
APPLECROSS ROTARY

2026 ANNUAL REPORT



ACTIVE MEMBERS 2025 - 2026

Surya	AMBATI		Jamie	KELLY	
Tom	ATKINSON		John	KELLY	
Nik	BLUETT		George	MAVROS	
Sue	BOI		Peter	McEWEN	
Ronald	BOWER		Murray	McKAY	
Margaret	BREDE		Dr Barry	MENDELAWITZ	
Adele	CLEMENTS		Michele	MUIR	
Cran	COLLIS		Liz	PALMER	
Chris	DAWSON		Clive	PEARSON	
Gordon	DUNBAR		Ray	PHILP	
Logan	DUNCAN-SMITH		Suresh	PRABHAKARAN	
Dr Ian	FAIRNIE		Clive	PURT	
Graeme	FARDON		Mike	SMITH	
Brad	FRANKEN		Mal	TAYLOR	
Tony	HAEUSLER		Marianne	THOMPSON	
Aaron	HOFFMAN		Hamish	TURNER	
Tim	INGLIS		Chris	WHELAN	
			Kenn	WILLIAMS	

HONORARY MEMBERS 2025-2026

Dr Chris	BACK		Kim	GIDDENS	MLA
Leslie	COMBES		Katy	MAIR	Mayor CoM

LIFE MEMBERS

PDG Bruce	JAMES		John	HENDERSON	
Lorri	BRAZIER				

PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS

Tom COOK	1984 - 85		John	KEVAN	2006 - 07
Bruce JAMES	1991 - 92		Liz	WESTOBY	2011 -12
Bob COOPER	1996 - 97		Melody	KEVAN	2015 - 16
Gerry FAULKNER	2000 - 01				

APPLECROSS ROTARY PAST PRESIDENTS

Year	President	Year	President
1971/72	Tom Cook	1999/00	Prof Ray Wales
1972/73	Doug Shaw	2000/01	George Mavros
1973/74	Frank Cruthers	2001/02	Greg McKenzie
1974/75	Allan Cary	2002/03	Malcolm Taylor
1975/76	Lloyd Bassett	2003/04	Tony Jakovich
1976/77	Don Wignall	2004/05	Ralph Fardon
1977/78	Bruce James	2005/06	Chris Dawson
1978/79	Murray Miller	2006/07	Dr John Hosking
1979/80	Doug Telfer	2007/08	Dr Barry Mendelawitz
1980/81	Peter Gardner	2008/09	Ronald Bower
1981/82	Michael Dillon	2009/10	Kenn Williams
1982/83	Robert Bray	2010/11	Melodie Kevan
1983/84	Geoff Bennett	2011/12	Jamie Kelly
1984/85	John Cook	2012/13	Dean Lawrence
1985/86	Richard Lewis	2013/14	Murray McKay
1986/87	Tim Barwood	2014/15	John Kevan
1987/88	John Hayes	2015/16	Lesley Combes
1988/89	David Donaldson	2016/17	Chris Whelan
1989/90	Gil Goodwin	2017/18	Hamish Turner
1990/91	Dr Ian Lander	2018/19	Dr Ian Fairnie
1991/92	Tom Cox	2019/20	Dr Barry Mendelawitz
1992/93	Cyril Geach	2020/21	Ray Philp
1993/94	Dr Graham Sexton	2021/22	Peter McEwen
1994/95	Ian Hutchinson	2022/23	Logan Duncan-Smith
1995/96	John Henderson	2023/24	Tom Atkinson
1996/97	John Kelly	2024/25	Atkinson & McKay
1997/98	Peter Major	2025/26	Margaret Brede

President's Report – Margaret Brede

Taking the presidency role from the very knowledgeable, experienced hands of Co-Presidents Tom Atkinson and Murray MacKay was certainly a daunting proposition and one that provided me with a very rapid learning curve of Rotary business. I sincerely thank all Applecross Rotarians for their patient support of me as we navigated through the Rotary year together.

Regular meetings with the Rotary Community Group have also brought opportunities for us to work together with eleven Rotary Clubs within our area. The Epic Day of Service, the TreeMission Planting at Piney Lakes and the upcoming Wireless Hill Community Day are examples of this collaboration with further events planned for the coming year. Sharing common challenges and resultant initiatives have provided opportunities for each club to enrich the offerings to their members and enhance the ability to support worthwhile projects.



Through our diverse speakers program we have been informed of a number of projects, both local and overseas, worthy of our support. Importantly, we continue to maintain our relationships with valued causes including:

- Wheelchairs for Kids
- Cruising Butterflies
- Wheatbelt & Beyond Youth Mentoring
- Starick Services
- Sleeping Bags for Homeless and Stitches of Hope

It is particularly satisfying to welcome visitors and speakers who update us regularly on the progress of their programs.

The Global Grant for the wheatbelt speech and hearing program has now been finalised and the equipment and resources purchased to establish this exciting program. So, we are delighted to pledge significant financial support to two major projects currently being developed. Firstly, the Rotary Smiles mobile dental van to provide essential dental services to those experiencing homelessness. Como Rotary continue to tackle the challenges of this important program and pledges of support are essential for this process. Secondly, on the international scene, we have pledged support to Dalkeith Rotary's efforts to access a Global Grant for the Uujan Project *Empowering Adolescents and Youth for their Successful Transition from Childhood to Adulthood* in Kolkata, India.

We are indebted to our major sponsors that enable us to conduct our activities that support these worthwhile projects, both local and international. The Good Grocer, Pharmacy 777, Ross North Homes and Mont Realty will all be presented with Paul Harris Fellowships in coming weeks in recognition of their 10 years of support of Applecross Rotary.

A highlight of 2025-26 has been our full involvement with the Rotary Youth Exchange program. In addition to sponsoring Briohny Sheedy to participate in exchange to Finland from January 2026, we have been delighted to host Essi Mustonen, from Finland, from July 2025 to July 2026.



Essi has participated fully in the challenges and opportunities available to her. We are extremely grateful for the essential support of All Saints' College, as per our Memorandum of Understanding, and to her host parents over the duration; Tom and Aurian Clarkson, Scott and Laura Kneebone, Karen and Kelly Bodman.



The rewards are many for all involved in the RYE program but it is fully reliant on the voluntary participation of schools and host families which we hope to maintain over time. My thanks also go to Graeme Fardon, Placement Officer, RYE District 9423, whose knowledge and advice regarding all things RYE have been invaluable to me over the last year.

In recent weeks we have conducted a brief survey of members regarding the current organisation of Applecross Rotary and how we could move forward in relation to meetings, the speaker program and social activities. The results clearly supported the existing breakfast meetings but retaining some flexibility within the speaker program with approximately one meeting per month kept free for club business or impromptu speaker opportunities. There was also support for an occasional dinner meeting/social event. Importantly, it was clear that the Applecross Rotary culture of weekly breakfast meetings should be maintained with minor alterations accommodating the suggestions described above.

With no Applecross Rotary members in a position to take on the role of President for the 2026-27 Rotary year, it will be my privilege to continue in this role for another year, as is common practice in a number of other clubs.

However, this is only possible due to the outstanding service and support provided by the Directors on the Board of Applecross Rotary and the many important roles undertaken by so many regular members. We are indeed fortunate that all concerned are also prepared to continue in their roles. I am particularly grateful for the on-going support of the 2025-26 directors; Tom Atkinson, Ronald Bower, Adele Clements, Logan Duncan-Smith, Graeme Fardon, Brad Franken, Murray MacKay, Ray Philp, Marianne Thompson and Chris Whelan having willingly agreed to continue their good work into the new year. Crucial to the on-going smooth running of our meetings is the fine work sourcing our widely varying speakers by Michele Muir and Clive Purt, maintaining and running our increasingly demanding IT requirements are Ray Philp supported by Aaron Hoffman's expertise, maintaining the members' attendance register by Tony Haeusler, sharing the role of MC to keep our meetings in order are Graeme Fardon, Chris Dawson, John Kelly, Murray MacKay and Chris Whelan. Adele Clements, Lorri Brazier, Kenn Williams and others have supported Liz Palmer in creating our social opportunities.

Thank you one and all for your role in ensuring 2025-26 has been another year of service through Applecross Rotary.



2005 Changeover

International Report – Tom Atkinson

The 2024/25 Rotary year again was vibrant and rewarding for our club's International Projects. We continued to extend our support to our neighbouring regions to the north and the west.

Our major initiative was to work with the Rotary Club of Washington, Pennsylvania USA to arrange a Global Grant Project for a Speech and Hearing Project in Moora W.A. This is the first Rotary Global Grant Project in Western Australia.

This proposal will deliver the audiology equipment necessary to address the dearth of services for children in the Northern Wheatbelt in Western Australia (WA).

Due to its apparent proximity to Perth, the Wheatbelt is often viewed as one of the most forgotten regions of WA. The lack of consistent and integrated community focused audiological, speech pathology and specialist services (including ENT supports) have resulted in many developmentally vulnerable children falling through the cracks of the current health system.

Without addressing these barriers many children across the Northern Wheatbelt will continue to fall through the cracks of the current system. Long term implications of not addressing these issues will create considerable stress on the educational, health and justice systems in the later years of each child's life.

Following extensive consultation with the community and based on a successful, integrated approach, Telethon Speech & Hearing Ltd. (TSH) is proposing a 3-year pilot program that will work with all members from the Northern Wheatbelt to address those pertinent barriers families face in accessing quality, early intervention supports.

This project will provide the medical equipment needed for this program to be executed. The recurrent funding for the professional personnel involved will be provided by others.

Project budget is AU\$83,050 (US\$59,946). The project funding was contributed by Rotary Club of Canning River, Rotary Club of Como, Rotary Club of Moora, Rotary Club of Washington Pa, USA, Districts 7305 and 9423, Lab Without Walls, and All Saints College. The Rotary Foundation donated US\$20,000.



The project was approved by the Rotary Foundation in January 2026, and by end of June the expenditure was essentially complete. The new facility will be commissioned in Q3 2026.

Other International project initiatives during the year include:

1. A midwifery scholarship and other support to Global Nurses and Midwives \$3000.
2. Build 8 toilets in Kenya in association with Rotary Club Stony Athi \$2374.

We also donated \$2000 to Shelterbox for disaster relief.

We made an \$8000 commitment to support citizens in Ukraine; however, this commitment has not yet been paid.

Foundation - Chris Whelan

Applecross Rotary club members collectively made contributions of \$1000 to Polio Plus and \$6000 to The Rotary Foundation.

Over the past 10 years Applecross Rotary members have donated \$AU\$30,350 to The Rotary Foundation. During the same period Applecross Rotary has received support from The Rotary Foundation as shown:

Type of Support	
District Grants	AU\$11,335
District Designated Funds	US\$52,000 {~ AU\$80,000}
The Rotary Foundation Funding	US\$32,000 {~ AU\$50,000}

Membership – Adele Clements

We are grateful and encouraged by our new members this year; Sue Boi, Dawn France & Surya Ambati, all of whom have picked up major roles.

Sue the CEO of Jacaranda Festival, Surya as our representative at the Chamber of Commerce and Dawn France has already been responsible for us receiving a funding grant and is working with Kenn to develop a strategy for business participation. An exciting concept so stay tuned for that one.

We also have Joseph Aradi, our newest member, who unfortunately couldn't attend tonight and Nadine Syed who has been helping us for years and has decided to make it official.

For 26/27 I am hoping to attract new members by highlighting the Clubs achievements in our own lives and in both the local and international community by using social media, signage at our community events and talking to attendees at the JacFest and makers markets.

I would encourage everyone to be alert to recruiting opportunities and spreading the Rotary Message.



Dawn France and President Margaret



Sue Boi and President Margaret



Surya Ambati and Kenn Williams

2025 Jacaranda Festival

(Sunday 23 November)



The 2025 Jacaranda Festival was an **outstanding success**, with significantly higher attendance than recent years. Ideal weather conditions and jacaranda trees in near-perfect bloom contributed strongly to turnout, supported by improved engagement across contemporary social media channels. As usual, a big acknowledgement to the club project team, who were fully engaged.

Traffic patterns reflected the surge in attendance: the school car park reached full utilisation, and surrounding streets up to one kilometre away were heavily parked. Entrants arrived from a broader window than usual.

Key Operational Highlights

The enhanced site layout drew highly positive feedback.

- **Busker Central** proved extremely popular, and additional buskers distributed across the grounds created a more immersive festival atmosphere.
- The **new Kids Zone location** worked well, with opportunities in 2026 to further improve local ambience. The golf-park area successfully increased “dad and kids” engagement.
 - **Fire truck rides** were cancelled before 10:00am due to significant road congestion and safety concerns.
- The **real fire engine display** attracted strong interest from families.
- **Stage entertainment** reached a new level of diversity and energy. This direction should be expanded in 2026: it enhances audience breadth, supports cultural engagement, and may underpin new funding sources.
- **170+ stallholders** attended (like 2024) but operated on a slightly smaller footprint due to busking areas. Public and stallholder feedback was extremely positive, with many stalls reporting strong sales.
- High attendance temporarily **overloaded local phone networks**, a risk to note for 2026.
- **Infrastructure and services** (Go2Cup, bins, toilets) were stretched to capacity.

- **An accident-free event**, with minor accidents and lost persons being the most urgent issue. Dog leads are a constant on-site risk.
- **Compliance Risk:** the high winds in the morning focused the need for all stallholder gazebo's to be compliant with their tie down obligations.
- **New standard set with the waste minimization initiative**, with a considerable improvement over JF24, especially so when the crowd size is considered. Data shown below. This initiative and outcome lead by the City of Melville.

Volunteer Contribution

Preparation required **~5% fewer member-hours** than 2024 due to improved bench strength and a more refined event playbook — and **32% less** than 2023. On the day:

- **870 volunteer hours** were contributed (935 in 2024; 915 in 2023).
- **200+ volunteers** participated.

Approvals, Funding & Partnerships: A big ‘thank you’ to the City of Melville for their support behind the waste minimization initiatives.

Community Donations- Post Event totalled \$25,100

	
Innovation ‘BUSKER CENTRAL’	Busker Toby showed his appreciation with a donation at January breakfast meeting
	
Appreciative of the support we receive from our local member Kim Giddens MLA	Mayor Katie, President Marg, MLA Kim

Cruising Butterflies - Gordon Dunbar

Sunday 19th April 2026



In autumn each year, South of Perth Yacht Club hosts, in conjunction with Kiind (a support organization from Perth Children's Hospital) and sponsors including Applecross and Melville Rotary , **"Cruising Butterflies"** to take children with life-long health issues onto the Swan River on members boats to enjoy a morning of fun on the water.

This year 120 children who are or have been patients at Perth Children's Hospital along with 258 family members or carers attended this special day that gives their families a short respite from the routine 24-hour a day caring duty. This year's event was held on Sunday 19th April 2026 with families arriving from 8am ready for the river cruise starting at 9am. Fifty plus yachts and power boats along with 122 skippers and crew, provide the transport with many of the boat's skippers and crew dressed up as pirates or in other nautical themes.

After the morning on the water there was the sausage sizzle lunch, (300 sausages cooked by Applecross Rotary), along with games, bubble blowing and face painting. Even one child at heart joined in.



Applecross Rotary volunteer Sue Boi

The day wound up early in the afternoon.



Applecross Rotary volunteer bar-b-cue cooks Margaret Brede & Kenn Williams

Applecross Rotary provided the Club's BBQ and the volunteers for cooking and serving sausages in a bun (5 cooking and 4 serving), two gazebos for the registration and distribution of event tee shirts and hats along with traffics cones and event signage.

Car parking duties, both inside SoPYC and on the Heathcote Lower Land were assigned to Applecross Rotary with our Perth Makers Market parking experience put to good use.



Kenn's Musings

ROTARY: Where Friendship Becomes Everything

How wonderful it was for a group of Applecross Rotary mates to catch up with John Henderson over lunch on the 1st of July — sharing stories, revisiting history, and still keeping an eye on tomorrow.

John, a Life Member of Applecross and now well into his mid-90s, remains as sharp, engaging, and delightful as ever. Even after losing Helen, the love of his life, he continues to embody the spirit of Rotary: optimism, connection, and genuine friendship.

One comment of his stayed with me: **how profoundly Rotary has shaped his life through the enduring friendships it created.** It's a reminder that the quiet, often unseen value of Rotary is not just the projects, the meetings, or the service — it's the people who walk beside us through the decades.

I can only hope that when my own journey reaches the 90s, those Rotary friendships I've built will still be there — taking me out for a meal, sharing a drink, and keeping the joy of belonging truly alive.

As the clock ticks, we must never underestimate the power of true friendships and the happy state of mind they nurture.



I-r: Chris Dawson, George Mavros, Lorri Brazier, Ray Philp, Kenn Williams, Gordon Dunbar, John Kelly, John Henderson, Mal Taylor

SO, WHAT'S THIS THING WITH THE MELVILLE COCKBURN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE?

Back in December, Applecross and Melville Rotary submitted a successful joint proposal for a District Membership Grant. The idea was simple but strategic: **work with the Melville Cockburn Chamber of Commerce (MCCC) to give local businesses a pathway to strengthen their social licence through Rotary, while Rotary gains visibility, support for community projects, and potential membership growth.**

The Grant concludes in December, by which time we must demonstrate that we've built a strong working relationship with the Chamber — one that sparks interest in Rotary's community impact and encourages businesses to join us in meaningful projects.

AN EXPANDED VISION

Discussions with Attadale and Cockburn Rotary have broadened the horizon. Both clubs are keen to be part of the concept (though not the Grant itself), creating a wider Rotary presence across the MCCC footprint.

In late May, Applecross, Melville, and Attadale jointly sponsored an award at the annual MCCC Business Awards — a clear signal of our commitment to the Chamber and its members.



We have now formalised a Partnership with the MCCC to advance the initiatives outlined in the Membership Grant.

The Chamber is fully aligned with promoting the value of businesses “giving back” to the community they serve. It recognises that caring for community is not just good citizenship — it’s good business.

NEXT STEPS

We are currently developing several core projects to share with the Chamber and its members, strengthening the partnership and delivering benefits for Rotary, local businesses, and our community.

- **A joint project with the RAC** focused on **Young Driver Safety Training** — a high-impact initiative with broad appeal and strong community relevance.
- **Support for Mental Health**, including participation in the **Lift the Lid Walks** planned for September.
- **The MCCC Expo in October**, where we intend to showcase our partnership loudly, proudly, and effectively.

Ultimately, Rotary stands to be the winner — not in a competitive sense, but in the sense of deeper recognition. By helping businesses understand the role we play, and by showing how they can meaningfully engage with us, we open the door to new supporters, new collaborators, and new members at various levels.



Suresh, Surya & Kenn representing Rotary at MCCC Business After Hours



Kenn Williams presenting Rotary’s award at the MCCC Business Awards

Programmes Report – Michelle Muir & Clive Purt

When Margaret tapped Clive and I on the shoulder and asked us to take over inviting guest speakers to our weekly meetings, we were a little anxious if we could make it succeed. After all, we were taking over from Ian Fairnie, who had performed and perfected the role over many years.

With Ian's guidance and mentorship, we have settled into a partnership where Clive identifies and recruits possible speakers and I follow up.

As a result, members have been informed, educated, laughed, empathised and become armchair travellers to different parts of the State and beyond.

Our speakers have all been memorable, perhaps none more so than ex-Premier Brian Burke; Essi Mustonen, our own Rotary exchange student and club members who spoke on 11th November, Remembrance Day, of their experiences of the effects of war.

We feel we have achieved the aims of guiding principles surrounding guest speakers:

To inform members of improvements to disadvantaged people and their quality of life (Advocare and Wheelchairs for Kids).

We have encouraged presentations from people on behalf of their organisations wanting support for their projects which benefit the local and wider community.

Our Global Grant project to improve the hearing of children in the WA Wheatbelt continues as per our role as influencers and people of action.

We have championed the endeavours of young people (for instance the Scout Heritage, Every Daughter Matters, and Kai-fella).

And we have backed organisations helping elderly people too with speakers from Prostate Care, Age Well, Capital Community Radio.

Members have been kept informed about existing or projected club projects (such as The Shop Front and Protective Behaviours in South Africa).

We have informed members of local or national community projects, (Saving Heritage Breeds, local real estate).

On the lighter side, we have entertained members with Petrina from Akanna Entertainment and Martin and Jean Clare.

Plus we have enjoyed travel-related speakers from Villa Carlotta, Busselton Jetty and Sara David with Walking the Camino Frances.

This is just a sample of the types of topics we have covered in the past year. We hope to bring members as many different speakers and subjects for the next one.

2025 – 2026 Programme Calendar

DATE	SPEAKER	TOPIC
1 July 25	Sara David	Walking the Camino Frances
8 July 25	Dr Catie Gressier	Saving Heritage Breeds
15 July 25	PDG John Kevan	East Sumba Malaria Prevention Project
22 July 25	Michelle Wright	Prostate Care Update
29 July 25	Arnya Tait	Foodbank Presentation & Update
5 August 25	Petrina	Akanna Entertainment
12 August 25	Surya Ambati	Member Intro
19 August 25	Carrie Alexander	Australian Wildlife Conservancy
26 August 25	Essie Mustonen	Her Life Story So Far
2 September 25	Aaron & Ray	ClubRunner Training
9 September 25	Chris Bowman	Boat Builder & Adventurer
16 September 25	Margaret Buswell	Villa Carlotta
23 September 25	David Beard	Age Well
30 September 25	Rhys Powell	Dentistry Service for Homelessness Support
7 October 25	Geoff Smith	Capital Community Radio
14 October 25	Anne Chapple	Anzac College
21 October 25	Cassandra Smith	Exercise Physiologist
28 October 25	Simon Allan	Red Cross
4 November 25	Dorothy Tecklenburg	Rotary Washington Pa Uktaine Projects
11 November 25	Various members	Remembrance Day – Sharing Experiences
18 November 25	Chris Whelan	2025 JacFest Briefing
9 December 25	Christmas Meet	Evil Santa
20 January 26	Brian Burke	Former Premier/ Author
27 January 26	PDG David Barton	Melville Rotary
3 February 26	Sarah Hijazi	Busselton Jetty
10 March 26	Dean Burton	Melville Recreation Centre
17 March 26	Martin & Jean Clare	Entertainers / Singers
24 March 26	Don Briggs	Metronet
31 March 26	Samantha Gomex	Citizens Advice Bureau
14 April 26	Chris Bowman	Adventurer/ boatbuilder
21 April 26	Dr Anita Bourke	Dalkeith Rotary's Global Grant support
28 April 26	Sandra Patulla	Ride Captain over 55 cycling club

5 May 26	Eric Hartanto	Real Estate
12 May 26	Stuart Coleman	Classic 10-pound pom
19 May 26	Jay Thwaites	Financial Planning
26 May 26	Tahlia Clements	Kai-Fella Foundation
2 June 26	Dawn France	From Portsmouth to Perth
9 June 26	Hilda O'Callaghan	Protective Behaviors in South Africa
16 June 26	Damian Walsh	The Shop Front
23 June 26	Essi Mustonen	My Year in Australia
30 June 26	Dr Michael Creech	Man Made Science

EXAMPLES OF OUR DIVERSE RANGE OF SPEAKERS PRESENTING THROUGHOUT THE YEAR



Clive with speaker Damian Walsh-The Shop Front



Speaker Brian Burke – former Labor Premier



Speaker Jai Thwaites (financial planning) & guest Mayor Katie



Dr Catie Gressier – Saving Heritage Breeds



PDG John Kevan 'Sumba Project'



Hilda O'Callaghan 'Protective behaviors in SA'

Art Show 2026- Hamish Turner



The combined Applecross Rotary and Melville Rotary Clubs Art Show was once again held in June of this year in the Westfield Garden City shopping centre. This was the 51st Art Show hosted by the combined Applecross and Melville Rotary Clubs.

Both the number of paintings and attendees were well down on previous years. The numbers can be seen below. At the time of compiling this report we do not have details of the final financial outcome as distribution of the proceeds is yet to be assessed but estimates are totalling \$800 or \$400 for APX RC.

Disappointing given the man hours allocated to this event. Having said that the objective being providing exposure to unknown local artists and demonstrating the Rotary support for a community event.

Setting up of the display commenced on Sunday afternoon with fewer hands than usual. A very big **THANK YOU** to all those members and partners who assisted and a special thanks to Jamie and Leonie Kelly for doing the late-night shifts.

Number of paintings on Display.	284
Number of artists.	86
Number of paintings Sold.	35
% of participating artists with sales (1+)	26%

Total Catalogue value:	\$ 110,839.00
Income from Sales	\$ 8,986.00
Average price of paintings sold	\$ 258.00
Spinner Takings (Kenn's initiative)	\$ 128.00

Weather Conditions

There were rain periods throughout the week.

Rain at the take down time necessitated taking the display to David Porters home garage in order to keep the display dry. Once David returns from holiday the panels will be moved to the Fremantle Men's Shed. A "working bee "will be called on to carry out this function.

Applecross RC Participation.

Number of Members	= 22
Number of Spouse / friends	= 5

Comparison 2025 / 2026

For comparison, 58 artworks worth \$19,925 were sold in 2025. This year's result represents a reduction of 45 % in the number of artworks sold and 58 % in sales revenue.

22 of the 32 sales taken place in Monday / Saturday and Sunday. The other days were very quiet.



PERTH MAKERS MARKET CAR PARKING – Lorri Brazier & Ray Philp

As anticipated in last year's Annual Report, the commencement of the Goolugatup Lowerlands Project created ongoing challenges throughout the past year, particularly in adapting to reduced parking availability.

Despite these constraints, it is pleasing to report that our ingenuity and sustained effort were rewarded, with increased donations from appreciative market attendees.

Unfortunately, we have not yet been successful in securing a reliable group to support our senior members with the physical demands of the setup and pack-up activities. This remains a priority, as we continue to explore ways to improve our operations and safeguard the wellbeing of our volunteers, especially during periods of hot weather.



With the Lowerlands Project now nearing completion, planning will again be required to ensure we maximise the available parking space ahead of the next market in early September.

In today's economic environment, raising funds to "do good" in our local community is increasingly challenging. Applecross Rotary is therefore very fortunate to have maintained its partnership with Marketlife since 2016 to manage parking on market days, providing a vital and dependable source of fundraising income.



New signs as part of improvements



Peta Williams in action!



What would we do without the UTE?



Barry in action!

Social Gatherings



A sundowner with a difference! Kenn displaying his passion for WINE.

SUNDOWNER @ THE TURNERS

Thankyou Hamish and Chris



Enjoyable evening at Chris & Hamish's new home at Rivere Residences



Sundowners at Lorri's



Sundowners at Tompkins on Swan

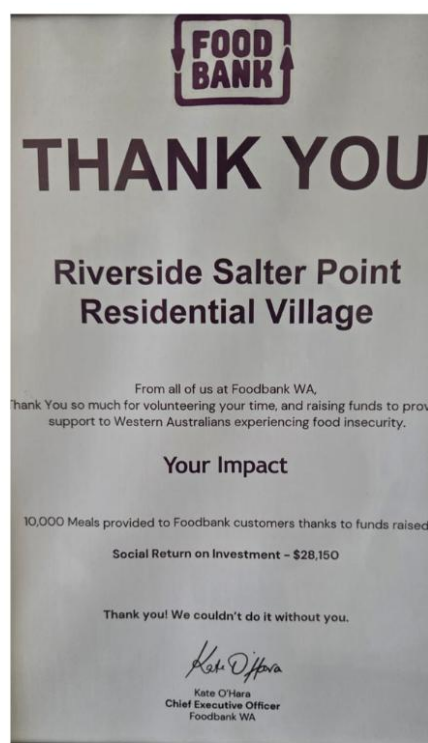
Containers For Change

Thanks to the outstanding efforts of **George Mavros** and **Clive Pearson**, along with their fellow residents at **Riverside Apartments** and **Raffles Apartments**, our container collections have now exceeded **\$10,000** since the scheme began in 2020. Regular contributions from the **Palmers, Williams and Dawsons** have also played an important part in reaching this milestone.

Even better news: from **1 July**, additional containers—including **wine bottles**—have become eligible for refunds. This will no doubt boost our returns, especially given the well-known appreciation a few of our members have for a good drop.

The main beneficiaries of these funds have been the **Henry Perkins Institute** and **Foodbank WA**, both of which have received meaningful support through this initiative.

At our **25 July breakfast meeting**, our guest speaker from Foodbank, **Arnya Tait**, presented George with a **'Thank You' certificate** acknowledging the impact of the village's contribution. The certificate noted that the funds raised through container collections would provide **10,000 meals** to Foodbank customers—a remarkable outcome from a simple, consistent community effort.



FORESHORE CLEAN UP - APPLECROSS

Pick up the incredible power of every child in the South Pacific, each taking on a project that ignites their passion, all on the same day!
 Applecross Rotary will be joining other Rotary groups to clean up the river foreshore. We have been allocated the foreshore between Carving Bridge and Arrows St Applecross.
 Bring your family and friends. Everyone is welcome! Look for the Applecross Rotary gazebo on the Jeff Joseph Reserve Applecross to meet at 9am for the allocation of the cleanup areas.

LOCATION:
 Meet at Jeff Joseph Reserve Applecross
16 May 2026
TIME: 9am - 11am



Wireless Hill Rotary Information Day



RFDS Vocational Tour



Give A Feed Xmas food box packing



Financial Report – Brad Franken

Balance Sheet

ROTARY CLUB OF APPLECROSS INC

As at 30 June 2026

Cash Basis

Account	30 June 2026	30 June 2025
Assets		
Bank		
1-1110 - Administration Account 3750	5,341.72	5,353.96
1-1120 - Charity Account 3769	83,392.09	27,271.69
1-1140 - Cooper Oxley Term Deposit	0.00	9,377.38
1-1141 - Term Deposit	21,450.52	20,000.00
1-1143 - Term Deposit#001	40,587.56	40,000.00
1-1160 - Charity Liquidity Fund Term Dep [1-1160]	0.00	10,643.08
Total Bank	150,771.89	112,646.11
Total Assets	150,771.89	112,646.11
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
860 - Rounding	0.09	0.09
99999 - Suspense	223.86	(129.01)
Total Current Liabilities	223.95	(128.92)
Total Liabilities	223.95	(128.92)
Net Assets	150,547.94	112,775.03
Equity		
3-8000AR - Retained Earnings [3-8000AR]	112,775.03	87,618.16
Current Year Earnings	37,772.91	25,156.87
Total Equity	150,547.94	112,775.03

Profit and Loss

ROTARY CLUB OF APPLECROSS INC

For the year ended 30 June 2026

Cash Basis

Account	2026	2025
Trading Income		
4-1001 - Subscriptions (A)	10,227.60	8,129.00
4-1002 - Meeting Surplus (A)	5,572.80	4,338.69
4-1003 - Fines (A)	474.25	1,581.60
4-1004 - Changeover Function (A)	695.00	3,580.00
4-1005 - Christmas Function (A)	2,600.00	1,953.00
4-1007 - Club Regalia Sales (A)	20.00	0.00
4-1011 - Member Events (A)	(370.14)	1,541.15
4-1013 - Donations to Club	500.00	0.00
4-1014 - Ex.Student Emergency Fund	500.00	0.00
4-4004 - Sponsorship (C)	16,000.00	16,000.00

4-4006 - Perth Makers Market (C - C)	27,873.10	26,045.91
4-4009 - Art Exhibition (C - CS)	2,500.00	3,000.00
4-4010 - Donations to Charity C	26,035.54	17,021.81
4-4011 - Fundraising	7,271.40	4,643.20
4-4019 - Wheatbelt Speech and Hearing Project Income	83,050.00	6,718.00
4-4047 - CDS Return Payments (C - CS)	2,669.80	2,647.00
4-5003 - JF Stall Fees (C - JF)	42,495.00	40,690.00
4-5004 - JF Sponsorship (C - JF)	40,000.00	45,000.00
4-5008 - JF Entertainment Income C	5,205.34	2,953.90
4-6001 - International Projects Donations CI	0.00	14,468.26
Total Trading Income	273,319.69	200,311.52

Gross Profit	273,319.69	200,311.52
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Other Income

8-1000AR - Interest Income	2,038.08	2,083.74
8-1020 - Tom Cook Interest	0.00	243.32
8-1030 - Cooper Oxley Interest	296.79	566.60
8-1040 - Charity Liquidity TD Interest	336.85	643.08
Total Other Income	2,671.72	3,536.74

Operating Expenses

6-1000 - Administration Expenses A	858.00	144.40
6-1001 - Rotary International Dues (A)	4,684.03	4,339.73
6-1002 - District Fees (A)	1,904.00	3,660.00
6-1003 - Rotary Down Under Subs (A)	1,332.62	1,373.79
6-1004 - Club Meeting Expenses (A)	2,316.74	1,750.39
6-1005 - Club Administration Expenses (A)	1,172.26	2,314.15
6-1006 - Changeover Function Expenses (A)	1,735.88	4,765.00
6-1007 - Postage, Printing & Stationery (A)	0.00	164.00
6-1008 - Club Regalia (A)	100.00	491.32
6-1010 - Christmas Function Expenses (A)	2,283.36	2,114.00
6-1012 - Member Events Expenses (A)	1,329.49	1,310.95
6-1013 - Wheatbelt Speech and Hearing Project Outgoings	76,038.94	0.00
6-4101 - JF Infrastructure (C - JF)	25,845.35	30,924.00
6-4102 - JF Entertainment Costs	13,948.00	7,555.25
6-4104 - JF Publicity Promotion	9,030.17	9,259.10
6-4105 - JF Event Administration	17,790.43	13,280.56
6-4108 - JF Management Costs	1,050.13	1,298.56
6-4109 - JF Community Assistance	24,359.99	24,349.99
6-4204 - Vocational Expenses	2,926.60	817.10
6-4210 - Fundraising Expenses	8,096.53	6,331.26
6-4213 - Donations to Australian Causes	5,900.04	22,870.09
6-4222 - Perth Makers Market Outgoings (C - C)	10,626.87	9,558.62
6-4223 - Rotary Publicity Promotion (C - PI)	715.00	0.00
6-4236 - Wheatbelt Beyond Youth Mento	5,000.00	2,000.00
6-4304 - Donations to International Causes (C - IS)	3,999.54	19,032.13
6-4403 - Polio Plus (C - RF)	1,000.00	1,000.00
6-4404 - Rotary Health	0.00	150.00
6-4405 - Rotary District 9465	1,881.00	0.00
6-4406 - Rotary Foundation (C - RF)	6,000.00	6,000.00
6-4407 - Shelter Box (C - IS)	2,000.00	1,000.00
6-4501 - Exchange Student Expenses	2,798.25	903.85
6-4502 - NYSF (C YS)	1,495.00	0.00
6-4509 - Local Schools	0.00	(115.00)
9-1000 - Bank Fees	0.28	48.15
Total Operating Expenses	238,218.50	178,691.39

Net Profit	37,772.91	25,156.87
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Strong Sponsor Support

The Jacaranda Festival in Applecross has received tremendous backing from its sponsors, Lotterywest and City of Melville, highlighting flourishing partnerships that benefits the community.

Lottery West has been a steadfast supporter of the festival, contributing significantly to underwriting our event costs. Their commitment ensures that any surplus is reinvested back into our local community, making a real difference. We are grateful for their ongoing support and the positive impact it has on our community initiatives.

Similarly, The City of Melville has increased its support, both financially and logistically, in response to the growing needs of sustainability and our shared responsibility to be socially and environmentally aware. Their heightened involvement underscores their dedication to making the Jacaranda Festival a cornerstone of the city's event calendar. We deeply appreciate their essential role in our event's success.

In addition to these institutional sponsors and marking 16 years of collaborative success, Applecross Rotary has forged enduring partnerships with local businesses. Starting with four local businesses in 2016, including Greg Brindle at The Good Grocer, Matthew Podesta at Mont Realty, Nigel Krummel at Pharmacy 777, and Ross North from Ross North Homes, our club sponsors continue to contribute generously to local community causes.

Their sustained support is a testament to their commitment to our community-focused initiatives.

At Applecross Rotary, we understand the importance of fostering meaningful relationships with our sponsors. We work closely with them to ensure mutual benefits, acknowledging their contributions prominently in all our events and publicity. This collaborative approach ensures that our partnerships thrive and continue to serve the needs of our community.

Furthermore, we extend our gratitude to Dome, Deepwater Point, for providing us with a welcoming community space for our weekly meetings. Their generosity contributes greatly to our ability to organize and plan events that benefit our local area.

The support from our sponsors and partners is invaluable, and together, we look forward to another successful Jacaranda Festival, celebrating community spirit and unity in Applecross.

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