

Board report August 2026

At the first committee meetings for this Rotary year all teams were requested to think about the projects and programs they would like to develop this year and assess the likely costs. The fundraising team were then given the task of working out how to raise the funds required.

A new initiative for this year is the [Blue Tree project](#) – In consultation with Knox Council and the relevant land owner/s we will select a prominent dead tree in our local area and paint it blue. This is a mental health project: each tree encourages open conversations, remind us to check in on ourselves, and stands as a visual prompt to support those who may be struggling. Cost tbd.

A survey of the clients attending the Men's Hub Snack and Chat program in July showed a very positive response. The program continues to be attended by around 15 men each week. The Board has approved a small increase in the weekly fees that we pay to our support team.

A project to install a public clock in The Basin is in its early days at this stage, led by Lance Deveson. We would be seeking to use funds from Wal Goodwin's bequest to help finance the project, if it goes ahead.

The income we receive from the Bunnings BBQ scheduled in October will be donated to Infolink to support the annual [Knox Community Christmas Support](#) project.

Our container filled with goods for the schools of Milne Bay province has finally arrived in Alotau! Desley Tunstall is on site to oversee the unloading and distribution of the contents.

Our second Youth Skills Shed at Boronia K-12 was opened on Monday 27th July. The first group of students have now attended 4 sessions, with bike maintenance being the subject of their efforts last week.

The Interact Club at Boronia K-12 is developing well, with more members joining this year. The annual Interact conference held at Camberwell Grammar on Monday 10th August was attended by 3 students from Boronia K-12, plus a teacher and our Rotary support team of Lyn and Monique.

Other Youth projects: our two attendees at the 2026 RYLA camp will speak at the club meeting on Tuesday 20th October. The annual ANZAC service will be back again in 2027, as will Knox Rocks, RYDA and the annual citizenship awards for primary schools. RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment), which has been in recess for several years, returns in September – we will have students from Boronia K-12 and Fairhills Secondary College attending.

The Environment team is keen to expand the club's efforts in environmental sustainability by identifying areas where members can increase their awareness and knowledge of environmental practices and so increase their impact. Local programs and events we participated in last year included – National Tree Planting Day, Clean Up Australia Day, Knox Business Tree Planting Day (we ran a BBQ for participants).

On the fundraising side, apart from the usual Golf Day, Trivia Night and Bunnings BBQ events, we have food stalls under consideration at The Basin Primary School fete, the next Simba warehouse sale, the voting booth at Boronia Heights PS on election day, on ANZAC Day at the Boronia RSL and at the opening of the rebuilt Boronia Railway Station. The committee is also looking at some other fundraising ideas including a fun run, vintage clothing sale and online Xmas gifts.

Our current state of finances as at 13 August 2026:

Admin Account balance	\$1,300
Membership invoices	\$14,550
Payments received to date	\$6,140
Committee and Investment Accounts	\$15,000
Eastern Health Holding Account:	\$4,000