

# Board report October 2026

The Community committee is still trying to find a dead tree that we can paint blue.

The first planning meeting for the 2026 KCCS program was held on 13th October. Rotary will again look after the distribution and subsequent collection of donation boxes.

The Knox Infolink Breakfast program turns 5 on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2026.

Current funding will keep the Men's Hub program running until end of the 2026-27 Rotary year.

The fundraising committee has projects lined up for this Rotary year –

- The Basin Primary School fete.
- We will have a presence at the Boronia K-12 fete also.
- We will be selling sausages at the Boronia Heights Primary School on election day.
- We will be running another fundraising BBQ at the Simba warehouse again this year.
- We will be selling egg and bacon rolls at the Boronia RSL on ANZAC Day.
- We are investigating running a fun run.
- Donations from the Annual Golf Day in 2027 will be going to Infolink and the renamed Knox Rocks (now I-Rock) project.
- And of course the usual round-up of Bunnings BBQs.

The contents of the container shipped to Alotau in PNG have all been distributed. We donated the container to the Alotau Netball association, for their use as a storage shed.

The netball competition has been held in Port Moresby. By all reports it all went very well. They raised the last of the money locally to enable all players and officials to attend.

Desley identified a young man called Rohan Roy, who wants to set up a workshop where he can repair faulty electronic devices for members of the local community. The Board approved providing him with \$AU800 seed funding.

On 6<sup>th</sup> October we had a group of Year 10 students from Boronia K-12 attend the RYDA road safety education program at Lilydale.

The Board approved funding an ongoing Scholarship to the value of \$1000 – to be named the 'Rotary Club of Boronia Education Scholarship' at the Boronia K-12 school.

On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October, we will be hosting our RYLA and RYPEN candidates at our weekly meeting. This day also happens to be our World Polio Day – wear something RED.

This year we have introduced some enhanced due diligence rules around membership and handling of club funds.

- Members may be aware that former member Julianne Hyams has not attended any meetings since changeover in July this year. Julianne's membership was closed by the Board recently.
- Former Rotarian Don Sweeney attended several meetings of the club recently and submitted an application for membership. A due diligence process conducted by the Board's delegated appointees included contacting the referees provided by Don and some additional Rotarians. Based on that process, a recommendation that Don not be offered membership was considered and approved by the Board. Don has been notified of the Board's decision
- We are being a little more strict with organisations to which we make donations and will be requiring them to provide some form of acquittal of the funds they receive from us.