



# PRESIDENTS REPORT



## MELVILLE ROTARY 2022 - 2023

It has been my honour to be the President of Melville for the 2022 – 23 Rotary year.

The 2022 – 23 theme was “Imagine” but you know at the commencement of the year I could not have imagined the projects and objectives that the members of this Rotary club implemented and achieved. The club has been mostly successful and where we weren’t, it was not for the lack of trying.

I have had a board who have been supportive, brutally honest and yet decisive in trying to lead our club forward in the year and I thank every member of the board for the support given.

From a Rotary standpoint we delivered on our theme to :

- imagine and achieve.
- imagine and strive.
- and imagined sometimes beyond our capacity.

For this Rotary year we as a club have achieved and delivered the following:

### Successful events

- Successfully obtaining a federal grant and participating in the Queens Platinum Jubilee involving the laying of Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Plaque at Bicton near Blackwall Reach and the planting of some 1450 Banksias in an aim to regenerate our environmental input, increasing the natural bush canopy along with enhancing the opportunity for native flora and fauna to develop. This was achieved with community involvement from students and staff at Santa Maria College and Christian Brothers College, Fremantle and the Bicton Environmental Community Group.  
This entire project was coordinated by Ian Williams in conjunction with the Community Committee. Ian along with Bruce Ivers and David Hewitt were often seen having meetings for this project which is still ongoing.
- The involvement on three occasions of a visitation to the orphanage/s in Chiang Mei, Thailand for the purpose of inspection and review of the Borderless Friendship program to prevent young children who are stateless being lured into the drug courier business or prostitution of young girls. These trips have resulted in a significant uptake of sponsorship by Rotarians and non-Rotarians who could see the benefit of their sponsorship to the children at these orphanages. The International Committee and members have been outstanding this year.

- Active efforts to engage members who have been unable to attend lunchtime meetings due to work commitments through the trial of meeting times along with the decision to reduce the number of formal meetings per month to two instead of weekly.
- Social events such as Presidents' cocktail night, Glow Room Golf, a very well attended Christmas function and a successful Melbourne Cup evening which was a great fundraiser. There was a requirement for each committee to organise a social event. This was achieved and I thank them for their efforts.
- David Hewitt organised a golf event to raise \$40,000.00 and such was the success he raised in excess of \$71,000.00 for prostate cancer and was a major driver of the Vocational Committee.
- Rotary Club approval for the creation of a permanent annual contribution to Shelterbox in honour of PDG Gordon Cargeeg has been established.
- The first indigenous teacher scholarship program has commenced in conjunction with Mineral Resources. This has also added the benefit of creating a vital link between Mineral Resources and Edith Cowan University and Melville Rotary. What a fabulous concept that can only be good for our entire community.
- Created a change to our badges, having gone away from large plates style badges to modern, portable magnetic style badges which are issued personally to each member to wear at events and functions.
- Completion of mock interviews in conjunction with Applecross Rotary Club at Applecross Senior High School and then a further at Leeming Senior High School by the Vocation committee.
- Participation on the RYLA and PYPEN program.
- Contributing to the creation of the Melville Men's shed with one of our members PP Rob Willis being instrumental in the establishment of the men's shed and organising a \$250,000.00 Federal grant for that purpose. I had the pleasure of attending the opening of the Melville Men's Shed which importantly contributes to the mental well-being of men and women.
- Participation and sponsorship of an Australian Rotary Health Scholar from Broome.
- Holding a Rotary 4 club zone Paul Harris event at the Pavilion Restaurant that will hopefully become an annual event, creating fellowship and goodwill without entry cost whilst promoting Rotary in the local area.

- Walking together has been both successful and not so successful. It does not seem to have the impetus sought from a District level but is something that we believe is worth pursuing from a club level. Of course, we do walk together with the Indigenous Scholarship and Australian Rotary Health programs.
- Sponsoring a young lady Prachi DAVE to the International Science Forum program in London in conjunction with other Rotary clubs.
- Sponsored Parul Goblani for the RYLA Oceana Elevate program with a view to having her become a Rotaract and potentially Rotary member of the future.
- We had 7 Rotarians attend the International Conference in May 2023. Some assisting at the Applecross Rotary stall for 'Moma' in the house of Friendship.
- Engaging a story teller, to promote stories about people assisting the community and environment and how Rotary assists them to achieve their objectives. These stories are designed to create an interest and hopefully make people want to join Rotary so they can contribute to our community.
- Obviously, our Melville Markets have been rejuvenated after a long and arduous hiatus due to the covid impacts and then some terrible weather. We eventually returned to financial positivity with some excellent weekly returns due to full markets and fabulous enthusiastic sellers. Of course, without your attendance to run and manage this event each week we would be lost, so thank you to all who assisted at these markets. This market directly assisted local community matters through donation of all funds from the lower spinner to those manning that location.  
We celebrated 40 successful years of our markets with roaming entertainment provided to children and adults alike at the markets. Our market is now the premier Rotary second-hand market in the state raising funds for a plethora of worthwhile community projects and also providing direct funding to community groups each week through the manning of our lower spinner.  
I particularly thanks, John Mackay, Kareena Ballard, along with Glen, our ever reliable market staff member.
- An Art Show providing local artists a premier location to showcase their works at the same time raising funds. A lot of work by both Melville and Applecross Rotary Club members brings this event together each year.
- Youth Science programs to develop our young students for the years ahead.

- Leeuwin Sailing program to develop leadership and overcome obstacles and fears. We have been involved in this program for many many years and will continue to do so whilst we can find the funding and participants.
- A speaker program that has simply been outstanding. I don't know how Graham Wheeler does it but the people he finds as our speakers have been extraordinary. You know it is good speaker when a meeting runs overtime and no-one complains and it didn't just happen once. Even the thumbnails from our own members have been fabulous as well as informative. It is amazing what people have done over their lifetimes to develop our global community.
- Welcoming the new Rotary Club of Tel Aviv Elbrus in Israel via you-tube.
- Remembering those who have been a part of our Rotary lives through the Johari midwife legacy in Tanzania.
- Assisting other Rotary Clubs financially such as a water wells project with past member Leigh Dyson's Rotary Club in Tasmania.
- Organising and financing midwives from the "Living Child Project" in PNG to attend a midwife conference in Bali to further enhance their skills and develop learning that they can take back to the East Sepik province to help birthing mothers.
- The schools breakfast program that Janice Pounder champions at the North Lake Senior High Campus to ensure children can start their schooling day with some energy.

And there are other philanthropic gestures that have assisted those who are less fortunate than ourselves and our families.

WHO WOULD HAVE IMAGINED! - 

### **Dressed for Success**

Unfortunately, we have had matters that have not resulted in the success sought, however that was not for a lack of endeavour and the ground work is there.

- The 'Walking Together" program that was targeted to have Rotary Clubs linked to their local indigenous communities to try and achieve a variety of programs working in harmony. Of course, arguably the Indigenous Education program has been successful and may well be the catalyst to progress 'Walking together'. This is a

program that Ed McKinnon has fostered with great enthusiasm. Some things take time and patience.

- Unfortunately managing to have a selection of meals at our meetings be they lunchtime or evening has certainly tested the enthusiasm of those attending meetings.
- Membership growth - From a negative perspective we have lost some members. Some through lack of time issues, family issues and sadly this year with the passing of PDG Gordon Cargeeg.

WHO WOULD HAVE IMAGINED ! - 

### **Social Fellowship**

Nothing has been able to stop the harmony and fellowship of events throughout the year be they committee meetings, board meetings, project meetings or simply a catchup for coffee. But important social events were -:

The President's cocktail night was an evening of engagement and fellowship that was second to none. It was also an evening to formalise the presentation of the awards for PP Howard's Rotary year.

Pie in the sky was more than a dream when we went to the Ballards' for an evening of fellowship and assessing some lovely wines.

Melbourne Cup always seems to raise a laugh and much needed funds for our fellowship events. The ladies dressed to impress and the men met their match when the big race was taken out in style by a female jockey. There were plenty of Smarties at this event for the quiz questions.

The Christmas Dinner at 'Goira' in East Perth was an event to be remembered. The location and food made you feel like you were in the heart of the Mediterranean and I certainly can't recall any previous events that have resulted in a beauty pageant as a highlight of the night.

A competitive event at Glow Room Golf and the magnificent feast at the Italian restaurant that followed was a fabulous fellowship event.

The Pavilion at Mt Pleasant as an event for our zone Rotary clubs to get together and remember the fellowship of Rotary of the birthday of Rotary.

Then let's add in the week that Rotarians and friends attended at Chiang Mai, Thailand to visit the institution created for the protection of orphans who had been sent across the border from Myanmar by their families with the hope of them having a better life. What a wonderful way to see how lucky we are to have the lives we enjoy. There were some memorable times but it was so rewarding to see a program be so successful. Such is the appeal of this project that there has been three separate trips by our club members with friends to this Rotary project. The latest trip had members return only in the last day.

The International Rotary conference was held in Melbourne in May with an attendance in excess of fourteen thousand Rotarians. This provided the coming together to celebrate the exchange of ideas, show off cultures, fashions and share the harmony of fellowship, all ideals that were born through the creation of Rotary. The house of Friendship extended to the City of Melbourne and made Australia the Country of Friendship.

Our social events this year were not the responsibility of one person but of each committee and I can say proudly every committee excelled. Thank you for the commitment and the ideas that have made our year celebrate enjoyable events that brought plenty of laughter and engagement.

I must particularly thank my board who had been supportive of me throughout the year and quite frankly without their support and the support of this club I would definitely have not completed the year as the president of this club. This board has worked tirelessly to have achieved the outcomes that have occurred this year. I thank them for opening their homes and particularly for giving their time. Whilst being President of this wonderful Rotary Club brings many accolades, it is my view that those accolades are the direct result of the work of the Committee chairs and members of those various committees to achieve what may be seen as envious to some other clubs. Our programs are not done to create envy and if we as a club can assist other Rotary Clubs to be successful then that is an objective for which we ought strive. A link to another club creates the opportunity for exchange of ideas and friendships that just escalate over time unobstructed by distance. Now that we are to become one District maybe that may be something easier to activate.

I have thanked my fellow club members and I particularly thank our partners for their patience and assistance in helping us to achieve our goals. Whilst we recognise it we sometimes simply expect our partners to help. I genuinely thank all the partners for their assistance, tolerance and patience.

So whilst I reluctantly took on the role as president for this past year it has been both onerous and rewarding and I have to say I am extremely proud of the achievements that Melville Rotary have made to the community in this Rotary year.

'Service above self' is more than a motto, it is a stimulating reward for being able to assist and care for our fellow man.

Sadly, we lost members either through fatigue or disenchantment but one particular member was lost through the ravage of age. PDG Gordon Cargeeg was a friend I met

through this Rotary club and he provided me much sage advice. I heard his history and escapades in Rotary and he was a tireless servant of our club and many Rotary programs particularly Shelterbox. He was an invaluable soldier in fundraising for Shelterbox and of course we miss our interaction with him. As a club we decided that we would have a permanent annual contribution to Shelterbox in Gordons memory.

I was only recently contacted by Gordon's family advising that they would donate \$2500.00 to Shelterbox in Gordon's memory. So even now Gordon is contributing and involved with Rotary. This donation I might add is further to a previous donation made shortly before Gordon's passing.

## **AWARDS**

I am sure all clubs are not dislike ours and realistically when one considers the work put in by all our members throughout the year I would not run short of accolades and superlatives. I consider awards as particularly special in that they recognise those who have gone beyond the expected in service to our community or are so reliable or enthusiastic they cannot be ignored.

**Graham Wheeler** has been outstanding in obtaining speakers that have been so hugely interesting that our meetings have extended simply to allow for the plethora of interest to be satisfied. We all know Graham's time and abundant love for Bev is his priority but he still manages to go to enormous effort to secure speakers of outstanding quality. My certificate of Appreciation reflects my thanks for his great work.

**Phillip Draber** has been everything to everyone, but particularly to me in taking on a variety of roles that were not intended for him but were capably absorbed and progressed with a view of 'Well lets get it done'. Phil exudes the quality of positivity that can't help but make me display my gratitude with a Certificate of appreciation.

**Ian Williams** has been outstanding in his achievement of a grant for the Queens Platinum Jubilee tree planting program. This involved a significant number of meetings, and various days on site and elsewhere ensuring the compliance of the Queens Platinum Jubilee grant requirements such as official placement and opening the plaque, official opening ceremony of the area where 1450 banksias were to be planted, procurement of 1450 banksia seedlings, organisation with two local schools and the community environmental group. This is conducted along with many other programs that the Community & Environment committee such as helping minds, two Men's sheds, RFDS, Gracewood aged care, St Pat's in Fremantle, more tree planting in Myalup and Mount Mackie along with Australian Rotary Health Scholarship funds and First nations culinary program providing an opportunity for two indigenous students to be involved in hospitality training related to indigenous seasons foods in the Burswood complex kitchen and of course not forgetting closing the gap. I would like Ian to come forward to receive a Paul Harris Fellow (2 sapphires).

**David Porter** – That leaves me with the penultimate award from our club perspective. It is an award for a person who does a significant amount in front of and behind the scenes. They have developed , enhanced and guided us.

We have one particular person who is continually working at various places and locations and seems to have fingers in many pies and constantly speaks to people espousing the virtues of Rotary and particularly Melville. This person has been in various roles within this club and has always been positive in their outlook, encouraging of members, benevolent to deserving members and frankly a guiding light during my time this year. David has been our treasurer, art show men's shed contact, membership committee member and enthusiasm driver. He attends every event that we have and also assists at District level being an AG mentor. Does he talk a lot -of course he does like most Rotarians but he is a staple of our club, a moderator, a leader and a sounding board. I proudly award David Porter as our Allan Eddy recipient for 2023.

IMAGINE – ROTARY AT WORK! - 

I feel proud to be able to pass the mantle to President Elect Phillip Draber who has been a workhorse without question for our club. Phillip was the secretary with the largest smile, the loudest laugh and the biggest Rotary heart that I have had the pleasure of being associated with. I would ask and know all of you will support Phillip in his upcoming year.

Phil will be the driver of our club towards a bright and successful 2023-2024 year so Rotarians 'Brace yourselves'.

In closing, I wish to say is that this Rotary year has provided things I never imagined would happen but have been immensely proud to be a part of when they did happen.



Peter Smith  
President 2022- 23  
Rotary Club of Melville  
District 9465





## ROTARY MELVILLE (Doing Good in the World)

### TREASURERS REPORT 2022 – 2023

#### 1.0 SUMMARY

The year started with a handover from PDG David Barton who was very supportive and helped set the financial standards. Accountant PP David Hewitt and our book keeper Helen Langlois provided guidance in setting the draft budget and the process for fiscal control for the year.

The Board adopted a conservative Budget forecasting a deficit of \$6244. This was supported by the opening surplus in the operating account.

A revised surplus budget was adopted in February showing a small profit of \$507 largely due to the improved operations of the weekly Melville Markets and the increased interest on our term deposit. Whilst not the end of the financial year the profit is expected. A balance in our term deposit of about \$ 116000 is also expected.

#### 2.0 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

A summary of financial statements as at 30 May 2023 are shown below. Final statements will be presented at the AGM following audit. Helen Langlois has done an excellent job in maintaining our accounts and will continue to support our club.

The Board adopted a deficit budget in June 2022 underwritten by the surplus in the club operating account. This was revised in February 2023 following better than expected performance in Market income, rationalisation of market expenditure, increased bank interest on the term deposit and a reduction in District dues. An income of \$171221 and an expenditure of \$170714 was expected. The current accounts are in line with that expectation.

The club accounts were bolstered by grants from Mineral Resources for the Aboriginal Education Scholarship for \$15000 per year , from The Queen Elizabeth 2 Jubilee Celebration tree planting for \$20000 and from the Cargeeg family for tree planting and Shelter Box for \$3000.

The Club also accepted the District Governor's Jennifer Jones Challenge to enhance membership growth and club experience. A potential District Grant of \$1000 remains unrealised.

A significant part of that challenge is to promote Rotary and our club to our local community. An allocation of \$4000 was included for membership and promotion activities. This included the engagement of a professional writer to undertake storytelling around key community people that are champions for projects that our club supports.

The expenditure budget allocated to Committees is summarised below:

Community and Environment \$17000 + \$50000 grants

International and Foundation \$14000 + \$6000 Foundation

Youth \$14000

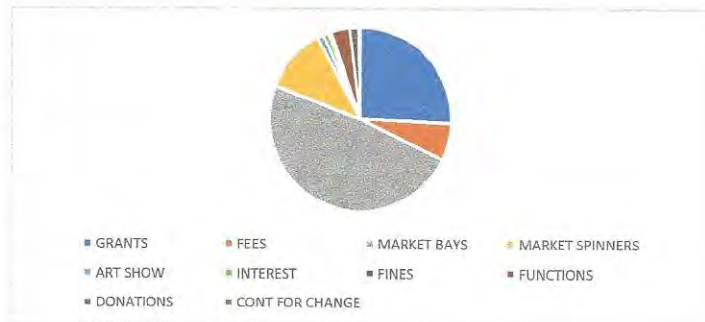
Vocational \$1000

Membership and Promotion \$4000

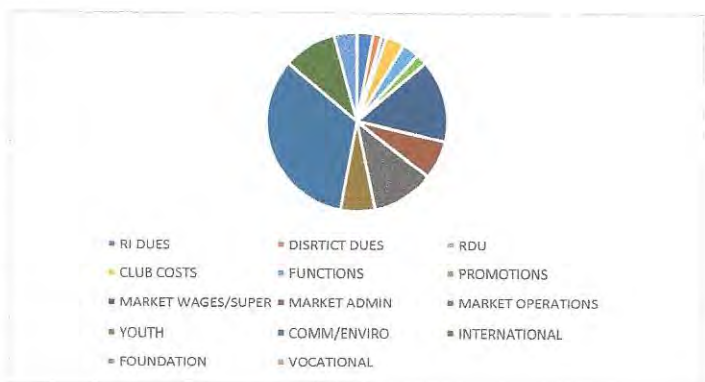
The use of the funds by each committee is reported separately by the committee chairs.

# ROTARY MELVILLE FINANCIALS JULY 2022 - MAY 2023

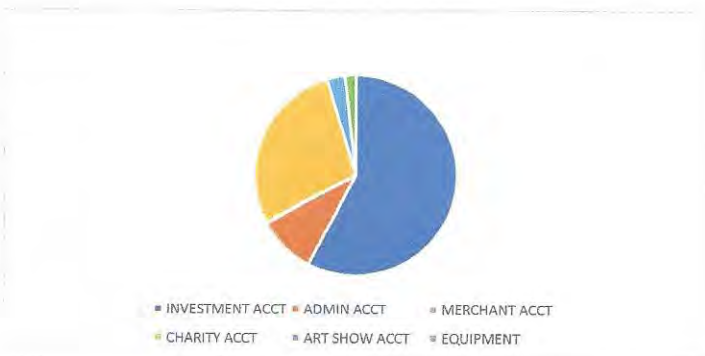
INCOME	AMOUNT \$	PERCENTAGE
GRANTS	50000	25.69769235
FEES	12570	6.460399856
MARKET BAYS	94723	48.68325024
MARKET SPINNERS	21922	11.26689623
ART SHOW	2200	1.130698463
INTEREST	1848	0.949786709
FINES	1045	0.53708177
FUNCTIONS	6457	3.31859999
DONATIONS	3123	1.605077864
CONT FOR CHANGE	682	0.350516524
TOTAL	194570	100



EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT \$	PERCENTAGE
RI DUES	4251	2.903708359
DISRTICT DUES	2204	1.505474764
RDU	1338	0.913940669
CLUB COSTS	4896	3.344285139
FUNCTIONS	4420	3.019146306
PROMOTIONS	2814	1.922144277
MARKET WAGES/SUPER	21921	14.97346293
MARKET ADMIN	10262	7.009610721
MARKET OPERATIONS	16276	11.11756228
YOUTH	9000	6.147582975
COMM/ENVIRO	48917	33.4134796
INTERNATIONAL	14000	9.56290685
FOUNDATION	6000	4.09838865
VOCATIONAL	100	0.068306478
TOTAL	146399	100



ASSETS		
INVESTMENT ACCT	116324	57.65492494
ADMIN ACCT	19173	9.502921803
MERCHANT ACCT	240	0.118953801
CHARITY ACCT	56665	28.08548813
ART SHOW ACCT	5810	2.879673274
EQUIPMENT	3547	1.758038055
TOTAL	201759	100



LIABILITIES	
ART SHOW	10314
ASSET DEPRECIATION	3547
TOTAL	13861
BALANCE	187898

### 3.0 CLUB ACCOUNTS

The club continues to operate the following accounts with May 2023 balances of:

CBA Charity account \$56615\*  
CBA Administration account \$19173#  
CBA Rotary Art Show account \$5810  
CBA Merchant account \$240  
BOQ Investment \$116316  
BOQ Savings \$8  
\* QE2 Jubilee tree planting incomplete  
# Changeover function incomplete

The club also has on line payment facilities for Pay Pal and Simplify.

Payments from accounts are set up by the Treasurer, initiated on line by Margaret River Bookkeeping and authorised online by the Secretary. This has satisfied the Auditor for probity and provides clear governance. The Treasurer remains the administrator of all accounts.

In view of the number of accounts , respective Bank security initiatives and the considerable disruption to operations by frequent changes of account signatories the Board has agree to minimise changes to those signatories. All Accounts still require two parties to sign any transaction. I do not propose to change any current signatories unless those persons resign from the club or the Board dictates otherwise.

### 4.0 AUDITOR

All club accounts are reviewed by a certified Auditor and returns submitted to the Dept of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, Consumer Protection to satisfy our Charitable Collectors Licence. I thank our retiring Auditor Mark Pitts and welcome to our new Auditor Conley Monfis of William Buck Accounting.

The annual Audit report is submitted to our Club AGM in December each year.

The 2022 Audit report indicated that our club finances and operations were in good order. The management of market cash still relies on trust but our records provide very good measures should a discrepancy occur.

### 5.0 RESERVE FUND

The Club has commitments beyond each annual budget that others rely upon. If there were any prolonged disruption to our markets we would need to use retained funds. The Board has resolved to hold funds to cover one years basic operation and commitment. A minimum reserve fund balance of about \$62000 is required.



PP David Porter  
Treasurer



## CLUB ADMINISTRATION REPORT

2022 – 2023

### Committee Membership

*Chair:* Phillip Draber

*Members:* Kareena Ballard, Ann Edgar, John Mackay, Peter Smith, Greg Walkington and Graham Wheeler.

### General

Firstly, my personal thanks and acknowledgment to the Committee members who kept things going, made things happen and improved outcomes for the club. On behalf of the Committee, this report is an opportunity to record our appreciation to the Board for considering our proposals and their willingness to support change for the better. The following are the Club Administration Committee's highlight for the 2022 – 2023 Rotary Year.

### Meetings

In concert with the Membership Committee, the Club Administration Committee initiated a three-month trial of reducing meeting frequency, altering the timings, and of necessity considering alternate venues. This came about because the South of Perth Yacht Club, due to labour shortages, was unable to provide meals for our meetings. Further, the Committee wanted to enhance membership experience by making membership less time consuming as well as providing greater opportunity for our members whose roles exclude attendance at lunch meetings. At the Club Meeting in March 2023, members resolved to make permanent an arrangement of meeting on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. It also agreed to extend the trial of second Monday lunch meetings and fourth Monday evening meetings for another three months. Alternate venues proved problematic because of the dearth of local venues opening for meal service on Monday evenings. In respect of meetings, a big thank you goes to Greg Walkington who ensured venue preparedness for each meeting and the smooth running of our meetings. Greg was particularly happy when we replaced our name badges which obviated the need for a storage case as members kept their name badges.

### Speakers

Our focus in speakers this year was about informing members and less about organisations soliciting donations from the Club. The speaker programme this year has been terrific with a diverse range of speakers ranging from spies, authors, diplomats, roads, tactical response policing and medical research to name a few. Without exception the speakers have been informative and engaging. The challenge is for our members who cannot make Monday lunch time meetings, to make an extra effort to get to the evening meeting – the absence of daylight has not diminished the excellence of our speakers. Graham Wheeler has done an awesome job with the programme.

### Social Events

Fun has been a key focus for 2022 – 2023. So rather than establish a Social sub-committee, it was agreed that each Committee would be asked to run a social event for the Club. This year we had a fabulous Awards Evening coinciding with the President's Cocktail evening. International ran a well-attended and memorable Christmas function. Vocational held a 3D mini golf extravaganza followed by a meal at a typical Fremantle Italian eatery. Indeed, a function combining, food technology and fun. On a serious note, Rotary Melville hosted the District Governor's visit where the Rotary Australia – Walking together proposal was launched. Membership had us celebrating Rotary's Birthday with Applecross at the new Rowing Pavilion. Youth gave us a technology twist with a technology seminar at Ross and Kareena's office followed by a meal at the Karalee Tavern. James Morris is thanked for an informative session. Thanks for each Committee director whose committee gave us both fun and kept our costs down to a dull roar.

### Rotary Melville Markets

January 2023 saw the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Melville Markets. Without our premier fundraising event, the world would be a poorer place. Further the markets provide a great opportunity for community connection as sellers and buyers cruise through the markets in a predominantly harmonious atmosphere. My thanks to Kareena Ballard for oversight the markets; particularly our relationship with the Hawaiian Group. John Mackay is also thanked for maintaining the roster. He has to be applauded for ensuring that we get some quality time to getting to better know our fellow members; albeit that we need to get turn up at 0600 on a Sunday morning. Now that the worst of COVID is behind us, our market revenues are returning to their pre-COVID levels. However, the threat of Sunday trading looms and the Club will start looking at an outline plan to transfer our fundraising to alternate means should it arise.

### Club Forums and Annual General Meetings

The Club has had a couple of forums this year where valuable input has been received from our members. Key outcomes has been a focus on reducing membership costs and the demand on our times. Likewise, we held our Annual General Meeting on 19 Dec 22 which saw the election of myself as President, PDG Marilyn Barton as President Elect, Margaret Waterton as Secretary and David Porter as Treasurer for 2023 – 2024. During the year board minutes were also made available to all club members within 30 days of the relevant meetings. The club also voted for a proposal to trial a three-year Regionalisation pilot that, if successful, would effectively abolish Districts within Australia and New Zealand. This trial will be designed to reduce our bureaucracy, focus our messaging, and increase Rotary membership.

### Membership Survey



A part of my planning for the 2023 -2024 Rotary year, a membership survey was conducted in April 2023. The survey has yielded some great insights and data that has been used to develop a 2023 – 2024 Plan for the club. At the time of writing, both Peter Smith and Marilyn Barton have provided me with some initial comments and the board is in the process of doing so. The aim is to have a short version of the plan available for changeover with the full plan being presented at our 8 Jul 23 meeting.

#### Changeover

After the COVID years and the absence of key appointments for the 2022 changeover, the Club Changeover will be held at the Royal Perth Golf Course on 27 June 2023. Our 63<sup>rd</sup> Changeover will be conducted in the presence of the outgoing District Governor District 9465, Ric MacDonald, and the presence of the incoming District Governor 9423, Ineke Oliver. That date will also effectively mark the transition of Rotary Melville from District 9465 to the new all Western Australian Rotary District, District 9423. In the background too, is the Regionalisation project that will unfold. So, the Rotary wheel turns, and we evolve through the years.

#### Conclusion

It has been my pleasure to be your Club Administration Director in 2022 – 2023. Our committee members made it easier, and their knowledge and capacity cannot be under-estimated. The committee hopes that we have made a positive difference to your membership of our fine club.

Phillip Draber  
4 June 2023.



## ROTARY MELVILLE 20222 -23 MEMBERSHIP AND PUBLIC IMAGE REPORT

At the commencement of the Rotary year it was agreed that the Membership and the Public Image committees combine as one. This resolved a duplication of efforts and membership double ups.

The committee members were Ross Calnan (Chair) James Morris, David Porter, Peter Smith, Phillip Draber, Leigh Smith, Howard McCallum and Ed McKinnon. It was tasked with pursuing new members and making our club more appealing to our current members.

The club also agreed to participate in the Jennifer Jones Imagination Challenge set by District Governor Ric MacDonald. The aims for clubs were: Modernise, improve public image, grow membership, reduce average age and achieve demographic balance. As an encouragement for achieving the aims of the challenge the club would receive a \$1000 contribution from the District. We are please to say that that was achieved.

All members participated in a club review with a result of meeting times being revised to better suit members and various meeting formats trialed. PE Phillip Draber also ran a club survey to help update our strategic plan and set goals for the future.

A special feature of the committees work was to commence story telling to engage with our local community. We needed to tell people what we do and where they can also be involved either as members or as volunteers. We also strived to position the club as community leaders and invite engagement with other local groups. To that end the Presidents of two large local sporting clubs, Melville City Hockey Club and Kardinya Lakes Cricket club were invited to be honary members of Rotary Melville.

The story telling project included the engagement of a professional writer, Nicole Cox media, to help with advertising of our major community events , the Art Show and the weekly Markets, and preparation of five articles about our significant projects. Recurring paid adverts will appear in the local media. The articles are focused on the story of the individuals who are champions of the projects and weaves in where Rotary helps. The release of these via all aspect of the social and printed media will be over the next year.

It was with sadness and much respect that we lost PDG Gordon Cargeeg. PP Lynn Newton also left our ranks to travel. Unfortunately Mohammad Rajabifar and Amench Nematjamshidi and Bernie McCartan and Jini Rajan have also advised that they will not be renewing membership due to business, study and family commitments. We thank those leaving for their service . On the bright side we have 4 potential new members being processed.

The club membership at the end of the year will stand at 30. We have the challenge of increasing our numbers. A recent survey by Bank of Ideas found that the main reason members leave Rotary is that **it stopped being fun** and the main reason people did join Rotary is that **someone asked me**.

An out come of our marketing discussions is the need to identify our selves as Rotary Melville (no Club) and to clearly and simply state what we do - **Doing Good in the Community**.

Ross Calnan  
Chair



## **Rotary Club of Melville Community and Environment Committee Annual report for the year 1/7/22 – 30/6/23**

This year has been a very busy and challenging year as we came out of the Covid lock downs and were able to embark on more ambitious projects to assist our community.

The committee had many projects on the go with a combined budget of \$60k which included the Queens Jubilee Tree planting at Point Walter \$20k and the Edith Cowan/Mineral Resources Melville Rotary Education Scholarship \$20k.

Other projects we also assisted with are as follows –

Rotary Health scholarship

Helping Minds Donation

Men's Shed Fremantle and Melville

Tree planting funding Myalup and Mount Mackie (near York)

Royal Flying Doctors

Gracewood Aged care facility

Prostate Cancer Golf Day ( David Hewitt )

First Nations Culinary program (Funding Aboriginal 2 students in Hospitality training)

Saint Patricks Community Support Fremantle

Closing the Gap/Walking with them

The major project was the Queens jubilee Tree planting and on the 11/6/23 we planted some 1500 Banksia trees in the Point Walter reserve with the assistance of the Santa Maria College and CBC Fremantle students. Trees Australia ( Bruce Ivers ), Bicton Environment Action Group , City of Melville and our club members combined to complete this project over many months. Ongoing watering will be undertaken to ensure the best outcome for the trees.

The Aboriginal ECU scholarship also moved forward with a second student selected this year. Margaret and Charles Waterton's initiated this project. Phil Draber and President Peter Smith has assured its ongoing success whilst Charles and Margaret took some well-earned recreation travelling Australia.

The Art show has recently finished with some 380 paintings and 200 artist showing their talents and making it another successful event. James and Tracey-Ann Morris together with David and Pam Porter always make this a great showing.

Many of the above projects require time and effort to be given by our members. I would like to thank all those people that have given time to help including spouses/partners however we can always do with more hands. Please consider getting more involved.

**Ian Williams** (Committee Chairman)



### **International Committee Report 2022 - 2023**

I am pleased to present the International Committee Activities Report for the Rotary Club of Melville for the 2022 to 2023 financial year.

Our committee has been actively involved in various initiatives aimed at promoting peace, goodwill, and understanding among nations. During the reporting period, we engaged in three trips and made several donations to support various humanitarian causes.

#### **Trips: Thailand Trip**

In November 2022, Leigh Smith together with Brent Cooper and Ian Johnson embarked on a trip to Chiang Mai Thailand with the intent of visiting the Leadership House Borderless Friendship Orphanage in Chiang Dao Northern Thailand. The team purchased around \$900 worth of food and essential cooking items to donate to the orphanage and were introduced to children they sponsored.

At the time Leigh Smith was sponsoring one child and Brent Cooper sponsored two children being a sister and brother who had been rescued from the streets begging for food in a village on the Thai Myanmar border. During the visit to the Leadership House Orphanage in Chiang Dao Ian Johnson met a number of the children and offered to sponsor a further two kids. The International Committee expresses thanks to Ian Johnson and Brent Cooper as neither of them are Rotarians and who only became interested in sponsoring the children because of the Rotary Club of Melville's involvement.

In early March 2023 another trip to Chiang Mai Thailand was completed with President Peter Smith, Kareena Ballard, Ross Ballard, Leigh Smith, Trevor Ridgwell, Terry Howson, Ian Johnson and Brent Cooper all joining the trip.

Around \$900 worth of food and cooking oil etc was purchased by the attendees and donated to the orphanage's. In addition Kareena and Ross Ballard and Peter Smith took about 50 kilos of clothes and shoes donated in Australia to the orphanages in Chiang Doa & Prao.

During the April trip Terry Howson agreed to sponsor one child. Many thanks to Terry as he is not a Rotarian and only became involved because of the Rotary Club involvement and introduction.

Trevor Ridgwell agreed to sponsor one child and many thanks to Trevor. He is a past Rotarian but also only became a sponsor because of our club introduction and seeing firsthand the great work being done by Borderless Friendship Inc.

Peter Smith agreed during that trip to sponsor an additional child to the one he was already sponsoring.

Leigh Smith undertook the sponsorship of an additional child being the sister of the child he was already sponsoring. In addition, whilst in Thailand Leigh Smith met with his friends Geoffrey Parker and Stephanie Edwards and following a healthy wine tasting dinner, Stephanie also agreed to sponsor a child.

Many thanks to Stephanie as she is not a Rotarian however her sponsorship is greatly appreciated.

A further trip was undertaken in June 2023 with Murray Meaton, Chris Meaton, Marilyn Kench and Doug Minchin attending five villages in company with Lorel Maybury and her husband Tony. It was a very busy trip which resulted in a significant funds donation to enable a vehicle to be procured for the conveying of the children. The children loved the company of the visitors and this completed a year of significant involvement with this program.



**To Quote: Paul Shane Spear**

***“As one person, I cannot change the world, but I can change the world of one person”***

**Donation: Borderless Friendship Inc**

The international committee on behalf of RCM donated \$6000 toward the borderless friendship Inc through RAWCS (Rotary Australia world community services) and those funds were dedicated to the construction of toilets in one of the orphanages in Northern Thailand.

**Donation: Tanzania Water Wells**

The project aims to provide access to clean drinking water to remote villages in the region. The International committee on behalf of RCM donated \$1000 towards the project, which will go towards drilling a well in one of the villages.

**Donation: ShelterBox**

The International committee on behalf of RCM donated \$2000 to ShelterBox, an international disaster relief charity that provides emergency shelter and supplies to families affected by disasters such as earthquakes, floods, and conflicts. The donation will go towards providing shelter and supplies to families affected by disasters.

**Donation: Living Child Inc**

The International committee on behalf of RCM donated \$5000 to Living Child Inc. to support two midwives to attend the Midwives Convention in Bali. The convention aims to provide a platform for midwives to exchange knowledge and skills, which will ultimately improve maternal and child health outcomes in their communities. The Rotary Club of Melville was instrumental in training midwives through Living Child Inc and the project, which ran over a few years, has now been recognised by the PNG health department as an extremely successful initiative and will be adopted for use in other remote villages throughout Papua New Guinea with the support of the PNG health department.

**Donation: Tanzania Midwives**

Jacquie Heron arranged a sponsorship for Aluseta Asseri to complete her Bachelor of Science in midwifery at the Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences in Tanzania. Jacquie had successfully arranged the sponsorship jointly with the Mill Point Rotary Club and the Kalgoorlie Rotary club. Right that the three clubs were able to split the payment of the tuition fees over the four years of her course with Melville Rotary contributing \$336.34 towards her final year fees this is a fantastic example of how Rotary clubs can work together to make a difference in the lives of others and how education can transform the future of individuals and communities.

**Donation: Rotary Foundation**

The Rotary Club of Melville donated \$3000 to the Rotary Foundation, a non-profit organization that supports various humanitarian initiatives around the world. The donation will go towards funding Rotary's global grant projects, which focus on promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, saving mothers and children, supporting education, and growing local economies.

### **Donation: Polio Plus**

The Rotary Club of Melville donated \$3000 to Polio Plus, a global initiative encompassed in the Rotary Foundation aimed at eradicating polio worldwide. The donation will go towards supporting vaccination campaigns in polio-endemic countries and promoting public awareness of the disease. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation donate \$2 for each \$1 donated to the polio plus programme so the RCM \$3000 donation is leveraged to a total of \$9000 for the polio eradication program

### **Conclusion**

In conclusion, the Rotary Club of Melville's International Committee has been actively involved in various initiatives aimed at promoting peace, goodwill, and understanding among nations. We have made significant contributions towards supporting various humanitarian causes, including orphanages in Thailand, water wells projects in Tanzania, disaster relief efforts, maternal and child health, and polio eradication. We remain committed to supporting these initiatives and look forward to making more significant contributions in the future.

Many thanks for the support of the committee members

Jacque Heron, Murray Meaton, Michael Rainsford, David Feinberg, Massimo Cau, David Barton.

Leigh Smith

Chair International Committee 2022 -2023



# **Vocational Service Committee Report**

**2022/23**

## **Rotary members**

David Hewitt (Chair) Marilyn Kench, Laura Porrato, Greg Walkington,  
John Mackay

## **Vocational awards**

It was with great pleasure that Cath MacDougall the candidate identified by President Elect Phil Draber was presented with an Excellence in the Workplace Award on Monday 17th October 2022. Laura organised the certificate and the citation and was thanked for her work. In addition a certificate of appreciation was presented by President Peter Smith on Sunday 30th October 2022 to Tania Mucciarone who assists Glenn and Rob at the Melville Rotary markets held each Sunday. Marilyn Kench was thanked for her initiative and for organising the certificate.

## **Vocational assistance**

After a request from the recipient of the Excellence in Workplace Award Cath MacDougall the club agreed to provide monetary assistance to support a First Nations Culinary program that was part of World Indigenous Tourism Summit held at Crown Perth in March 2023. The Vocational, Community and Youth Committees agreed to support first nations students attending the Summit for the amount of \$2,600 with \$600 allocated to Vocational committee and the balance equally between Community and Youth.

## **4 Way Test**

On behalf of the committee and district Marilyn Kench attended the District and State Final held at Kwinana and UWA on 21st August 2022 and 4th September 2022 respectively.

## **Vocational - Schools assistance**

As with the initiative started by our club in 2022 the committee again decided that it would be beneficial to the schools if we could co-ordinate our approach by liaising with Rotary clubs within our cluster both from a Vocational and Youth perspective. This would result in a combined approach to schools whilst drawing on the resources of four clubs.

We therefore issued invites to the three other clubs in our area ie Applecross, Attadale and Booragoon to attend meetings during the year. This has been a difficult process as schools are only now adjusting to a normal health situation after Covid 19.

As a result of our contacts we attended Leeming SHS on 21st August 2022 and Applecross SHS again on 16th November 2022 for their respective careers days. The event was attended by Marilyn and Greg from the Vocational Committee together with members of our club and members of cluster clubs.

Thanks to Marilyn who was instrumental in organising these programs and to Greg for his invaluable assistance.

In summary we believe our approach including involving other Rotary clubs will benefit the schools within our area, not only with their careers program but will create awareness



of all the other Rotary Vocational and Youth programs available to schools.

### **Vocational visits**

No vocational visits were undertaken during the year however we are planning a visit to Mineral Resources in August/September 2023 and Wheelchair for Kids in November 2023. The Mineral Resources visit will be appropriate as we are currently carrying out the ECU Aboriginal Education Program jointly with them.

### **Vocational - Social event**

Our President requested early in the year that each service committee organise a social event. Our committee led by David organised a visit to the Glowing Rooms (indoor mini golf with a twist) on Tuesday 31st January 2023. The event was well attended with a total of 21 members and friends enjoying the night. John MacKay was the gracious victor on the night and afterwards we attended the local Italian Restaurant Ruoccos for a more fellowship and a delightful meal.

I would like to personally thank all the members of the Vocational Committee for their support and assistance throughout the year.

David L Hewtt (Chair of the Vocational Committee)



## Youth Committee – Report for Rotary Year 2022/2023

**President: Peter Smith,**

**Committee:** Director Ross Ballard; Janice Pounder; Carolyn Cook; Phillip Draber; Bernie McCartan; Jinie Rajan; James Morris and PDG Marilyn Barton

During your year as President of Rotary Club of Melville Inc. the Youth Committee has held Seven meetings – 5 Meetings Bernie & Jinie's house: 2 meetings at the SPYC. The list of Youth projects herewith are the main items that committee members are pleased to report:

1. **Rotaract** –Phillip Draber has been involved with the Applecross Rotary Club and attempts to advance Rotaract with younger people in association with Rotaract CO Ordinator Samantha Fewster has been placed on hold.

This is a rotary sponsored activity to involve other local rotary clubs however, there needs to be a champion who has the leadership quality to encourage young persons into Rotary. A few meetings were arranged to advance this within our rotary zone.

The Rotary Club of Melville has sponsored a RYLA Elevate Leadership applicant Ms Parul Goblani to attend the course in Canberra and it is possible that Parul Goblani may take an interest with this Youth Leadership Development Group in Rotary Year 2023/24.

2. **Science Experience** – Bernie McCartan was in contact with local schools, and he found with the structural changes at Leeming High School that teachers were uncertain about student interest in attending a science experience program. Several attempts with other schools were made in the area for students aged 9 or 10 years but due to teacher input and lack of student interest with the program this project was not successful.

The Club was most appreciative of the documented screen presentation on Western Australia and its climate by Bernie McCartan, at its Evening Meeting held at the Dome in Mount Pleasant. The topic as outlined by Bernie to those attending was very informative and most interesting.

3. **National Youth Science Forum** – This is a school interest project that needs to be actioned early once students attend in the new school year. Carolyn Cook as a former head master is well experienced in the setting of the school year program and in rotary year 2024 with early notice to other local schools, it may result in a successful Youth Science activity for students.

4. **Leeuwin Sailing** – The Rotary Club of Melville has over many years provided applicants the opportunity to sail on the Leeuwin. Janice Pounder offered to oversee the visit of our club to the sailing vessel as a social event and see how the participants gain leadership experience. It is hoped this will be arranged at a time when the vessel is in Fremantle, between its coastal voyages.

One participant has been registered for a place to attend the Leeuwin Adventure sailing program with **\$2,100.00** expended in Budget 2022/23.

5. **RYPEN** – A Rotary International District 9465 RYPN Chair request for our club to assist with three participants who attended the program was accepted. The benefit to this project is to encourage young persons to learn of how enrichment to their future ideas can be achieved.

The cost towards travel and accommodation for the three attendees totalled **\$990.00**.

6. **RYLA** – The District promotion for RYLA participants to complete a Certificate 1 in Leadership through South Metro TAFE actioned by Phillip Draber and Bernie McCartan. Although this was to be a club sponsored process, the encouragement of participant interest at ECU and other local schools the program was not achieved.

As is mentioned earlier, Ms Parul Goblani was selected by the Youth Committee as a participant to attend the RYLA Oceania ELEVATE program. This was a process where both Phillip Draber and I interviewed her following notice she is a former RYLA group aspirant.

Acceptance for Ms Parul Goblani as a worthwhile nomination has been supported by a grant of **\$1,450.00** to meet the cost of this event.

7. **4 Way Speaking Competition** – A Rotarian visitor to our club to promote active participation in the 4 Way Test speaking competition, with Melville Rotary Club as an organiser to hold speaking event, has not been supported as a project.

This is a major Rotary activity for which a dedicated group of club members is involved.

8. **Rugby Works program** – James Morris is the person who saw an opportunity to advance Rotary support for community interest in sport clubs' input with participation of students.

James found the lack of interest in **P2S** by local schools and this program did not proceed.

9. **London International Youth Science Forum** – on the submission by PDG Marilyn Barton the Youth Committee determined that the nomination of Ms Prachi Dave to attend the Forum is favourably supported.

This forum to be held in London August 2023 is a further opportunity to expand Ms Prachi Dave's NYSF alumni and Staffie experience and further her Rotary Club interests.

Rotary Markets attendance on the lower spinner by Prachi has resulted in **\$750.00** being granted from Youth funds towards this event activity. Other Rotary Clubs pledged support to a figure \$1,750.00 leaving her a funding amount to fill of \$4,250.

Rotary Club of Melville has asked that she attend a club meeting on return from overseas and provide her International Youth Science experience to members.

10. **Other Youth Project Interests** – It is expected that the Youth Committee will spend its budget of \$14,000.00. I am aware that at least one other request for assistance remains to be considered. David Porter has referred a YMCA Youth Leadership opportunity for the Youth Committee to expand local community connections in Rotary Year 2023/24.

Funding for the World Indigenous Youth Summit **\$2,600.00** is listed as a worthwhile project.

Annual support to All Saints Student Award **\$400.00** has been actioned.

Prepare Produce Provide for food expo in Perth for the attendance by country indigenous persons to an amount of **\$1,000.00** has been allocated.

The Youth Committee has contributed **\$1,010.00** to assist market operations and attendances. A contribution of **\$750.00** to the issue of gift cards to the North Lake Schools Committee Breakfast Club is an ongoing Rotary Club project.

**YOUTH BUDGET: \$14,000.00**

<b>11. Budget 2022/2023</b>	<b>EXPENDITURE:</b>	
	• Leeuwin Adventure Sailing -	\$2,100.00
	• RYPEN District Program -	990.00
	• RYLA Oceania ELEVATE -	1,450.00
	• London Youth Science -	750.00
	• World Indigenous Youth Summit -	2,600.00
	• Market attendees –	1,010.00
	• NLSC Breakfast Club-	400.00
	• Prepare Produce provide -	1,000.00
	• All saints College-	<u>400.00</u>
	<b>Total to date May 2023</b>	<b>10,700.00</b>

The Youth Committee membership for Rotary Year was limited with persons who can perform with the time needed on topics, as presented for youth projects. I would take this opportunity to thank Phillip Draber for the support he provided on several major Rotary initiatives.

In closing, it is another Rotary Year that the Rotary Club of Melville continues to excel with its community support and dedicated youth services. I congratulate you as President, for your guidance and friendly help to us all as an inspiration towards a great Rotary Year 2022/2023.

Yours in Rotary,

Ross Ballard

Director  
Youth Committee