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**BEGA ROTARY ANNUAL
REPORT 2022 - 2023**

President's Report 2022/23

It gives me great pleasure to present my President's Report for the Rotary Club of Bega for 2022/23.

Following Covid 19 we have had to reinvent Rotary. This applies to all Rotary Clubs in District 9705. I believe the previous two years have been the most challenging in the history of Rotary.

But, the good news is we have survived. This shows the strength and commitment of the Board and our Members. We have had to adapt to changes, some we might not like, but at the end of the day Rotary has to be a sustainable organisation.

This year our Annual Report takes on a different format from previous years. Chris Hamilton and Margaret Taylor have added photos to my quarterly reports which demonstrates that we are a club that focuses on many projects, both at home and abroad.

To induct seven new members in one year is amazing. With the success of the Breakfast Meetings each month people are wanting to join our club. To Fay, Julie, Pene, Sharon, Claire, Marea and Poukuy I welcome you to the family of Rotary. You are our future. We also welcomed Mike Amor who unfortunately could only stay with us for a few months.

To all our retiring Rotarians – John Durant, Dorothea Polonyi, Brian Zagar, Matt Sierp and Tom Prexl I wish to thank you for your service to Rotary. We wish you all the best for the future. We hope you will always remain a "Friend of Rotary".

I am extremely proud of what our club has achieved this year. Socially we enjoyed 24 guest speakers, four vocational visits, six social nights and four combined Rotary meetings.

Our Inaugural Art Show was a huge success thanks to Maz Hamilton and her helpers. We were fortunate to be able to hold two successful book fairs during the year too. The club donated \$4,500.00 to support local groups and scholarships and we contributed \$7,000.00 to overseas projects. Once again our members supported The Rotary Foundation by donating \$5,000.00 to this our own Charity to focus on: * Promoting Peace *Fighting Disease * Providing Clean Water Sanitation and Hygiene *Saving Mothers and Children *Supporting Education *Growing Local Economies *Protecting the Environment.

Thank you to everyone who helped collect furniture for new visa holders working at Sapphire Coast Community Aged Care. This enabled 40 new employees to begin work in Bega this year.

A big thank you to our regular caterers: The Grand Hotel, Bega Heritage Centre and The Peanut Eatery.

The Rotary Club of Bega is in a strong financial position. This is mainly due to our very "careful" Treasurer Charlie Blomfield. Account balances as of June 20th 2023: Club Account \$7,457.15, Charity Account \$23,565.74, Term Deposit 1 \$7,077.14, Term Deposit 2 \$10,000.00.

Now as the Rotary theme changes from "Imagine Rotary" to "Create hope in the world" let's enjoy fellowship and service in 2023/24.

Phil McDonald

Bega Rotary Quarterly Report July - September, 2022



Bega Rotary Club Board for 2022/23

Guest Speakers



Rick McKee,
management
of a medical
practice



Marea Moulton,
in the NT



Matt Sierp,
Aged care in the
Bega Valley



DG Geraldine
Rurenga



Gavin Bell, Social
Justice Advocates



Graham Brown,
South Africa



Dr Catherine Francis
SERH

Fundraising

Book Fair \$6300



Local Support



Fling Physical Theatre
serving tea/coffee at
five performances



Adopt A Tree Certificates presented
to all guest speakers supporting RI's
environmental focus



Collecting furniture for rental properties to house overseas employees at SCCAC



RYLA Matt Gibbs, under 28,
Murrumbateman \$950



Social Dinners



'The Barracks',



Wolumla Hotel



Vocational Visits



Publican's Wife's
shop Bega



Tathra Hotel

Combined Meetings



Merimbula and Pambula - Guest speaker Steve Lamont, Melbourne Convention

Overseas Projects

Sarnelli House in Thailand – Children's Orphanage.

Forbes \$2000

Northpoint Academy Chitwan District Nepal. Support parents with school fees \$500

Shelter Box – flood victims in Pakistan \$1000

Ukraine \$500

Bega Rotary Quarterly Report October - December 2022

Guest Speakers



Catherine Coman,
Boonell Handbags



Poukuy Ros,
My journey to Bega



Cal Champagne,
BVSC Resilience
Officer



Andrew Warby,
Bega/ Littleton
Exchange



Tabitha, felt hat making



David Gallan, Timor
Leste teacher
education



New employees at SCCAC supported by Bega Rotary

Fundraising

Book Fair September

Local Support

Donations - \$1,000 to Quaama School to transport disadvantaged children from the Bega Valley to Stewart House for optical, dental and medical treatment

Scholarships: \$500 for teacher scholarships in Timor Leste
\$500 for and aged care schoarshhip through the UoW

Assistance with blood pressure screening at Sapphire Coast Market Place wih ANU medical students



Support for Stand Tall youth event in Pambula in November

Ongoing residential and educational support for Sapphire Coast Community
Aged Care employees

Social Dinners



Thai Restaurant evening



Christmas Party at Tathra

Vocational Visits



Visit Leef – formally -
Mobility Matters

Combined Meetings



Combined dinner at Club
Sapphire with Merimbula
And Pambula Rotary Clubs

Bega Rotary Club Quarterly Report Jan - March 2023

Guest Speakers



Sharon Mc Intosh,
TAFE, NSW.



Pene Butt,
UoW,
Bega Campus



Daniel Roe,
Principal,
Quaama
Public School



John Watkins,
Chair,
Bega Chamber
of Commerce



Ed Chenery,
Bega Valley
Postrate Cancer
Bega Group



Martin Lyons,
Pearl's Place,
Pambula



Steve Clark,
Anglican Priest,



Breakfast Meetings held once a month



Kelly Ryner,
Author/Artist, Cobargo



Matt Gibbs
RYLA

Fundraising



Book/Art Fair January \$17,000

Local Support



A lot a tree planting
at Tandy Farm,
Candelo



Bega Showground
Amenities Block
opened



Turning of the sod,
New Kiah Hall,
Phil and Charlie

Gardening at Carer's Accommodation

Collection of more furniture for nursing home employees

Ongoing support for SCCAC working families re: enrolment into local schools

Removed old paint and chemicals from garage for elderly Bega resident

Bega Welcome Experience – workshop attended by Phil and Charlie

Vocational Visits



University of Wollongong

Combined Meetings



Merimbula and Pambula
Rotary Clubs



Narooma Rotary Club



President Elect Training School and Learning and Development
Phil, Charlie, Cate, Chris

Bega Rotary Quarterly Report April - June 2023

Guest Speakers



Tim Whittaker



Leon Garner



Wendy Grealy



Mark Darby



Lynne Koerbin



David Winkworth



Adam de Toeth

Induction of seven new members - welcome to Bega Rotary



Poukuy Ros, Pene Butt, Claire Walker, Sharon McIntosh, Mike Amor,
Marea Moulton ... plus Faye Steward, Julie Novotny

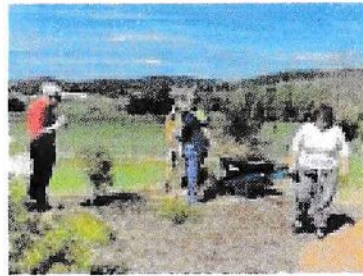
Local Support

Spiral Gallery \$100

Forbes Rotary Club Flood Appeal \$1000



Rotary Youth Driver
Awareness Program



Gardening at Carer's
Accommodation, SERH

Social Dinners



Kitty's Restaurant Merimbula



Bega Thai Restaurant



Overseas Projects

Operation Cleft \$500

Rotary against Malaria - \$500

Australian Rotary Health \$500

Rotary Oceanic Medical Aid for Children \$1000

Natabora Timore Leste Medical Facility \$1000

The Rotary Foundation – Individual Rotarian Donations approx. \$5000

VALE

ARTHUR (Butch) Robinson PHF

March 14th 1944 - August 31st 2022



It is with great sadness that I report the passing of our good friend and fellow Rotarian Butch Robinson. Butch joined our Club on February 1st 2007. He served the Bega Valley community as a Rotarian for 15 years & 7 months & became a Paul Harris Fellow in 2009.

Butch stored the B/B/Q trailer at his property in Frog's Hollow along with a lot of other Rotary gear. Everywhere the trailer went, Butch went too. Whether it was a clearing sale, a medical student's welcome b/b/q or RYDA, Butch was always there. In no uncertain ways he made sure the b/b/q was set up properly.

Whatever Butch was asked to help with at Rotary his response was "that'll be right". It is no wonder he received a Bega Valley Shire Community Service Medallion.

I don't think Butch ever missed a Book Fair and I'm not sure how many trailer loads of reject books he disposed of. Our Book Fair this year will not be the same without Butch.

Butch was also a member of the Candelo Probus Club and the Candelo "Meet a Mate" organisation. His practical approach to life and his great story telling endeared him to people far and wide.

Every Wednesday night Butch had dinner with a group of friends at the Wolumla Hotel. It was fitting that on 31/08/2022 his final night there was with his friends in the place he loved.

Butch, you were a special man, a great character, a dedicated husband and a loving father.

Rest in Peace.