



Rotary Club of Mandurah Districts Inc.

District 9465

Annual Report

2022-2023



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**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT, JENNIFER JONES**

District Governor, Ric McDonald

President, Deb Atkins





**President, Deb Atkins**

**President Elect and Club Service, Michael Boyd**

**Immediate Past President, Deb Atkins**

**Secretary, Sharon Stark**

**Treasurer, Phil Brown**

**Community, Trevor Wilson**

**International/Foundation, John Kevan and Lex McKay (missing from photo)**

**Public Image/Membership, Martin Sadle**

**Youth/Vocational, Nathan Atkinson (missing from photo)**



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



July saw us welcome the Board for the 2022-2023 Rotary year.

I would like to thank the Board for the work you did running our Cub and acknowledge that most of you have been doing this for a number of years.

Michael, Sharon, Phil, John, Lex, Trevor, Martin, and Nathan.

Unlike 2021-2022 we had no lockdowns or massive absences due to COVID.

Mind you quite a few of you did disappear up north for a while.

August saw us host the Chamber of Commerce Business After Dark event. I was absolutely thrilled that Chris, Dan, Sue and Joe, Mandi, Michelle, Bridget, Kerrie, Allan and Anna chose to get aboard this crazy train we call Rotary.

Thank you so much to you Chris Muir-Smith and Pete Smith, you were and are advocates for Rotary and were the reason that this initiative was so successful.

We were also delighted to welcome aboard David and Jan Horsley, Rob and Marilyn Wilde, and Fiona Harvey, and of course the club's youngest, Jimmy Wong, an absolute bundle of enthusiasm and positivity.

It's not just about service to our local and international communities, but also friendship. I am honoured to call you friends.

We listened to and enjoyed 28 guest speakers, thank you Michael for the quality of the speakers. The highlight for me was David Templeman, and I believe you haven't given up on the former Premier Mark McGowan.

The Duck Race and Family Fun Day finally returned. It was a real success and a credit to Pete Smith and the organising committee. Congratulations and thank you to all of you.

Sail into Life commenced in October. Thank you to all involved especially Phil and Lex. It was an absolute thrill to honour, thank and award Rae Waterman, Dale Sanders, Hayley Bracknell, and Helen Beer with a Rotary Community Award for outstanding service to Sail into Life. These ladies are all community volunteers and have been involved in the program over many years. Thank you so much.

We promoted our Club and our projects at Wellness Wednesday and the Inclusive in Sport Showcase, emceed brilliantly by our very own Michelle Wong.

The swap meets endured some challenging weather over winter but got up and running. Thank you to Murray, Terry, Martin, Nathan and Hellmut, and to all of you who got out of bed early in the freezing cold during the winter months.



We sadly said farewell to Frank and Cheryl, thanked them for their contribution to our Club and Rotary and wished them well for the next chapter of their lives.

Tragically Ivan Spalding succumbed to his medical condition, and we lost him on 01/11/2022. Ivan was one of our founding members and an absolute icon of a man and a Rotarian. He was a staunch community and family man and is sadly missed by all. RIP Ivan, we will never forget you or the legacy you left us.

Quite a few of us travelled across “the Bridge” to the combined meeting with Pinjarra and the District Governor. It was probably quite an eye opener for our newer members with the traditions the Club still maintain.

In partnership with the Mandurah Men’s Shed, we gifted another bench seat for the dementia residents at Coolibah Care. Thank you to John and Melody who coordinated.

We honoured Melody Kevan, Geoff Winton, and Marlene Winton with a Paul Harris Fellow. Congratulations, So well deserved.



Our Club was nominated for a community award and the Australia Day Awards. We also won Club of the Year for Membership growth at the 9465 Gala dinner. A very proud moment for me. We don’t do what we do for awards or accolades, we do it because it’s the right thing to do. It was nice to be nominated though.

We celebrated our 37<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 11<sup>th</sup>, with a funny and informative presentation from founding President Maurie Spalding and founding members Terry Partridge and Graeme Jenkins, plus an oversized birthday cake that didn’t quite make it to the venue in one piece. Well, it still tasted yummy.

Thank you Maurie, Terry and Graeme for getting this fabulous Club up and running, and thank you Pat Spalding, Betty Spalding, Di Partridge and Desley Jenkins for your unwavering support and involvement over many years.

Some of the projects and programs proudly undertaken and, in the pipeline, are.

- The Solar Birthing cases project
- The school uniform Project
- Highland Games parking.
- RYLA and RYPEN
- The 4 Way speech contest
- The Golf Day on Dec 8th
- Duck Race and Family Fun Day held Easter Saturday
- Wishing well project
- Sail into Life ran from October 2022 to April 2023
- The swap-meet and sausage sizzle.
- Peel Harvey Catchment breakfast
- Homelessness breakfast
- Primary School end of term BBQ trailer catering





- Midway Christmas Party BBQ trailer catering
- The end of year school Citizen Awards
- Back to School project- Helping underprivileged families with back-to-school supplies.
- Donated a Trishaw to Mandurah Cycling without Age.
- Passages Youth Support Centre.
- Rotary Youth Exchange - student arriving in July 2023
- Rotarians against Malaria
- Supporting Australian Rotary Health and The Rotary Foundation
- Sumba Water project
- Crab Fest car parking, which also benefitted local groups.
- The District Conference held here in Mandurah in February. A huge undertaking. Thank you, Michael, for your epic contribution to the success of the conference.
- The tree planting project. 500 trees planted by us on 11<sup>th</sup> June and a further 600 hundred planted by men of the Trees the day before. A significant contribution to a greener Mandurah sponsored by Rotary.

We may not be the biggest club in Rotary but going by that list we certainly do punch above our weight. Congratulations and thank you to you all.

We have enjoyed many social times together and Vocational outings including the Cheap and Dodgy show at MANPAC and the Christmas party at the Pen, plus a number of impromptu lunch/dinners/happy hours, which may have included the odd glass of wine.

It's been quite a hectic year but working with you all has been an absolute privilege. Your enthusiasm, work ethic, friendliness, and willingness to support each other and me has made my job as your President enjoyable and taken this Club from good to great.

Thank you.

Deb Atkins

### **President 2021-2023**



## SECRETARY'S REPORT

### MEETINGS

Our weekly meetings continue to be held at the Mandurah Country & Golf Club, 16 Marsh Place, Halls Head. A varied selection of guest speakers provided interest and members continue to enjoy each other's company.

### LEGALITIES

The Club is registered with the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, Consumer Protection and has submitted its annual financial return to maintain its WA Charitable Collections Licence.

Returns to Rotary International have been submitted in a timely manner and all fees have been paid.

An Asset Register is maintained and an Annual Insurance Report is provided to District to ensure the Club is adequately insured for all its assets and activities.

Our By-Laws were given a refresh during this year and the changes confirmed in June at a Special General Meeting. Next year the Club will be expected to adopt a revised Constitution that will reflect the Council of Legislation changes and the creation of the new District 9423.

### ROTARY YOUTH COMPLIANCE

Rotary has a wonderful history of working with young people through its many programs and our Club is no exception. Over the past two (COVID) years, the Club has been relatively quiet with regard to activities involving young people. However, we are all excited to be hosting an Exchange student in the coming year, as well as hosting the 4-Way Test Speaking competition. As Club Protection Officer, all relevant child protection documentation is now in place, and copies sent to District. Our Board recently agreed to encourage as many Club members as possible to get and maintain a 'Work with Children's Card', as a safeguard for you, Rotary and all young people that we interact with.

### BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings have been held regularly, have been well attended, and have managed the day-to-day decision making for the Club.

### LEADERSHIP FOR COMING YEAR

Next year's leadership group will be ably led by Michael Boyd with the following Board members: Past President and Youth/Vocational Director, Deb Atkins; President Elect, Christine Muir-Smith; Treasurer, Phil Brown; Community, Trevor Wison; Public Image and Membership, Martin Sadle; International and Foundation, Geoff Winton; and Secretary, Sharon Stark.

Sharon Stark

**Secretary**



## TREASURERS REPORT

### ACCOUNT BALANCES AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

Account	Closing Balance		
<b>Club Account</b>			\$4,602.48
<b>Charity Account</b>			
Charity Income	\$97,871.17		
Charity Expenses	\$88,940.56	\$8,930.61	
Wishing Well income	\$26,057.35		
Wishing Well expenses	\$23,151.00	\$2,906.35	
<b>Total</b>		\$11,836.96	\$26,383.80
<b>Duck Race Account</b>			
Income	\$83,690.25		
Expense	\$60,160.68		
<b>Total</b>		\$23,529.57	\$40,962.17
<b>Sail Into Life Operating (50%)</b>			\$4,324.27
<b>Sail Into Life Term Deposit (50%)</b>			\$11,534.24





## MAJOR FUNDRAISING / MAJOR PROJECTS AND FUNDINGS

MAJOR FUND RAISING			MAJOR PROJECTS/FUNDINGS	
Golf Day	\$14,782		Passages	\$7,500
Wishing Well	\$26,057		Wishing Well Grants	\$21,929
Duck Race – Ticket Sales	\$47,300		Duck Race Community Groups	\$13,212
Crab Fest Parking/Other Parking	\$20,829		Crab Fest Parking Grants	\$12,000
Swap Meet/Sausage Sizzles	\$16,500		Cycling Without Age Trishaw	\$17,594
Donations:			International:	
	Nathan Atkinson	\$5,000		
	Nestle	\$5,000	Solar Birthing Project	\$7,517
	Lottery West	\$5,000	Sumba Water Project	\$20,000
	City of Mandurah	\$2,500	Annual Fund - Foundation	\$4,000
	Solar Birthing	\$7,700	End Polio Now	\$1,000
	Sumba Project	\$18,291	Rotary Against Malaria	\$1,000

Phil Brown

**Treasurer**



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## FUND RAISING

### MANDURAH ROTARY FAMILY FUN DAY AND DUCK RACE 2023

Easter Saturday, 8 April 2023, Eastern Foreshore Mandurah.

A Committee of Rotarians from the Mandurah Districts Club planned and coordinated the event (300 volunteer hours).



#### Family Fun Day

- This day is conducted by Rotary to thank the community for its support throughout the year. It is designed to be a family friendly event with no entry fee, with entertainment, novelty events, children's activities, market and business stalls plus food for locals and visitors.
- Major Sponsors: Nestle Professional, Lottery West, City of Mandurah.
- Supporters: Mandurah Music Club, Band on the Run, South Yunderup Volunteer Fire Brigade, Mandurah Dragon Boat Club, Metro Dance Academy, All Class Acts, Mandurah Men's Shed.
- Steve Carter and Lisa Divall did an excellent job as MCs for the event, with limited preparation and support.
- Internal IT hosted and updated the Family Fun Day and Duck Race web page, free of charge.
- PSI Audio and Mandurah Party Plus provided the Public Address system, Marquees for Rotary and outdoor furniture for the event, plus jumping castles provided by Mandurah Jolly Jumps.
- 30 various stalls were engaged as part of the Family Fun Day.
- The City of Mandurah assisted with the layout of Market stalls, regulations and hiring arrangements.
- 500 volunteer hours were supplied to the Family Fun Day.



## **Duck Race**

- Two Duck Race Raffles -\$5 Public and \$50 Corporate were planned and delivered with the Duck Race being the method for determining winners of the prizes.
- Major prizes were donated by Solahart, West Coast Radio, Swales Diamond Jewellers, Energy House, the Pirate Ship and Impressions Catering and Seashells Hospitality Group. Mandurah Districts Rotary contributed \$5500 cash to the prize pool.
- Several additional consolation prizes were donated by local businesses.
- Community groups were invited to sell (\$5) raffle tickets on the basis that they get back half of the income from ticket sales. \$24,230 worth of tickets were sold by community groups.
- Because of the Duck race raffle the Rotary Club of Mandurah Districts has already re-invested \$13,462 back into our community (24 groups).
- The storage of the ducks and facilities to clean and tag the ducks was provided by QA Plumbing.
- Club members and friends provided the labour to clean and label the ducks, prior to and on the day of the Duck Race (200 volunteer hours).
- The City of Mandurah provided and located the pontoons to launch the ducks as well as the lane ropes for the Races.
- Main Menu donated the platform for 'on line' \$5 ticket sales. (More than \$7000 worth of tickets were sold 'on-line').
- Corporate ticket sales (\$50 tickets) were sold with an encouragement to have a free stall site if 5 tickets were purchased. (\$7450 was raised through the corporate raffle).
- A more complete visual record of this year's Family Fun Day and Duck Race was collected this year, including some drone footage of the Duck Race, for use in promotion in the future.

## **Lessons Learned**

- More volunteers to relieve others during the day
- Buy a new lane rope
- Ready to start earlier
- No marquee pegs (weights)
- Food closer to bands
- Tables and chairs in rotunda area
- Start earlier with Corporate ticket sales (extra helpers)
- Separate Raffle and Control tents
- More scheduled activities during the day
- Consider Street Hassle for stall management

## **Financial Outcome**

- Family Fun Day - Income \$15,575, Expenses \$16,103. Net Loss = \$528
- \$5 Duck Race Raffle – Income \$39,561, Expenses \$16,962. Net Profit = \$22,599
- Corporate Duck Race Raffle – Income \$7,450, Expenses \$500. Net Profit = \$6,950
- Overall Profit, after community group payments and expenses made = \$29,021







*About to launch the ducks*



*Ducks away!*



*Aerial view of the ducks racing*



## ROTARY CLUBS OF PEEL ROTARY GOLF DAY REPORT

- Thursday, 8 December 2022, Mandurah Country Club, Halls Head
- A Committee of Rotarians from the Pinjarra and Mandurah Districts Clubs planned and coordinated the event (200 volunteer hours)
- Naming Sponsor: NEOMETALS
- Dinner Sponsor: ALCOA
- Gold Sponsors: 10 local businesses
- Teams: 25 teams competed in a Mystery Ambrose 18-hole competition.
- Mandurah Mitsubishi offered a new vehicle as a prize for a hole in one on the first hole.
- Beneficiaries:
  - The major beneficiary for the Golf Day in Passages Youth Engagement Hub (50% of profit)
  - Pinjarra Rotary Club projects (25% of profit)
  - Mandurah Districts Rotary Club (25% of profit)
- Participants were provided with a sausage sizzle prior to tee off and drinks throughout the round.
- 30 Rotarians and friends volunteered their time to assist with the conduct of the Golf Day (250 volunteer hours).
- After the golf, all participants were provided with a three-course meal and welcome drinks.
- A raffle, a silent auction and a main auction were conducted during the evening along with awards for winning golf players.
- Financial results of the Golf Day are attached, but the highlights were:



<b>Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>
Sponsorship	19,000	Meals	8,000
Team Fees	11,880	Refreshments	3,708
Main Auction	7,365	Shirts	1,657
Silent Auction	2,178	Course / cart hire	1,880
Raffle	1,930		
<b>Net Surplus</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>		

### Distribution of Profit

Passages \$15,000

Rotary Charity Accounts \$15,000

The 2022 NEOMETALS, Peel Rotary Golf Day was an outstanding success. Thank to Chairman and Treasurer Merv Williams and the Committee for their ongoing efforts and commitment.





## MANDURAH CHRISTMAS LIGHTS WISHING WELL REPORT

- 2022/23 was the second year that the Rotary Club of Mandurah Districts assembled and managed a Wishing Well in the canals of Mandurah to enable the public viewing the Christmas lights display to make a wish and drop some coins in the Wishing Well.
- Rob and Robyn Lowry again agreed to host the Wishing Well adjacent to their home at 27 Starfire Close.
- The City of Mandurah provided two pontoons to be used as the floating platform of the Wishing Well.
- In the last week of November, the Wishing Well was constructed and tours commenced in early December.
- A roster of Club members and their partners was developed (one day per week) to collect the money, clean it and dry it prior to delivery to Treasurer Phil Brown for banking.
- Don Francis also provided support in setting up the extra net underneath the Wishing Well to catch wayward coins and collected stray coins during the period that the Wishing Well was in place.
- Several items, including Christmas lights had to be purchased to decorate the Wishing Well and adjacent walls.
- It was estimated that more than 325 volunteer hours were contributed to the project in the last 12 months by Rotary Club members.
- In 2022/23, 19 grants were provided to local community groups from Wishing Well funds raised.
- Special thanks to Lex McKay, Nathan Atkinson and Phil Brown for their time and efforts.



### Funds raised:

Activity	Funding source	2021-22 Funds (\$s)	2022-23 Funds (\$s)
Electronic donations - at Booking	Mandurah Cruises	1,635	1,787.00
Electronic donations - on Board			
Golf day donation	Mandurah Cruises	615	1,471.00
Coins in Wishing Well	Public	11,162.50	11,280.15
On Board tins	Mandurah Cruises	4,220	5,160.25
	Pirate Ship	257	168.80
	Soulmate Cruises	272.55	565.45
Recycling income (bottles & cans)	Mandurah Cruises	451	583.20
	Soulmate Cruises	100	250.00
Donations	Mandurah Cruises	4,671	5,200
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$23,384.05</b>	<b>\$26,465.85</b>





In 15 years since 2008 total funds raised is \$275,139

### Suggestions for improvement:

- Remove rocks beneath the coin collection sock
- Bird netting around the interior sides of the well (to direct wayward coins into the well)
- Stronger underwater lights on all four corners of the net
- New rope lights will be required for 2023/4
- Work to enable more electronic donations 'on board' next year.

### ROTARY GRANTS REGISTER 2023

No	Organisation	Project Title	Award \$
1	Soroptimist Int Mandurah	Return to School Project	2,000
2	Mandurah Tennis Club Inc.	Tennis Sun Shelters	950
3	Mandurah Croquet & Recreation Club Inc.	Outdoor Secured Seating	950
4	Peel Community Kitchen Inc.	Feed the Hungry	950
5	Mandurah Environment & Heritage Group Inc.	Re-launch Friends of Rivers	1,550
6	Scribblers Mandurah Murray Writers Group Inc.	Community Literary Speakers	1,350
7	The Compassionate Friends Mandurah Inc.	Weekend Retreat Services	1,000
8	Riding for the Disabled Assoc. Mandurah Murray Group Inc.	New Riders Helmets	1,509
9	Probus Club of Dawesville Inc.	Laptop computer	950
10	John's Vision Inc.	Optometry services and equipment	1,000
11	Cycling Without Age (M)	Purchase of 'Trishaw' bike	2,000
12	Lakelands Community Garden Inc.	Paving of activities area	950
13	The Murray Music and Drama Club Inc.	Projector for Theatre shows	1,350
14	Invisible Illness Inc.	Marketing material	1,000
15	Peel Multicultural Assoc. Inc.	Digital Training Workshops	1,010
16	Mandurah Legends Darts Assoc. Inc.	New storage cupboard	610
17	Mandurah Volunteer Dolphin Rescue Group	FinBooks for the community	950
18	Bridge Builders Inc.	Nanna's kitchen equipment	950
19	Mandurah Water Polo Association	Supply Polo balls	900
	<b>TOTAL AWARDED</b>		<b>21,929</b>



## CLUB SERVICE

### PROGRAMME

Throughout the year our Club had a diverse and entertaining range of activities we were involved with during our weekly gatherings. We had:

- 28 informative and entertaining guest speakers
- 7 Club business meetings
- 6 Social events
- 5 Vocational visits
- 3 Membership development nights
- 1 District Conference in Mandurah

### ATTENDANCE

We have been very fortunate to have Hellmut Zuchner as our attendance officer for several years and he advised us that he wanted to groom his successors. Thank you to Hellmut for your Club service and to Allan Oakes for taking up the challenge.

To make the job easier in future, we will ask everyone to 'Register' or 'Decline' in Clubrunner each week to make it easier to determine catering requirements.

### CATERING

We thank Sheree Griffen for continuing to be flexible with our varying numbers attending meetings; the meals provided have been well received. Sheree also makes a special effort for our significant functions and larger meetings.

### WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Thanks to the hosts and other Club members who contributed to our weekly meetings. Club meetings held at QA Plumbing during the duck race preparations were enjoyed by all. Thanks to Merice and Phil Brown for putting up with us and hosting the ducks.

### SOCIAL

There were many opportunities throughout the year for Club members to enjoy each other's company socially, outside of the regular meetings. The District Conference, Changeover dinner and Christmas gathering were highlights.

The gathering and banter prior to, during and after our weekly meetings adds to the enjoyment of Rotary, thanks to all of the members who took on the modified role of Host throughout the year.

### BULLETIN

Merice Brown has again toiled away and produced our weekly bulletin. Special thanks to Deb Atkins for our weekly President's report and to all those who captured images at meetings and events for publication in the Bulletin, Facebook page and Club website.



We are working towards utilising the capability of Clubrunner to generate bulletins, but this takes time.

## CLUB OFFICERS

It is sometimes easy to forget the hours of Club Service work put in by our elected Officers – President, Secretary, Treasurer.

The work done by Deb, Sharon and Phil, is fundamentally important in making our Club function. Without their commitment and ongoing toil, on behalf of all the members, we would struggle.

Michael Boyd

### **President Elect/Club Service**



*Mandurah Cruises Wishing Well Presentation - President Elect, Michael Boyd at his desk*



## ROTARY SPEAKER PROGRAM

Topic	Date	Speaker
Sea West and Mandurah Cruises	12/7/22	Natalie Goddard
Harry Perkins Institute for Cancer Research – Recent breakthroughs	19/7/22	Tony Critchley
Filmmaking in WA	26/7/22	Mark Regan
Mayor of the City of Mandurah	09/8/22	Rhys Williams
Pride in Peel	16/8/22	Stephen Carter
Meeting between the MD Rotary Club and the CCI featuring the benefits of Rotary membership	23/8/22	Peel CCI Networking event
Emerging employment issues	30/8/22	Chris Muir-Smith
Perth and Peel Hydrogen Cluster	13/9/22	Nadia D'Hart
Cold Coroner Cases	27/9/22	Pete Smith
Thomas Dambo's Sculptures in Mandurah	11/10/22	John Clark
Homes for Homes and the Big Issue	18/10/22	Adrian Talbot
Peel Development opportunities and environmental challenges	25/10/22	Paddi Creevey
Invisible Illnesses	08/11/22	Michelle Greenwood
Estuary Cruise and discussion about Mandurah's dolphin population	15/11/22	Natalie and Robin from Estuary Guardians
Joint meeting with Pinjarra Club	24/11/22	DG's visit – Ric McDonald
Club night and AGM	29/11/22	
"Carry on Camping" at the Last Resort Caravan Park at MPAC	04/12/22	Cheap and Dodgy Productions and afters at the Pen
Microbats, as a biological control for insects in Mandurah	06/12/22	Steve Smith
Cycling Without Age coming to Mandurah	13/12/23	Brad Barber
ALCOA and its impact on the community	20/12/22	Stephanie Gardner, ALCOA
"Peel Says No to Violence"	10/01/23	Tia Adebe, Community Engagement Officer
Rotary Youth Exchange reinvigorated	24/01/23	Steve Barlow
Vocational Visit 5 Rafferty Road	31/01/23	Containers for Cash
"Empathy and Respect without Judgement"	14/02/23	Graham Mabury
Friday evening welcome function in Mandjar Square	17/02/23	District Conference in Mandurah
Main Plenary Sessions & Youth Forum	18/02/23	District Conference in Mandurah
A fishing trip on a Maxi Trawler	28/02/23	Rene Jorgenson
Social evening at Geoff and Marlene Winton's home	07/03/23	
"Kreations by Kerry", a local illustrator of colouring books and other things.	14/03/23	Kerry Davies
Duck Cleaning night at QA Plumbing	21/03/23	Quack Quack the Ducks are coming
Navigating Aged Care Pathways	28/03/23	Janine Lanigan
Duck Tagging night at QA Plumbing	04/04/23	
Rotary Youth Program	11/04/23	Indiana and Heather
No-one dies waiting for an organ	18/04/23	Anil Sriasta
ANZAC Day	25/04/23	Kevin Fowler
Artificial Intelligence, how it promotes inclusion	09/05/23	Michelle Wong
Foodbank Mandurah	16/05/23	Megan Reynolds
Duck Race Appreciation Night	23/05/23	Members and guests involved in Duck Race
RYLA students and Youngster Co	20/6/23	Heather, Indi and Bree
Mandurah Muscateers	27/06/23	John Lawrence



## COMMUNITY SERVICE



The Rotary Club of Mandurah Districts Community Service portfolio involves members working in 7 main areas in the Club – these include Swap Meet, Sail into Life, Duck Race, Corporate Golf Day, Rotary Health, School Award Presentations and the Rotary Christmas Wishing Well. These areas actively and regularly involve most of our Club members in undertaking Community Service work and/or raising funds on behalf of the Club to support the wider Mandurah community.

It has been my honour and privilege to be the Director of this fantastic portfolio on behalf of our Club and I would like to acknowledge the work and support of every Rotarian, from Board level through to grassroots Club members. You are all fantastic and the time and energy that you have put into the Club Community Service activities has made our Club stronger and better than ever.

Over the past 12 months Club members have willingly given countless hours of their time to the activities listed above and this has led to tens of thousands of dollars of valuable finance being raised for our projects and those groups that we support through our fundraising activities.

## DUCK RACE

The Duck Race hit the water again this year after a lengthy absence due to Covid. I think the ducks were suffering from lethargy on the day, but a crowd of thousands welcomed them back and a great time was had by all. Nearly all, if not all, of our Club members got involved in some way on the day and several managed to bring partners, children and even grandkids along to help out. Fantastic effort.



*A lethargic sitting duck!*



*Tagging Ducks on the day*



*Tug of War with Mascots*

## SWAP MEET

The Swap Meet crew have braved heat in summer and cold, wet Sundays in winter to keep the Swap meet ticking over. Full credit to them all for Service above Self.





## GOLF DAY

The Golf Day committee got into the swing of things with another successful Golf Day at the Halls Head Country Club this past year and valuable funds were again dispersed to local community groups.

## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND WISHING WELL

The Christmas Lights and Wishing Well project that we inherited upon the demise of the Rotary Club of Mandurah has continued to go from strength to strength and the small team who run it are to be commended for their work. Again, valuable funds are raised for local community groups.

## CYCLING WITHOUT AGE MANDURAH

A recent project that the Club has taken on is to buy a Trishaw which was donated to the Cycling Without Age – Mandurah group. This project enables those folk who are hampered in movement or other disabilities to feel the breeze in their face as they are pedalled around the lovely surrounds of Mandurah by a trained 'pilot'.

The Club initiated a fund-raising program and has raised funds through the sale of 1kg tins of coffee donated by Nestle, personal donations, Wishing Well funds, Duck Race BBQ, recycling of bottles and cans and applications were submitted for grants from Rotary District and Bendigo Bank. Special thanks to Michelle and Jimmy for their enthusiasm and efforts.

A substantial donation was made by Nathan Atkinson in memory of his father Rodney Atkinson who was President of our Club in 1998-99. The trishaw was named "Rod".



*Launch of the Cycling Without Age Trishaw – Mandurah with Club members, Nathan Atkinson, his mother Paulene and his sisters Megan and Naomi (sitting in the trishaw 'Rod')*



*Nathan and his mother Paulene*





## SAIL INTO LIFE

Sail into Life has been a highly successful program that is going from strength to strength. A small but dedicated band of Rotarians meet every second Sunday in the sailing season to provide those who are disadvantaged with the opportunity to enjoy some quiet time on the water with an experienced skipper. Currently we are looking at expanding the fleet and it is hoped to have a new boat shortly.





This is but a small part of the activities that we, as a Club, have been involved in over the past year. Other activities have included participating at a Volunteer Expo at Lakelands Shopping Centre and a Disability Expo at Mandurah Forum, tree planting, providing morning tea for the Peel-Harvey Catchment council and numerous other small adventures.



As I have said at the beginning, this is a great Club that has its roots deep in the ideal of Service above Self to our community. I am very grateful to every member for their boundless enthusiasm and tireless efforts to promote Rotary and Rotary ideals in the Mandurah Districts community. As the now sole Rotary Club in Mandurah, it rests upon us to carry the mantle for Rotary forward into the future.

Together we can do it.

Trevor Wilson

**Director, Community Service**



***Service Above Self***

## FOUNDATION

The Rotary Foundation and International Service Committees are combined.

## COMMITTEE

Lex McKay (Chair), John Kevan (Deputy Chair), Geoff Winton

## ROTARY FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTIONS 2022-23

The Board approved the following donations:

Foundation Annual Fund	\$ 4,000
End Polio Now Fund	\$ 1,000

## DISTRICT GRANT 2022-2023

A District Grant for **\$2,000** was received for the planting of 500 seedlings in the Mandurah area. This was coordinated with PP Murray Love, and Jason Cumberworth from the Mandurah Environmental and Heritage Group.

An order was placed with Hemel Nursery, West Coolup, for **\$2,492**, in August 2022. The Club contributed **\$492**.



*500 seedlings to plant*



*Part of the area rehabilitated*



*Planting was completed on 11 June 2023 with 25 Rotarians, partners and friends. Thanks to the catering and BBQ team who provided nourishing support.*

*The Grant was acquitted on 14 June 2023.*





## DISTRICT GRANT 2032-2024

District Grant training was attended by President Deb and Carol Deuter, to qualify for the Grant. The funding will go towards a new boat for the Sail into Life Program. Grant application closes 15 July 2023.

## INTERNATIONAL

### PHILIPPINES – ROTARY SOLAR BIRTHING PROJECT

Rudson Barcoma from the Global Nurses and Midwives Group Rotary Club (E) suggested we could support midwives in remote regions of Southern Philippines where there is no power. Funding was received from Lab Without Walls, a private donation, RCs Mandurah Districts and Pinjarra.

**\$11,750** was raised for this project. The Club's contribution was **\$1,000**.

Following a pilot study to assess the needs of the midwives, FIVE Midwife kits, containing medical equipment, power generators, battery chargers, solar panels, and malaria foggers, were despatched. Another three boxes of school uniforms and babies' clothes were sent for the Rotary Club of Ozamiz North to distribute.

### Rotary Solar Birthing Project



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Baby clothes and medical testing equipment were put to good use immediately



## SUMBA, INDONESIA – WATER SANITATION AND MALARIA INTERVENTION PROJECT

The Board approved a project to assist the *Fair Future Foundation* in Eastern Sumba, Indonesia, to provide water tanks, sanitation facilities and to contribute to a malaria intervention program in specific regions.

Following a donation from Lab Without Walls for \$12,750, other contributions from RCs Mandurah Districts, Applecross, Pinjarra and Melville were received.

**\$24,300** was raised so far, for this project. The Club's contribution was **\$4,000**. We hope more donations will follow.



**\$20,000** has already been sent to Sumba, for the purchase of equipment and malaria education materials. Microscopes have been purchased for delivery.

Making a **big** difference!

John Kevan and Lex McKay

**Director, Rotary Foundation and International**



## MEMBERSHIP



*Martin Sadle, Deb Atkins and Kerrie Webb*

The Rotary Club of Mandurah Districts has inducted eleven new members and three new associates into the Club since July 2022. Two members resigned and did not renew their membership. Sadly, Ivan Spalding, a charter member of the Club passed in September.

Currently there are 33 active members and 10 associates.

Nine new members and two new associates joined as a result of a Business After Dark meeting with members of the Peel Chamber of Commerce and Industry in August.

Female membership of the Club has increased to 40% of overall membership.

During the year the Club has continued and further developed our partnership with the Peel Chamber of Commerce and Industry to attract and develop a next generation cohort of Rotary members

Our Club was mentioned in the RDU magazine highlighting our membership increase (see below).



An electronic version of the membership application is now available via the QR code:



*Jan and David Horsley – the first to be inducted this year.*







*L to R President Deb Atkins, Fiona Harvey and Sharon Stark*



*From L to R: Michelle Wong, Dan Solak, Anna Dunlop, Chris Depiazzi, Joe Maiolo*



*From L to R: Martin Sadle, Bridget Jones, Deb Atkins, Mandi McGrath and Allan Oakes*



*L to R: Marilyn and Rob Wilde, Michelle Wong, Deb Atkins, Martin Sadle. In front is Jimmy Wong*



**Article published in Rotary Down Under**  
**MEMBERSHIP MAGIC IN MANDURAH**  
**PDG John Kevan**

**20 March 2023**

*Despite the headwinds of gaining members, the Rotary Club of Mandurah Districts, south of Perth in Western Australia, has achieved a magic membership milestone.*

*So far this year, under the guidance of President Deb Atkins, Membership Director Martin Sadle and an enthusiastic Board, sixteen new members have been welcomed into the club.*

*From twenty-four members in July 2022, less two members who resigned, and Ivan Spalding, a wonderful charter member who passed in September, there is a 71% net increase. This includes three members inducted in March 2023. We also have ten Associate members.*

*How has this happened? The Club Board undertook to connect with members of the local business community to find people who had the time, resources and a willingness to 'give back' to the wider community.*

*A networking meeting with members of the Peel Chamber of Commerce in August initiated contact with business leaders in Mandurah and the Peel Region.*

*These are professional, working men and women who wanted to do something in helping our community, and were convinced that Rotary had the integrity, a spread of local humanitarian projects and importantly, that our members have fun. Rotary became their charity of choice, and they wanted to be part of it.*

*The networking early evening event had two, sharp, ten-minute presentations on the Club's activities, highlighting the potential for new members to become involved and participate in an active Rotary Club.*

*It worked. Initially eleven people showed keen interest and were followed up, invited to meetings and project events. It was apparent that these professionals had decided to make time in their busy lives for 'hands on' community service.*

*Within two weeks following the first inductions, a 'Rotary Basics' information session was held to provide the background of 'Service above Self', and unwrap the many world-wide opportunities available to them from being a Rotarian. They were amazed and delighted. It also demonstrated that Rotary must do a lot more Public Image promotion.*

*The Club has also had new members join from just being invited to attend a meeting. They have quickly contracted the sense of fun, seeing how inclusive partners become, and enjoying the profound sense of achievement, when successful local community projects are celebrated and publicised.*

*Now the only Rotary Club in Mandurah, the main challenge for our members is to retain these wonderful new friends, and continue to engage with the professionals in the city, wanting to see the magic of Rotary working in their local community.*

Martin Sadle

**Director, Membership**



## PUBLIC IMAGE

The Club's [web page](#) is accessed by the public for information about the Club and to make contact with us. Its pages are continuously updated, providing information on Club projects and programs. Meeting invitations and informational emails are sent through Clubrunner.

[Facebook](#) is another significant means of communication from the Club to the community regarding our activities. There are now 1,024 followers of the Club's Facebook page, an increase of 856.

We have invested in signage and tablecloths at the Swap Meets to better promote Rotary.



Martin Sadle

**Director, Public Image**



## YOUTH SERVICE

### RYLA

The Club sponsored two participants for RYLA for the two-week January camp.

Indiana Devlin and Heather Rodden-Starr, two outstanding young women attended our Club meeting on 20/06 to thank our members and to share with us their experience. Both ladies said the camp had had a positive and life changing impact on their lives. I attended the RYLA final night dinner up at the camp at Jarrahdale and was impressed with the calibre of young men and women, and how well run it was by Rotary. It is the intention of the Club to continue with this youth program.



**Heather Rodden-Starr, Indiana Devlin and Breanna Humphreys** presented detailed accounts of their activities during RYLA, that mainly involved small and large team activities, leadership development and a lot of inward introspection. Congratulations on this achievement.

**Breanna Humphreys** gave a presentation about **Youngster Co.** This service empowers young people with valuable skills and experience, while helping older adults stay connected with loved ones and explore the digital world. Their vision is to create a world where elders are engaged and respected, while young people are valued, have meaningful jobs and part of a vibrant community. Great concept.



*Heather Rodden-Starr, Indiana Devlin and Breanna Humphreys*





## RYPEN



Despite contacting many schools and the City of Mandurah, unfortunately we didn't have anyone attend the May 2023 two-day camp.

The next camp is in September 2023.

## 4 WAY SPEECH CONTEST

The competition started with the Club Heats before the start of the new Rotary year. We had 4 students compete with one making it to the semi-finals, losing to the eventual State winner. An outstanding result given the number of students who competed.

This year's competition will commence with the Club Heat on 18 July, 2023. We have 6 students competing.

## INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE

The program was suspended due to COVID, so no students entered or left Australia in the Rotary 2022-2023 year. The program has recommenced, and we will have a student from Brazil arriving in July. I wish to thank Steve Barlow for his help in getting our club involved in this fantastic youth program. Thank you to the host families, the Worthington family, Michael and Sharon, Steve and Bernice, Marg Manfield and Geoff and Marlene. Special thanks to Merice Brown, who will be the mentor.

**Director, Youth Service**



## PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Stephen Barlow	PHF	Dudley Tuckey	PHF
Terry Blundell	PHF	Belinda Westbrook	PHF
Lindsay Brown	PHF	Trevor Wilson	PHF
Merice Brown	PHF	Geoff Winton	PHF
Greg Dalwood	PHF	Marlene Winton	PHF
Frank Down	PHF	Deborah Atkins	PHF
Margaret Down	PHF	Les Bowie	PHF+1
Ken Edwards	PHF	Michael Boyd	PHF+1
Stewart Forrest	PHF	Graeme Gordon	PHF+1
Geoffrey Hayes	PHF	Graeme Jenkins	PHF+1
Jan Horsley	PHF	Michael Kirke	PHF+1
Desley Jenkins	PHF	Murray Love	PHF+1
Deborah Kluczniak	PHF	Alex McKay	PHF+1
Dot Leisfield	PHF	Bradley Reed	PHF+1
Ric Leisfield	PHF	Brad Rinaldi	PHF+1
Roslyn McKay	PHF	Philip Brown	PHF+2
Roy Perkins	PHF	Terry Partridge	PHF+2
David Piggford	PHF	Frank Wheel	PHF+2
Carl Preisler-Hansen	PHF	David Horsley	PHF+2
John Henry Reyburn	PHF	John Kevan	PHF+7
Martin Sadle	PHF	Peter Brown	PHF+8
Ivan Spalding	PHF	Melodie Kevan	PHF+8
Maurie Spalding	PHF		
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