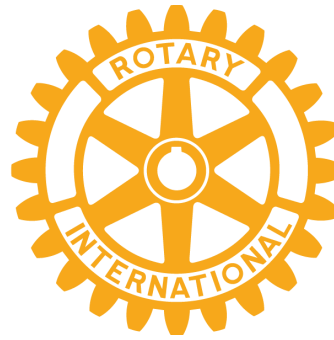


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The Rotary Club of Surfers Sunrise Inc Annual Changeover Luncheon

25th June 2023



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Programme

Master of Ceremonies: Larry Murray

Acknowledgment of Country President Mitch Brown
Toast to Australia Peter Morgan
Loyal Toast, Toast to Partners: Larry Murray
Introductions, Apologies: Larry Murray
President's Welcome: President Mitch Brown

Menu Braeside Estate

Mains

Alternative drop of
**Coconut & Macadamia crusted Barramundi,
with a green curry sauce,
Pac choi & grilled eggplant (gf, df)**

Or

**Crispy Skin Chicken Maryland,
with coriander salt & buttered carrots (gf)**

Dessert

Alternative drop of
**Sticky Date Pudding
with butterscotch sause & vanilla-bean ice cream**

Or

**Apple & Pear Crumble
with chilled berry coulis (vg, df)**

Toast to Rotary International: PDG Darrell Brown
Response: PDG Graham Jones AM
President's Report: President Mitch Brown
Club Presentations: President Mitch Brown

Handing over of Club Charter and President's Collar

Introduction of new board: President Doug Lipp
Close: Larry Murray

ROTARY CLUB OF SURFERS SUNRISE Inc Office Bearers 2022-23

President	Mitch Brown
Immediate Past President	Paul Seymour
Vice President	Paul Seymour
President Elect	Doug Lipp
Secretary	Trent Belling
Treasurer	Charles Thomasson
Director, Club Administration	Franz Huber
Director, Foundation	Gerald East
Director, Membership	Angus Miller
Joint Directors, Youth Services	Ashleigh Symes, Darrell Brown
Joint Directors, Services Project	Larry Murray, Paul O'Neill
Director, Fundraising	Ross Augustine
Chairman of Wheelchair Trust	Larry Murray

Club Service and special projects positions

Bulletin Editor/Webmaster	Franz Huber
Facebook Administrator	Franz Huber
Attendance Officer	Gerald East
Rotary Information, Club Trainer	Darrell Brown
District Awards submissions	Franz Huber
Matching Grants Submissions	Mario Fairlie
District Grants Submissions	Mario Fairlie
Golf Day Coordinators	Charles Thomasson, Doug Lipp, Paul Smith
Vanuatu Project Coordinator	Mario Fairlie

President's Report

Mitch Brown

Members one and all,

In his summary for 2022 – 2023, Franz has provided a detailed outline of the highlights of the past year for the Rotary Club of Surfers Sunrise. Little will be gained by me providing a further recitation of those events.

Similarly, the Directors' reports which follow provide a detailed record of the club's achievements throughout the year - it is not for me to steal the thunder of what has been achieved by the club's committees and I commend to you the Director's reports which follow.

Importantly, the club's operations at the Project Shed have been secured to 30 June 2028 with entry into a further five year lease with the Gold Coast City Council. As part of that renewal process a number of improvements were undertaken at the Project Shed to both enhance the amenity of the facilities for volunteers and assist in making operations there more efficient.

The club has had an outstanding year in terms of fundraising activities. Aside from the uptick in Bunnings Warehouse fundraisers, the Containers for Cash and the continuing success of the annual golf day, the club succeeded in securing a Federal Government grant thanks to the support from the Honourable Member for Moncrieff, **Ms Angie Bell**. That grant will be used to acquire a vehicle to support both future fundraising activities as well as operations at the Project Shed. **Ross Augustine's** efforts in particular in the Fundraising portfolio is a major reason why the club finds itself in a strong financial position.

The finalisation of the x-ray and pathology unit at the Mauna Health Centre on Pentecost Island, Vanuatu was unfortunately once again inhibited by external factors, this time natural disasters, beyond the control of mere mortals. These impediments regrettably contributed to an increase in the costs of that project but because of the club's healthy financial position, it is a hurdle we are in a position to overcome.

The adoption of a strategic plan to guide the club's direction in the coming years, buttressed by the return of regular club assemblies, means there is a clearer vision moving forward about what we want to achieve and how to get there. However, for this journey to continue, the process of implementation, reflection and adjustment must be an ongoing one.

The club came close to, but unfortunately fell just short of, achieving the goals to achieve a District citation. Try as we might, local media outlets just weren't interested in uplifting, feel good stories about community involvement and contributing to societal improvement.

I thank members of the Board and the club membership more generally for the support provided throughout the 2022 – 2023 Rotary year. Whatever has been achieved during this last 12 months belongs to all of you.

Being President has been both a challenging and rewarding experience.

I urge you to renew your commitment to the Rotary cause and to throw your support to the fullest extent possible behind incoming President Doug Lipp in his 2023 – 2024 presidency.

Nyanyahbu (*Yugambee language*)

Yours in Rotary,

Mitch Brown,
President 2022 - 2023

Profit and Loss

Rotary Club of Surfers Sunrise
For the period 1 July 2022 to 2 June 2023

1 JUL 2022-2 JUN
2023

Trading Income

BBQ Income	17,581.59
Business Expo Fundraising	3,188.00
Christmas Dinner	(37.62)
Christmas Cakes	(329.60)
Containers Fundraising	8,520.50
Corporate Sponsorship	2,160.00
Donations Received	1,020.68
Foundation Fundraising	200.00
Golf Day Income	8,435.40
Morning Meeting Fees	3,788.23
Other Revenue	422.69
Rotary Club Annual Dues	9,000.00
Total Trading Income	53,949.87

Gross Profit

53,949.87

Operating Expenses

Audit Fees	1,000.00
Awards	438.13
Bank Fees	56.16
Breakfast Costs	170.41
Club Runner Costs	701.65
District Dues	4,522.00
District Insurance	1,608.98
Donations paid	4,010.00
Dues Rotary International	3,950.76
Freight	8,089.67
Golf Day Expenses	2,159.75
Lutzy Award Board	2,550.00
Lutzy Award Meals	157.63
Membership Fees Paid	131.53
NYSF	975.00
Postage, Freight & Courier	381.24
Printing & Stationery	99.00
Project Shed-Electricity	2,418.72
Project Shed-Miscellaneous	2,155.50
Project Shed-Rates	1,202.65
Project Shed-Repairs & Maintenance	404.94
Rotary Shirts Costs	127.93
RYLA	575.00
RYPEN	1,340.00

Profit and Loss

1 JUL 2022-2 JUN
2023

RYTS	2,025.00
Subscriptions	1,161.00
Sundry Expenses	138.00
Trailer- Registration & Insurance	227.10
Training Costs	265.00
Vanuatu Project	1,355.70
Write Off Expenses	(1.00)
Youth Programmes	360.00
Total Operating Expenses	44,757.45
Net Profit	9,192.42

Surfers Sunrise Wheelchair Trust - Financials Doug Lipp

THE SURFERS SUNRISE WHEELCHAIR TRUST

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR PERIOD 1ST JULY 2022 TO 6TH JUNE 2023

Balance as per 1st July 2022 49630.83

ADD: INCOME

Donations Stripe	4149.67	
Donations Other	160.00	
Containers for Exchange	1544.50	
Donation Edwards Family Trust	<u>15000.00</u>	
		20854.17
		<u>70485.00</u>

LESS: EXPENDITURE

Purchases Factory	3566.50	
Purchases Wheel Chairs	7192.84	
Purchases Penticost Island	9919.12	
Led Lights	1190.00	
Payout Brian Tuesley	1035.61	
Security	297.00	
Pay Back Containers for Exchange	<u>5853.50</u>	
		29054.57
		<u>41430.43</u>

Balance as Per Bank Statement 6th June 2023

41430.43

Yours in Rotary,

Doug Lipp,
Treasurer.

Fundraising

Ross Augustine

Our fundraising budget for this year was \$25,000 (excluding direct donations to the Wheelchair Trust), and to this date we have raised well over \$34,800. We therefore will be well over over budget for the year, even though the budgeted \$7,000 income from the Italian Luncheon did not eventuate.

Below are the major sources of income for our club:

Bunnings BBQ: Our Sausage Sizzles have raised \$17,336 so far this year. This is expected to continue to be a major source of income for the coming Rotary year; we have already one booked for Sunday 13th August. However, after talking with the person in charge of these events at Bunnings, it is very likely that next year we will not have the same number of BBQ's allocated to us.

Containers for Change: **Geoff Croad** and **Paul O'Neill** have had meetings with Containers for Change. In total, we have raised \$8,028 this year. Again, in some instances, the demand is that moneys be allocated to benefit the local population rather than to overseas projects.

Golf Day: This major fundraiser earned \$6,276 this year. A big Thank You to the organisers **Charles Thomasson**, **Doug Lipp** and **Paul Smith**. The date for next golf day is on 30th October. We need to start advertising and determine if there is to be a major beneficiary.

Long Lunch: We are considering to hold a fundraising lunch at the Royal Pines Italian Restaurant.

Small Business Expo: All the funds raised from both the Gold Coast and Brisbane events was allocated to be used for our youth programs. \$3,188 was raised from the last Expo. Thank you, **PDG Darrell Brown**, for managing this event and for liaising with the organisers.

Federal Government Grant for ute at the project shed: We successfully applied for a grant for \$20,000 via the office of the federal member for Moncrief, **Angie Bell**, for the purchase of a motor vehicle (Ute) for our project shed. It will be used to tow the trailer to pick up old bicycles and materials, take material to the recycling plant etc. The club has received the funds. Our sincere thanks go to Angie for guiding this application through to its successful conclusion.

In the coming year, I think we need to look for a local charity to support and give our club a local focus. The next Surfers Sunrise Golf Day should have a nominated major beneficiary, to give the event a focus and attract greater sponsorship.

May I take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to all the helpers who assisted on the various events, particularly the organisers.

Yours in Rotary,

Ross Augustine,
Director, Fundraising

Membership

Over the past year, we welcomed an additional **Corporate Member: Cole Residential**, a leading Real Estate Agent, specialising (as its name would suggest) in residential real estate in the region of Surfers Paradise and surrounding suburbs. Corporate Members are entitled to two full memberships: this company is represented by its principal **Nick Cole** and **Nicole Bricknell**.

During the second half, **Evan Mita** and **Jake Richards** joined. Both work with Mission Australia, a nationwide organisation specialising in helping the less fortunate in our community. Evan is a former member of our club and has re-joined after a few years' absence. Welcome back, Evan, and



Coles Residential - Ali Boccassino, Jane Starr, Ashleigh Baker, Nick Cole, Nicole Bricknell, President Mitch Brown



potential members of Rotary. There are few restrictions, other than that the person must be what generally would be called a solid, respected citizen. Many a Rotarian, if asked why he didn't join earlier, will simply say that "I was never asked!"

Yours in Rotary

Angus Miller
Director, Membership

Angus Miller

welcome to Surfers Sunrise to both of you! As professionals in the Youth Welfare area, you are ideally suited to drive our principle of supporting youth. We much look forward to your contribution to our Youth Services committee.

As stated before, our club's policy in respect to membership is to attract quality rather than quantity. For this very reason, **ALL members** need to remain aware and spot people who are

Youth Services

Ashleigh Symes

Overall, we had a very successful year in Youth, sponsoring participants at all youth camps, with multiple participants at some camps from a variety of sources including pleasingly from the Surfers Paradise Surf Club where we hope to continue to develop this relationship and build on this success. Each year our Rotary club board approves \$3,300 expenditure on our youth programs funded via our role in the Gold Coast and Brisbane Business & Jobs Expos, with the budget extended this year to sponsor additional candidates, total expenditure \$5,250.

This year we were able to support:-

NYSF (National Youth Science Forum)

Samuel Brown, a student from Queensland Academies & Health Sciences who was sponsored for half of the cost of the program (\$950).

Lutzy Award



Lutzy Award 2022: (from left) President Mitch Brown,,Jan Lutz, Pieta Jackman, David 'Orchy' Orchard and Scott Andrews (Surfers Paradise SLSC)

Designed to be in honour of Keith Lutz, who was a prominent member of our club as well as a leader in the Surfers Paradise Surf Life Saving Club, it is aimed at an emerging young leader, nominated by the Surfers Paradise SLSC. For 2022/23, Pieta Jackman (centre, photo

below) was the recipient of the \$2,500 surf ski this year. We also sponsored Pieta to attend the RYPEN youth camp and look forward to hearing about her experience at an upcoming meeting, hoping to build on this success with the surf club in the future.

RYTS (Rotary Youth Transition Seminar)

We sponsored Zahra Forbutt and Chelsea Owen (photo right) and Samar Chauhan via Franz and his volunteering with the PCYC, with all the girls providing glowing praises to their experiences, at a cost of \$675 per participant (\$2,2025). Last year, Zahra was sponsored by our club to attend RYPEN (Rotary Youth Transition Seminar), a camp for 14-16 year olds.



RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards)

We sponsored Heidi (*) from Griffith Honours College who presented on her experience at the club, highlighting the sense of direction and new sense of purpose the camp provided, something that university hadn't been able to fulfil. We covered the \$575 camp cost with Heidi covering the \$100 deposit, an initiative introduced by Rotary to increase camp attendance. (* Heidi elected not to make her surname or photo public).

RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment)

We sponsored a total of 5 participants in this camp which took place in May, for \$335 each or total cost \$1,675 from Benowa State high, Mount Patrick State high and pleasingly from the Surfers Paradise Surf Club. Our healthy budget this year supported sponsoring numerous participants who we will hear from at an upcoming club meeting in the new year.

Next Rotary year the club board has approved a budget of \$3,300 for youth programs and we look forward to continuing to build on the success of the youth camps, Lutz award and potentially International youth exchange capitalising on our newly developed relationships with Wesley Mission via our new Youth Committee members Evan Mita and Jake Richards.

Yours in Rotary,

Ashleigh Symes,
Director, Youth Services

The Rotary Foundation

Gerald G. East

Doing good in the World starts with you. As a Rotarian, you are part of a global network that bridges barriers to create a better world. The Rotary Foundation impacts places that need us most because of your service and support, but help is needed more than ever, and we cannot do it without you.

Our members are People of Action, especially in times of crisis. With clubs in nearly every country in the world. Rotary is uniquely prepared to help communities when they need us most, The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into projects through a flexible grant structure that enables Rotarians to tackle these complex challenges with short- and long-term solutions.

In this financial year, our Club has been able to access US\$52,000-00 from The Rotary Foundation towards our Hospital and X-Ray facility project in Vanuatu, as well as a Rotary District Grant for the same project.

This is one of the reasons that we must not give up on our contributions to the Foundation which come back to us with a multiplier effect when needed for projects. This year our Club donated A\$100-00 per member to the Foundation, as well as some of our Club members' personal donations.

Once more, we were unable to secure funding from the Bunnings sausage days, these funds being directed to other causes which our Club supports.

The
Rotary
Foundation



EVERY
ROTARIAN
EVERY
YEAR

If you are a Rotarian looking for a very good cause, donate some of your nest egg. A bequest to The Rotary Foundation will ensure your memory lives on in future Rotary projects. There is the Endowment Share program, where funds are shared between the World Fund and District Designated Funds. This option allows your contribution to grow over time and continue to transform lives. Alternatively, a General Bequest to the foundation is for use by the Trustees at their determination, in one or more of Rotary's area of focus. This option allows you to support specific Rotary projects that align with your interests and passions. The amount you designate can be of your choosing.

However, for as little as US \$10,000, Rotarians can become members of the Rotary Bequest Society and receive a Bequest Society pin as well as an exclusive piece of art, suitable for framing. There is also a range of additional options ranging from US\$25,000 to \$500,000 with various levels of recognition and naming rights of projects. These are listed on The Rotary Foundation website.

Rotarians considering any of the above options may be concerned with the cost of developing or changing a Will. To simplify the process, Rotary has joined with Safewill, an Australian legal/technology company that makes creating and/or updating will quick and inexpensive. Rotary members receive a 50% discount off an already low price. Visit www.safewill.com/rotaryfoundation. Or check with your own solicitor about a codicil to add The Rotary Foundation as a benefactor. You can't take it with you!

With the 2023/24 Rotary year approaching, we all look forward to a good year ahead, now that Covid is well past us. Just keep smiling.

Yours in Rotary.

Gerald G. East
Director, The Rotary Foundation

Working With Children – Blue cards

Gerald G. East

All Members of our Club who engage in club projects that involve children are required to obtain a Working With Children – Blue Card if they don't already have one. There is no cost involved to obtain a card for a Volunteer. New applicants can download the form online, but will need to contact myself as the Organisation Portal User to confirm their Identity (you will need a driver's licence or proof of identity card for this purpose). Members who already have a card can renew it online before expiry with no dramas. However, if you let it expire, you have to go through the new applicant procedure to renew your card. So, the word is, don't let them run out. Any Members renewing or obtaining a new card are asked to email me the card number and expiry date for our records. I thank you all for your cooperation.

Yours in Rotary,

Gerald G. East
Youth Protection Officer

Wheelchair Trust

Larry Murray, Paul O'Neill

The Rotary Club of Surfers Sunrise project shed has had a hugely successful 12 months with over 350 wheelchairs delivered, the major portion going to Rotary clubs in South Africa. Currently, we are delivering a quantity to the highlands of New Guinea where there is great demand, we also have on order for a 20-foot container load for Fiji Rotary (approx. 187). They have also agreed to cover some freight costs. This will be our next shipment, which we hope to complete within the next 20 to 30 weeks. In addition we know South Africa would like another 40-foot container when available.

It has been rewarding during the year to see at least one Rotary member at the shed on a Saturday. I would, however, encourage everyone to attend as often as possible to maintain the connection between the shed and the club. The workforce is steady, but we do need more volunteers, please keep an eye out for any likely candidates.

The board has agreed to purchase enough material to manufacture another 400 wheelchairs. Geoff Croad is in the process of placing the order and we are awaiting board instructions to pay the pro-forma invoice. We are not ordering plastic seats, as we have managed to obtain a quantity from various sources free of charge; usually where sport premises have been updated. This is a considerable cost saving.

We had an amazing Christmas party with over 40 guests. Generous donors contributed several food items and, of course, all the shed men got their very much appreciated Christmas cake. A small but important reward for their efforts. It was nice to see that quite a number of club members also attended.

This year we finally had the drive adjacent to the containers concreted, something we have been aiming to do for 5 years. **Doug Lipp** kindly organized it through one of his contacts to do the work free of charge. They were a great team who undertook the task in their own time, **asking for no payment**, and did not even want to be formally acknowledged. It has made a huge improvement in workplace safety and ease of operation. We have also had new lighting installed in the shed, improving visibility and safety. Being modern LED lights, this results in a significant reduction in costs. This purchase is due to the generosity of **John-Paul Langbroek MP**, LNP member for Surfers Paradise, and **Sam O'Connor MP**, LNP Member for Bonney.

Palin Creek Correctional Centre has again been a very productive partner this year, with reliable delivery of completed wheelchairs. They are a vital contributor to our overall production.

In addition to our normal production, we have been looking into the possibility of making a 3-wheeler bike to aid handicapped children to run. Our first prototype fell short of the design parameters because of limited in-house tools. **Griffiths Uni** is leading the project; they are developing a system utilizing aluminum tubes and 3D plastic components which should be easier to make and assemble. The project is ongoing, Palin Creek also made a prototype that had some merit, but unfortunately, it was stolen from the yard.

A major achievement in the shed this year is the acquisition of a utility truck. Although the purchase is not yet concluded, we have been using it for the past 2 or 3 weeks. It has made a huge difference to our operation, allowing independent operation without depending on the generosity of our combined members. This is good news for Franz who has donated a lot of his time and the use of his vehicle, collecting numerous punctures whilst collecting bikes almost every weekend. *[And received great fellowship, coffee and cake on Saturday morning in return, thank you... Ed.]*

A special mention must go to a local donor who wishes to remain anonymous, who made a substantial, much appreciated 5-figure donation to our Wheelchair Trust. Thank you!



Being Chairman of the Wheelchair Trust is an awful lot of hard work, but it has its compensations, including raising a toast to the workers at our Christmas party! Ed.



Our "Foreman" Bryan Tuesley (right) and Rick Parry (left) pick up a trailer load of old bikes from the Endeavour Foundation depot at the Molendinar Refuse Centre, to be re-purposed into wheelchairs.

Whilst we have had an exciting and productive 12 months, we are acutely aware that the shed has the capacity to engage in additional projects. To this end, we are trying to get younger people involved on a regular basis. We are talking to our new club members Evan Mita and Jake Richards, who are professionally involved with youth projects. They are offering to help us with individual projects mentoring and general support.

The Pentecost Island medical facility (see separate report by Mario Fairlie below) was completed in March/April this year and is currently awaiting construction on site, now expected to be in August or September. This project has been a major task for the

shed. The efforts of our skilled tradesmen and enthusiastic helpers cannot be over-emphasized. To name just a few: Jim Pearce, Ben Loots, John Groves, the many Rotaractors, particularly Matt Hayward and Kristen 'KJ' Jewson, who also were instrumental in setting up the dedicated websites and Facebook pages for the Wheelchair Trust and the Mauna Health Centre. All did a lot of the heavy lifting. It is not feasible to name everyone involved; please be assured that everyone of you, who donated your time, effort and skill, made the project possible. A great many people on Pentecost Island will benefit when the X-Ray and Blood Analysis unit is installed and will be operating for many years to come.

Next year we are committed to continuing the manufacture of 'Rough Terrain Wheelchairs'. We are continually seeking additional projects to maximize the shed facility; ideally with local projects to benefit our own community. Any suggestions would be greatly welcomed.

Yours in Rotary

Larry Murray,
Chairman, Surfers Sunrise Wheelchair Trust.

X-Ray Unit for Pentecost Island, Vanuatu

Mario Fairlie



The project was delayed by two years, due to COVID 19 travel restrictions. But finally, two containers are on the way to Vanuatu!

Mauna Health Centre is a bush hospital on Pentecost Island, roughly 500 Km north of Vanuatu's capital Port Vila.

Initiated by a Dr Richard Leona from Pentecost Island, who in early 2019 attended a Gold Coast Medical Association

meeting. He requested assistance to provide a building to house a portable X-Ray and blood auto-analysers, to be placed next to a surgical theatre in Mauna Health Centre, Abwatuntora, Pentecost Island, Vanuatu.

Dr Graham Sivyier (then) President of RC of Broadbeach, convened with Mario Fairlie (RC of Surfers Sunrise) and Greg Bowler (RC of Gold Coast) to develop a plan for its implementation.

The planning stage alone would take in excess of 100 man hours, followed by the setting up of a website, conference with Des La Rance OAM, who is the designer of cyclone proof "flat pack" buildings, several of which had previously been erected in disaster areas such as Phuket (after the 2014 Boxing Day Tsunami), Samoa (2009 Tsunami), the 'House of Hope' in Apia, Samoa, just to name a few.

The building itself was built at the Surfers Sunrise Rotary project shed in Arundel on the Gold Coast. After completion, it was carefully catalogued, dismantled and packed into two containers. Also included is donated X-Ray equipment which was re-conditioned by Ben Loots, a professional in medical electronics. Additionally, new X-Ray and blood analysis equipment will be shipped directly.



At the Ministry of Health [Dr Richard Leona, First Secretary to the Minister, Mario Fairlie, Graham Sivyier, Minister Mako (Minister for Health, Vanuatu)]

Once the materials have arrived on Pentecost Island, a team of Rotarians and Rotaractors will be travelling to Pentecost Island to re-erect the building on site. Watch this spot for the update!

Along with the build, the involved Rotary clubs, as well as professionals from the Gold Coast Medical Association, will assist in the continued training of the medical staff on the island, to ensure that the equipment will be deployed to its real purpose.

On 5th April, the three participating Rotary clubs Surfers Sunrise, Broadbeach and Gold Coast celebrated the official hand-over. Some 60 attendees enjoyed a hearty breakfast at Catalina Cafe on Broadwater Parklands, honoured by the presence of several dignitaries, including our District Governor Karen Thomas and Assistant Governor Sheila

Ponting, local MPs John-Paul Langbroek and Sam O'Connor, Councillors Ryan Bayldon-Lumsden and Darren Taylor, the President of the Gold Coast Medical Association, Professor Philip Morris, just to name a few. Regrettably, the dignitaries expected from Vanuatu were unable to join us, due to the massive devastation that was caused by the two cyclones that recently struck their country.

Master of Ceremonies Trent Belling, a third generation Rotarian as he proudly introduced himself, led the proceedings with aplomb. Mario Fairlie and Dr Graham Sivyver, who together with Greg Bowler were the project's leaders, provided a brief outline of its history. They had visited Vanuatu twice, both the destination at Pentecost Island as well as for meetings with authorities in the capital Port Vila.



"There would have been a thousand people involved all up," Mario emphasised, "from the helpers on the ground to the many individual donors of both finances and materials. Equally important is that we recognise the Global Grant from The Rotary Foundation and not least the young Rotaractors. Young people are essential to have around, not just for young ideas, but for physically demanding work". Yes, if it wasn't for their work, the building might still be under construction!

Local member for Surfers Paradise, John-Paul Langbroek briefly outlined how important the ongoing work with South Pacific countries, at all levels of Government as well as at basic population basis is.

(Also, check the Mauna website www.maunahealthcentre.com as well as the Download files on www.rotarysurferssunrise.org for a slideshow and press release.

Yours in Rotary,

Mario Fairlie
Coordinator,
Mauna Health Centre, Pentecost Island, Vanuatu project

Club Administration

Franz Huber

The year started with incoming President Mitch Brown reverting to the traditional Changeover Luncheon, this time with an Italian theme at Bambino's Ristorante in Bundall. Simon Brook was Chairman, and together with Mitch he kept proceedings to the usual brevity and free of bombast for which Surfers Sunrise is famous for.

Venue, Program

With the exception of a meeting at the Project Shed, all our regular meetings were 'in person' at the Surfers Paradise SLSC, where the upstairs venue is made available every fortnight for our 'formal' meetings. On alternative weeks we have a 'social' meeting, downstairs in the bistro. We also met one morning at the Gold Coast PCYC, in anticipation of a possibly closer relationship with this important organisation; this was followed up with a guest speaker spot by its manager, Sgt Cherie MacLean.

The list of speakers and events throughout the year (see full details with corresponding links further on in this report) shows a nicely balanced program across a variety of subjects. On multiple presentations, our own members, demonstrated their expertise, such as Charles Thomasson on the Stock Market and Ashleigh Symes on the complexities of Superannuation. Contrasting, we enjoyed presentations of new members introducing themselves, health care specialists (yes, some of us are at an age where we may well heed their advice - your Editor included!) and **Angie Bell**, MP for Moncrieff (picture right) in what now has become a regular annual event. But the presentations I enjoy more than anything are those given by the awardees of our various youth programs: the 'Lutzy Award', RYLA, RYPEN, RYTS, the National Youth Science Forum (see Youth Service Director **Ashleigh Symes'** report above on Youth Service).



Website, Bulletin, Social Media, Communication

I've always maintained that editing the bulletin, website and Facebook is to be treated as a hobby, not as a job. But the work can only be enjoyable if the club is as active as Surfers Sunrise. This hobby has one major additional benefit: I claim to get more out of our guest speakers than anyone else, as I really need to pay attention! This year, our District Governor and the awards committee gave us the District Award for best club communication.

Club Administration

Our weekly club bulletin and website are running via 'Clubrunner', an Internet (or 'cloud based') system adopted by Rotary International. The same system is also used to notify members and the public of upcoming events allows the downloading of photo albums and documents, as well as a depository for club documents. Those documents are accessible to all members (it requires a login and password to protect privacy), and so is membership data. An app which runs on either iPhone or Android mobiles also allows instant access to such items as membership data.

I am very grateful for input to contribute to the smooth running of our club's administration

and who did a presentation or assisted with arranging guest speakers. Keep them coming!

Social events

With the exception of our Christmas Breakfast at Marina Mirage, organised by Graeme Isaacson, and the corresponding Christmas Party for our volunteers at the Project Shed, organised by Larry Murray and Paul O'Neill, social events were somewhat scarce... Whilst late afternoon drinks every second Thursday at the Benowa Tavern are usually attended by about 10 members, this was not really the sort of social event I had in mind. Perhaps, we could organise a nice luncheon outing or even a dinner with our partners at some time?



In closing, a special, big 'Thank You!' must go to our outgoing President **Mitch Brown**. Under his leadership, this has again been a dynamic and invigorating year for Surfers Sunrise, with many refreshing upgrades of our club's bylaws and procedures. And welcome, incoming President **Doug Lipp**! I much look forward to another year of enjoying the spirited meetings of Surfers Sunrise Rotary.

Yours in Rotary

Franz Huber
Director, Club Administration

Club Committee Changes		
	2022-23	2023—24
President	Mitch Brown	Doug Lipp
Immediate Past President, Vice President	Paul Seymour	Paul Seymour
President Elect	Doug Lipp	TBA
Secretary	Trent Belling	Trent Belling
Executive Secretary	Franz Huber	Franz Huber
Treasurer	Charles Thomasson	Charles Thomasson
Director - Club Administration Program, Communication, Website & Social Media Administrator	Franz Huber	Franz Huber
Joint Directors - Service Projects (Vocational, Community Service, International Service, Young Leaders)	Larry Murray, Paul O'Neill	Larry Murray, Paul O'Neill
Director - Public Image (Media Relations, Advertising, Market- ing, Social Media)	Johnny Bueti & Andy Bell (Joint Directors)	TBA
Director - Membership Recruitment, Retention, Orientation, Education, Diversity	Angus Miller	Angus Miller
Director - The Rotary Foundation Polio Plus, Fundraising for TRF	Gerald East	Gerald East
Director - Fundraising	Andy Bell, Ross Augustine, Johnny Bueti	Ross Augustine
Joint Directors, Youth Services	Ashleigh Symes, Darrell Brown	Ashleigh Symes, Darrell Brown
Chairman, Wheelchair Trust	Larry Murray	Larry Murray
Bulletin Editor / Webmaster	Franz Huber	Franz Huber
Facebook Page / Social media	Franz Huber	Franz Huber
Youth Protection Officer (incorporating Blue Cards)	Gerald East	Gerald East
Matching Grants Submissions	Mario Fairlie, Ray Higgs	Mario Fairlie
Club Insurance Officer	Ian Mayberry	Ian Mayberry
Member Care Officer	Paul Seymour	Paul Seymour
Fellowship, Social Program	TBA	TBA



Clockwise, from top left: the X-Ray Unit committee; two of our 'movers & shakers, Geoff Croad and Mario Fairlie; the winning team of our Golf Day; another container is ready to ship; Christmas party at the project shed; our "Chief Rat Catcher", the (sometimes) resident carpet python (Morelia Spilota - very placid, NOT dangerous!); Ashleigh Symes demonstrated her expertise on Superannuation; Co-Chair Chief at the shed, Paul O'Neill and his partner Maria

