

THE ROTARY CLUB OF NUMURKAH Inc.

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR

THE ROTARY YEAR 2016 - 2017

Changeover Dinner Program

Monday the 26th June 2017





PROGRAM FOR CHANGEOVER DINNER
26th JUNE 2017



7.00pm	Call to Order	Rtn Jeff Buzza
Welcome		Pres. John Watson AM
Chairman		PP Chris Sutton
Rotary Grace		All Rotarians
Loyal Toast		Rtn Stephen Mills
Toast to Rotary		Rtn Julie Andrew
Response		DGE Malcolm Kerr
Toast to Rotarian Partners		Rtn Linda Boyd
Presentation of Annual Report 2016-17		Pres John Watson AM
Heads & Tails		PP Frank Malcolm and Rtn Jason Andrew
Sergeant Session		Rtn Jeff Buzza
Community Service Award Presentation		PE Jacque Phillips OAM
Vocational Service Award Presentation		Rtn Jeff Buzza
President's Address to Club		Pres John Watson AM
Induction of 2017/18 President		DGE Malcolm Kerr
Incoming President's Address and introduction of 2017-18 Board		Pres Jacque Phillips OAM
Close of Official Meeting – Fellowship		

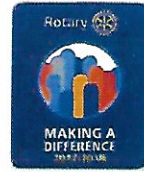


Rotary Club of Numurkah

2016 – 2017 Board Members

President	John Watson AM
President Elect	Jacque Phillips OAM
Past President	Chris Sutton
Secretary	Phil Meagher
Treasurer	Sue Fisher
Club Administration	Phil Meagher
Public Relations	Lou Hamon
Foundation	Julie Andrew
Membership	Chris Sutton
Service Projects & Community Service	Jacque Phillips
International Service	Julie Andrew
Vocational	Jeff Buzza
New Generations	Jason Andrew





ROTARY CLUB OF NUMURKAH
BOARD MEMBERS 2017 – 2018

<i>President</i>	<i>Jacque Phillips OAM</i>
<i>Immediate Past President</i>	<i>John Watson AM</i>
<i>President Elect</i>	<i>Linda Boyd</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Phil Meagher</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Adrian Connolly</i>
	<i>Julie Andrew</i>
	<i>Jeff Buzza</i>
	<i>Lou Hamon</i>
	<i>Kate Hodge</i>
	<i>Stephen Mills</i>

COMMITTEES

<i>Service Project:</i>	Stephen Mills (Chair)
<i>Rotary Foundation:</i>	Julie Andrew (Chair)
<i>New Generations:</i>	Linda Boyd (Chair)
<i>Vocational Service:</i>	Jeff Buzza (Chair)
<i>Membership:</i>	Kate Hodge (Chair)
<i>Club Administration:</i>	Phil Meagher
<i>Public Relations:</i>	Lou Hamon (Chair)

OTHER ROLES:

<i>Attendance:</i>		<i>Catering Co-ordinator:</i>	Geoff Holmes
<i>Bulletin:</i>	Lou Hamon.	<i>Fellowship:</i>	Judy Newman
<i>Sergeant:</i>	Jeff Buzza, Phil Seager.	<i>Welcome Officer:</i>	Geoff Stewart, Bill Hewson
<i>Program:</i>	Gary Phillips		

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2016-17

The Rotary Club of Numurkah has continued with its valuable contributions to the local community, the broader Australian community and to the International community through 2016-17. Later this calendar year the Club will celebrate its 70th Anniversary. This is a tremendous milestone and the Club has been extremely well regarded in the community for the whole time.

The Club is strongly supported by the local community, demonstrated by being named the Moira Shire Community Organisation of the Year and as the Numurkah Community Organisation of the Year at the 2017 Australia Day awards. We also receive very strong community support for our local projects, from our street BBQs to our major events and raffles.

Our membership numbers have remained strong with some new members showing a real commitment to club activities. The make-up of our membership is critical to long term success as is the individual contribution of members. I have been pleasantly surprised at the willingness of our members to support club activities and we always seem to have the required number of members to attend to our charitable and service work. The diversity of our membership base is largely responsible for that as it provides the opportunity for members to attend their business and private matters whilst others can support club activities on any particular day.

Rotary International has responded to the need to be more inclusive in attracting and motivating to service a broader church of individuals over recent years by regularly amending the Rules. The organisation has moved significantly from the culture of one hundred years ago to better represent the more modern values of people. Clubs are encouraged to be inclusive of not only diverse gender, but diversity across the community. The Rotary Club of Numurkah has representation across gender, age and career backgrounds.

The underlying theme of Rotary, that has never changed is, Service through Fellowship. Under new Rotary International rules it is no longer a requirement for clubs to meet weekly, but when our club has debated the value of shifting to fortnightly meetings the members have stood strongly on maintaining weekly meetings. They believe that fellowship, through regular meetings and other social interaction is the key to the club's service success. I agree.

The Club has been involved in many projects through the year with a new one, the Remembrance Ride being run in conjunction with the Numurkah sub-branch of the RSL. The Remembrance Ride was organised with two aims, firstly to raise funds for an Australian Rotary Health project to finance three PhD medical students to study the causes and impacts of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder on service personnel, both serving and ex and to raise public awareness of the issue.

Another new project was championed and run by Past President Sieg Seiter. It was the production and sale of an Advent Calendar. The project was strongly supported by the local business community and encouraged locals to shop locally as well being a very successful

fund raiser for the Club. I congratulate Sieg for the initiative, the hard work and for the success of the project.

The Club also ran a number of fund raising BBQs to assist Pip Cowan's trip to Mississippi. At the time of writing this Report Pip is travelling in the US and from his Facebook posts is having the time of his life. It is a wonderful feeling to know the Club has played a role in helping him. We also assisted the Town Band with a BBQ at its fundraiser. Another hand's on project has been in supporting Pals with both a BBQ and a working bee to clear up their site in O'Connor Street. We also assisted the Numurkah Historical Society with two of their functions.

Our Club BBQ is also used each Wednesday evening to provide a free meal and the opportunity for locals to socially interact in Newman Square.

Other regular projects including the Environmental & Heritage Trip, the Art and Craft Show, the Business Breakfast and support for the Umoja Orphanage in Kenya are covered in other reports in this Annual Report.

I am proud to have had the opportunity to lead the Club over the past year and am thrilled with the fantastic and generous support of many of the Club members. You also have something to be proud of and importantly a big responsibility to ensure the Club's future success. Following the resignation of the Treasurer in early February, Geoff Holmes, Jeff Buzza and Adrian Connelly have been incredibly helpful in getting us to the end of the financial year. The Club's Annual Financial Report will be presented to the Board and then to Club members for approval at our AGM in November.

Rotary is a magnificent organisation worldwide with our members and supporters being responsible for raising billions of dollars to support on ground service to humanity through literally thousands of projects.

I wish Jacque Phillips every success in her year as President and to the rest of our members a wish that you receive the just rewards for the wonderful efforts you contribute.

John Watson AM - President



ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR YEAR 2016 - 2017

We only had one member who had a perfect attendance for the year and that was President John Watson. Congratulations John. Graham Hodge only missed one meeting due to a bereavement in the family. Well done Graham. Bill Hewson missed two meetings and June Hewson missed three meetings. Other members were close behind.

We must remember that attendance at meetings should not be our main objective. Many members have worked tirelessly during the year working for our many functions, BBQs, Working Bees and many other events and these are what we are in Rotary for - to help our own and also the wider Community.

So well done one and all and keep up the good work.

Bill Hewson - Attendance Officer





37th ANNUAL ART & CRAFT EXHIBITION.

ART EMPOWERING THE COMMUNITY

The Rotary Club of Numurkah 37th Annual Art & Craft Exhibition was held over the weekend from Friday 10th March to Monday 13th March.

The official opening on Friday by Damian Drum MP also heard the art judge, Terry Jarvis announce the award winners plus his comments on the award paintings.

In his opening remarks, art judge Terry Jarvis commented "Art empowers the Community". Art brings communities together, and that this exhibition demonstrates this.

Damian Drum M.P. in officially opening the exhibition said art is important in any community. Tastes may vary over a variety of styles, and this exhibition of high standard illustrated there is something for everyone, thus bringing people together.

- Terry Jarvis selected "Upon a Blue Vase" by Gregory Smith as Best in Show.
- Runner Up was "Last Vestiges of Autumn" by Barbara Beasley-Southgate.
- Best Watercolour was Lorraine Lewitska's "Dancer".
- Best Oil was awarded to "Out of the Bag" by Gregory Smith.
- Best Pastel was "A Jewel in the Forest" by Barbara Beasley-Southgate.
- Best Regional Artist was awarded to David Hardiment for "Lazy Palms".
- Moira Art & Culture Inc. Encouragement Award was: Empress: by Tanya Phillips.
- Photographic Award was "Billy Buttons" by Dennis Rickard.
- Junior Photograph Award. "Wired Simplicity" by Sophie Hodge.

The Craft Section was judged by Cindy McKenzie.

The exhibition was well attended with good sales.

Special thanks to committee members who worked tirelessly to bring the exhibition to fruition. Entry secretaries Kate Hodge, Julie Andrew, Fiona Seager, Linda Watson, Jennifer Routley, Margaret Canobie and Pam Brennan, Terry Brennan sponsorship, Sue Fisher treasurer and Gary Phillips catering deserve special mention.

Thanks to the support of club members and partners for their full support. For the fifth consecutive year the Art & Craft Exhibition has raised over \$10,000 for club disbursements, this year's amount was \$15,000.

Lou Hamon
Chairman, Art & Craft Committee

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

Thanks to the valuable support from the Numurkah Leader, the Rotary Club has enjoyed considerable success in having press releases, stories, articles, reports and photos submitted published in the Leader throughout the year, all publicising our activities to the community. Thankyou Numurkah Leader.

Our website www.numurkahrotary.org provides a wonderful window on our club to the public, where office-bearers, up-coming events, stories on activities as well as a photo album section full of photos depicting the club in action on its various activities. Annual reports and the weekly bulletin can also be viewed by the public. The stories on the home page are updated weekly.

All our club members have internet access and thus the internet is the logical choice for communication to our members.

Unfortunately not all members are diligent in reading their emails, this may be for several reason, lack of time or not comfortable with the internet.

Members please read your emails and the weekly bulletin, it is how the club communicates with you.

Members have also, through the website, access to the club directory of our membership and members profiles, and the ability to email to all or some of our members. It is pleasing to see more and more members avail themselves off his email service.

The website is used for tracking attendances, and can give a snapshot of the club membership by gender, age, length of service etc.

The weekly bulletin is emailed to each member, reporting on the weekly meeting, and advising of coming events and members responsibilities.

A Facebook page where weekly posts can be viewed, is building a wide following. The number of page “likes” is growing, and each post receives “likes”.

This is another medium in which our club presents itself favourably to the public.

Lou Hamon PR Director/webmaster/bulletin editor



Community Service Report 2016-17

The Rotary Club of Numurkah has continued their involvement in a range of activities for the benefit of the local and broader community in 2016-17. Thanks to all members of the club for their generous support with this year's projects. You should be proud individually and collectively for what has been achieved. Community Service is one of five avenues of service and is described as 'encouraging every Rotarian to find ways to improve quality of life for people in their communities and to serve the public interest'.

Throughout the year the club has supported a number of personal, business and community groups where Rotarians have given 'Service above Self'. This is demonstrated through the large range of activities the Club coordinates, participates and supports. All of these opportunities give us a chance to respond to the needs of our local community and national and global projects.

You will have seen Rotary at BBQ fundraisers for the Numurkah Town Band to raise money for important musical instruments and encourage people to join this wonderful organization. On an individual basis Pip Cowan could be heard playing his diddly-bow whilst the BBQ attracted many to purchase a sausage and contribute to his trip to Mississippi, Memphis and New Orleans. Other BBQs to raise funds have been at Bunnings and clearing sales.

In October the orange juice machine was a successful attraction at the Food Bowl Festival. This event showcased Numurkah and the atmosphere was buzzing with excitement. Also in October the Club supported Lift the Lid campaign to raise awareness for mental health, an increasing concern and particularly following the announcement of significant reduction in milk price for many of our local dairy farmers. The BBQ was once again brought out for a local event where Numurkah District Health Service hosted an event to let the dairy industry know of local and regional supports whilst they faced the challenges ahead.

The manpower of Numurkah Rotary has been greatly appreciated at the PALs working bee where outdoor structures such as shade house and sheds were demolished to meet safety requirements and make way for subdivision of neighboring land. Other events included the Good Friday appeal, St Josephs Fun Run, Bendigo Bank BBQ, Australia Day breakfast and Anzac Day dawn service. These events highlight the important role of Numurkah Rotary in supporting a wide variety of community groups and clubs.

The Christmas event was catered by our own Geoff Holmes and Gary Phillips with the capable assistance of members and their spouses. The club had a fun and social night as we celebrated another year of fellowship and friendship. Our Christmas breakup was followed by the New Year BBQ with Lions. It was held at the Bowling Club this year due to extreme weather and was once again well supported by both clubs.

The annual Art Show was another huge success led by Lou Hamon and his dedicated committee. This is a chance for all Rotarians to be involved in their club major annual event

where considerable money is raised for Rotary projects. The club also supported the Professional Networking event, a very successful initiative for people to meet and share opportunities to get involved in our local community through 'speed dating'.

The annual Service Club dinner was held in May with Gail Jenkins as guest speaker. Gail shared her personal story following the death of her father, Ray Denman who was tragically killed on police duty in Numurkah. Gail spoke on the work she now does to support the Victorian Blue Ribbon Foundation. An inspirational speaker and a reminder of the selfless work of our emergency services personnel who protect individuals and our community on a daily basis.

A highlight of the year was the RSL motorbike ride that took us from Numurkah to Euroa and onto Seymour where we met for lunch at the Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Walk. In partnership with Numurkah RSL funds were raised to support Rotary Health to award PhD scholarships to research the effects of post traumatic stress disorder on returned service personnel and their ongoing mental health. The event was heavily supported by Rotarians and RSL members and all funds raised went to support Australian Rotary Health to find out more information on this incredibly difficult health issue. There has also been a lot of work by a small committee led by Stephen Mills to develop a local map of the original soldier settlement blocks taken up in the local district. This project will be completed in the next few months and will be an important piece of history.

Our year finishes with the fourth Business Breakfast and Sadhana Smiles entertaining us with her motivating and inspiring story. It is no doubt that we are privileged to have speakers such as Sadhana come to Numurkah and share their business and personal journey. Funds raised go to Links Fiji, her not for profit organization in Fiji to improve people's health via education and medical assistance creating real change in basic and preventative health care.

Thank you to Rotarians, their families and the community to enable Numurkah Rotary Club to be relevant to the community and give resources to benefit projects on a local, national and global basis.

Jacque Phillips OAM



Membership Report 2016-17

The Rotary Club of Numurkah has a healthy active membership. With a current Membership of 37 members, the Club is in a good position.

Our Club gender mix is made up of 35% females / 65% male which is certainly one of our club strengths. Many clubs struggle to attract and retain female members, so this is something we can be proud of.

Our 3 new members inducted this year, Squish Davis, Grant Deppler and Judy Newman, are already very active members, contributing to Club & Community through their service. Judy has the noted distinction of being the only member in Club history to have been inducted at a Waste Recycle Plant. Grant inspires us with his Interplast Fundraising and adventures. Squish presented the most interesting options for her Rotary Classification of any new member.

Attracting new members will always remain one of Rotary's biggest challenges to ensure a healthy, active club, to service current Projects and develop new Projects to address community needs into the future. With only 5% of the Club being below the age of 50, we continue to need to find ways of attracting younger members. Yet in some respects we are a "young" club with 40% of our club only having been members for 1 to 5 years. Our longest serving member is Sieg with an amazing 49 years' service!

Up to date Numurkah Rotary Pamphlets, Facebook posts, our Clubrunner Website and newspaper reports of events, certainly raise the profile of our club & we have many expressions of interest "one day"; but it is getting members **today** which is the challenge. Personal approach will always be the most effective way. People just need to be asked.

Membership is of course two-fold. Getting members firstly, but then retaining members. We need to mentor, encourage and help members find their fit, making their Rotary journey a positive experience; an equally great challenge in Club Membership. I wish Kate all the best for her incoming year as Membership Director.

Chris Sutton Membership Director



YOUTH SERVICE RPORT

2016-2017

Portsea Camp

The Portsea Camp was a great success again this year with 20 local children travelling to the weeklong camp in January. One child was sponsored by the Numurkah RSL Club. The children were very appreciative of the opportunity given to them. From all reports it was a fantastic experience making new friendships and learning new life skills. For some children it was the first experience of being away from home for an extended period of time.

School Scholarships

This year the Numurkah Rotary Club has supported two scholarships to students at the Numurkah Secondary College for outstanding Academic Achievement. The club also gave encouragement awards to the local Primary Schools in the Numurkah area.

National Youth Science Forum

In January this year Numurkah Secondary College Yr 12 student Mikaela Wood was a successful applicant for the NYSF in Canberra. The process started in March 2016, with a written application, and then proceeded to an interview. This involved the whole 9790 district; Mikaela was one of the twenty to be chosen out of many worthy applicants. Mikaela spent the 12 day residential program learning about career options in the science, technology, engineering and maths streams. Mikaela came and spoke about his experience at a Rotary Club meeting, and seemed to have had a positive and fulfilling time.

Mikaela applied and was chosen to go to Singapore Youth Science Forum. She was one of six chosen from the whole forum. The Board passed a motion to financially support Mikaela for this life changing trip.

World Jamboree

This year we invited Rachael Hoey to speak to the club about the World Scout Jamboree held in Japan. Rachael spoke about the different cultures, activities and sights. Rowan Hamelin from Baulkamaugh Scout Group also spoke about the Australian Jamboree that was held in Sydney. They both spoke very well about their experiences.

The Numurkah Rotary Club is very supportive of our local youth, and recognises the importance of educating and developing skills for themselves and their community. It has been a rewarding year and I hope to build on these skills in the coming year.

Jason Andrew
Youth Service Director

2017 Rotary Environmental and Heritage Trip Report

This year the annual Numurkah Rotary 4wd trip was held from the 8th to the 10th of April, with the camp based at Bevridges Station on the Buckland River south of Porepunkah. The Buckland River was the site of gold mining in the late 1800's.

After meeting at Myrtleford on Friday morning in fine sunny weather, an enthusiastic group of 42 people including 8 Rotarians and their partners (including 1 visiting Rotarian i.e. Alby) traveled to the camp site by way of the Goldie spur track where great views of the south side of Mt Buffalo were of great interest. Those towing camper trailers made their way directly to the camp site.

After taking in the views of the surrounding hills from the top of Mt Buffalo Range track, we set off back down the Twin Creek track and Selwyn to set up camp beside the Buckland River. With the help of many willing volunteers we quickly set up the camp site and prepared the evening meal. Around the campfire that night this year's new participants quickly got to meet the regular supporters of our previous trips.

On Saturday a drive was organised going via the Pheasant Creek track to Mt Sugarloaf which offered great views of the high country, then on to the site of the Mt Saint Bernard Hospice on the Mt Hotham road for lunch.

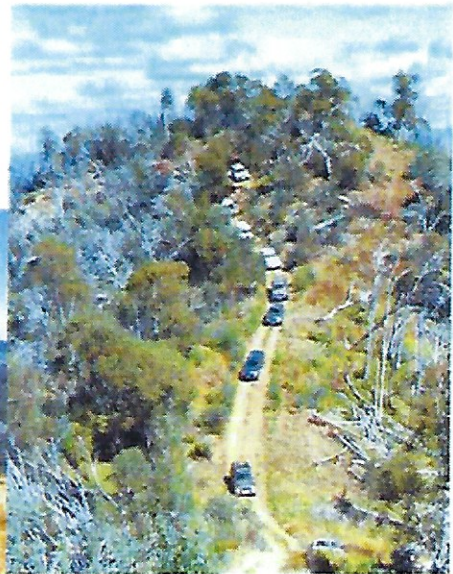
Our return to camp was via the Twins Jeep track pass Mt Murray and after a long day's drive we were welcomed back at camp by Faye's famous homemade pumpkin soup.

After gathering around the campfire following a roast dinner, we were entertained by David Geddes with bush poetry. The next day we woke up to a clear sky and after a breakfast of porridge, eggs, bacon tomatoes and toast we were able to pack up without delay. With many of the group wishing to get home early we went our own way except for a small group of adventures' who took the scenic route out along the Schultz's track to the West Buffalo track and then to Myrtleford and home.

We were lucky with the weather and enjoyed sunshine and most important no rain for the weekend, with the group of 42 attending (62 in 2017) made for easier catering and a more inclusive atmosphere. Note for next Year, less *Tim Tams*.

The 4wd drive weekend this year raised \$4000 for the club, with the ladies of rotary making a major contribution with the catering arrangements. It is an event which is supported by many regular people who look forward to this annual trip and whose participation makes it such a success.

Ivan Routley



INTERNATIONAL SERVICE REPORT

2016-2017

Umoja Orphanage

This past year Kate Hodge and I spoke at the Kyabram Rotary Club, Soroptimist Women's Day Breakfast and Numurkah Probus Club, talking about our trip to Kenya. We have also been fundraising for Umoja by running a BBQ at Bunnings and the Shepparton Runners Club. Kate and I are both in full swing planning a return visit in September 2017. Other club member Stephen Mills and Wayne & Pam Limbrick are also going to Kenya.

Since Kate and I were in Kenya the orphanage has now been opened and seven children are now being looked after and are thriving. It has been very satisfying following the progress of this great cause since our return.

Alternative Schoolies

St Mary of the Angels year 12 students Chloe Smith, Georgina McCracken and Deanna McDonald were sponsored by the club to attend Alternative Schoolies in Cebu last December. Chloe came and spoke at the club about their life changing experience in a third world country.

Polio Plus

Rotary at an international level and its partners are very close to eradicating Polio worldwide. Polio is now 99.9% eliminated. Building awareness and becoming an advocate are two ways we can keep striving for the target of 100% Polio free.

Business Breakfast

This year's Business Breakfast speaker is Sadhana Smiles. Sadhana was born in Fiji and is the CEO of Harcourts Real-estate Victoria. From humble beginnings Sadhana has strived to become the successful woman she now is, whilst fighting gender equality issues. The money raised from the breakfast is being donated to Sadhana's not for profit charity 'Fiji Links' which runs women's health clinics in regional and remote Fiji.

As a club we financially support Rotary International's the Organisation to continue the work of Foundation. This is just as important as local projects and support. It has been a year of adjusting to my new role as Director. I look forward to continuing in this role next year.

Julie Andrew
International Service Director

VOCATIONAL SERVICE REPORT

ROTARY YEAR 2016 – 2017

In accordance with Rotary's idea of vocational service this year the club has continued on with activities that demonstrate and educate members in the concept of vocational service.

Each week the Chairman for the meeting presents to the club a three minute talk on their business and what may be happening in their particular vocation. This allows all members to gain an insight into what happens in particular vocations and industries.

At most meetings the club enjoys the presentation of a guest speaker. The speakers are drawn from a wide range including presentations on various professions or developments in the area. This allows the club to discover what is involved in various fields of endeavour and also in some cases how their vocation may help on existing projects or encourage them to commence an appropriate project. The club president also always closes our meetings with the four way test that reminds us of our ethical responsibilities in our particular vocation.

This year's Jack Duncan Memorial Vocational Service Award went to David Roberts for his work with Shire parks and gardens and the high standard he exhibits, along with his community involvement including the Garden and Football Clubs. David was selected from a strong field of candidates which demonstrated the strength of our business community.

The club again visited a business to learn the opportunities that are being pursued in the area. This year we visited the green waste recycling facility in Shepparton and I believe the club enjoyed the insights into this business that is quite different to most others.

Two awards were presented at final assembly to year 11 students at Numurkah Secondary College to encourage them in their further studies and local primary schools each received \$100 for individual student achievement awards.

This year due to leadership changes, programs run by Numurkah Secondary College were not at the same level to allow significant Rotary engagement. However students were mentored and interacted with by members in business programs such as VCAL and various other programs. The annual speed grill which prepares students for dealing with employers was well attended by Rotary members. The club also met with the College Principal to discuss opportunities for engagement which may be able to occur in the next year.

Jeff Buzza
Vocational Service Director

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Disbursements



Advent Calender	\$100.00
RSL Anzac Day	\$250.00
District 9790 Project Orange Van	\$250.00
Numurkah Primary - Leadership Bus	\$450.00
Numurkah Secondary College Awards x 2	\$500.00
Carol by Candelight	\$500.00
Ventura Scout Project	\$500.00
Plan International Foster Child	\$720.00
Primary School Awards x 9	\$900.00
NYSF Canberra	\$1,000.00
St Marys Alt Schoolies	\$1,000.00
Foundation	\$1,000.00
NYSF Singapore	\$1,000.00
Mens Shed Council Rate Contribution	\$1,000.00
ST. Vincent De Paul	\$1,000.00
Shelter Box	\$1,000.00
Numurkah Town Band	\$1,000.00
Lift the Lid Mental Health ARH	\$1,093.00
PTSD Project ARH	\$1,500.00
Numurkah Learning Centre Youth Project	\$1,500.00
Emoja Orphanage Kenya.	\$2,000.00
Remembrance Ride	\$2,400.00



