



ROTARY CLUB OF CANBERRA INCORPORATED

ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022

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Board Membership 2021-22

President: Sandra Turner PHF

Secretary: Helen Moore PHF

Treasurer: Paul Street OAM PHF

Immediate Past President: Desmond Woods OAM PHF

President Elect: Chris Angus PHF

Club Service: Desmond Woods OAM PHF

Community Service: Jerry Nockles / Rosemary Ganly PHF

Youth / New Generations: Chris Angus PHF

Rotary Foundation: Yvonne Luxford

International: Tiru Vallal PHF / Phil Byrne PHF

Membership: Michael Moore AM PHF

Public Image: Sandra Turner PHF

Rotary Awards

The following Rotary Awards were presented to Rotary Club of Canberra members and community members through 2021-22:

Rotarians of the Year – 2021-22 – Desmond Woods OAM PHF

Paul Harris Fellows:

Max Kimber, Helen Moore, Natalie Vandeppeer-Bradley, Carolyn Ludovici, Julia Lieser, Peter Gordon.

President's Report 2021-22

It is my pleasure to present the 2021-22 Annual Report. In summarising the year that was, I'm pleased to say that even though once again the year was significantly marred by COVID-19 and subsequent restrictions on movement and activities, our Club once again prevailed. Although my full intent as President for the year was not necessarily realised partly because of the disruptions, it was very pleasing to see everyone rallying together to make the best out of the situation we were in.

With the Rotary year only recently commenced, the ACT went into lockdown for three months. As it was the second lockdown through the pandemic, the restrictions were reasonably well accepted by our members and everyone seemed to have an attitude of acceptance and 'can do' in relation to the restrictions placed upon us.

Three months of Zoom meetings wasn't conducive for all, especially the more technologically challenged of our membership, however it gave everyone the opportunity to stay in touch and we had a great group of guest speakers to keep people entertained.

Of note, it was the perfect opportunity to engage with both previous members and Rotary Youth Exchange students overseas, as well as guest appearances from previous RI Presidents and then RI President Nominee, Gordon McNally. It was hard to measure success over this time but an average of three screens of participants over many meetings was extremely positive – and allowed others caught interstate to also participate.

The decision to open the Zoom link half an hour earlier than meeting commencement allowed everyone the opportunity for some fellowship as well, and although it wasn't as good as being in the same room, there were still some stories spun, some jokes had, some snacks eaten and some wine enjoyed.

As we returned to the Commonwealth Club, numbers were quite small, which was indicative of the hesitancy still in the community about the risks of COVID-19 and the age of some of our members. I was pleased to note at the July Changeover meeting that for those who had COVID-19 in the past year, all recovered well – the available vaccines did their job!

The main points of interest throughout the year are summarised in respective sections of this Report and in the Financial Statements. By far, the most significant Club activity and the longest running in such an unusual year was the support by our members and other Rotarians, as well as a number of members from the Rotaract Club of Canberra, for Gary Malhotra's Ken Behren's Helping Hands food delivery during lockdown.

It was an opportunity for many to do something worthwhile and meaningful and that definitely met the Rotary ethos whilst in a most unusual lockdown situation. Thank you again to all involved.

Treasurer Paul Street took up the reins of Circus Quirkus last year after Michael Kumm left Canberra. Last year it was an online-only event because of COVID-19 and it still provided our Club with significant funds to allow us to support other projects. Paul worked diligently throughout this Rotary year in support of the 2022 event in July.

We weren't able to assist with the gnomes at Floriade last year because of the lockdown. I must admit I had fun being able to walk to Commonwealth Park during lockdown to take photos of the beautiful flowers as they began to bloom and to add them to our regular Bulletin newsletter. I hope people enjoyed the images that showed the flowers and bulbs blooming as the weeks progressed.

We also now have an Environmental Envoy in our Club - Stephen Utick and recently appointed Environmental Representative, Peter Wigley. Stephen took many of us on a wonderful English Garden tour last summer and I know he has plans for a local environmental project.



English Garden tour group



English Garden information from Stephen

Our Club continued to look for ways to effectively engage our members and I was pleased to see a positive increase in membership through the year. Thanks to all who have supported our new members and I remind everyone that membership is not one person's role, it's everyone's. New members bring new ideas, enthusiasm and expertise - and we can offer so much in return.

Our Club is the Sponsor Club for the District 9705 Vulnerable Youth Project, which came to fruition at the end of this year when the first clients attended the facility. What began as an idea of Alan Scandrett's has developed with a great amount of effort and support from Alan and David Marshall. The project is supported by many other Clubs and ACT organisations including the ACT Youth Coalition, Hands Across Canberra, The Snow Foundation and the John James Foundation as well as many Rotary Clubs and individual Rotarians. Those involved from these organisations have received / are yet to receive, our Club's thanks by way of Paul Harris recognition for their tremendous support of this initiative.

I'm proud to have been the Chair of the Canberra International Women's Day Committee and we held a very successful breakfast event in March this year with 80+ registrants and Guest Speaker Vanessa Low. This was a District initiative and saw other events around the District also held on the day.

The District committee comprised DGN Andrea Grosvenor, Mary Brell, Judy Ford and myself and Christa Wood joined us as Chair for the regional events. My thanks also goes to everyone from our Club who supported me on the Committee and includes Helen Moore, Rosemary Ganly, Telesia and Lawrence Fatiaki (as Treasurer). We were ably assisted by other Rotarians from other local clubs.



President Sandra, Vanessa and PE Chris



Guest Speaker Vanessa Low - IWD 2022

I was invited by DG Leo Farrelly to assist with the arrangements for a Beacon Lighting Ceremony to recognise Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's 70-year reign. The event was managed by the Department of PMC and with our input. Thanks also to PDG Michael Moore and PE Chris Angus for their support along the way. DG Leo and PE Chris also attended the event.

The event was held across the Commonwealth countries and for District 9705, the RC Canberra was chosen as initial contact for the District by Rotarians in London, UK. It was an immense pleasure to pass the flame to newly-elected Prime Minister Anthony Albanese on a very cold winter's night in early June. Images of the event were flashed around the globe and it was an honour to represent Rotary on a global stage and play a small but significant part in the celebrations.



The PM lighting the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Beacon



The Chief Minister was a guest at the celebration

So, although we have had a Covid-19 affected year and my wish list didn't all fully eventuate, we still have had some great positive outcomes. We've shared Christmas cheer, listened to great guest speakers, caught up with previous Rotary Exchange students online, wandered gardens and generally enjoyed each other's company.

On the governance side, it was my intention for a review of the Club's Constitution and Bylaws and for the review to be initiated and completed in my Presidential year. This task proved greater than initially anticipated, partly due to the fact the last review was in 2011 and there have been changes required over time by Rotary International and local ACT regulations relating to Club and Association governance documents.

Once again, my sincere thanks to Max Kimber for his due diligence and ultimate persistence working through these documents. It was no mean feat. Max was assisted by Tiru Vallal, PE Chris Angus and myself along the way for commentary and suggestions, but he did all the hard work and continues to do so. It proved too much to complete in the year and I thank Max for taking this task to completion in 2022-23 with full backing of President Chris and the Board.

I couldn't have achieved as much as I have without the support of my Board and others. Rosemary Ganly and Phil Byrne stepped in when we Tiru Vallal and Jerry Nockles resigned due to other commitments six months into the year, and I thank them for running with the flow.

Thanks also to Treasurer Paul Street, Secretary Helen Moore, IPP Desmond Woods, PE Chris Angus, Yvonne Luxford and Michael Moore – for your support and guidance throughout the year.

Thank you to all the members who have supported me in any and every way and especially for the votes of confidence from our longer-term members this year – that has meant a lot to me.

My aim was to keep people engaged throughout the year, through our meetings, activities, by the newsletter, Facebook and trying to stay in touch with those who were not able to attend for whatever reason.

As I have said in the Bulletin – we are a Rotary family and here for each other – thank you all for being here for me.

I look forward to working with President Chris and his Board in the 2022-23 Rotary Year and wish him every success.

Sandra

**Sandra Turner PHF
President 2021-2022
Rotary Club of Canberra**

Club Service

From August to November, the Club was impacted by the second COVID-19 lockdown, that lasted three months. This required all meetings to be held via Zoom which did impact some members more than others. It remained important to stay engaged with members and they were encouraged to log in a half hour earlier than commencement for some 'online fellowship' which worked relatively well.

At the end of lockdown, our lunch meetings returned to the Commonwealth Club and members slowly returned to the meetings as they began to feel more comfortable in COVID-Safe controlled environments and of course, with vaccines on board!

Throughout the lockdown, our Club, with the support of RC Tuggeranong and others, supported the Ken Behrens Helping Hands initiative to assist those in the community who required assistance with meals through the lockdown. Members rallied with the initiation of the idea by Area Governor Desmond Woods and supported by Area Governor Adam de Toth from RC Tuggeranong.

Shawn Wilson ran a roster of Rotary volunteers to deliver the meals and food parcels for those less advantaged. It provided some welcome time 'outdoors' for volunteers and the opportunity to do good in our local community. The smiles and 'thank you's' from those receiving goods were all that was required to ensure a feeling of a job well done.

Throughout the year, a variety of guest speakers were invited to meetings and a monthly Zoom meeting allowed for contact with those who remained unable to attend Club meetings in person for whatever reason.



Zoom meeting Gordon McNally



Helping Hands Volunteers

Youth / New Generations

With the re-opening of international borders during 2021-22, planning could begin to recommence the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. Our Club volunteered to host an Exchange Student for the 2022-23 year, and preparations commenced in March 2022. The Rotary Club of Canberra also provided the counsellor for the inbound student.

Our Club also sponsored two young Canberrans to participate in the National Youth Science Forum that was held virtually in January 2022.

Unfortunately, the Rotary Program of Enrichment (RYPEN) was cancelled for 2021 due to COVID-19, as was the Rotary 100 Great Youth Adventure which would have provided an opportunity for a young Canberran to participate in a Tall Ships Voyage along the east coast of Australia.

International Service

International Service comprised ongoing support for several organisations the Club has been involved with over time, as well as making some new contributions. All funds distributed are presented in the reviewed Financial Statements attached.

The Club's support was truly global and included African nations, Ukraine and the Pacific-Islands. The International committee has highlighted the need to provide more support to our Pacific neighbours in the future.

The International Committee proposed a donation be made to the Rotary International Disaster Response Fund to support the people of Ukraine. The Board approved an allocation of \$2000 be donated to the Ukraine Disaster Response Fund.

A donation was also made to support Tonga's Recovery from the recent Tsunami which devastated many areas of the country. A contribution of \$4000 was made from the International Committee Budget to the RAWCS Tonga project. Discussions regarding possible future support are continuing with a Tongan Club via a contact at the RC Jerrabomberra.

Support was also given to the Assisi Centre for Social Justice and Peace in Uganda to enable teenage mothers to return to education. The funds donated were received from individual members and their partners, a District Grant and a Club donation of \$1500.



Assisi Thankyou



Tonga devastation

The Club continues to support the School of St Jude and provided \$720 which is the annual salary of one teacher. That this is an ongoing commitment of the Club, subject to the current Board's approval.

The Club also continues to support the Limapela Foundation which operates Limapela Schools in Zambia and this year made a contribution of \$1509.

Community Service

Rotarian Jerry Knockles was the Community Service Director for the initial stages of this Rotary Year. Jerry asked to step down and President Sandra invited Rotarian Rosemary Ganly to take over the role. Rosemary started as Community Service Director in February.

COVID-19 prevented most Community Service activities from occurring.

President Sandra requested an in-depth audit of all Community Service projects being undertaken by Rotary Club of Canberra. The Audit was completed and it allowed the Club to understand the full range of its activities. The Board decided to review several projects that were no longer aligned with the strategic direction and member abilities. The Board decided to cancel the Senior's Concert at the Albert Hall due to ongoing COVID-19 issues and risks. The Audit encouraged the Board and members to revitalise BuyCycle and Circus Quirkus, both of which will be held 'in person' in 2022.

The Budget papers indicated that we were able to assist the District 9705 Vulnerable Youth Project (our Club is the Sponsor Club for this now-District Project), St John's Care, the Malhotra Ken Behrens Project and Roundabout.



St John's Christmas Donations



Roundabout Trolley's purchased

A donation was also forwarded to the Australian Rotary Health and members of the Club worked as Volunteers for the Aussie Peace Walk.

Public Image Director

With the impact of a three-month COVID-19 lockdown, it was especially important to continue regular communications with members as well as reaching a broader audience.

Facebook posts were a regular event and it was interesting to note through the year that there was a progressive increase in number of followers of our Facebook page, including Rotarians from other Clubs, other Club pages and non-Rotarians as well. The posts mostly promoted upcoming guest speakers as well as some other content if relevant.

The Bulletin publication continued through the year and it was issued as close to two weekly as possible for most of the year. This was especially relevant through lockdown as people weren't out and about and had less contact with others. It was an opportunity to keep people up to date with Board decisions, external activities and other pieces of interest to members.

With only the President managing the public image portfolio, it was difficult keeping everything up to date. Limited updates were made to the website, and this is an area that is being addressed as a continuing process. This is particularly important as it is the Club's outward-facing promotion site. Of note, most members reported in a survey carried out early in the year that they do not regularly visit the Club web page and prefer to visit Facebook for regular updates.

Membership Report

We had 11 new members join our Club through the year and five who left due to transfers, family situations or a move to another city. Long term members Richard and Barbara Griffiths retired from Rotary to pursue other interests and we thank them both for their long-term dedication and commitment to Rotary over many years.

The Club welcomed Shawn Wilson, Nathan Kuster, Telesia and Lawrence Fatiaki, Hugh and Janny Poate, Garry Malhotra, Gaye Shenton and Ashley Marshall. Some were Rotarians and have transferred to the Club. Most recently at the Changeover dinner, the Club welcomed Martha Mavrommatis and Krishna Nadimpalli.

Thanks to all who have supported our Club's new members. Membership is not one person's role, but everyone's responsibility and it's important that we continue to see new members join our Club – for their ideas, enthusiasm and expertise - and we as a Club and individuals can offer much in return.



Membership Director Michael Moore with new members: Martha, Gaye (transfer) and Telesia.



New member Garry and President Sandra

Rotary Foundation Report

The Financial Statements outline donations to the Rotary Foundation throughout the year. All members have been encouraged to become Centurions and this remains a task to achieve. If every member decided to support the program each year, that would see more than \$5,000 per year going directly into the Foundation. Contributions accrue towards Paul Harris Fellow recognition and Foundation funds do come back to Clubs by way of successful grant applications through Global and District Grants.

The Club remains very grateful to the Rotary Foundation for the District and Global Grants made available to our Club over time. They have allowed us to continue our work within both the local and international community.

JC Olsson Relief Trust Fund

The Annual Report of the JC Olsson Relief Trust Fund including the financial statement, is provided as an annexure to this Report.

Reviewed Financial Statements

The Financial Reports for 2021-2022 are provided as an annexure to this Annual Report along with the Reviewers Report.

Annexures

1. Financial Statement – Review of the accounts and records of the Club for the year ended 30 June 2022
2. JC Olsson Relief Trust Fund Annual Report

The Rotary Club of Canberra - Review of the accounts and records of the Club for the year ended 30 June 2022

The Club is incorporated under the *Associations Incorporation Act 1991* (the Act) of the ACT. It is a small association (revenue less than \$400 000 (s70B)). As such, the Club must appoint a reviewer to review the Club's accounting records and report to it in writing. The report must state if the accounting records do not satisfy the requirements of Part 5 (record keeping and reporting) of the Act. (ss75(2)).

The Club is required to prepare accounts that truly and fairly show the income, expenditure, assets, liabilities, securities and other prescribed matters (s72).

The Club must also lodge an annual return in the prescribed form (s79).

Requirements for a review and conclusion

Section 75 of the Act requires me to review the Club's accounting records, to prepare a written report; and to state whether anything has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the accounting records do not satisfy the requirements of the Act.

I conclude that nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the accounting records do not satisfy the requirements of the Act.

Basis of Accounting

The accounts are prepared on a cash basis, meaning that transactions are recognised when cash is exchanged.

Circus Quirkus (CQ)

The Club has a commercial arrangement with International Entertainment (Aust) Pty Ltd, a private company that directs and manages CQ. The Club's CQ accounts are separated from the Club's. I have reviewed the financial statements of Circus Quirkus.

The Club maintains GST registration for its CQ activity.

Acknowledgements

My thanks to Mr Paul Street OAM, Treasurer of the Club, for his assistance and goodwill in the conduct of this review.

Russell Hearne

Russell Hearne

25 October 2022

Rotary Club of Canberra Circus Quirkus

Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2022

	TOTAL
Assets	
Current Assets	
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group - ANZ (AU)	88,203.99
Total Current Assets	A\$88,203.99
Total Assets	A\$88,203.99
Liabilities and shareholder's equity	
Current liabilities:	
ATO Clearing Account	0.00
GST Liabilities Payable	5,369.83
Total current liabilities	A\$5,369.83
Shareholders' equity:	
Net Income	46.65
Opening balance equity	73,493.26
Retained Earnings	9,294.25
Total shareholders' equity	A\$82,834.16
Total liabilities and equity	A\$88,203.99

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Rotary Club of Canberra Circus Quirkus

Profit and Loss

July 2021 - June 2022

	TOTAL
Income	
Fundraising Income	109,977.47
Interest earned	205.38
Total Income	A\$110,182.85
GROSS PROFIT	A\$110,182.85
Expenses	
Bank charges and fees	4,355.95
Donation to RCC	20,000.00
International Entertainment	46,257.48
Subscriptions	381.84
Telemarketers	39,140.93
Total Expenses	A\$110,136.20
NET EARNINGS	A\$46.65

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Rotary Club of Canberra Inc

Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2022

	TOTAL
Assets	
Current Assets	
1-1110 Rotary Club of Canberra General Acc	12,428.65
1-1120 Rotary Club of Canberra Project Acc	4,298.36
1-1130 IMB	0.00
1-1150 Rotary Club of Canberra Grants Acc	0.00
Total Current Assets	A\$16,727.01
Total Assets	A\$16,727.01
Liabilities and shareholder's equity	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable	0.00
Total Accounts payable	A\$0.00
GST Liabilities Payable	0.00
Total current liabilities	A\$0.00
Shareholders' equity:	
Net Income	-2,268.41
3-9999 Opening Balance Equity	64,244.32
Retained Earnings	-45,248.90
Total shareholders' equity	A\$16,727.01
Total liabilities and equity	A\$16,727.01

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Rotary Club of Canberra Inc

Profit and Loss

July 2021 - June 2022

	TOTAL
Income	
4-0000 INCOME	
4-1110 Subscriptions	20,679.50
4-1200 Weekly meetings	
4-1201 Zoom Meetings	2,655.00
4-1202 Lunch Com Club	19,554.35
Total 4-1200 Weekly meetings	22,209.35
4-1410 Changeover event	-840.50
4-1415 Change over 1 July 2022	3,195.00
Total 4-1410 Changeover event	2,354.50
4-2220 Revenue - General	13.33
4-2230 Assisi Uganda	13,101.00
Total 4-2220 Revenue - General	13,114.33
4-2221 Bank Interest	0.60
4-3100 Circus Quirkus	20,000.00
4-3110 Buycycle	730.00
4-3200 Sergeant's Donations	1,856.25
4-3310 Christmas Party	2,530.00
4-3315 Raffles Silent A	4,183.00
Total 4-3310 Christmas Party	6,713.00
Total 4-0000 INCOME	87,657.53
4-5110 Interest ANZ/IMB	2.05
Total Income	A\$87,659.58
GROSS PROFIT	A\$87,659.58
Expenses	
6-1001 ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES	
6-1100 Meeting Costs	17,305.82
6-1130 Christmas function	2,539.00
6-1520 Changeover event	58.98
6-1601 Bank charges	620.93
6-1602 Accounting/bookkeeping fees	802.40
6-1603 Printing & Stationery	330.78
6-1606 Badges	833.10
6-1610 Storage rental	2,955.00
6-1615 Office, general and administrative expenses	1,632.40
6-2100 International Dues	5,892.06
6-2200 District Dues	6,370.02
6-2300 RDU subscriptions	2,157.50
Total 6-1001 ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES	41,497.99
6-3000 COMMUNITY SERVICES	
3010 Charitable Contributions	1,125.00
6-3010 Australian Rotary Health	1,100.00
6-3016 St Johns Care	1,000.00
6-3018 Ruby's Place	9,015.00

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Rotary Club of Canberra Inc

Profit and Loss
July 2021 - June 2022

	TOTAL
6-3019 RC Tuggeranong - Malthotra	500.00
Total 6-3000 COMMUNITY SERVICES	12,740.00
6-4000 FOUNDATION	
6-4015 Foundation donation	10,880.00
6-4020 Foundation Ukraine	2,000.00
Total 6-4000 FOUNDATION	12,880.00
6-5000 INTERNATIONAL	
6-5002 Assisi Uganda	14,631.00
6-5008 RAWCS	4,000.00
6-5010 St Jude's School	720.00
6-5019 GG Limapela	1,509.00
6-5030 Harvest Hope Africa	0.00
Total 6-5000 INTERNATIONAL	20,860.00
6-7000 YOUTH	
6-7060 NYSF	950.00
6-7075 Rotaract	500.00
6-7080 Youth Exchange	500.00
Total 6-7000 YOUTH	1,950.00
Total Expenses	A\$99,927.99
NET EARNINGS	A\$ -2,288.41

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