

THE ROTARY CLUB OF NUMURKAH Inc.



ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2021 - 2022

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President Elect & Membership	Rex Shields
Past President	Jennifer Rodger
Secretary	Jennifer Rodger
Treasurer	Jeff Buzza
Club Service	Lou Hamon OAM
Public Relations	Chris Sutton
Community Service	Julie Andrew
Foundation & International	Kate Hodge
Youth Services	Michelle (Squish) Davis
Vocational Service	Chris Hardham

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Youth / New Generations Director	Michelle (Squish) Davis
Vocational Service Director	Chris Hardham

CHANGEOVER PROGRAM 7.00 pm 27/06/2022

Call to Order	Michelle (Squish) Davis
Welcome, Apologies & Chair	PP John Watson AM
Rotary Grace	PP Terry Brennan
Toast to Rotary & Rotarian Partners	PP Lorraine Greenwood - AG
President's Address Annual Report 2021 -2022	President Gary Phillips
Presentation of Paul Harris Fellow	DGE Netta Kirby
Community Service Award	PN Julie Andrew Community Service Director
Vocational Service Award	Chris Hardham Vocational Service Director
Induction of 2022-23 President	DGE Netta Kirby
Incoming President's Address	President Rex Shields
Introduction of 2022-23 Board	President Rex Shields
Sergeant's Session	Michelle (Squish) Davis
Close of Meeting - 4 Way Test	President Rex Shields

PRESIDENTS REPORT

It is my honour to present this report for the year 2021 to 2022. I feel it is an honour as I was selected to lead this, the Rotary Club of Numurkah over this last twelve months. It is something I never sought, but being president is an experience I am very glad I had.

This year has been very different from that of Past President Jennifer. We met face-to-face more often than not and usually with a solid attendance. Yes, we did run a few remote meetings, but happily we were able to dispense with them and return to our usual meetings. Seeing so many members attending our weekly meetings has been indeed gratifying. It was something I have to admit I was somewhat concerned about, given the difficulties of the previous year.



Meetings aside, during this year members have again been able to get out and about in the community. We have taken the opportunity to raise our profile and reverse the isolating effects of past lockdowns. Many members have been doing good work on behalf of the Club and I give them my thanks for doing so.



We have been running the highly successful Community Bus Project this year. This is a project I thought would be still running and probably doing so well into next year. With the overwhelming support of our Numurkah community and organisations this project will conclude sooner rather than later. There have been many large donations, anonymous or otherwise, from community members and organisations such as, the Pioneer Lodge Auxiliary Committee and the Lions Club of Numurkah. The project has benefited from the receipt of a number of grants from organisations such as

Grain Corps, The Bendigo Bank and Moira Shire. We have received much in the way of support from the community of Numurkah. They have supported our BBQs, the

Art and Craft Show raffle and with small change placed in the donation tins located in a number of local businesses. This has been a project the community has truly got behind. A sincere thanks goes to our Numurkah community.

It would be remiss not to mention the support given to the Community Bus Project by the annual Art and Craft Show. The Art and Craft Show committee generously allowed its focus for this year to be the Community Bus Project. With such a focus the Art and Craft Show sold more works of art and craft than ever before and was responsible for the raising of a considerable portion of project funds. For this I thank Lou Hamon and his committee. Combined with the initial funds allocated by our club of \$25,000 this project got off to a great start.



This year the Club was able to pass on the Koala Foundation the funds raised through the efforts of Lorraine Greenwood and Sieg Seiter. The Foundation will use those funds to further research into Koala health and disease.

This year too we have seen the continuation of the breakfast club being run at the Numurkah Primary School. This activity is undertaken by only a few members who report back of the great satisfaction of positive interaction with the young people of the school. There is always room for more help, and it would be gratefully received.



Once again, the Club has run an Environmental Weekend—also known as the Four-Wheel Drive Weekend. The format was a little different, but nonetheless the weekend was very successful. All attendees had a great time in a picturesque setting. Thanks to the organising committee for their efforts.

We have had a very good year.

My thanks.

Gary Phillips

President, Rotary Club of Numurkah.

CLUB SERVICE REPORT

Club Service works to strengthen fellowship of members through training and hospitably. Clubs have serious tops to work forward, so having various social events that bring members and their guests informally and for fun, contributes to genuine fellowship.

In the year that we have just gone through the idea expressed above was not an easy thing to do. Our club did its best to maintain the standards established over a great number of years.



Even though this last year has not bee the best, we have had some highlights not the least of which has been the welcoming of Michael Tymensen into the club. Michael's accounting background was a great asset in helping run the Art show.

The Art show was an all-time record for our club.

The community bus project was a great project to help bring members together and re-establish the club camaraderie.

The bus project helped to re-establish Rotary into the community and the business house's and I hope this will continue into the future.

Rex Shields



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.

This year, with the adoption of the Community Aged Care Bus Project as the major project for the year, has engendered much community interest and support.

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.

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 and an Instagram Account feature weekly posts and are building a wide following.

These are other mediums in which our club presents itself favourably to the public.

Lou Hamon

PR Director/webmaster/bulletin editor.

ART & CRAFT EXHIBITION REPORT

The Rotary Club of Numurkah 42nd Annual Arts & Craft Exhibition was an outstanding success achieving record sales and profit, with proceeds being donated to the Community Aged Care Bus Project.



The Exhibition was officially opened by Cr. Wayne Limbrick on Friday 11th, commenting that the continued success of this event is a testament to the commitment of past and current members of the Rotary Club of Numurkah.

Art judge Lyn Mellady announced the winners and commented on the artwork. Chosen by Lyn, The Best in Show was awarded to Ross Paterson from Shepparton with “Bridge on Sevens, Arcadia”.

Runner Up Award was “Layers of Pink” from Jane Spencer from Murchison North.

Best Watercolour Award was awarded to Carolyn Marrone from Kangaroo Flat.

Best Oil Award “Afternoon Warmth” by Do Noble from Doveton.

Best Pastel Award was “Across from Merri View Gallery” by Ricky Schembri from Killarney.

Best Acrylic Award was “Sands of Time” by Tim Redfern from Mulwala.

Kevin Davis Regional Artist Encouragement Award was awarded to Sharon Dole from Tatura

Moira Arts & Culture Inc Encouragement Award went to Geoff Lugg, Numurkah with “Good on Ya Baaarb”.

Photographic Award was awarded to Gavin Parkinson, Numurkah with “Stormfront Approaching Numurkah”.

Runner-Up Photographic Award went to Kevin Howard with “Seedhead”.

Craft judge Claire Reid was amazed by the variety and excellence of the craft entries.

Best Art Entry was awarded to Anne Fagan, Katunga with her quilt “Still Life Blue”.

Knitting & Crochet Award, Valerie Clements, Shepparton, Wool & Silk Felted Scarf.

Woodwork & Metalwork Award Jeffrey Stanyer, Numurkah “Model of Sailing Ship”.

Quilt Award Raynor Thomas, Cobram quilt “Beloved Beauties.

Craft Award, Edison Tan, Doncaster, “Why Do My Hands Hurt”.

Special thanks to the Art & Craft Exhibition Committee who undertook the challenge of staging the exhibition under COVID restrictions:

Chris Sutton – Vice Chairman

Kate Hodge & Julie Andrew – Art section entries

Sally Rose, Chris Hardham – Craft entries

Jennifer Rodger – Sponsorship

Michael Tymensen – Treasurer

Stephen Mills – Raffle co-ordinator

Gary Phillips – Catering

Special thanks to Geoff Austin, musical entertainment, and Linda Watson for providing the floral displays

Thanks to all club member and partners for their full support

The Rotary Club were pleased with attendances and sales during the weekend, with all proceeds going to the Community Aged Care Bus Project. The profit of \$16,000 was transferred to the Community Aged Care Bus Project bank account.



Lou Hamon

Chairman

Art & Craft Committee

INTERNATIONAL REPORT

Personally, I have been overwhelmed by the worldwide humanitarian state throughout the past year. The global pandemic has brought to light the inequalities in social status, gender, health systems, misinformation, injustice and poverty. Climate and human catastrophes have been difficult to support physically due to border closures, but Rotary has still been able to “Serve to Change Lives”.



**Alare at
Umoja,
Kenya**



**Esther
from
Ghana**

However, the strength of the Rotary Club of Numurkah's membership has meant we can still do "our bit", even if on a small global scale.

We have continued to support our major RAWCS project of Umoja Orphanage, in Kenya. It has remained viable during the pandemic, unlike many other orphanages in Africa, due to international support and the long term sustainability of the project. Cathy Booth has finally been able to travel there, after a long 2 years, and Rotarian Wayne and his wife Pam have just arrived. They will be unpacking the container that has the white goods donated by our club in it. We continue to foster Alare at Umoja who is healthy and well cared for by the Umoja family, with our \$1200 annual sponsorship.



**The
School of
St Jude**

We also foster Esther in Bangladesh through the annual Plan International sponsorship of \$625 and have supported The School of St Jude, Tanzania, with the Club pledge from 2019 for \$1400. This school has been very successful, fighting poverty through the education

of children. The Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC) has also received a Club donation of \$450 to cover one child's cleft palate surgery.

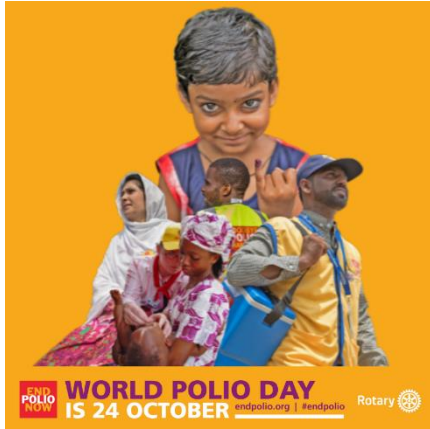


Kate Hodge Director International

FOUNDATION REPORT

The Rotary Foundation helps Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty.

The Rotary Foundation transforms our donations into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. Since it was founded more than 100 years ago, the Foundation has spent more than \$4 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects.



Our Club Foundation goal for the 2021/22 Rotary year has been set at \$1000. A BBQ was held in Newman's Square on the Saturday morning prior to World Polio Day. This year, World Polio Day fell on Sunday Oct 24, 2021. Promotional material made available through RI, was shared via the Club's Facebook. Proceeds from the BBQ, sales of End Polio Lapel pins and donations were \$410. A great result and I thank Club members and the community for their support.

Additional material & opportunities were shared with members via our bulletin and Facebook giving members avenues to increase their knowledge if they wish too. A big shout out to our webmaster Lou for his continued support.

Efforts were made to have a screening of "The Duke", a film made available as a fundraiser for Polio Plus with the Movie's on Numurkah Film Society, but unfortunately the necessary film projectors are not available for such a film.

Every Rotarian Every Year EREY has been promoted to members, in the hope that no matter how big or small, members will support our great charity. The three-year SHARE investment cycle ensures that **100% of your contribution** is spent on Rotary programs and grants.

The following programs are examples of Rotarian efforts supported by our Annual Programs Fund



- Scholarships
- District Grants
- Vocational Training Teams
- Global Grants
- Rotary Grants for University Teachers
- Rotary World Peace Fellowships

Congratulations to President Gary on his year and I thank him for his continued support.

Chris Sutton

Foundation Chair



VOCATIONAL SERVICE REPORT

Vocational service is a key part of the Rotary structure.

In the last year whilst Covid 19 restrictions have eased we have been restricted as to what we have been able to do.

In our weekly meeting we have had several members speak on their vocations. Terry Brennan talked about his work as a mechanic and Geoff Austin on his years as a pilot. Local businessman David Forman told us about his life leading up to owning Peter Hill Power. Faye Scadden after years working at NSC spoke of the family buying and developing Nathalia Boarding Kennels.

We also had Jennifer Coller, a cardiologist now working with GV Health speak of her work with heart health.

Each year Numurkah Rotary Club presents a Vocational Service Award and this year we are presenting the award to Deb Fowler who runs Bohollow Wildlife Shelter. This involves rescuing injured and orphaned native animals. Deb also is Manager of the Community Learning Centre where she teaches in person and online. Deb is a Community Visitor and supports the communing garden and free pantry.

Thanks to Gary Phillips and all the Rotary members for an excellent year's work.

Chris Hardham



YOUTH REPORT

Once again it has been a quiet year in the area of Youth, mostly due to the limitations of Covid-19.

The Rotary Club of Numurkah has a long history with Portsea Camps, with many children and young people from the local community enjoying participation in these camps. Covid-19 has had a negative impact on this important service.

Not only have Portsea Camps been unable to run but due to the lack of revenue from camps during the year, the camp has found itself in financial difficulty. The Rotary Club of Numurkah donated \$500 to the Portsea Camp. Camps are now being run again and hopefully revenue and donations will see the Portsea Camps live on. We were invited to the Portsea Camp AGM but were unable to attend.

This past year has also seen the end of the Rotary School Debating Competition. This has also been a long running program enjoyed by many young people across the district and beyond.

Although not a Youth project, the ongoing involvement of Rotarians in the Numurkah Primary School Breakfast Club Program has been a mutually beneficial exercise. Students not only receive a hearty breakfast from our Rotarians but benefit from building relationships with additional adult role models. Our Rotarians also get a fair bit out of spending some time with some fantastic kids!

Michelle Davis

Youth Director

SOLDIER SETTLEMENT REPORT



Saturday 26 March saw the unveiling of the Soldier Settlement Memorial in Memorial Park. This was the culmination of several years of work by the Rotary Club of Numurkah and the project partners, the Historical

Society and the Numurkah RSL. There were somewhere between 350 to 400 people present for the unveiling.

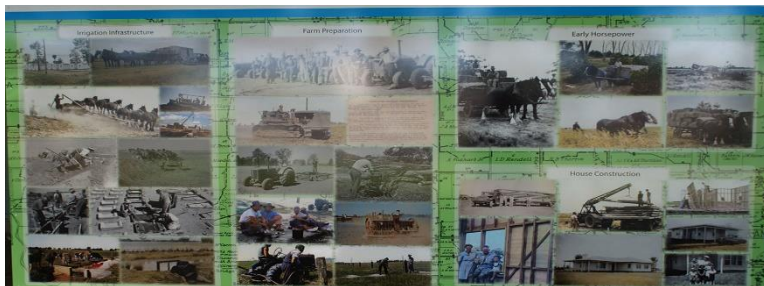
The event was emceed by Rotarian John Watson.

David Geddes recited the poem "Scotties herd" composed by settler George Dove, this was a highlight of the event. The memorial was unveiled by three widows of settlers; Margaret Larkin, Betty Garner and Hazel Boase.

The Memorial acknowledges the 565 settlers who occupied the 519 farms and gives a glimpse of what life on the settlement was like.



The Rotary Club is very grateful for the work of the committee Stephen Mills, John Watson, Harry Baker, Lou Cook, David Geddes, Jeff Blackeley and Cindy Decker. The biggest thank you is to Scott Dealy, grandson of settlers Len and Irene Dealy, who did all of the graphic work on the memorial.



The celebrations continued all weekend after the unveiling with many attending the RSL hall for afternoon tea and the Historical Society Rooms where they had prepared special displays for the

weekend. Stories continued to be shared well into the night by sons and daughters of the settlement at the Shamrock Hotel.

The Rotary Club of Numurkah would like to thank everyone involved in this excellent project, you will always see people looking at the Memorial.

Stephen Mills



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Treasurers Report to 31/5/22

Account Balances

	<u>30-Jun</u>	<u>31-May</u>	<u>Movement</u>
Admin (inc community table)	6,612.18	5,369.51	(1,242.67)
Special	44,244.60	14,365.79	(29,878.81)
Art Show	3,140.09	2,892.83	(247.26)
Investment	27,201.18	27,391.49	190.31
Koala Rescue	14,705.59	0.38	(14,705.21)
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Transactions to 31/5/22

Receipts

Door Fee/Sergeant	3,147.15	
Memberships	6,400.00	
Ritchies donations	381.28	
Net BBQ	1,667.01	
Net meal income	181.44	
Lift the Lid	104.50	
Polio fundraising	409.60	
Cleft Palate fundraising	450.00	
Net Australia Day 2022	1,249.37	
Art show raffle eftpos	566.00	
Art show movement	15,184.24	
Bus fundraising		
Net 4WD	2,875.02	
Interest	201.08	
		32,816.69

Payments

Membership costs	8,916.14
Visitor Meals	279.20
Club Meeting Costs	1,867.74
BBQ Trailer costs	290.95
Net settlers project	3,769.63
Disbursements	7,713.00
Art show movement	
EFT Machine Cost	149.81
Koala foundation	14,711.71
Bus Donations	41,000.00

Bank Fees	2.15	78,700.33
Net		(45,883.64)

Disbursements

Polio	409.60
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Rotary Health	104.50
Laundrette	300.00
Cleft Palate	450.00
School of St Jude	1,400.00
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