



Rotary

Rotary Club of Mandurah Districts Inc.

District 9423

Annual Report

2023-2024



CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT, GORDON R. MCINALLY

District Governor, Ineke Oliver

President, Michael Boyd



President, Michael Boyd

Immediate Past President, Deb Atkins

Vice President (assisting Immediate Past President), Mike Kirke

President Elect, Pete Smith (absent)

Secretary, Sharon Stark

Treasurer, Phil Brown

Community, Trevor Wilson

International/Foundation, Geoff Winton

Public Image/Membership, Martin Sadle

Youth/Vocational, Deb Atkins

Board Member, Chris Depiazzi



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The 2023/24 Rotary theme was "Create Hope in the World". I would like to review our Rotary year through that prism - how have we created hope in our community? We have:



- Given opportunities to 'non sailors' to sail on the ocean through the 'Sail into Life' program.
- Provided direct support to Passages to enable them to support homeless or disadvantaged youth to gain employment and stability in their life.
- Supported local community groups to achieve their aims through our Grants Program enabling them to continue to have a positive impact on our community.
- Partnered with many community groups to raise funds through the Duck Race Raffle, Crab Fest and Family Fun Day.
- Improved conditions for pregnant women in the Philippines by providing nurses with Solar Birthing Kits.
- Supported the Fair Future Foundation to provide clean water to villages in Sumba, Indonesia which reduces the likelihood of malaria.
- Contributed to the Rotary Foundation, which supports the End Polio Now program and Global Grants that bring together the needs and wishes of international communities.

Through our major fund-raising activities (Golf Day, Wishing Well, Crab Fest Parking, Duck Race and Swap Meet) plus external funding, we have been able to distribute about \$61,000 through partnership activities into our local community. We have directly contributed more than \$40,000 into local and international projects. The Sumba project led us to also be the conduit for an additional \$66,000 in the water and malaria control project from external sources. This has been a massive year of fund raising for our Club.

This can only happen when we have Rotarians who volunteer their time, energy and knowledge to plan for our major events, assemble the ingredients, mix them all together and deliver the goods in a timely manner. I estimate that our members volunteered 10,000 hours this year to support and lead our community.

I am also very pleased to report progress and improvements to the Club business and assets:

- Our new members bring enthusiasm, vitality and energy to inspire us all – our members are our greatest asset. I have had the pleasure of welcoming Adrian and Diane Russell, Pete Smith as an Active member, Nathan Hertz, Stephan Wheatley, Stephen Home and Kelvin Leek. My wish for you is that you get as much out of being a Rotarian as I have.
- We have invested in a new Wishing Well sign that raises the standard and profile of the Wishing Well.
- We have invested in new lane ropes for the Duck Race, again to make it easier to keep the ducks under control.
- We have reviewed the Swap Meet and raised the profile of the Swap Meet as a community project. We have more to do, but a move back to the Forum is a possibility. This would make it easier to attract more community groups and improve conditions for our stall holders and Sunday morning bargain hunters.
- We have finally produced an "Impact" video to promote Rotary and educate the community about this valuable asset they have in Rotary Mandurah Districts. The



footage captured for this project will enable us to produce a Sail into Life video and a Family Fun Day and Duck Race promotional video next year.

One of my goals this year was to fully engage our associate members and friends in our Club activities, not just our members. I invite you all to be actively involved in our membership goals – recruiting new members, retaining current members, making stronger friendships and caring for one another.

I would like to thank my Board of Directors for 2023/4 – Deb Atkins, Sharon Stark, Phil Brown, Mike Kirke, Geoff Winton, Martin Sadle, Trevor Wilson, Pete Smith and Chris Depiazzi.

Thank you for giving me the honour of being your President for 2023/4, I have done my best to make you proud of being part of Rotary Mandurah Districts, as well as making Rotary fun and rewarding for you, your families and friends.

All the best for incoming President Pete Smith and his Board. I will enjoy fully supporting this new team.

Michael Boyd

President



SECRETARY'S REPORT

Following three years as Secretary, I remain confident that the Club is running smoothly from a governance perspective. I would like to thank President Michael Boyd for his support throughout the year and also thanks to Board members for their continued support and regular reporting and attendance at Board meetings.

GOVERNANCE

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.

Commencing this year the ATO will require a report to ensure that the Club is meeting its NFP obligations.

YOUTH PROTECTION

Now that the Club is fully active in the Youth Exchange Program, many of our members now have a current Working with Children Check. Host families have provided Rotary with the compulsory Volunteer Declaration Form and all records have been approved by Board and sent to District. The Youth Protection Officer for next year will be Stephen Home.

LEADERSHIP FOR COMING YEAR

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

Sharon Stark

Secretary



TREASURERS ANNUAL REPORT AS AT 30/6/2024

Account Name	Balance	Commitments	Value
Charity Account	\$1,468.48	Probus Set-up Fund	-\$500.00
Charity - Project Account	\$11,597.50	Sumba Project	\$0.00
RAWCS Fund	\$0.00	Sumba Project	
Summary of Major Charity activity	Income	Outgoing	
Golf Day	\$14,000.00	\$7,000.00	Passages Youth Services
Nestle Coffee Sales	\$7,050.00	\$10,909.94	Rotary Youth programs
Parking/Marshalling	\$23,926.65	\$14,000.00	Parking - Community Group Grants
Sausage Sizzles	\$3,503.99	\$5,000.00	Rotary Foundation Contribution
Sumba Project Donations	\$20,509.50	\$32,899.70	Sumba Project - Fair Future Foundation
Swap Meet Income	\$10,945.78	\$6,494.90	Sail into Life Contribution
Wishing Well	\$25,195.20	\$37,235.00	Community Group Grants Program
Total Charity Income	\$111,056.77	\$123,479.10	Total Charity Outgoings
Duck Race Account	\$59,745.65	Seed funding	-\$10,000.00
		Surplus 2023 event	-\$14,500.00
		Surplus 2024 event	-\$25,500.00
Summary of Major Duck Race Activity	Income	Outgoing	
Ticket Sales - Online	\$16,530.00		
Ticket Sales - Rotary	\$12,875.10		
Ticket Sales - Community Groups	\$23,170.00	\$12,080.00	Community Groups Grants
Ticket sales - Corporate	\$10,600.00		
Sponsorships	\$20,800.00	\$26,500.00	Duck Race Raffle Prizes/ Distributions
Fun Day Activities	\$7,208.60	\$27,055.22	Duck race/Fun Day Costs
Total Duck Race Income	\$91,183.70	\$65,635.22	Total Duck Race/Fun Day Outgoings
Sail into Life - Term Deposit	\$6,000.00	Seed funding	-\$6,000.00
Sail into Operation Account	\$818.66		
Club Account	\$1,875.20	District Fees	\$0.00
		RI Fees	\$0.00
		RDU Fees	\$0.00
		Club Runner Fees	\$0.00
		Change-over Costs	-\$1,000.00



MANDURAH ROTARY FAMILY FUN DAY AND DUCK RACE 2024



The 2024 Family Fun Day and Duck Race was a resounding success, with a record number of attendees from our community. The day was filled with joy, laughter, and camaraderie, truly embodying the spirit of our community.

The Family Fun Day was a hit among families, with various activities catering to all age groups. The games, food stalls, and live performances created a festive atmosphere that was enjoyed by all.

The highlight of the day was undoubtedly the Duck Races. The excitement was palpable as the ducks took to the water. The friendly competition brought out the community spirit in everyone present, and the cheers for the winning ducks could be heard far and wide.

Corporate Raffle Ticket Sales. The corporate sector showed immense support with raffle tickets sold. This not only boosted our funds but also demonstrated the strong ties between our organisation and the corporate community.

Public Raffle Ticket Sales. The public also participated enthusiastically in the raffle, contributing significantly to the event's success. Close to 10,000 tickets were sold (right up to the wire) resulting in a record number of ducks hitting the water for the main event, in what can only be described as a well-coordinated start.

Music and Dance Performers. The music and dance performances were a hit, adding to the festive atmosphere. The performers captivated the audience with their talent and energy.

Children's Activities. The children's activities were well-received, with a variety of games and events that kept the young ones entertained throughout the day.

Sausage Sizzle. The sausage sizzle was a crowd favourite, providing delicious food for attendees and contributing to the overall festive atmosphere.

Vendors and Business Participation. Local vendors and businesses participated in the event, offering a variety of goods and services. Their involvement added to the community spirit of the event.

Rotary and Associated Volunteers. The event would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of our Rotary members and associated volunteers. Their efforts ensured the event ran smoothly and successfully.

Family Fun Day and Duck Race Committee Members. A special thanks to the committee members who planned and organised the Family Fun Day and Duck Races. Their dedication and hard work paid off in the form of a successful and enjoyable event.

Overall Profitable Gain. The event was not only successful in terms of participation and community engagement, but also in terms of fund raising. The profits gained, by tallies end were in the vicinity of \$30,000, and will be instrumental in supporting our future initiatives.



THE NEOMETALS ROTARY CLUBS OF PEEL ROTARY GOLF DAY REPORT

Thursday, 9 November 2023, 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: 8 local businesses.
- Teams: 17 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 were:

Income

- Sponsorship = \$20,100
- Team Fees = \$6,400
- Main Auction = \$7,350
- Silent Auction = \$2,864
- Raffle = \$1,731
- Putting and Nearest the Pin = \$890

Expenses

- Meals = \$4558
- Refreshments = \$3308
- Shirts = \$1605
- Course and cart hire = \$1,500

Net Surplus = \$28,055

Distribution of Profit

- Passages \$14,000
- Rotary Charity Accounts \$14,000 (\$7,000 Pinjarra, \$7,000 Mandurah Districts)

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

Rob and Robyn Lowry again agreed to host the Wishing Well adjacent to their home at 27 Starfire Close. Sadly, they will be unable to host the Wishing Well next year. We appreciate their support during the last 3 years. We will be looking for a new mooring for 2024/5.



- 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 continued to provide 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.
- This year we spent a considerable sum of money to upgrade the “Rotary Wishing Well” sign in keeping with the standard set by residents; most people are pleased with the more professional look this provides.
- It was estimated that more than 300 volunteer hours were contributed to the project in the last 12 months by Rotary Club members.
- In 2023/24, 19 grants were provided to local community groups from Wishing Well funds raised.
- Special thanks to Mike Kirke, Lex McKay, Nathan Atkinson, Phil Brown and the coin collectors for their time and efforts.

Funds raised:

Activity	Funding Source	Funds (\$)
Golf Day donation	Mandurah Cruises	\$1,933.00
On Board tins	Mandurah Cruises	\$4,554.05
Electronic donations (booking and on board)	Mandurah Cruises	\$1,140.00
Recycling income (bottles and cans)	Mandurah Cruises	\$700.00
Donations	Mandurah Cruises	\$8,000.00
Coins in Wishing Well	Public	\$9,519.00
On Board Donations	Pirate Ship	\$108.50
Online Donations	Soulmate Cruises	\$237.00
On Board Tins – main vessel	Soulmate Cruises	\$252.35
On Board Tins – small vessel	Soulmate Cruises	\$900.00
Recycling income (bottles and cans)	Soulmate Cruises	\$220.00
	Total Income	\$26,672.90

In 16 years since 2008 total funds raised is \$303,812 for local community and Rotary projects. In 2023, 19 local community groups and Rotary project received direct support following the Wishing Well project.

Suggestions for improvement:

- Need a new location.
- Stronger underwater lights on all four corners of the net.
- Work to enable more electronic donations ‘on board’ next year.



2024 CRAB FEST PARKING

Held over the weekend of 16 and 17 March, 2024. Committee made up of Rotarians Phil Brown and Mike Kirke, together with Partner Merice Brown worked with representatives of community groups to ensure planning and manpower was in place for the event to proceed, working in close liaison with Emma Townsend and team from The City of Mandurah Events Coordination team.

Nine parking areas allocated, with the John Curtin College Oval only being manned to direct users for Free Park & Ride Bus Shuttle and requesting gold coin donation only this year. We did receive donations totalling \$856.65 One of the usual available areas was unfortunately not available or manned at all due to roadworks – Mandurah Primary North Oval.

Four community groups worked with our committee prior to the event, being Mandurah Hockey Club, Pinjarra Hockey Club and Irwinian Hockey Club, Toxic Dance Group, together with John Tonkin College Country Week Group. Together with Desley Jenkins, Merice Brown and myself putting in long hours over the two days, and other Rotarians, family and friends assisted to ensure the event was conducted successfully. If I have missed anyone, I apologise. Mike Kirke unfortunately developed a medical condition on the days prior to the event, and was unable to take part in the event, but thank you for the assistance with the planning leading up to the event. Desley and Merice jumped in to assist on short notice. The weather was great, and all went well, with total income in line with last year 2023, even though a major parking area within close proximity to the town centre was not available.

Accordingly, total receipts from the \$5 per car weekend parking, and some minor donations and John Curtin College donations, was \$19,572.48. Total cars parked 4,130 – 2,328 on Saturday and 1,802 on Sunday. Outgoings of approximately \$900 to cover miscellaneous stationery, water, sunscreen, signage, EFTPOS machine hire, etc. This does not include considerable personal input/contributions by Rotarians/partners, family and friends and all volunteers, in the form of motor vehicle and fuel use, together with stationery services (photocopying etc.). Left for distribution was approximately \$18,650.

The following distribution of funds, based upon provided manpower and time input in planning, organisation and implementation was as follows:

Group	Reason for fund raising	Received
Toxic Cheer & Dance (197 manhours)	Support their fund raising for development trip.	\$4250
Mandurah Hockey Club (140 manhours)	Support/foster Junior Development within the Club.	\$2,750
Pinjarra & Irwinian Hockey Club (200 manhours)	Support their Junior Development Program.	\$4250
John Tonkin College Country Week Group (135 manhours)	Support their fund raising for Country Week trip.	\$2,750
Total distribution to charities and community groups		\$14,250
Retained in MDR Charity account for other worthy programs.		\$4,400

Special thanks to Merice, who continues to support me through what has been a very busy three months with planning and implementation of both Crab Fest Parking and Duck Race commitments, together with Sail into Life Commitments.

Phil Brown
Treasurer



ROTARY GRANTS REGISTER 2023-24

No	Organisation	Project Title	Award \$
1	Money Mentors	Mobile support for councillors	1,000.00
2	Estuary Gardens	FinBooks for the Community	1,000.00
3	Mandurah Community Swap Meet Group	Signage for Swap Meet	1,617.00
4	OVIS	Supporting Therapeutic Refuge	1,000.00
5	Mandurah Performing Arts Centre	Materials for Painting Group	1,200.00
6	Mandurah Performing Arts Centre	Materials 1000 Hearts Group	500.00
7	Mandurah Performing Arts Centre	Community Choir Support	1,000.00
8	Mandurah Performing Arts Centre	Drama Group Act One Video	1,500.00
9	Men of the Trees	Planting Project 2024	1,000.00
10	MACS	Equipment for Glassworks	745.55
11	Falcon Community Men's Shed	Computer and software	1,000.00
12	Scribblers Mandurah Murray Writing Group	Publish Anthology and speakers	950.00
13	Soroptomists Mandurah	Early Start School Equipment	2,000.00
14	New Beginnings Outreach Centre Ltd	School Back Packs	1,000.00
15	Foodbank of WA	Supply Platform Scales	2,000.00
16	Mandurah Wildlife Rehab Centre	Books for training volunteers	1,000.00
17	Mandurah Offshore Fishing & Sailing Club	Support for Out There Sailing courses	2,000.00
18	Rise Walk and Shine	Sound System and costumes	1,000.00
19	Lakelands Community Gardens	Shade structures	1,000.00
20	Aikido Kokikai of WA	New training mats	1,000.00
21	Mandurah SLSC	Skippers Ticket training	2,000.00
22	Mandurah Environment & Heritage Group	Reprint Dudley Dolphin Booklets	1,129.00
23	South Halls Head Primary School	School Services and Stationery	500.00
TOTAL AWARDED			\$27,141.55
John Kevan, Grants Chairman			



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
- 9 Club business meetings
- 5 Social events
- 6 Vocational visits
- District Changeover

ATTENDANCE

Chris Depiazzi has done a great job as our attendance officer this year. His job has been made easier by the Club's move to using EFTPOS and members now have the choice of paying electronically or with cash.

Members are sent an electronic invitation each week and have been asked to either 'Register' or 'Decline' which makes it easier to determine catering requirements.

CATERING

We again 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 the regular meetings. The Changeover dinner, train trip to Perth 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 role of Host throughout the year.

BULLETIN

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



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

Pete Smith
President Elect/Club Service



2024 SPEAKER PROGRAM

Date	Topic	Speaker
7 Jul 23	Changeover Dinner	DG Ineke Oliver
18 Jul 23	4 Way Speech Competition Club heat	Students
25 Jul 23	Mandurah Refugee Welcome & Support Group	Mike Fulwood & Monika Tropiano
1 Aug 23	Club Members business and conversation	
8 Aug 23	Joint meeting with Pinjarra RC	DG Ineke Oliver
15 Aug 23	Harvey Beef – its Development, 'Claim to Fame' and Future	Wayne Shaw, Chief Operations Manager
22 Aug 23	Youth Exchange student presentation	Cecilia Firetti
29 Aug 23	Vocational Visit to Boutique Massage Studios	Bridget Jones
5 Sept 23	Club night and Jimmy's talk	Jimmy Wong
12 Sept 23	Mature Age Learning Association programs around Mandurah	Debbie Hay
19 Sept 23	Community Bank Halls Head	Jenny Hammington
26 Sept 23	"The Ten-Year-Old Man"	Philip Lako
3 Oct 23	Club business and conversation	
10 Oct 23	Managing the Mandurah Estuary and Environmental Challenges in Mandurah	Brett Brenchley, Mandurah City Council
17 Oct 23	Australian Breastfeeding Association	Caroline
24 Oct 23	An Unrivalled Passion for a Safer Tomorrow	Jennifer Ireland
31 Oct 23	Club business and conversation	
7 Nov 23	No meeting.	Melbourne Cup day
9 Nov 23	Annual Rotary Golf Day and Dinner	
14 Nov 23	Club business and conversation	
21 Nov 23	Vocational Visit at Attain Holistic Health & Fitness	Bernice Barlow
28 Nov 23	Peel Week Report	Youth Exchange Students
2 Dec 23	Christmas Function at Peel Estate Winery	Members, friends and family
5 Dec 23	My Life and Rotary	Keith Hopkins
12 Dec 23	Club business and conversation	
19 Dec 23	Christmas Dinner, good cheer and trivia	Social night
9 Jan 24	What it is like to be in Prison	Tony McAlinden
16 Jan 24	Western Australia – an Historical Boast	Richard Offen
23 Jan 24	Improvements in technology in the sheep industry	Mike Kirke
30 Jan 24	Royal Life Saving WA	Alan Godfrey
6 Feb 24	Duck Race Planning Night	
13 Feb 24	Motivation, Wellness & Engagement (perspectives from evolutionary biology & existential psychology)	Jeremy Burtenshaw
20 Feb 24	Recfishwest and Recreational Fisheries	Sedin Hasanovic
5 Mar 24	Members, partners and family vocational/social on the train to Perth, then dinner in Perth	
12 Mar 24	RYLA Camp 6/01 to 13/01 presentation	Sarah Young & Ruby Liddelow
19 Mar 24	Duck tagging and bagging	
2 Apr 24	Family Fun Day and Duck Race Commitment	
9 Apr 24	Club business and conversation	
16 Apr 24	Family Fun Day and Duck Race "Thank You"	
23 Apr 24	Potential project for Rotary	Chris Muir-Smith
30 Apr 24	ANZAC Day	RSL Representative
7 May 24	Club business and conversation	
14 May 24	Sumba Project progress	John Kevan
21 May 24	Boddington Gold Mine impact on the Peel Region	Javier Brodalka
28 May 24	My Year in Australia	Ceci Firetti
4 June 24	Club business and conversation	
11 June 24	Social History of Fremantle and its hotels	Allen Graham
18 June 24	Cadet Youth Development Continuum Training Ship	Lieutenant Jane Reptik
25 June 24	Midwifery over 30 years	Marlene Winton
2 Jul 24	Farewell to Ceci Firetti	



COMMUNITY SERVICE

What a busy year it has been as the Club has endeavoured to serve our local community. I believe that we have done this admirably.

The Community Service portfolio also covers Club activities such as Swap Meet, Annual Golf Day, Duck Race and Family Fun Day as well as Sail into Life, to name but a few, but these groups have their own committees which plan, coordinate and run the events and activities. These activities are gathered under a 'fundraising' banner within the Club, however they raise the bulk of the funds from which we distribute money to the Community.

The Club is also actively involved in promoting Rotary involvement within the community by participating in displays of our support for the community at Lakelands Volunteer Expo and the Disability Expo which is held at the Forum Shopping Centre.



Swap Meet has had a bit of an up and down year but it has nevertheless been a successful activity for the Club and has raised valuable finance. There are plans to re-vitalize this activity going forward with the appointment of a Swap Meet BBQ Coordinator (Bridget Jones) and a Swap Meet Mangers roster to share the load and support our leader Murray. We plan to establish a roster system which will see members being rostered on at the Swap Meet 3 times per year.

Preliminary talks are also being held with Vicinity Shopping Centre at the Forum regarding the possibility of holding the Swap Meet under cover on the mezzanine floor car park. If this is agreed to, we expect an increase in vendors and customers because we are out of the weather.



The Golf Day, which is run in partnership with Rotary Club of Pinjarra was a huge success again in 2023 with a large group of happy hitters (I was tempted to say 'hookers' as not all balls went where they were intended to go) slogging their way around the Country Club Golf Course. This was followed by a Dinner and Auction, which capped off a very successful day and event. Passages, the principal beneficiary of the money



raised was presented with a cheque for \$14,000 from the two Rotary Clubs.



Sail into Life, another of our premiere programs, has gone from strength to strength this year with the potential to also run a midweek sailing program for students from John Tonkin Special Education Unit already on the books for next season. SIL has been able to purchase 2 new Access Dinghy's for its activities and has also purchased a number of self-inflating life jackets for participants' increased safety. We are grateful for a significant donation towards the new boat from Bendigo Community Bank Halls Head.



The Annual Rotary Club Duck Race and Family Fun Day. What can I say? It was a spectacular event on a bright and sunny day that drew a crowd estimated at over 23000 people who all had a fabulous time. Every member of the Club drew in partners, family, friends and people off the street to make the day a rip-roaring success. Congratulations to the organising committee for the planning and everything that went into the event. You can be justifiably proud of your achievement. The online ticket sales proved successful, and we learnt a few things that can be done next year which should make the day even bigger and better. We could soon rival Crabfest with the Rotary Family Fun Day and Duck Race.

(I have heard a rumour that we will put 15000 ducks in the water next year – it's just a rumour mind you).

Alongside these major club activities and events members have been involved in sausage sizzles for Halls Head Primary School, Beats under the Bridge, catering for other community groups, tree planting, car parking, Dream Cricket, etc.



We have had a busy year with most members heavily involved in the activities. Yes, it has been hard work at times, but we have also had a lot of fun and fellowship along the way. We, and more importantly, our community, have benefited immensely from our efforts.

Well done to all members, ***You have made a difference.***

At an April Club meeting, when advising members of the community service activities that our Club has been involved in or supported, I was amazed at what we had achieved in this Rotary year, not only in financial contributions to very worthy recipients but also in the many hours volunteered, either in supporting people and groups in our community or in assisting with the many fundraising activities that our Club undertakes.

While some Club members warrant special mention, our Club is like a good football team, a few stars and many support players, making up a wonderful team, with all members very much appreciated for the contribution they make.

Trevor Willson,
Director Community Service

ROTARY FOUNDATION



Our Club and individual members continue to support Foundation. This year the Club gave \$4,000 to Foundation and \$1,000 to Polio Plus.

Five applications were submitted for PHF recognition transfer requests. Certificates and pins have been received from RISPPPO. These recognitions will be presented at the

Changeover Dinner on the 9th of July 2024.

Geoff Winton
Director, Rotary Foundation

INTERNATIONAL

ROTARY SUMBA PROJECT

The Rotary Club of Mandurah Districts is partnering with NGO *Fair Future Foundation* in Sumba, Indonesia, to advance their Water Connections and Malaria prevention programs.



In April 2024, Rotarians PDG John Kevan, Peter Smith, Adrian Russell, Bridget Jones, and Mandi McGrath flew to Sumba for eight days, to inspect the many activities being carried out by *Fair Future Foundation*. The Rotary Project Group paid for their own airfares, food, and accommodation. One night they stayed in a remote village in natural surroundings, giving us a very raw concept of how these people survive. A most unique experience.



These water, sanitation, medical and health education projects have been supported by Rotary Clubs around Australia and other international resource groups. The project budget is \$125,000, to assist six remote village centres, and we are half-way there. Remarkably, the rate of infections and deaths (from all causes) has decreased.



The Rotary Project Group visited villages, schools, water and sanitation installations, attended medical interventions and medical centres.

We were warmly greeted by Dr Alex Wettstein, a medical doctor, the founder of *Fair Future Foundation*, and his team of enthusiastic workers. He has enormous dedication, and his practical, hands-on manner, enables so much work to be carried out by volunteers. Alex and his wife Ayu, coordinate medical interventions, construction works, malaria prevention strategies and the distribution of medicines.

SolarBuddy lights

195 SolarBuddy lights with children's messages, were taken to Sumba and most have been distributed. Quality Assurance inspection of the lights (part of the strict requirements of the free supply and freight) was coordinated by Murray Love, with John Kevan, Adrian Russell and Melodie Kevan.

The team each took an extra suit case filled with SolarBuddy lights, children's clothes, to pack around the lights, soccer balls, note books and pencil packs. Thanks to Club members who donated clothing. All suit cases were left in Sumba.

The Sumba Project Team will review sub-projects for more SolarBuddy lights, support for health education posters and bed nets.



Primary Medical Care Boxes



One of the most positive and beneficial innovations by *Fair Future Foundation* is the provision of Primary Medical Care Boxes. Senior women from these villages are trained in First Aid and basic health education. They use the medicines, bandages, ointments, etc, to treat simple injuries, prevent infection and avoid premature deaths.

Now, regular classes are being held in these schools to explain the various malaria prevention methods, general health care and eating nutritious local food, using colourful, informative posters. The resources for these programs are provided to *Fair Future Foundation* by Rotary.

The project is ongoing, with construction and school programs being continually presented to new villages. Dr Alex Wettstein has been in Denpasar with a bout of malaria and is recovering. He will return to Sumba on 6 July.

Receipts for expenditure on this project in Sumba totalling \$59,000, have been received up to April 2024, and more will be collated soon, up to June 2024.

Rotary Sumba Project		
Financial Summary 30 June 2024 (AUD)		
Income		
Donations - Rotary Clubs	47,500.00	
Donations - Lab without Walls	35,791.31	
Donations - RAM, Ram Global	8,649.50	
Donations - Individuals	2,865.00	
TOTAL Donations		94,805.81
Expenditure/transfers		
Transfers to Fair Future Foundation	84,000.00	
FFF operations costs	3,901.34	
Rotary signage/printing	1,144.40	
Freight, inspection costs	3,053.96	
TOTAL Expenditure/transfers		92,099.70
Funds yet to be disbursed		2,706.11

Donated funds are received into two accounts.

- Rotary Club Mandurah Districts - Project Account
- RAWCS Project Account No 10-23-24.

The Rotary Project Group returned home with a better understanding of the ongoing critical needs of those villagers living in a poor subsistence environment, without basic services, in the remote areas of East Sumba.

Through Rotary, the great work being accomplished by the *Fair Future Foundation*, through the professional and caring leadership of Dr Alex Wettstein and the many volunteers, is inspiring, and needs our continued support.

My thanks to the many contributors, and the Sumba Project Team for their great work.

PDG John Kevan



FUTURE PROPOSED PROJECTS

Proposed Supertee project

This project provides the possibility of supporting the SuperTee initiative where young children who are undergoing a variety of medical procedures and tests are given a specially designed gown providing easier access for medical staff without having to remove the gown.

Progress of this project has been a meeting with Angela Ryan from SuperTee. It was discussed where would be a good location to do a pilot study to find out the interest to uptake this project with local and/or regional hospitals. It was decided that Angela would approach our local Peel Health Campus to explain the SuperTee project and get feedback on their interest to participate.

Proposed Peace Pole Project.

A District grant application has been submitted by Mike Kirke for this project.

A Peace Pole is an internationally-recognized symbol of the hopes and dreams of the entire human family, standing vigil in silent prayer for peace on earth. Each Peace Pole bears the message '**May Peace Prevail on Earth**' in different languages on each of its four or six sides. There are estimated over 250,000 Peace Poles in every country in the world dedicated as monuments to peace.

Planting a Peace Pole is a way of bringing people together to inspire, awaken and uplift the human consciousness the world over. It is a wonderful project for any community, organization or your home. Peace Poles are now recognized as the most prominent international symbol and monument to peace. They remind us to think, speak and act in the spirit of peace and harmony. Stand as a silent visual for peace to prevail on earth.

This project will be delivered by the new Foundation and International committee in the 2024 – 2025 Rotary Year. Mike Kirke will be the chairman for 2025.

Geoff Winton

Director, International Service



MEMBERSHIP

The Rotary Club of Mandurah Districts has inducted six new members and one new Associate Member into the club since July 2023.

Currently there are 32 active members, 4 honorary members and 8 associates. Female membership of the club is now 31% of overall membership.



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

New members



Pete Smith – from Associate membership



Adrian and Dianne (Associate) Russell



Nathan Hartz



Stephan Wheatley



Stephen Home



Kelvin Leek

Martin Sadle
Director, Membership



PUBLIC IMAGE

The [Rotary Club of Mandurah Districts Webpage](#) is accessed by the public for information about the Club, Rotary Western Australia, and to make contact with us. Its pages are continuously updated, providing information on Club projects and programs.

The [Duck Race Web page](#) is a valuable source of information for the public especially during the lead up to the Family Fun Day and Duck Race. Our online ticket sales this year exceeded all expectations as the online facility through our web page is becoming a popular alternative to purchasing paper tickets.

Our Facebook pages continue to inform the public and provide another avenue for interaction. We have three Facebook pages – [The Rotary Club of Mandurah Districts](#), [Family Fun Day and Duck Race](#) as well as a [Swap Meet](#) page. The Rotary Club of Mandurah Districts page currently has approximately 1K followers.

Newspaper. The Club has an agreement with the Coastal Times to promote its activities on a monthly basis and to date, four articles have been already been published this year.

Promotional Video. A video is being prepared for the Club and this will highlight the impact the Rotary Club of Mandurah Districts has on our community.

Martin Sadle

Director, Membership/Public Image



YOUTH SERVICE

RYLA



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

Ruby Liddelow and Sarah Young attended the camp. Kev and I and Michael and Sharon attended the dinner. Both girls gave a presentation at our meeting on 12 March 2024 and thanked the members for the experience.

It was great to have Ruby and Sarah helping out at the Family Fun Day and Duck Race.

RYPEN

We sponsored three young people for this camp held 3rd to 5th May 2024. Emma Worthington, Marlie Baird and Bella Wise all attended and had a fantastic time. A date is still to be set to have them do a presentation for the Club.

4-WAY SPEECH CONTEST

We had 6 students competing in the 2023-2024 competition. All students were of a very high standard. The student from Mandurah Baptist college who won the Club heat placed fourth in the semi-final.

This year's competition is to get underway at the Club heat to be held July 23, 2024. We have 5 students competing. The Club will also be hosting the first District semi-final on August 8, 2024.

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE

Inbound



Ceci Firetti arrived on July 24, 2024. Her first host family were Rob and Lisa Worthington, second hosts were Steve and Bernice Barlow, third family were Michael Boyd and Sharon Stark, and final host family were Geoff and Marlene Winton

The youth committee thanks all the host families for making Ceci's stay in Australia both memorable and life changing.





We also thank Mandurah Catholic College for welcoming Ceci into their school.

Ceci has visited and seen quite a bit of WA including the North West. She put together a Powerpoint presentation for the members highlighting her amazing experience in Mandurah and Australia.

Ceci flew home last week. A going away get together was held on July 2, 2024.

A very big thank you to Merice Brown who was Ceci's mentor.

Ceci became an avid West Coast Eagles supporter with a 'small' amount of encouragement from Deb Atkins.

Eliane Schar from Switzerland will be arriving on July 25. First host family will be Deb and Kev Atkins.

Outbound

We received and interviewed three applicants for exchange for 2025-2026. The successful applicant was Madi Singleton from Mandurah. Madi attends Coastal College and is in year 10. Madi and her mum Kim attended a meeting on 4 June where Madi was able to meet and thank the members for her sponsorship. Madi is due to leave Australia in January 2025.

Peel Week



Peel Week has been on hold for three years due to covid. This year was a scaled down version because Mandurah Districts and Pinjarra are now the only clubs in the Peel region. The students who were unable to attend the Sydney trip were invited to Mandurah and were hosted by Pinjarra and Mandurah District families. The students had a fun week of activities arranged by both clubs and all received an artist's print of an indigenous map of Australia as a memento.

Thank you to Steve Barlow from Mandurah Districts and Brett Loney from Pinjarra who were the main drivers of this initiative.





Farewell function for all Exchange Students before heading back home.

VOCATIONAL

Microscopes: 100 microscopes have been distributed to three of the newest schools in Mandurah. This project began around 10 years ago when the Club gave microscopes to every primary school in Mandurah. This Rotary project has now ended.

National Youth Science Forum: The committee led by Steve Barlow have elected to sponsor a worthy applicant from a financially challenged family to attend the forum this year.

School Citizenship Awards: A \$100 citizenship donation was made to 30 schools in Mandurah. Members, partners and associates presented at 22 school assemblies. On behalf of the vocational committee thank you to everyone who presented.

Vocational Visits: The committee arranged 6 vocational/social visits/nights out for the year.

Deb Atkins
Director, Youth Service



ROTARY CLUB OF MANDURAH DISTRICTS PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Deborah Atkins	PHF+1	Murray Love	PHF+1
Stephen Barlow	PHF	Alex McKay	PHF+1
Terry Blundell	PHF	Roslyn McKay	PHF
Les Bowie	PHF+1	Terry Partridge	PHF+2
Michael Boyd	PHF+1	Roy Perkins	PHF
Lindsay Brown	PHF	David Piggford	PHF
Merice Brown	PHF	Carl Preisler-Hansen	PHF
Philip Brown	PHF+2	Bradley Reed	PHF+1
Greg Dalwood	PHF	Brad Rinaldi	PHF+1
Frank Down	PHF	John Henry Reyburn	PHF
Margaret Down	PHF	Martin Sadle	PHF
Ken Edwards	PHF	Ivan Spalding	PHF
Stewart Forrest	PHF	Maurie Spalding	PHF
Graeme Gordon	PHF+1	Betty Spalding	PHF
Geoffrey Hayes	PHF	Pat Spalding	PHF
Jan Horsley	PHF	Brian Stone	PHF
David Horsley	PHF+1-9	Dudley Tuckey	PHF
Desley Jenkins	PHF	Belinda Westbrook	PHF
Graeme Jenkins	PHF+1	Frank Wheel	PHF+2
John Kevan	PHF+7	Trevor Wilson	PHF
Melodie Kevan	PHF+8	Geoff Winton	PHF
Michael Kirke	PHF+1	Marlene Winton	PHF
Deborah Kluczniak	PHF		
Dot Leisfield	PHF		
Ric Leisfield	PHF		



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