



ANNUAL REPORT ROTARY CLUB OF MOUNT BEAUTY

2016-2017



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Cheryl Clutterbuck	President
Bob Flower	President Elect and Secretay
Mark Zagorski	Past President and Vice President
Mark Lucey	Treasurer and Family of Rotary
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Barb Pyle	New Generations and Vocations
Sue Randell	International and Foundation
Ken Bell	Public Relations and Membership
Gregor McLennan	Bulletin Editor
Jenny Flower	Sergeant at Arms

Members

Ian and Susie Cohn, Andrew Randell, Jane Secker, Allan Marsland, Rhonda Gargan, Rob Spargo, Grant Abbey, Graeme Meakin, Kitty Vigo, Roger Pyle, Christine Walker, Duncan McDonald, Merle Ricklefs, and Maria Pantling

24 Active Members

Honorary Member

Roy Davies

Community Helpers - thankyou

Joshua New, Konrad Kompe, Noel McDougall, Kerry Lucas, Doug Hamilton, Bill Best, Francesca Wellington, Lisa Lucey, Sandi Coleman, Jim Gargan, Ron Gallagher, Bernie McArdle, Steve Gardiner, Jim Crebbin, Dean Barter, and Nick Wright. Many remain anonymous but you know who you are – thankyou everyone for helping us to raise much needed \$\$\$s to support local community services and international projects.

President's Report – Cheryl Clutterbuck

What a wonderful, exciting, steep learning curve of a year it has been for me as the President of this wonderful Rotary Club. We have been able to achieve some big milestones this year.

One of these was the retraining of 12 of our members for their stop/slow qualifications. This skill enables them to provide safe, qualified road traffic management and marshalling for many local and international sporting events in our area. We are also able to assist police on Anzac Day with traffic control during the march.

Our Bulletin Editor Greg has kept us entertained throughout the year with his writing style and wit when producing our weekly Bulletin. Thankyou Greg for the new format. I know that the members not only look forward to getting their bulletin, but they are actually reading it!

Our public profile has been raised with Jenny doing sausage sizzles down the street and at the Mount Beauty Market. The use of our banner has proven to be an effective advertising tool also. The increased profile of our Facebook page can be directly attributed to Mark L and Jane Z, thank you for your efforts on behalf of the club I know that others have contributed but these two have been consistent, relevant contributors.

Our Sergeant Jenny has kept us on our toes this year with interesting and different celebrations. We were reminded about the Lift the Lid on mental illness Hat Day in September (also including eating disorders), Rotalow Countdown (our version of the Brownlow) and who can forget Bob with his "Running of the Cup" and sweep. I have only mentioned a couple but Jenny has remained a strong presence during the year – welcoming our guests, offering to restock the BBQ boxes and many other "behind the scene activities" that make this Club such a caring and welcoming group.

Guest Speakers and Special Visitors

The following are some of our guest speakers for the year. These speakers presented thought provoking topics which we really appreciated. Of course, we cannot forget our wonderful family and friends that would come at times to share a lovely meal at Roi's.

Tom Ridley and Peter Hull – Disabled Winter sports Australia

Joanne and John Knight – Angels for the Forgotten

Tom Randell – setting up of an X-ray field unit and overseas Medical Aid Unit

Rhonda Serpell – Landcare – Mental Health for Farmers

Marguerite Ryan – Women 4 Women in Africa – Kibera in Kenya (and partner Maurice)

Jill Abbott – Rotary President of Englewood USA (and partner John Blakely)

Our NYSF student two of which were successful in their applications

Sarah Cocchi – Exchange student from Italy

DG Tony Bramley and Pam

ADG Margaret Bennett

Rose Sexton – Death Over Dinner and her acapella bluegrass band Salvation Jane

Shared meal with members of the Lion's Club Mount Beauty

Hakon Keskin (RC Pres in Istanbul – Turkey) his with Emel and their friends Mesut and Joanne Karakurt from Melbourne

Highlights

I would like to mention a few highlights for the year and this is not an exhaustive list.

One was the International Women's Day film night and BBQ. 75 locals attended this event and the social aspect of sharing a meal prior, was wonderful to experience. I would like to extend special thanks to two community members who put a lot of hard work into making this celebration so successful – Cath McDowell and Penny Goebel. The money raised was passed onto the Rotary Charity - Seven Women in Katmandu, Nepal.

Another event was the District Conference in Shepparton where Bob Flower and I were asked to introduce Jacqui Cooper (5 time Olympian Aerial Skier). This was a great opportunity to showcase our small club and to focus on the many events we do differently to other clubs because of our close proximity to the snow fields.

It was nerve wrecking but an honour to represent our Club at the 2016 Mount Beauty Debutant Ball as their Honorary Guest. Again, I was able to talk about the many areas of service we have particularly in relation to youth.

Being involved with the Lion's Club of Mount Beauty in the revegetation of the West Kiewa park has been a great way for two local service clubs to work together with a common goal for our community. The meal that we shared with their members was very enjoyable and they plan to return the invitation in the future.

The "Trekking in the Hills" 4-wheel drive spectacular, organised by Mark Lucey and Bob Flower, included all our families and was a great success – the quiz on the way to a lovely lunch was memorable for all the right reasons. Thankyou Mark and Bob for organizing this event and we hope that there will be more to follow.

Inducting Roy Davies as an Honorary Member and Maria Pantling as a new Rotarian was a privilege and a celebration that I will not forget for a long time – welcome to our club in your respective roles.

I could go on with the work done around Bowel Screening (thankyou Mark Zagorski), fundraising options at Falls Creek (thankyou Mark Lucey), and the idea of redistributing the Emergency Information Booklets (thankyou Noel McDougal).

We have had a year of sorrow with member's family members passing, past Rotarians and one current member. Ernie's loss was felt by all and not having his presence at meetings has been really noticed – but what a privilege it has been to know such a wonderful, caring and gentlemanly man. Early into my term as President David Vigo passed away. To celebrate David's life with the help of the Soweto Choir was both moving and an appropriate tribute to such a lovely man. To see our members care for each other and support the spouses during these times of grief and sickness has been inspiring and reminds me of what an honour it is to be part of this Rotarian family.

To my fellow Rotarians at Mount Beauty – thankyou for your support, guidance, suggestions and the occasional reminders. You have made my year as President a privilege and I have been proud to represent you at the various functions I've attended. If I single out individual people to thank then I am sure I will miss someone but I have so appreciated the gently caring of you all.

Rotary Above Self

Secretary Report – Bob Flower

In the second of my two years as secretary I continued the practices from the previous year with very few changes. The idea was to strike a balance between keeping members fully informed on all things Rotary and annoying them with too much bombardment of their inboxes. It turned out all members were pleased to receive both agendas and minutes by email. At meetings only the chair and secretary had a copy of the agenda and minutes (keeping it a little more casual than a meeting at work might be), but most members had read the agendas on their email prior to the meeting and were ready to participate in any discussion.

The other main form of communication with members is the passing on of notices of events from District or from other clubs. For these types of communications I had a separate email list, and a number of members elected to be taken off this list. I believe that worked well.

In other secretarial tasks...

- Attendances were recorded monthly and entered on to Club Runner. We learned at the District Assembly that this is no longer required. Attendances, of course, will continue to be recorded in the minutes.
- Membership Records were maintained on Rotary.org and Rotary Down Under. This is important to make sure we are only invoiced for the number of current members.
- Letters were written and answered as required– a job that has become significantly easier with most of them being done by email.
- The practice of publishing rosters and coming events in the minutes was continued – the aim being to keep this information in front of the members as much as possible.

I also should say that being retired from full time work I have taken a number of holidays during my time as secretary, as well as taking a bit of time off for illness. I extend a big thank you to those who have covered for me on those various absences.

Bob Flower (sent from Far North QLD on yet another holiday!)

Treasurer's Report – Mark Lucey

Rotary Club of Mount Beauty
Financial Statement for the period ending 30 June 2017.

Executive Summary

2016-2017 was a steady year with results for our main fundraising events achieving 91% of total revenue raised. Fundraising distribution was down (-12.14%) on previous years, \$19.5K compared to \$22K. The club's overall cash position decreased by 9.41% to \$28.4K.

The balance of each of our 4 accounts are as follows: -

Account	2016 Balance	2017 Balance	% Variance
Fundraising	12,743	11,792	-7.46
Fines & Raffles	*3,081	1,080	-64.94
General	549	146	-73.40
Term Deposit	14,996	15,400	2.7
Closing Balance	31,369	28,418	-9.41

*\$1.5K expended after 2015/16 account close-off in 2015/2016 FY

Highlights

Our fundraising efforts continue to be weather dependent, this was highlighted with the Hoppet BBQ delivering a 26% increase in fundraising profit. This was reflective of the inclement weather in 2015 vs the fine day in 2016.

Our other major events were slightly down on the previous year.

Bicycle Events, Peaks Challenge, Audax and Team Mt Beauty continue to be the major contributors to the clubs fundraising effort with 2016/17 contributing over \$10K, representing approximately 50% of our yearly fundraising effort.

The club is building a considerable intellectual capital database and has well developed event management skills to be well placed to offer our services to any future event in North East Victoria. This has been demonstrated by our continuing and growing partnership with Bicycle Victoria.

In 2016 a shortage of qualified Traffic Controllers was identified as a financial risk to this event. This risk has been mitigated, with 13 members receiving training and being awarded Traffic Control qualifications. The cost of this training was offset with a contribution by Bicycle Victoria.

Fundraising Distribution

The club distributed \$19,505 across varied segments of society, ranging from International projects sponsored by Rotary International to the local Community Playgroup.

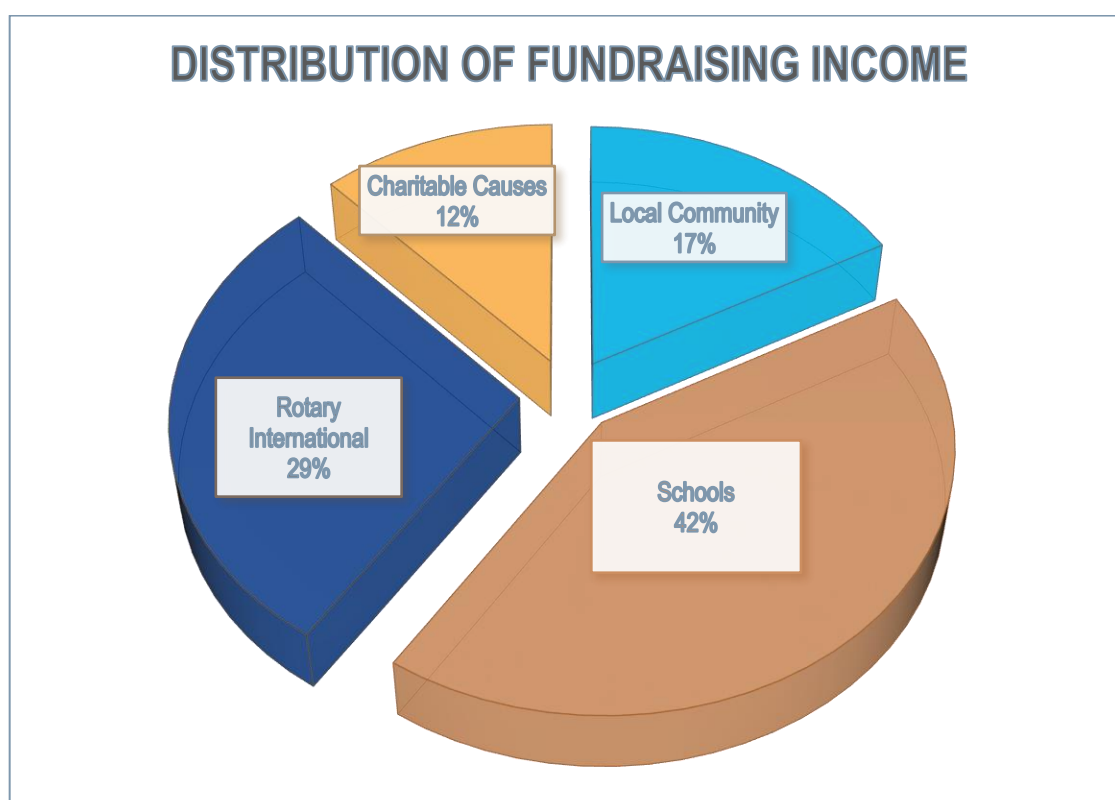
We have maintained our contribution to Rotary International from last year being \$5,500 our single largest donation.

The club has also maintained its close association with the Mt Beauty Secondary College via sponsorship of students to the National Youth Science forum. 2016/2017 saw two (2) students receiving sponsorship to attend the forum in Canberra.

Sponsorship of the Year 11 orientation trip to Melbourne also continued.

Overall 59% of funds raised are distributed back to the local community.

The graph below represents the distribution of raised funds: -



Future Risks

Overall the club's financial position is sound with strong reserves going into the 2017/18 year, however the forthcoming loss of the land associated with our biannual Garage Sales poses a significant financial risk should alternate land and or fundraising ventures not come to fruition in the near future.

Members of the club are diligently rising to this challenge.

Yours in Rotary,
Mark Lucey - Treasurer

New Generations and Vocations Report – Barb Pyle

The first task of the Rotary year 16/17 was to interview students who applied for the National Youth Science Forum which took place in January 2017.

From the three students who were interviewed and recommended to go to Shepparton for the next tier of interviews, two were accepted and went onto to the Science Forum in Canberra. For both students it was a life –changing experience which enabled them to make better choices for their futures. In this endeavour I was very ably assisted by Rotarian Ernie Pantling, who very sadly passed away later in the year. Ernie loved working with the younger generation and made the interviewing process special for all of us.

As our relationship with the Secondary College is so cordial, we find staff and students appearing at our garage sales and other events to help out. Every Garage Sale barbeque we have had for many years now has been, by and large, manned by the College folk. Rotary appreciates their help and I know they appreciate what we do for them, it is a rewarding relationship.

So far this year we have offered the students the National Youth Science Forum, ConocoPhillips Science School, a debating opportunity through the Rotary Murphy debate, and the year 11 Familiarisation trip to Melbourne. All these opportunities have been considered by the school and the students, and wonderful support has been given to me by the teaching staff.

We are now back in NYSF mode and my thanks go to Rhonda, Sue and Ken for their contributions.

Club Services and Projects – Jane Zagorski

I think the reason we have the words 'services' and 'projects' in this title is to differentiate between our fundraising efforts and those activities and service we provide without an expectation of any dollars. It is an important duality. Fundraising is important because our local community looks to groups such as ours for financial support. Service is one of our basic tenets "Service Above Self". We need to maintain a balance of both in our club. Each is important and they are equally rewarding in different ways.

The activity and involvement of all members in all our activities is vital to the health and survival of our club. There is a lot of planning required for all the events to run smoothly. Past directors of the position of Club Service have done the hard yards, rostering, planning, tidying, communicating, ordering, overseeing etc. This year we accepted the reality that this is all too much for one person and our club adopted the idea of having a Coordinator who would oversee the activities and second others to assist at specific events. My role this year was the first as coordinator. This has coincided with the club being at a stage of stability with not many leaving or coming! So the role was easier than I expected. As long as the upcoming activity was on the agenda all the activities proceeded - in planning and execution - with the minimum of fuss. What a well-oiled machine our club has become. Perhaps aided by improved recording of past activity passed on to me as well as good leadership from President Cheryl and efficient secretariat from PE elect Bob. And this will continue as Secretary elect Mark Lucey has brought us all up to date with the use of Dropbox where all our latest information is filed for access by all.

So our 20+ Hoppet BBQ went well in pretty good conditions in 2016. Sun is important as more people hang around to buy our delicious hamburgers, sausages and kranskies and hot food is important for weary skiers as well as their chilly supporters and the many volunteers that make the whole event work so well. After a short 2 month break our November Garage Sale takes place and despite donations being fewer we still managed to attract a crowd and they parted with their dollars. Then another recess until the beginning of the mountain bike season when our really busy period of March and April happens in between there are blue light BBQs at the pool and this year we trialed Saturday morning sausage sizzle giveaways to keep Rotary in the front line of local awareness. More of these would be good but maybe we need more helpers for that to happen.

In 2017 we marshalled and traffic controlled at National mountain bike events, at locally planned races, at the January Audax, at the mighty 3 Peaks challenge and in May at the Mt Beauty half marathon. Phew! But everyone rose to the occasion and we were always able to provide the manpower required and many valuable dollars were raised. And when necessary, non-Rotarians were co-opted and we thank all those helpers.

Our penultimate garage sale at Pyle's paddock in April was surprisingly successful with record numbers of locals recycling their possessions. Again the success of this is weather dependent and in 2017 Easter was delightful. And so we are encouraged enough to look around for another venue to continue this activity that has run twice a year now for 8 years.

We have just begun to run our own Bowelscan programme after Bright Rotary has looked after our area for a number of years. Mark Zagorski has taken on the coordination of this and so far is pleased and surprised at the number of kits that have sold. We are grateful to Mt Beauty Pharmacy for displaying and selling these on our behalf, and to Jenny and Barb who manned a stall in Hollonds St to help raise awareness. Let's hope we can make a difference to bowel cancer rates in our community.

So lastly a congratulations to all our members who all help out when they can and how they can. Our average age is not so young and it is impressive, to say the least, at the willingness of people to get out of bed early, to give up their weekends and nights to come to meetings and to use their expertise to make all of the above happen. I, for one, am proud of what we manage to achieve.

Rotary Foundation & International Service Report For The Year 2016-17.

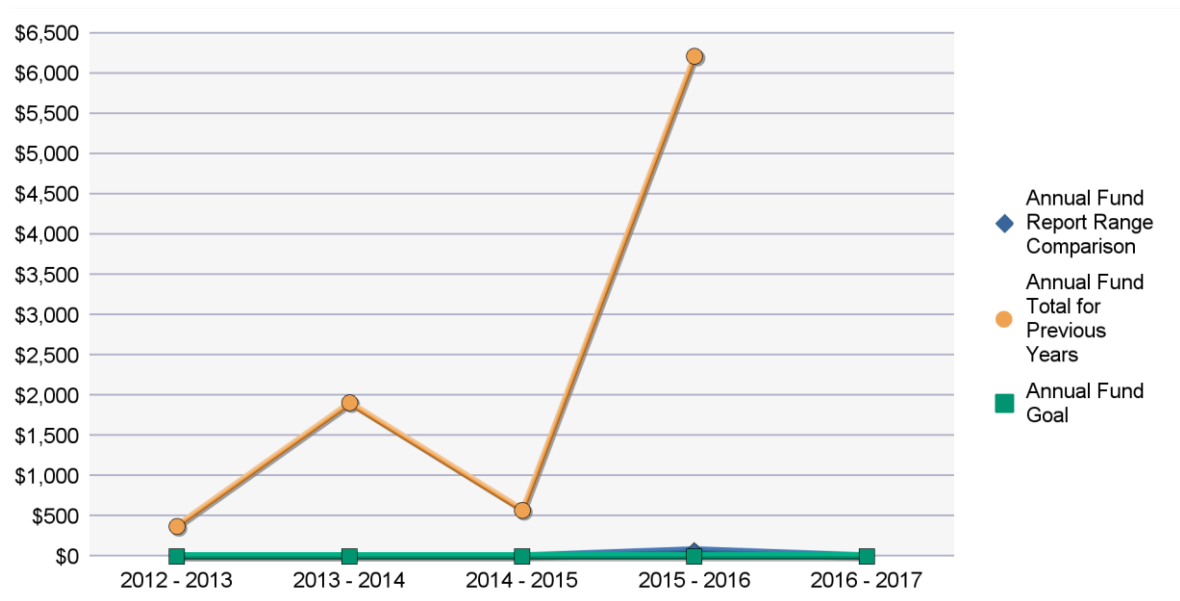
My thanks go to President Cheryl for her leadership this year and the importance which she has placed on bringing in speakers to talk about International projects and issues of interest.

This year we organised an International night on 12th December with a guest speaker, Marguerite Ryan from "Women for women in Africa". This very successful night was the birthplace of a project dubbed "knickers for Nairobi" which was born at the Mt Beauty Rotary Club meeting and is now sending over 8000 pairs of knickers to these ladies.

Another speaker was Tom Randell with a very interesting presentation on his work with the National Disaster relief team from Darwin which set up a 60-bed hospital in Tacloban City in the Philippines in the aftermath of the cyclone.

International Women's Day on March 4th was also recognised with the screening of a film called "Bringing the Light" at the Community Centre. We also provided a BBQ for the event.

Rotary International Contributions



Following on from last year the Club has voted to make a contribution to the Rotary Foundation this year of \$5500, a truly outstanding achievement which represents more than \$200 per member.

Sue Randell

International Service and Rotary Foundation Director



THE ROGUES GALLERY FOR 2016-2017





