

# THE ROTARY CLUB OF NUMURKAH Inc.

# ANNUAL REPORT And FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR

# **THE ROTARY YEAR 2017 - 2018**

Changeover Monday

25<sup>th</sup> June 2018







### PROGRAM

## **Changeover Dinner**

25<sup>th</sup> June 2018

7.00pm Call to Order	Rtn. Jeff Buzza
Welcome	Pres. Jacque Phillips OAM
<u>Chairman</u>	Frank Malcolm
<u>Rotary Grace</u>	All Rotarians
Loyal Toast	Rtn. Jennifer Rodger
Toast to Rotary	Rtn. Lou Hamon OAM
<u>Response</u>	DGE Malcolm Kerr
Toast to Rotarian Partners	Mark McNamara
Presentation Annual Report 2017-18	Pres. Jacque Phillips OAM
Heads and Tails	Rtn. Squish Davies
	Rtn. Grant Deppler
Sergeant Session	Rtn. Jeff Buzza
<b>Community Service Award Presentation</b>	Rtn. Stephen Mills
Vocational Service Award Presentation	Rtn. Jeff Buzza
President Address to Club	Pres. Jacque Phillips OAM
Induction of 2018/19 President	DGE Malcolm Kerr
Incoming President Address	Pres. Stephen Mills
Introduction of 2018-19 Board	
<b>Close of Official Meeting - Fellowship</b>	





# Rotary Club of Numurkah 2017 – 2018 Board Members

<u>President</u>	Jacque Phillips OAM
President Elect	Stephen Mills
Past President	John Watson AM
<u>Secretary</u>	Phil Meagher
<u>Treasurer</u>	Adrian Connolly
Club Administration	Phil Meagher
Public Relations	Lou Hamon OAM
<b>Foundation</b>	Julie Andrew
<u>Membership</u>	Kate Hodge
Service Projects & Community Service	Stephen Mills
International Service	Julie Andrew
<u>Vocational</u>	Jeff Buzza
New Generations	Linda Boyd



# ROTARY CLUB OF NUMURKAH BOARD MEMBERS 2018 – 2019

President Immediate Past President President Elect Secretary Treasurer Rotary Foundation Vocational Service Public Relations Membership Service Project New Generations Club Administration Stephen Mills Jacque Phillips OAM Lorraine Greenwood Jennifer Rodger Jeff Buzza Julie Andrew John Watson AM Lou Hamon OAM Kate Hodge Grant Deppeler Lorraine Greenwood Jennifer Rogers

# **OTHER ROLES**

<u>Catering Co-ordinators</u> <u>Bulletin</u> <u>Fellowship</u> <u>Sergeant</u> <u>Welcome Officer</u> Program

Attendance

Ernest Jones Geoff Holmes Gary Phillips Lou Hamon OAM Judy Newman John Watson AM Bill Hewson Frank Malcolm

#### **Presidents Report**

Thank you, members and Friends of Rotary, for making this year such a rewarding one. Special thanks to the Board Members for your support and work you have done throughout the year. When I sat down to write this report I reflected on what we have achieved together. The commitment and hard work by all members is what makes this club a success and a leader in our community. Thank you all for your continued passion for volunteering and sharing your individual and shared skills and knowledge with others. Now two questions: Have we had fun and have we made a difference?

With that in mind I would like to touch upon a few of our clubs activities over the last year: **International Service**: considerable achievement has been made through a trip to Umoja Orphanage in Kenya with three members travelling and working there to make improvements to the farm and provide some basic health care. This was followed by a visit and dinner to raise funding to continue supporting this organisation. Club fundraising and individual donations have supported this project.

Advent Calendar: committed by the club as a project that required significant investment of time and energy. A small committee developed and led this fundraising effort and were capably supported by many Rotarians in the lead up to Christmas to sell the calendar. Local business strongly supported the calendar through generous sponsorship and support of the local community to shop locally saw this as a significant fund raiser for the club this year. Some members consistently manned the selling tables and sold calendars in a variety of locations and in the main street, not only was it a wonderful financial result but the camaraderie, and a Rotary presence in the community, was an added bonus.

**Barbeques**: the barbeques are a great source of funds for our club. A great team effort and committed members are instrumental in running them like a well-oiled machine. There is a great variety of events that showcase our club whilst providing nourishment and hydration. **Membership**: we have gained 7 new Members and 6 Friends this year which is a wonderful result considering many clubs are struggling with member recruitment and retention. Kate Hodge and club members have been tireless in their efforts to achieve this great result. We are always disappointed when members are not able to continue but we sincerely thank those who have left over the last 12 months and trust their time with our club has been rewarding and fulfilling.

**Public Relations**: Lou Hamon has continued to monitor and update our web page and also maintains our presence on Facebook. Our regular presence in the local media continues to raise our profile. The PR committee have widely used social media this year to promote activities and advertise events and the results have been very rewarding. We are all convinced of the value of all of these current approaches to having a presence in the community.

**Youth:** We have a number of young people who have been involved and supported by our club this year. We have seen and heard how they have enthusiastically involved themselves in the

community and taken advantage of every opportunity that has come their way from debating, sport, school, arts, youth exchange and speaking at our weekly meetings. We have all enjoyed their company and look forward to seeing them give back through Rotary and the broader community.

Encouraging local youth is also a big part of our club and we have supported local school Community Awards, National Youth Science Forum and RYPEN.

The Annual Art Show is a highlight of our annual calendar and is known as a key event each year. 2018 was another successful year for the show. Entries have been growing along with sales of art and craft. We are committed to continue our investment in the event. Once again, we saw a great effort by the committee, their partners and volunteers who support this event. Fellowship: Judy Newman took on the role this year and her enthusiasm to ensure we celebrate member and partner milestones provides a sense of fun each week. Many other opportunities for fellowship broadens our friendships and interests as we participate in weekly meetings and other events and activities.

**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** This celebration was a night to remember. Every club member supported and worked hard to make it a success and it was a fantastic event on our calendar. It was

wonderful to celebrate Seig Seiter's 50th anniversary with an inaugural Club Service award and Paul Harris Fellow for his wife Betty. Congratulations.

**Community Projects**: Stephen Mills has worked tirelessly over the last 12 months and you can see a list of achievements and projects in this report. His efforts and those of his committee showcase our club and provide such a great benefit to our community. Partnering with other organisations has also seen great success with joined up efforts to support a number of local events and activities. In closing I would like to particularly thank Phil Meagher as secretary who has capably provided me with assistance

and advice to ensure I was well prepared for anything! and Adrian Connolly (and his wife Janine) as treasurer who has ensured the clubs finances have been well managed.

Finally, I hand the President's Rotary Collar over to Stephen Mills and wish him and the club all the best for his time as President. It will be another great year for the Rotary Club of Numurkah.







Jacque Phillips OAM - President

#### **Attendance Report**

The average weekly attendance of Rotarians from 3 July, 2017 to 4 June, 2018 was 73%.

There were twelve (12) meetings in which the club attendance exceeded 80%.

Considering the relaxation of attendance requirements, the overall meeting attendance for the year was very pleasing.

The following Rotarians only missed three (3) dinner meetings over the twelve month period – Gary Phillips, June Hewson, and Bill Hewson.

In addition to meeting attendance all Rotarians were actively involved in a diverse range of service projects and fund raising activities for worthy local community and international causes.

#### **PP Ernest Jones – Attendance Officer**









#### 38th Annual Art & Craft Exhibition

A high-quality show is how the art judge described the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Art & Craft Exhibition staged by the Rotary Club of Numurkah in the Numurkah Town Hall over the weekend 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> March.

In welcoming those attending the official opening on Friday night, president of the Rotary Club Jacque Phillips said "The Art & Craft Show brings together the community giving us the opportunity to appreciate art and craft created by artists from near and far". Susannah Sheed MP officially opened the exhibition stating "The value of art to community cannot be understated. It can entertain us, challenge us, it can move us, it can inspire us. It is a record of who we are at a point in time, and – often – it is a signal of who we want to be". Art judge Ted Dansey selected Ross Paterson's "Summer Morning – Sheans Creek" as The Best in Show.

Runner Up was "Trash and Treasure" by Barbara Beasley-Southgate from Lilydale. Best Watercolour was awarded to "Bonding" by Joel Magpayo from Delahey. Best Oil was "Violin Romance" by Lorraine Lewitzka from Victor Harbour. Best Pastel "The Lilypond" by Nancy Thurlby from Glen Iris.

Best Pencil "Seated Nude" by Richard Stork from Baranduda.

Best Regional Artist Glenda Cornell from Kyabram.

Moira Art & Culture Inc. Encouragement Award was "Couleur Rougeoyante en R'esine" by Janet Tett.

Craft Judge Claire Reid commented on the variety of entries making a great display.

The exhibition was very successful with 46 paintings sold, up 10 on last year, with good

attendances with many positive comments and feedback during the weekend.

Attendance over the weekend was approximately 100 with 56% from Numurkah, 12% from

other Moira Shire towns, 15% from Shepparton, 7% Regional Victoria, 10% Melbourne.

Special thanks to committee members who worked tirelessly to bring the exhibition to fruition.

Entry secretaries Kate Hodge, Julie Andrew, Fiona Seager, Jennifer Routley, Margaret Canobie

and Pam Brennan, Terry Brennan sponsorship, Sue Fisher treasurer, Linda Watson floral displays and Gary Phillips catering deserve special mention.

Thanks to the support of club members and partners for their full support.

For the sixth consecutive year the Art & Craft Exhibition has raised over \$10,000 for club

disbursements, this year's amount was

\$14,000.

PP Lou Hamon OAM Chairman, Art & Craft Committee.



#### **Public Relations Report**

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

Our website <u>www.numurkahrotary.org</u> provides a wonderful window of our club to the public, where office-bearers, up-coming events, stories on activities and a photo album section full of photos depicts the club in action. 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.

A practical hands-on session was held at the Numurkah Community Learning Centre in May. It was an evening of exploration and discovery unlocking the potential of our website and the use of Club Runner, which was well received.

Unfortunately, not all members are diligent in reading their emails, this may be for several reasons, 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 a wonderful resource including the club directory of our membership and member's profiles, and the ability to email to all or some of our members. It is pleasing to see more and more members avail themselves of this 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 member's responsibilities.

A Facebook page with weekly posts can be viewed.

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.

#### **PP Lou Hamon OAM**

PR Director/Webmaster/Bulletin editor.



#### **Community Service Report**

Under the leadership of Club President, Jacque Phillips there has been a strong emphasis on community service. Many guest speakers giving us a broader perspective and understanding of what it means to be community. Some of those guest speakers to challenge us were;

- Julia Arho Community Grants Manager for the Bendigo Bank.
- Louis Cook Numurkah and District Historical Society.
- Denise Robertson Parkinson's Support Group.
- Pip Cowan on his return from the Mississippi Blues Festival
- Our own Squish Davis on depression.
- Hayley Napier, exercise physiologist on making our community fitter.
- Louisa Li, dietician on making our community healthier.
- Lauren Harris on her return from alternate schoolies, what a story.
- Julie Brooks and Suzanne Vile` on the NDIS at the combined services dinner.
- John Taylor on wills, Powers of Attorney and other legal issues.
- Phil Ashton on gardening and community welfare.
- James Miller an up and coming high jumper, how high will he go?
- Peter Sprunt & Kerry Cursons on the Numurkah flood plan options.
- Gary & Barbara Duke on a different way of doing community service.
- Neville Atkinson on indigenous community issues.

Throughout the year the Rotary Club of Numurkah has been involved in many community issues many of these we raised funds for, supported them or highlighted them to our community, issues like;

- Support for the Ugandan Youth Choir on their visit to Numurkah.
- Support for GV community cars and volunteer drivers.
- Community support for Umoja Children's Home.
- 3 of our members were a part of Umoja work team in Kenya in September 2017.
- Numurkah hosted Umoja manager Patrick and Cathy Booth for a major dinner attended by 130 Rotarians and friends.
- The Rotary Club of Numurkah celebrated 60 years of community service at a club dinner in October 2017.
- We took a year off from the car raffle as a community service fund raiser to focus on the Advent Calendar.
- We supported the Christmas Community Carols by running a BBQ.
- We supported the Australia Day awards by cooking the breakfast and our P.P. Lou Hamon was again MC for the awards ceremony.
- We have joined with the RSL and the Historical Society to have better community ownership and input to the soldier settlement project.

- We again joined with Numurkah RSL for a ride to Rushworth to promote mental health issues.
- We helped the RSL by cooking breakfast after the dawn service on Anzac Day and many Rotarians marched in the Anzac March later in the morning.
- We helped the Rotary Club of Nathalia with their Show and Shine car show; a couple of our Rotarians even showed their skills by judging.
- The combined community service projects with Lions and other community organisations were both very well attended., with a significant increase in numbers on previous years.
- We helped the fire brigade with the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.
- Rotary helps with the community BBQ 2 nights a month in Newman Square.
- Rotary held a working bee to clean up the community garden at Numurkah Secondary College.
- We finished the year with a real highlight, by partnering with the Numurkah District Health Service, Moira Shire Council and the Royal Flying Doctor Service "over the farm gate project" to deliver a sensational men's health night. Heath Black, Jacqui and Sonia Strachan were the guest speakers. You could have heard a pin drop during the entire duration of Heath's talk as he exposed the culture inside our AFL clubs. There were nearly 200 men present and around 20 health professionals to give us men a picture of our health and how we can look after ourselves.

As we were reminded so eloquently by P.P. Terry Brennan at the combined services dinner in May, Rotary is all about volunteering and community service. We as Rotarians should ensure we give all community people the opportunity to participate in community service.

#### **Stephen Mills**

#### **Community Service Director**



FRIDAY 15 JUNE 6.00pm Numurkah Town Hall Dinner Provided

Tickets https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e /its-time-for-your-health-pitstopmens-health-night-tickets-



#### "It's time for your health pitstop"

You service your car why wouldn't you service your own health?

#### Men's Health Night

With Special Guest:

Heath Black Former AFL Fremantle Dockers Player

Heath uses his experiences to motivate audiences to overcome the obstacles that life puts in their way.

Numurkah Rotary





#### Membership

Membership of the Rotary Club has been steadily increasing during the 2017-2018 Rotary Year. The Club is thrilled to welcome 7 new members (Sally, Ross, Chris, Rex, Judy, Kay and Marie) bringing the total membership to a healthy 40 members.

All the new members have been enthusiastically and regularly attending weekly meetings, enjoying the fellowship, the variety of interesting guest speakers and helping at Rotary events. Having extra hands on deck has been fabulous this year and their commitment, vibrancy and enthusiasm is very much appreciated. Recently there has been a review of the "Method of Electing New Members" process and the clarification has been accepted by the Board. This year a new initiative has been introduced to welcome community members as Friends of Rotary. Our friends are interested in supporting Rotary events but not obliged to attend weekly meetings, although very welcome to do so. Whilst not ready for the full Rotary commitment, we hope that they will become full members in the near future, or as soon as time permits. Friends of Rotary are formally inducted at a meeting. This year we have had the pleasure of inducting 6 Friends (Greg, Cindy, Alannah, Kris, Helen and Jane). We thank them for their attendance, interest and support at Club meetings and events. A blue and yellow Friends of Rotary shirt has been designed and available for purchase if desired.

Three members (Dianne, Peter and Sue) have resigned for personal reasons. We sincerely thank them for their contribution to our club and wish them well.

Steve McKewen, our District Membership Chair, gave an enjoyable and informative presentation on how to retain current members and attract new members. His clear message was that meetings must be FUN! A survey was completed by members at the Club meeting and the results were generally very positive. Most members look forward to the weekly meetings, enjoy the varied guest speakers and fellowship, get involved in community, district and international projects and events and feel that our Club is well known and respected in our local community.

In summary, our Club is vibrant and healthy with all 40 members, both new and existing contributing significantly. Club members participate in Rotary at local, district, national and international levels and I thank all members for being so generous with their time and friendship.

PP Kate Hodge (Membership Chair)



#### **New Generations – Youth Service**

My year as the Numurkah New Generations Representative for our club is nearing its end and I am left to reminisce over the year that was.

I have been privileged to experience the mechanisms of Rotary at another level. The organisation behind and underpinning the success each year of RYLA, the Portsea Camp, RYPEN, the National Youth Science Forum, the Ian Murphy Debating Competition, Rotaract and Rotary Youth Exchange.

Rotary offers a vast array of opportunity to the youth of its community.

This year Numurkah Rotary Club supported 2 young adults to attend RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award), they were Laura Hodge and Timothy Connolly. Their experience, quote from Laura, "Took them to the highest of the highs and the lowest of the lows", but as a result, Laura has since joined a Rotaract Club where she lives and is actively involved in following the object of; Rotary empowering young people to lead.

Thanks to the support of Jason and Julie Andrew's, we were fortunate to become involved in the Ian Murphy Debate through a very talented team of debaters from St Marys Nathalia Secondary College. The Team won all of their rounds to the Grand Final, which took place at District Conference in Yarrawonga. The Team lost but the experience gained from this event is immense in skill development, confidence and character building.

The National Science Forum entices Year 11 students each year to apply for this avidly anticipated opportunity. The criteria to attend the forum are demanding and unfortunately not all entrants are accepted. As a club we will continue to support our interested science gurus develop their minds and their future.

The Portsea Camp is held annually and allows Primary aged children to experience a holiday camp by the sea. For some children this was their first holiday, for others it was the first time that they had seen the ocean. Our club sponsored 3 of the 23 children to attend this camp. The testimonials from the parents of the children, who attended the camp, were humbling and gratifying.

The organizational work behind the scenes for this camp to be so successful is truly amazing and as one very happy young camper summarised," It was AWESOME".

I hand the reigns over to our next New Generations representative wishing them well and knowing that the Rotary Club of Numurkah will continue in its endeavour to support the young adults of its community.

Linda Boyd Director New Generations



#### 2018 Rotary Environmental and Heritage Trip

This year was the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Numurkah Rotary 4WD trip to the Victorian Alps which was held on the weekend 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> April. After meeting at Porepunkah on Friday morning in fine sunny weather, an enthusiastic group of 34 people including 7 Rotarians and their partners travelled to Wandiligong on the Mongrel Creek track and up along the Nolan Creek track where great views of Mt Feathertop were available. From there we turned onto Demon Ridge track before descending down the Camp Creek track to the camp site, a large clearing beside the *just* flowing creek. Those towing camper trailers made their way directly to the camp site via the Buckland Valley road. There was some concern the previous day about a bushfire in the Buffalo River area but when we checked on Friday morning it proved to be of no danger. With the help of many willing volunteers we quickly setup the camp site and prepared the evening meal with Geoff ensuring the steak was cooked to order (perfection) with his digital thermometer. Around the campfire that night this year's new participants were quickly acquainted with the regular supporters of our previous trips.

On Saturday a drive was organised going via Paddy Hill track (very steep on the map) to the top of the ridge which overlooked the Buckland Valley on one side and the Ovens Valley on the other. With rain threatening we continued on via the Link track to the Albion track. It was now starting to rain so the drive was cut short and we decided to head back to camp for a late lunch.

We then came across smoke and a small fire beside the track which appeared to have started from a lighting strike. With the help of shovels we managed to control the fire.

Our trip was cut short due to the onset of rain and we returned to camp and were welcomed back at camp by Faye's famous homemade pumpkin soup.

After putting up some temporary shelters we were able to prepare the evenings roast dinner as the rain continued into the evening, and curtailed the gathering around the campfire that night. 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. But before departing we were able to present David Geddes an enlarged photo Joan had taken of him attending to the campfire on a previous camp.

The 4WD drive weekend this year raised \$3,400 for the club, with the ladies of Rotary making a major contribution with the catering arrangements. It is an event which is supported by a many regular people who look forward to this annual trip and who's participation make it such a success. **PP Ivan Routley** 



#### **International Service**

#### Umoja

September 2017 three Rotarians travelled to Umoja Orphanage in Kenya for three weeks to continue the work and meet eleven children who have been taken in by the Children's Home. Whilst over there \$2,000 was given to the project to build an enlarged shade house to enable more vegetable crops to be grown over the dry summer months.

Since returning we have hosted an Umoja Dinner with guest speakers Patrick Kea (Umoja Manager) and Cathy Booth (Umoja Founder) which raised money for Umoja.

Stephen and Kate have been in the local media and speaking at local clubs about Umoja and great interest has been shown in this project.

#### **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.

#### **Paul Harris Fellow**

On the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Numurkah, member Sieg Seiter's wife Betty was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow for 50 years of service to the club. They were both very surprised and delighted.

#### **Rotarians Against Malaria**

April 30<sup>th</sup> is World Malaria Day and this year we hosted Jenny Parer from the Rotary Club of Holbrook who gave us an informative talk about this great cause.

Money from the night's fine session and personal donations were donated to RAMS. Local schools were contacted to give the children an awareness to the world's malarial problem and what can be done to help eradicate this disease.

#### Julie Andrew

**International Director** 





#### **Vocational Service**

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 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 Paul Tozer for his work at the Numurkah Secondary College. Paul was selected due to his excellent leadership and development of the college as well as his encouragement of the College to engage with the community.

This year the club again visited the Katunga Fresh site and were shown around by the owners providing valuable insights into the operation of the business. The visit was well received by the club with most members as well as partners attending.

Two awards were presented at final assembly 2017 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.

#### Jeff Buzza

#### **Vocational Services Director**





### Rotary Club of Numurkah Inc. 2017-18

### Disbursements

### Numurkah Rotary Club

# For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018

Disbursements during the year	(\$)
PAL's Disability Support	1,700
Alternative Schoolies	1,000
Lift the Lid Disbursement	200
PTSD Project	836
Shelter Box	1,000
Numurkah Primary School Leadership Program	450
Numurkah Primary School Awards	900
Numurkah RSL ANZAC Day	310
Numurkah Secondary School Awards	500
Plan Child Sponsorship	459
Portsea Camp	7,521
Polio Plus Donations	670
Umoja	1,100
Umoja Orphanage	2,000
Links Fiji	6,000
Ventures Scout Project	500
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards	2,000
Australian Rotary Health	1,250
Sponsor High Jump Student	1,000
Share the Dignity	1,000
Men's Health Night	1,000
Cancer Council in name Alby Barton	1,000
Baulkamaugh Scout Jamboree	500
DG Partners Project Dementia Australia	1,000
Foundation (Polio Plus)	1,000
Rotary Against Malaria	1,000
Men's Shed	1,000
NDHS Personal Support packs	2,000
Total Disbursements During the Year	38,896



