thank Nathan Harding as Deputy, Wendy Farmer, Shen Guo, Sharlee Zhang, Kishor Manani who were all very supportive during the year.

Peter Kingsbury  
Chair– International





### **GIPPSLAND ROTARY GOLF CLASSIC 2016**

The 16th Gippsland Rotary Golf Classic held at the beautiful Yallourn Golf course on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016 was a great day again due to the generous support of our Sponsors, Community, Rotarians, Golfers and all those who participated on the day and in the evening.



The weather was perfect as was the course which was excellent so that the players and workers had a day that was enjoyed by all. The winners in the golf appreciated the generosity of the sponsors and the raffles and auctions were very well supported and everyone was a winner on the day.

We raised over \$25,000.00 on the day and this money will be distributed by the Rotary Club of Moe over the next couple of months. As indicated before the event, the major beneficiaries will be Latrobe Regional Hospital, Gippsland Rotary Centenary House, Rotary Club of Moe Emergency Relief Fund and projects and support of organizations in our local community.

The major winners of the golf were :-

The Best 3 Person Ambrose team was a repeat of last year's result when Diane's Demons consisting of Matt Wilkinson, Brad Thomas and Luke Middleton were successful with a great score of 56 1/2 nett.

The Runner's up were the Do It Right team of Bill Williams, Marie Brien-Williams and Kevin Brien with another top score of 59 2/3 nett.

Third place went to the R & R Hair Co consisting of Steve Horter, Daryl Hall and Mick Elswyk who finished with a score of 60 1/2 nett.

Fourth place went to The Champs with a talented team of Dennis Hicks, Alistair Tompkin and Danny McKeown with a score of 60 1/2 nett.



The Best Rotary Team and winner of the Claude Staff Memorial Trophy was the team from Rotary Club of Moe consisting of Peter Kingsbury, John Hutchinson and Alan Bishop with a score of 59 5/6 nett.

The Best Ladies team were the Pink Ladies with Lyn McAlister, Evelyn Graske and Lola Carter with a winning of 66 1/3 nett

The Rotary Club of Moe thanked Yallourn Golf Club for their excellent presentation of the course and Clubhouse and the great service provided to all throughout the day and the evening. Again, thanks to all our Sponsors for being an important part of a great day and we look forward to repeating our success again in 2017.

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**THE ROTARY CLUB OF MOE WISHES TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE ORGANISATIONS NAMED BELOW FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF OUR GOLF DAY.**

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In **2016** the ROTARY CLUB of MOE Inc. ran the  
**GIPPSLAND ROTARY GOLF CLASSIC** to raise funds for the following:  
*Gippsland Rotary Centenary House*  
*Latrobe Regional Hospital Foundation*  
*Rotary Club of Moe Emergency Fund*  
*Community & International Service Projects*



My name is Mikayla Arnold and I was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Moe as a Rotary Youth Exchange student in 2015-2016.

My year spent in Buffalo, New York was a once in a lifetime experience.

I had an amazing time staying with two families from the outer Buffalo suburb of Hamburg. My first host family was the Madden family who were kind enough to take me to New York City for a weekend, which was utterly surreal and beautiful. The only way it could be described is that it's just like the movies. My eyes were glued to the tops of the skyscrapers.

My second host family were the beautiful Sterns family. I became the temporary third daughter to this family, who already had a daughter my age and a 14 year old daughter. They welcomed me warmly and made me feel extremely welcomed.

During my 12 month stay I had the opportunity to take part in the month long Cross America Bus Trip and met so many other exchange students during this time.



Other amazing experiences I was able to enjoy whilst on youth exchange was going to an American Prom, making new friends and joining a swim team.



I was able to experience another culture so much more in depth than had I just taken a holiday to the US.

For me, staying a year in the US was an amazing opportunity to not only discover another corner of the world, but also develop as a person. I was able to discover who I was as a person, and develop skills that helped me to mature early in my life.

Rotary Youth Exchange is a wonderful program for those who love to travel and immerse themselves into a country's culture completely.

Mikayla Arnold  
2015-2016 Youth Exchange Student









