



Rotary Club of Bendigo South Inc.
Rotary District 9800

65thANNUAL REPORT 2023-24



**CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD**



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PRESIDENT



The Rotary Club of Bendigo South has again had a busy Year. It is with pleasure that I submit this Annual Report the Club. The theme for the year was **“Create Hope in The World”** and that underpinned all Club activity as outlined in the Club Vision and Annual Plan.

Rotary International President 2023-24: Gordon R. McNally

District 9800 Governor: Ron Payne

Assistant Governors: Alison Bacon & Rob Foran

OUR CLUB VISION

Be a leading Rotary Club in Bendigo in terms of innovation, membership and the implementation of the Objects of Rotary.

President's Objectives

- Maintain a healthy and happy club which engages members to support service and minimises unavoidable member departures.
- Ensure sound club governance and adoption of good business practices.
- Continue to build connections and partnerships with cluster clubs, partner schools and other community groups and business.
- Promotion of hands-on service activities where members contribute where they are able without rigid bureaucracy but respecting the traditions of the Club and Rotary International.
- Provide for members' needs.
- Ensure that the Club enjoys Rotary and has fun.

The Board for 2023-24 year consisted of the following members:

- President – Rod Spitty
- Secretary – Bernie Young
- Treasurer – Greg Noonan
- Club Service & President Elect – Peter Kilpatrick
- International Service – Lindsay Jolley
- Youth Service – Paul Gibbons
- Community Service & IPP – Merlyn Quaife AM
- Membership & Communications – Matthew Scott
- Fund Raising & Finance – Gary Pinner
- Foundation – Rod Spitty
- Vocation – Sue Duncan
- Club Protection Officer – Geoff McKinna
- Newsletter Editor – Shireen Yeoh

Thank you to each member of the Club for their contributions throughout the year. It was terrific to see the various project committees at work implementing their project and ideas with enthusiasm and purpose as defined in the Annual Plan. The end result with respect to

membership was one additional member and no loss of members which was a creditable result post COVID as there are many other organisations that have lost both membership and enthusiasm.

Highlights of the year

There were many highlights throughout the year as listed below.

- The Club celebrated two 90th Birthdays for Max Ellis and Ron Devereaux where Gary Pinner conducted an informal Q & A session.
- There were two 80th Birthday celebrations for Graham Neivandt and Geoff McKinna.
- Adoption of the theme “Creating Hope in the World” and implementing the theme at a local level in executing an extensive Club Service Community Program.
- Commitment by the Club to a social program combined with service work. Eg: Maubisse Movie nights, Bendigo tram ride, lawn bowls night, Ron Devereaux’s 90th Birthday party.
- Implementing a vocation program through a technical visit to Bendigo TAFE at both campuses.
- Attendance at the District 9800 Conference in Bendigo in March where 14 Members were in attendance along with our exchange Student Nacho from Spain.
- The successful conduct of the Victoria Welsh Choir/Merlyn Quaife AM Fundraising Concert at the Ulumbarra theatre in October 2023.
- Implementation of a massive BBQ program throughout the year.
- Successful completion of the Science & Engineering Challenge – Central Victoria in August 2023.
- Delivery of a quality speaker program throughout the year.
- Organise a successful Foundation District “End Polio Walk” at Lake Weeroona.
- Expansion of the Education Support Program from 8 scholarships to 13 scholarships as follows:
 - 6 Secondary
 - 3 Tertiary
 - 4 Bendigo TAFE
- Resource sharing between Clubs in the Cluster with respect to specific projects. E.g. Mandurang Christmas Market – Joint project with Rotary Club of Bendigo Christmas Trailor Raffle – Joint project with Rotary Club of Eaglehawk
- The Club has undertaken over 2000 volunteer hours throughout the year.

Donations and Community support

Set out below is a list of Club financial donations for the year totalling \$63,819.

ROTARY CLUB OF BENDIGO SOUTH 2023/24 DONATION LIST

1. Bendigo Youth Choir	\$500 - Youth
2. COGB – Bendigo Brass Band	\$500 - Community Service
3. S & E Challenge	\$500 - Youth
4. S & E Challenge – Peter Ryall Trust	\$1000 - Youth
5. Gobbe Wellness Centre (Concert tickets)	\$1568 - Community Service
6. East Loddon P 12 – Scholarship	\$500 – Youth

7. Bendigo Senior Secondary School (Musician of the Year) Scholarship	\$500 - Youth
8. End Polio Now Walkathon	\$1800 - International
9. Catherine McAulay College – Scholarship	\$500 - Youth
10. Victorian Welsh Choir – Concert Proceeds	\$5300 - Community Service
11. School of St Jude	\$100 - International
12. Bendigo Maubisse Friendship Committee – Scholarships	\$580 - International
13. Rochester Floods – Rochester Little Athletics ½ share of Mandurang Market Proceeds 2022	\$2250 - Youth
14. Crusoe College - Scholarship	\$500 - Youth
15. Girton Grammar – Scholarship	\$500 - Youth
16. Bendigo South East College – Scholarship	\$500 - Youth
17. Bendigo Maubisse Friendship Committee	\$500 - International
18. Salvation Army – Christmas toys	\$500 - Community Service
19. End Polio – Cluster Foundation Dinner	\$300 - International
20. Women of Note	\$500 - Community Service
21. Ulumbarra Foundation – Concert proceeds	\$5000 - Community Service
22. Sunshine Bendigo – ½ share of Mandurang Market Proceeds 2023	\$2500 - Community Service
23. TAFE Scholarships – 4 x \$500	\$2000 - Youth
24. COGB – Bendigo Brass Band	\$600 - Community Service
25. Police Veterans Victoria (including \$2,092 from Ron Deveraux b/day catering and raffle)	\$2500 - Community Service
26. Bendigo Heritage – Tram Restoration	\$500 - Community Service
27. La Trobe University – Student Pantry	\$500 - Youth
28. La Trobe University – Engineering Scholarship	\$2500 - Youth
29. Trailor Raffle - ½ share of \$2500 to each of the Following groups:	
• Bendigo Brass Band, Wildlife Rescue	
• Riding for the Disabled, Dragons Abreast	
• Bendigo Inner Wheel, Heartbeat,	
• Women of Note	
Sub Total	\$8750 - Community Service
30. Rotary Foundation	\$3500 - International
31. Donations in Kind (DIK)	\$1000 - International
32. International Knitting Project	\$394 - International
33. Malaysian Specialist Teacher Project	\$687 - International
34. Bendigo Foodshare	\$1000 - Community Service
35. Blaze Aid	\$1000 - Community Service
36. Mother's Day Classic Bendigo	\$1000 - Community Service
37. Science & Engineering Challenge	\$9423 - Youth
38. National Youth Science Forum	\$1000 - Youth
39. Exchange Student	\$1067 - Youth
Youth	\$23,740 = 37%

Community Service
International
TOTAL DONATIONS

\$31,218 = 49%
\$8,861 = 14%
\$63,819

Summary

I wish to thank the Board and the Club for their dedication, cooperation and commitment over the last 12 months. There have been considerable achievements with regard to improved processes, reporting, financial management, records and communication. It is not easy to embrace change and implement continuous improvements particularly post COVID that are needed to be an effective club and remain relevant to the community.

A special thank you to Signpost Editor Shireen Yeoh for her first-class work as Signpost Editor and to my wife Gill and family for their support throughout the year. Also, thank you to Secretary Bernie and Treasurer Greg for their hard work in these portfolios.

Congratulations and best wishes to Incoming President Peter Kilpatrick and Board for the coming 12 months. I have enjoyed my year as President.

Yours in Rotary

Rod Spitty

President 2023/24

Board 2023-24



Board: Bernie Young, Matthew Scott, Peter Kilpatrick, Sue Duncan, President Rod Spitty, Merlyn Quaife AM, Greg Noonan, Paul Gibbons (Absent – Gary Pinner, Lindsay Jolley)

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE



Director – Lindsay Jolley, with Committee members Elizabeth Bell, Cora Fuentes-Mahnic, Glenn Madden, Heather Nixon, Jan Pagliaro, Anne Peace, Greg Penno, Tony Plant, Matthew Scott and Dorje Tsering.

Timor Leste

- Some years back we provided \$5,320 for Santulino Xavier to undertake nutrition studies at the National University Timor Lorosa'e (UNTIL) in Dili, Timor Leste. A recent update on Santulino's activity, since graduating in 2021, indicated that he recently started working with the Mercy Corps on a health project focused on nutrition. Previously to this he had several volunteering and paid roles: volunteered at a health centre in Dili; contracted to a private clinic in Maubisse; and, worked on the Alola Foundation Maternal and Child Health Program.
- The Club continued its support for four \$145 annual scholarships for secondary students in Maubisse with a \$580 contribution:
 - 2023 students: Lucia de Fatima (yr 10), Lindalva Lopes Rodrigues (yr 11), Ana Mendonca Benevides (yr 12); and, Fatima da Costa Mendonca (yr 12).
 - 2024 students: Indencia Rangel Mendonca (F - Yr 11); Isah Salsinha Pacheco (M – Yr 11); Jacob De Araujo (M – Yr 11); and, Lucia de Fatima (F - Yr 11). Sister Henrietta advised that Lindalva Lopes Rodrigues (F - Yr 12), a diligent student, was not included for 2024 as she was no longer in the best ten students in her class. Our Club supported Lindalva in years 10 and 11. An estimate of the cost to continue her support in year 12 is being sought.
- An additional \$500 was donated from the Peter Ryall Estate to the Bendigo Maubisse Committee to assist its work on the education program. This matched the \$580 provided by the Club for the four secondary scholarships.
- Continued to support the cluster committee of four Bendigo clubs managing the knitting project to assist it in supplying volunteer-knitted clothes to Maubisse. Tony Plant represents our Club on the committee and was able to visit Maubisse in July for the delivery of a bale of knitted clothes. The Club provided \$393.75 for this work during the year as follows:
 - \$150 for a quarter share of the annual shed hire cost.
 - \$243.75 towards container freight costs for shipping bales of knitted clothes to Timor Leste.

Cambodia

- The RAWCS project "Urgent Food Relief for Cambodians (RAOAF)" (27-2020-21), was closed with the agreement of the Rotary Club of Phnom Penh. The Rotary Club of Phnom Penh advised that our club had provided about 40% of the project funding. This was in our role of soliciting public donations through the RAWCS fund.
- There was no action during the year on the continuing RAWCS project "Developing Schools Organisation, Phnom Penh – Cambodia" (7-2013-14).

Natalia Apaseray

- At about 18 months after surgery, Natalia [RAWCS project “Project Natalia (RABS)” (23-2018-19)] was cleared by the surgeon, Leo Donnan, for replacement of her leg brace with a built-up shoe. The brace had fallen apart. Greg Penno is checking if a person, local to Natalia, can make the built-up shoe. At this stage there has been no request for another X-Ray.

Wheelchairs for kids

- Students enjoyed their day experiencing the use of wheelchairs at the California Gully Primary School when Glenn Madden, with other Club members, conducted the first Wheelchairs for Kids fundraiser for the Club. The students gained an appreciation of what it is like to rely on a wheelchair for mobility. Only about \$10 came in after the event. A later donation of \$100 was topped up by the Club to provide \$275 for the parts and materials to build one wheelchair. Glenn will be investigating the possible extension of this project among other Bendigo schools. The Rotary Club of Castlemaine has already run several successful Wheelchairs for Kids fundraisers.

The School of St Jude

- \$100 was donated to the School of St Jude in Tanzania by members after a presentation about the school at a Club meeting.

Malaysia Special Education Teacher Training Program

- Our Club had a major role with the Rotary Club of Echuca Moama in the organisation of the Malaysia Special Education Teacher Training Program. We were responsible for coordinating the teachers’ visit to the Bendigo-Castlemaine area over a four-week period, including home hosting, special school visits (in Bendigo, the Bendigo Special Developmental School and Kalianna School Bendigo) and tourist days (run by the Rotary Club of Castlemaine in the Castlemaine-Maldon area).

The program, which ran for five and a half weeks, involved nine Australian and six Malaysian Rotary Clubs, partnering to enable eight Malaysian specialist education teachers to gain hands-on, practical experience in seven special education schools in Bendigo, Echuca and the western suburbs of Melbourne. Our Club, along with other clubs in the Goldfields Cluster, contributed \$1,000 to the program.

The Memorandum of Understanding for the program was signed off by the Rotary Club of Echuca Moama and the Rotary Club of Melawati. Malaysia considers Australia to be a leader in specialist education. The highly successful program was well received by all schools. The visiting teachers were conscientious in their learning and were great ambassadors for Malaysia.



Visiting Malaysian teachers: Front row: Nuraimi-Nadirah (Nad) Binti Rohim, Maizarith (Mai) Binti Ismail, Punitha A/P Sengodan, Tay Mi Shyuan (Shyuan). Back row: Felixia Lee Coon-Fong, Musfirah (Mushi) Nalini Binti Abd Rashid, CGB Deputy Mayor Matthew Evans, Vasanta (Vee) Ganesan, Foo Hor Yern (Hor Yern)

\$5,000 International Reserve

- The Board established a \$5,000 International Reserve to be used for International project work similar to the Disaster Reserve and the Concert Reserve; that is, it will be topped up each year.

Lindsay Jolley

COMMUNITY SERVICE



Director: Merlyn Quaife AM
Jan Pagliaro, Ron Devereaux, Graham Neivandt, Trevor Hawking, Craig Wright

Community Service continues apace in the various areas: **Annie North gardening** has continued with two Members doing gardening chores every week: mowing, weeding, pruning. Our teams of Tony and Clive, Phil and Trevor, Paul and George, Merlyn and Jan donate two hours of time per week on a roster for most of the year. We had a combined session to re-mulch the play area. We hope to have another combined session in the new Rotary year to remove a few dead plants and do more weeding as the Buffalo Grass tries to take over! This makes a huge saving for Annie North who would otherwise have to employ gardeners. The Club also does gardening with Friends of Long Gully as required.

George Ellis and Margaret Kelly looked after the **BBQs for the SBFNC** at their home football games in 2023/24.

Along with the Fund-raising team we continue to donate our **BBQ services** to community groups where appropriate, eg. Mothers Day Classic, Relay for Life etc

Highway Clean-up happened on May 19 and I thank Trevor for his organising of this.

In a new initiative to collect and donate old mobile phones to **DV Safe Phone**, 32 phones have been sent in four batches as collected. It is pleasing that ANZ Bank has come on board as a sponsor for DV Safe Phone, providing pre-paid post bags for delivery of phones.

The **Memorial Garden at Camp Getaway**, an initiative which started to honour Ken Briggs has now grown into a partnership with TAFE. Funding will be shared by RC Bendigo South and RC Bendigo, Bendigo wishing to honour John Flood who was also heavily involved with and committed to Camp Getaway. Plans are underway and the garden should be completed early 2025. I wish to thank President Rod Spitty for his efforts in engaging with the staff at Bendigo TAFE to kickstart the partnership. Two Club Members, Graham Neivandt and Paul Gibbons continue to serve as Board Members for Camp Getaway and the Club gets involved with gardening and maintenance activities as required.

Club Members again assisted **Foodshare** during the Christmas break with food rescue and distribution filling the gap when Charitable Groups take a well earned break as do most of the regular volunteers at Foodshare. Our Club was involved in the transport and distribution of food at the RC of Eaglehawk's Club Rooms as well as Supermarket rescue.

The **Christmas Trailer Raffle** is a joint project with RC Eaglehawk and assists a number of Community Groups to raise some necessary funds, as well as for our Club. Our Club also works with RC Bendigo to present the **Mandurang Winery Christmas Market**. Lyn Comer's expertise ensures the success of this venture and saw an expansion in the number of stall holders.

Merlyn Quaife AM

ANNIE NORTH WOMEN'S REFUGE GARDENING PROJECT

Most weeks of the year two club members of the Bendigo South as part of a Gardening team visit Annie North to assist in maintaining the grounds and gardens. Team members are Jan Pagliaro, Merlyn Quaife, Trevor Hawking, Phil Lethbridge, Tony Plant, Clive Hughes, George Ellis, Paul Gibbons.

The club commenced its relationship with the Annie North Women's Refuge when it first learnt of the state government's intention to build a new purpose-built facility. A boat raffle was conducted with sufficient funds raised to fund an outdoor cooking and dining area

which would not have been included within the government building fund. From this day forward the relationship came about.

The club has also donated goods as required over the past years which has included women's products and toys and games for the children. Wonderful Results from the regular Annie North Working Bees have maintained the gardens in great shape and resulted in over 280 hours of labour in this past Rotary year.

Having been involved in the early stages of the development of the garden since the facility opened our club should be proud of the contribution, we have made in helping to provide such attractive surrounds at this complex. As the garden continues to grow and change so do the challenges it presents, the addition of some more gardening equipment at Annie North has been useful.

Our donation of labour is very much appreciated by the management and staff at Annie North. If we were to express our donation of labour in dollar terms it would be right up there with any of our more identifiable fund-raising projects.



Gardening team members George Ellis, Merlyn Quaife AM, Tony Plant, Trevor Hawking, Clive Hughes

Paul Gibbons

MAUBISSE KNITTING PROJECT

Club members Tony Plant and Paul Gibbons, together with members of Bendigo and Bendigo Sandhurst Rotary clubs, combined labour to make up another 4 bales of wool products for the Maubisse community in East Timor. These bales will be taken to the Rotary D.I.K (Donations in Kind) depot in Melbourne in the next few days before becoming part of a container load to Maubisse in East Timor.

This project is a joint Rotary club project from the Four rotary clubs, Bendigo, Eaglehawk, Bendigo Sandhurst and Bendigo South with financial and manpower support, and has been in operation for some years. Items come from over 600 or so knitters located all over the state as well as Queensland and New South Wales. One of these knitters has a club connection with Bendigo South, the wool products arrive at the Knitters shed next to our club shed, where they are sorted into different bags, depending on their knitting type.

Club member Tony, after his recent trip to the area, has spoken of how much the shipments are appreciated. Here is a quote from Sr Henrietta in some recent correspondence. "WOW grateful thanks for the beautiful warm, wonderful knitting Mr. Rod Flavell, and our gratitude for all the angels in disguise who produce them."



Paul Gibbons

CAMP GETAWAY

The Camp has continued to thrive with the continued steady increase in mid-week bookings and the maintenance of the very high level of week-end bookings.

Our funding situation has allowed us to continue with offering fully sponsored camps to "Special Needs Groups" and to actively seek out and encourage such groups to use the Camp. Where and when required, we have continued to provide catering for these groups free-of-charge.

We have welcomed other paying user groups, such as family gatherings, craft groups, school and church groups, etc. Many are repeat bookings, with some returning for more than the twentieth time. In addition we had 10 groups using the camp for the first time during 2023-2024. It was also pleasing to continue to host Youth Exchange, RYLA and RYPEN camps.

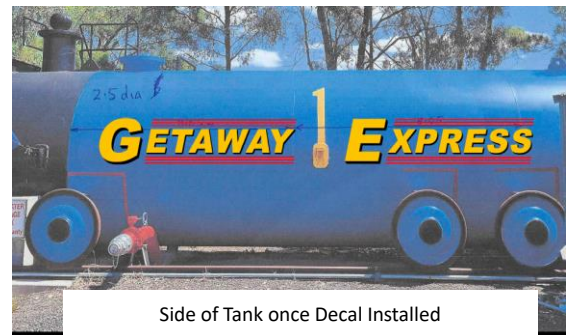
We look forward to hosting Bendigo Sandhurst's Changeover for the second time in July and the Bendigo Inner Wheel's Changeover for the first time soon after.

Work on the Playing Courts Complex Restoration Project was finally completed during this Rotary year and were pleased to conduct an official opening of the project in April 2024 to acknowledge the generous financial support from the Agnico Eagle Community Partnership Program and the Rotary Club of Balwyn. DG Ron Payne did the honours of revealing the commemorative plaque. As further recognition of Agnico Eagle's support an additional sign has been added at the entrance to the camp.



Sign at Camp Entrance

In 2019, the camp took delivery of a 60kL disused gas tank to be used as a reserve water tank for fire fighting purposes. With the later addition of some bogey wheels and a length of rail to one side of the tank it began to resemble a steam train. The structure was then painted in early 2023 and decal lettering will be installed along the side shortly. Finally, a mock drivers cabin will be built on the back so that children can drive the train to wherever their imagination takes them.



Side of Tank once Decal Installed

As usual, there have been a number of working bees by other D9800 Rotary Clubs to undertake building and grounds maintenance and minor repairs. This work together with on-going maintenance undertaken by our resident managing caretakers, Benji and Tara Harrold has the camp looking in fine fettle.

One working bee in particular, when the Rotary Club of North Balwyn visited, resulted in the complete demolition of a disused ex-army hut, which was moved from the Bendigo Ordinance Factory to the camp in the 1980s. It was a great weekend's work by a "mob of old blokes".

Regrettably, an immediate task in front of the Board is undertaking major repairs to one of the dormitory rooms in Dormitory 2. Two of the walls have been severely infested with softwood termites to the extent that all of the framing in the walls will have to be replaced. It is hoped that the termites have not got into the roof trusses because that will involve a rebuild of the whole room. At the time of writing this report, the condition of the roof trusses is unknown. Only further inspection of the roof space will tell.

PP Wayne W Smith
Chairman of the Board of Management.



VOCATION

Members; Director Sue Duncan, Rod Spitty, Trevor Hawking, Margaret Kelly, Glenn Madden & Greg Penno.

A new Committee for BSRC commenced in this Rotary Year, and although the original intention was to create an Apprentice of the Year Vocational Award, which was to be loosely based on the Castlemaine Program and to be held in the early part of 2024.

However, another opportunity evolved with our connection with the Bendigo Tafe, and subsequently our involvement with their Tafe Apprenticeship/Support Program, which as it turns out will cover more students.

Apprenticeship and TAFE Vocation Support

The Club was successful with an Application for Funding from the Peter Ryall Trust of \$15,000 in 2023 for 5 Projects conditional upon dollar for dollar funding. This has been paid to the Club and held in Trust.

Two of these projects are.

- TAFE Scholarship Support Program. \$500 per year for 6 years - \$3,000.
- Apprenticeship Support Program. \$500 per year for 6 years - \$3,000

Rod Spitty held a successful discussion with Head of Campus David Richardson Bendigo TAFE/ Janet McMaster - Events and Sponsorship Lead and Annette/Ron Deveraux with the following 4 support initiatives for a 5 year period.

- Bendigo TAFE Apprentice of the Year.
- Bendigo TAFE Inspirational Student of the Year.
- Bendigo TAFE Bakery/Commercial Cookery/Hospitality Student of the year.
- Indigenous student of the year (continuing arrangement)

The cost per year is \$2,000 of which \$1,500 is paid by the Trust (\$1000 per year) and the Deveraux Family (\$500 per year) and the Rotary Club of Bendigo South \$500.

Representatives from BSRC attended the Awards night, and presented the successful students with their award.

This year, Ron Deveraux was a guest speaker of the Award Night, and as per usual took it all in his stride.

A big thank you to Rod Spitty as this all came about due to his persistence and foresight.

Sue Duncan

YOUTH SERVICE



Director Paul Gibbons with Committee members, Lyn Comer, Mark Tracy, Lindsay Jolley, Craig Wright and Shireen Yeoh.

Youth Exchange

In this past Rotary year, the club has undertaken participation in a Youth Exchange Program in partnership with Eaglehawk Rotary Club. Nacho is currently enrolled at Girton Grammar where he is presently in Year 11. His hometown is Vigo, a medium sized city in north west Spain where he lives in an apartment with his parents and younger sister. Nacho has enjoyed fishing and kayaking as well as trying many new activities and has been involved in club events, including the District Conference.

I take this opportunity to thank all hosts, Elizabeth and Jock, Sue and Trevor, Counsellor Gary and other club members for their support of Nacho during this Rotary year.

Cluster Youth Directors Meetings

This group includes the Bendigo Rotary Clubs as well as Rochester and Castlemaine. We have met on several occasions over this past year and a large number of issues were discussed at these meetings. This cluster group continues to promote a range of activities, some of which occur at Camp Getaway.

Other activities have included-

- Rotary Youth Sailing Challenge
- RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards)
- RYPEN
- Youth Exchange – at least two students in the District this Rotary year.
- NYSF (National Youth Science Forum) run in January at ANU and UQ. All clubs are awaiting notification of student applications.
- Santos Science Experience
- Science and Engineering Challenge – Rod Spitty and the program team have planning underway for the 2024 event.
- Bendigo Rotary President Daniela has funded a STEM project for grade 5/6 girls at the Bendigo Discovery Centre.

Our Scholarship Program continues to expand and provide assistance to many secondary and tertiary students across Bendigo secondary schools, Latrobe University and Tafe. A regular highlight of this Rotary year was when the student recipients attended a club meeting and gave a brief presentation on their studies and plans for the future. A note of appreciation to Lindsay Jolley for his well-organised work in coordinating this program.

Congratulations to President Rod for all his hard work and dedication to all aspects of the Rotary Club of Bendigo South which has resulted in an outstanding year. We look forward to working with incoming President Peter to and his board in the next Rotary year.

Paul Gibbons

SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

Project Committee: Rod Spitty, Paul Gibbons, Peter Kilpatrick, Mark Tracy, Tony Plant, Emily Mudge.

This event successfully took place at Girton Grammar School Stadium on the 18th August, 2023 with approx 170 Year 10 students from 6 Schools throughout Central Victoria participating. These were:

- Girton Grammar School
- Creek Street Christian College
- Weeroona College
- Braemar College
- Catherine McAuley College
- Bendigo South East College [Event Winner]

A huge thankyou to our sponsors/supporters and volunteer supervisors who assisted on the day. The cost for the event each year is approx \$11,000 and without supporters it would not be possible to run the event. Thank you to Newcastle University for their support throughout the year, and to Committee Members, Club members and other Club members in the Cluster for their contributions and support.

The event for 2024 will be held on the 8th August with Project Committee planning underway.

During the District Conference in Bendigo the Club put on a Science and Engineering Display as part of the Showcase. This was quite successful in increasing awareness to the District and Community of the project as it has been operating for 16 years and is already a Regional Project and therefore fits in with the Regionalisation Pilot Project.

Rod Spitty

Chair - Science and Engineering Challenge - Central Victoria.



CLUB SERVICE



Peter Kilpatrick – Chair, Ian Ellis, Geoff Mc Kinna, Bernie Young, Paul Gibbons, Elizabeth Bell

During the Rotary year this committee, have not met regularly, as the club has been operating smoothly. The following has been achieved:

The Lakeview has proved to be a very successful venue. There have only been a couple of occasions where we had to make way for another booking, but on the whole we are being treated well by the hotel.

We are now well and truly into the post Covid phase and the club has continued to be financially strong.

Club morale has remained positive and the board and members have remained enthusiastic.

The Club has continued to remain cashless for most operations, which will make things much easier for our incoming treasurer for 24/25

Zoom has only had to be used for the occasional guest speaker. We have stopped paying for the premium service. Familiarity with the system is predictably waning.

The Club's meeting program throughout the year has been varied and successful. It has been designed to meet members needs and wishes and to match where possible the Rotary monthly themes. Set out below is the completed meeting program for the year. A big thank you to members who regularly suggested meeting topics and to President Rod Spitty for doing so much to keep the program relevant for the members. An example of this was the quality meeting that was delivered with the Malaysian teachers visit chaired by Lindsay Jolley.

The club records are starting to be put on the Cloud. Secretary, Bernie Young is uploading most secretary documents. Photographs sent to the Signpost editor have also been uploaded, but not sorted as yet. The main risk is the possible lack of member knowledge of such systems, which means it is in the hands of too few members. A plan will need to be develop to rectify this.

A good number of our club attended the District Conference which was held in Bendigo.

Thank you to Committee members for their assistance over the last 12 months.

Yours in Rotary
Peter Kilpatrick

FOUNDATION

Committee: Rod Spitty, Emily Mudge, Sue Duncan.

Foundation over the last 12 months has been relatively active in the following areas.

1.0 The Club hosted the Regional End Polio walk at lake Weeroona. This was quite successful with a barbeque, End Polio Awareness on display for the community and members from the Cluster including District Governor Ron participating in raising funds through sponsored financial support with members and supporters walking around the lake. The event provided the opportunity for fellowship as well as great exercise. The Rotary Club of Bendigo South raised \$1,800 over the weekend including a BBQ for Villawood Developments who were very supportive of Rotary and the End Polio Project. This was part of a District wide project.

2.0 The Club supported the Cluster Foundation Dinner with 13 members in attendance and gave a donation to the event of \$300. Guest Speaker Grant Hocking District Foundation Officer was particularly interesting in that he gave an updated overview of the End Polio Project both with progress and challenges. Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Bendigo for their organisation of the event.

3.0 The Club continued to make an Annual Donation to the Foundation from funds raised of \$3,500 (\$100/member) throughout the year.

In total the Rotary Club of Bendigo South has made a total donation to Foundation and End Polio of \$5,600 for the year which is a creditable effort.

Thank you to Club and Committee members for the input and contributions throughout the year.

Rod Spitty
Foundation Director - 23/24.

MEMBERSHIP



This year was an exciting year at the Rotary Club of Bendigo South, with many things occurring in the Membership and Communications space.

Some areas in which we innovated in the Membership space were to create the role of a Pastoral Officer into the Club. Anne Peace diligently took on this role, capably keeping aware of members needs and changing circumstances, arranging to send greeting cards and flowers to members who needed some love and care at different times throughout the years.

As Membership Officer, I also conducted a session on Food Safety for members, up-skilling those in attendance on how to be safe around food at the likes of BBQs and other catering occasions.

After the challenges that the Covid pandemic presented us, it was positive that our Club's membership held firm. This was not a sentiment replicated at all Clubs and volunteer service organisations. We gained a new member, with Paul Sherwood being inducted into the Club. We look forward to maintaining this positive membership experience into the coming Rotary year under the stewardship of incoming President Peter.

At times it was difficult to balance living in Echuca and being a board member of the Club in Bendigo, however the marvels of modern technology often facilitated the continuation of this connection. This was also demonstrated when I was able to 'zoom' into a Club meeting to give a live report on my Camino walk in September/ October last year.

In regard to media, the Club once again reconnected with the *Bendigo Advertiser*, allowing us to promote Club events and news in the local press. A review of the Club website was proposed, however we will continue to work on this to ensure our online presence is as engaging as it can be for prospective members of the Club. I will work with a group of Rotarians into the future when I next update the Club website to pass on the knowledge of how to maintain it and update it from the back-end. It was the view of the Club that one person should not be the 'keeper of the keys' for the Club website, which is wise, so we will soon have several members who can undertake the role of website maintenance into the future.

Overall, it was another successful year in the Rotary Club of Bendigo South and I wish the Club much success in membership and marketing in the upcoming Rotary year.

Matthew Scott

FINANCE AND FUND RAISING

Director – Gary Pinner, with committee members Glenn Madden, George Ellis, Tony Plant, Paul Gibbons, Maureen Plant, John Stewart, and Greg Noonan.

The 2023/ 24 Rotary year has really taken off in the fundraising events allowing many community and international projects to be supported.

Ulumbarra Concert featuring our very own Merlyn Quaife AM and the Victoria Welsh choir was well attended and "First Class Entertainment".

The Swap Meet Catering was back on the agenda but will be the last year that the Combined Rotary Club's catering will be involved.

The Christmas Trailer Raffle again has been run & won partnering with the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk.

Car Parking at Bendigo Jockey Club supporting Rotary Club of Bendigo.

The BBQ's and catering have continued to be a regular source of income with an estimated \$40,000.00 profit.

Catering Income into our projects account from 35 events, involving 208 volunteers totalling 950 volunteers' hours over the Rotary year supporting 20 different organisations.

This Rotary year the BBQ Committee Tony, Paul, George, and myself has continued which helps in sharing the load and enhances the planning, logistics and maintenance efficiently.

Thanks to George Ellis for his fantastic work co-ordinating all the volunteers for the events and to everyone who has volunteered to help over the year, it would not be possible to run the events that we have.

Looking ahead to the next Rotary year as plans are well in place to continue with the many Catering events, Christmas Trailer Raffle Easter, and Australia Day Catering.

So, as you can see, we have many activities and Community Service involvement planned for the 2024-25 Rotary year.

Congratulations to President Rod on what has been a "Very Rewarding and exceptional Year" for all his hard work, leadership, willingness to roll his sleeves up and help and overall dedication to our club.

We look forward to working with incoming president Peter and continuing to achieve great things.

Yours in Rotary

Gary Pinner 2023/24 Finance and Fundraising Director

Ulumbarra Foundation Concerts

Concert planning committee: Tony Plant (Chair), Merlyn Quaife AM, Rod Spitty and Greg Noonan

In 2021 a concert was planned, featuring the Victoria Welsh Choir along with soprano Merlyn Quaife. Due to Covid restrictions, this event had to be postponed.

In 2022 on October 9 the concert committee with support from the Bendigo Brass Band conducted a concert featuring world renowned Jazz musician James Morrison. It was decided at the beginning of 2023 the concert committee would attempt to re-schedule the event that had been postponed in 2021. The date of October 29 was granted to stage this event in the Ulumbarra Theatre.

This event was again most successful with great performances given by both Merlyn Quaife and the Victoria Welsh Choir. Although attendance numbers were down on past events the Concert committee was able with the approval of the club's board after all outgoings were paid a donation of \$5000 to the Ulumbarra Foundation also bank sufficient additional funds to cover the Bendigo Senior Secondary College Musicians of the Year Scholarships. In addition, some complimentary tickets were donated to the local Cancer Support Group to distribute to local people who may have been undergoing cancer treatment. An invitation was recently issued to our concert committee members to attend a lunch at the Capital Theatre and it was made very evident that the relationship between the Ulumbarra Foundation and the Rotary Club of Bendigo South continues to be a strong one.

At this stage there are no firm plans in place as to when our next concert may be or what form it may take. Having been the chair for the past four events it is now time for me to step away and encourage another club member to take on this role. I have found this project one of the most rewarding, enjoyable and successful Rotary Projects I have had the opportunity to be involved with and strongly encourage other members to come on board. It would now seem an ideal time to rejuvenate this project with something new when considering future artists for the next event.

Tony Plant (Concert Committee Chair)

CELEBRATIONS



PP Merlyn Quaife AM receives a Paul Harris Fellow recognition from D9800 District Governor Ron Payne at the Victoria Welsh Choir/Merlyn Quaife concert, Ulumbarra Theatre, Bendigo



Max Ellis 90th birthday



Geoff McKinna and Graham Neivandt turn 80



Ron Deveraux turns 90



Youth Exchange student Nacho meets the Mayor at the District Conference

ROTARY CLUB OF BENDIGO SOUTH - CLUB PROGRAM 2023-2024			
Date	Activity	Venue	Chair
JULY THEME – MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH			
Thurs 6th July	Guest Speaker - Dr Julie Rudner La Trobe University Bendigo Campus Director	Lake View Hotel	Rod Spitty
Thurs 13th July	Guest Speaker – Member John Stewart – Antarctica trip	Lake View Hotel	Rod Spitty
Thurs 20th July	Guest Speaker – Lindsay Jolley – Africa Safari presentation Followed by Board Meeting	Lake View Hotel	Rod Spitty

Thurs 27 th July	Guest Speaker – Alison McClure – Rural Australians for Refugees resettlement in Bendigo	Lake view Hotel	Merlyn Quaife
Sunday 30 th July	Tree planting day Garden Gully Reserve - Ironbark	Garden Gully Reserve	N/A
AUGUST THEME – MEMBERSHIP			
Thurs 3 rd Aug	Guest Speaker – Member Tony Plant – Maubisse Trip Presentation	Lake View Hotel	Tony Plant
Thurs 10 th Aug	Guest Speaker – Chris Rowlands Community Engagement Manager NBN	Lake View Hotel	Rod Spitty
Thurs 17 th Aug	Max Ellis 90 th Birthday Celebration	Lake View Hotel	Rod Spitty/Gary Pinner
Friday 18 th Aug	Science & Engineering Challenge – Regional Event	Girton Grammar Stadium	N/A
Thurs 24 th August	Guest Speaker -Mark McGowan – CEO of Police Veterans Victoria Followed by Board Meeting	Lake View Hotel	Greg Penno
Thurs 31 Aug	Club visit by DG Ron Payne	Lake View Hotel	Rod Spitty
SEPTEMBER THEME – BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY			
Wed 6th Sept	Combined visit to La Trobe University Health Science Wing with Rotary Club of Sandhurst. Followed by breakfast	La Trobe University	N/A
Thurs 7 th Sept	No Meeting in lieu of La Trobe University visit	N/A	N/A
Thurs 14 th Sept	Guest Speaker – Jenna Sing – Bendigo Health – Gobbe Wellness Centre	Lake View Hotel	Rod Spitty
Thurs 21 st Sept	Guest Speaker – Member Merlyn Quaife “The Kimberly Experience” Followed by Board Meeting	Lake View Hotel	Merlyn Quaife
Thurs 28 th Sept	Guest Speaker – Member Ian Ellis – Captain of Bendigo Fire Brigade “Preparing for the fire season”	Lake View Hotel	Rod Spitty
OCTOBER - ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT			
Thurs 5th Oct	No Meeting – In lieu of Maubisse Fundraiser Movie night	Star Cinema Eaglehawk	N/A
Thurs 12 Oct	Quarterly Reporting	Lake View Hotel	Rod Spitty
Thurs 19th Oct	Bendigo TAFE Trade Wing Industry visit & meal at TAFE	TAFE – Trade Wing	N/A
Sunday 22nd Oct	Bendigo Walk for End Polio – Fundraising walk & BBQ	Lake Weeroona	N/A
Thur 26 th Oct	Launch of Engineering Bursary – Rotary Club of Bendigo South/Tom Glazebrook Bursary Followed by Board meeting	Lake View Hotel	Emily Mudge
Sunday 29 th October	Victorian Welsh Choir/Merlyn Quaife Concert	Ulumbarra Theatre	N/A
NOVEMBER THEME – FOUNDATION			

Thurs 2nd Nov	Guest Speaker – Bev Watson – Convenor of the Bendigo Polio Support Group	Lake View Hotel	Rod Spitty
Thurs 9 th Nov	No Meeting in lieu of Swap Meet	N/A	N/A
Sat & Sun 11 & 12 Nov	Swap Meet	N/A	N/A
Thurs 16 th Nov	Guest Speaker – David Chapman From the Bendigo Advertiser Followed by Board Meeting	Lake View Hotel	Merlyn Quaife
Sun 19 Nov	Ron Devereaux 90 th Birthday Celebration	Maiden Gully	N/A
Thurs 23rd Nov	Guest Speaker – Member Lindsay Jolley – St Jude School	Lake View Hotel	Lindsay Jolley
Sunday 26 th Nov	Rotary Christmas Market and BBQ	Mandurang Valley Winery	N/A
Thurs 30 th Nov	Annual General Meeting Ron Devereaux 90 th Birthday Celebration Followed by Board Meeting	Lake View Hotel	Merlyn Quaife
DECEMBER THEME – DISEASE PREVENTION			
Thurs 7th Dec	NO meeting in lieu of Foundation Dinner	N/A	N/A
Friday 8 th Dec	Foundation Dinner	Quality Lakeside Hotel	N/A
Thurs 14th Dec	Christmas Function – Christmas Carols by “Women of Note”	Lake View Hotel	Rod Spitty
Thurs 21 Dec	No Meeting – Xmas break	N/A	N/A
Thurs 28 Dec	No meeting – Xmas break	N/A	N/A

Date	Activity	Venue	Chair
JANUARY 2024 – VOCATIONAL			
Thurs 4 th Jan	No Meeting	N/A	N/A
Thurs 11th Jan	Social night dinner fellowship	Kennington Tavern	N/A
Thurs 18 th Jan	Guest Speaker – Member John Stewart – Antartica Trip	Lake View Hotel	John Stewart
Thurs 25 th Jan	No Meeting - Australia Day	N/A	N/A
Friday 26 th Jan	Australia Day BBQ	Lake Weeroona	N/A
FEBRUARY – PEACE & CONFLICT RESOLUTION			
Thurs 1 st Feb	Presentation to Ulumbarra Foundation of Victorian Welsh Choir/Merlyn Quaife 2023 Concert proceeds	Lake View Hotel	Rod Spitty
Thurs 8th Feb	Bendigo Tram Ride & meal onboard – host & driver Peter Kilpatrick	Bendigo Tramways	Peter Kilpatrick
Thurs 15 th Feb	Quarterly Report & presentation from Exchange Student Nacho Followed by Board Meeting	Lake View Hotel	Rod Spitty
Thurs 22 nd Feb	Guest Speaker – Member Matthew Scott – Camino Trail Presentation & “On-line food handler’s course”	Lake View Hotel	Matthew Scott

Tuesday 27th Feb	Bowls night with Rotary Club of Sandhurst and meal at Bowling Club	Strathfieldsaye Bowling Club	Phil Lethbridge
Thurs 29th Feb	No Meeting in lieu of Bowls night	N/A	N/A
MARCH – WATER & SANITATION			
Thurs 7th March	Bendigo TAFE – Central Campus Visit followed by meal at TAFE	TAFE Bendigo	N/A
Thurs 14 th March	No meeting in lieu of Maubisse fundraising movie night	Star Cinema Eaglehawk	N/A
Thurs 21 st March	Special General Meeting. Then Guest Speaker – James Reid – CEO Bendigo Tramways . Board meeting	Lake View Hotel	Peter Kilpatrick
Thurs 28 March	No meeting in lieu of Good Friday	N/A	N/A
Friday 29 March	Good Friday – Easter Fair and BBQ		
APRIL – MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH			
Thurs 4th April	Visit to Bendigo Library Guest Speaker – Robin Pearson – Manager Bendigo Library. Followed by Meal at nearby Restaurant	Bendigo Library	Merlyn Quaife
Thurs 11 th April	No Meeting in lieu of District 9800 Conference	N/A	N/A
12-14 April	DISTRICT 9800 CONFERENCE	Ulumbarra Theatre	N/A
Thurs 18 th April	Guest Speaker – Brett Thompson Lead Loddon Leadership Program Followed by Board Meeting	Lake View Hotel	Jan Pagaliaro
Thurs 25 th April	ANZAC day – Member talk on Sir John Monash – “Battlefields of France” Greg Noonan and Rod Spitty	Lake View Hotel	Rod Spitty
MAY – YOUTH SERVICE			
Thurs 2 nd May	NO Meeting in lieu of Trivia Night	St Liborius Centre	N/A
Friday 3 rd May	Trivia Night – CANCELLED	N/A	N/A
Sat 11 th May	Malaysian Special School Teachers farewell lunch. Rotary Club of Bendigo	Rising Sun Hotel	Rotary Club of Bendigo
Thurs 9th May	Secondary School Scholarship student presentations	Lake View Hotel	Lindsay Jolley
Thurs 16 th May	L’Arche Fundraising Project presented by Emily Mudge & Jim Rolfe Followed by Board Meeting	Lake View Hotel	Emily Mudge
Thurs 23 rd May	Guest Speaker – Lauren Driscoll “Sports Victorian Volunteer of the Year”	Lake View Hotel	Tony Plant
Thurs 30 th May	Guest Speaker - Tim Evans - Legacy Bendigo	Lake View Hotel	Rod Spitty
JUNE – FELLOWSHIP			
Thurs 6th June	No Meeting in lieu of Maubisse movie fundraising night	Star Cinema Eaglehawk	N/A
Thurs 13 th June	“The Year in Review” Followed by Hand Over Board Meeting	Lake View Hotel	Rod Spitty

Wed 19 th June	Change Over Dinner – Induction of Peter Kilpatrick and introduction of new Board	Bendigo District RSL	TBA
Thurs 20 th June	No Meeting in lieu of Change Over Dinner	N/A	N/A
Thurs 27 th June	The Year Ahead 24/25 Theme “The Magic of Rotary”	Lake View	Peter Kilpatrick



Members and guests enjoying presentations from secondary school scholarship recipients

ROYCE ABBEY AWARDS

This program is to recognize Club members in their early years of Rotary who show enthusiasm and commitment to the ideals of Rotary. The selection is by the President of the Rotary Club and it is hoped by early recognition, members will be encouraged to continue to enjoy their membership and appreciate the contributions Rotarians can make to the community, both locally and internationally.

This Award encourages Clubs to contribute AU\$1,000 through the Rotary Foundation to The Royce and Jean Abbey Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarship, a program that is available to assist the training of young men and women in developing countries.

2007-08	Helene Brown, Peter Ryall
2008-09	Marie Jenkins
2009-10	Wendy Learmount
2011-12	Ros Chenery, Matthew Scott
2015-16	Bernie Young

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW RECOGNITION

1978	Jack Bright	2004	David Cotton	2016	Greg Penno (S)
1982	George Symons	2005	Ken Gittins	2017	Tony Plant
1984	Don Allen	2005	Anne Peace	2017	Tom Campbell
1987	John Parsons	2006	Elizabeth Allen	2019	Richard Epskamp
1987	Bill Rodd	2007	Ken Briggs OAM (S)	2019	Geoff McKinna
1988	Bill Ashman	2007	Ron Twitt	2019	Max Ellis (S)
1988	Tom Glazebrook A.M.	2007	Lindsay Jackson	2019	Rod Spitty
1988	Bill Hoare	2008	David Cotton (S)	2019	Greg Penno (S2)
1989	Frank Budge	2008	Peter Kilpatrick	2020	Gary Pinner (S2)
1989	George Ellis	2009	Gary Pinner (S)	2020	Graham Neivandt (S)
1994	George Dawson	2009	Greg Noonan	2021	Julie Oberin
1995	Graeme Norris	2009	Ralph Birrell	2021	Cathie Steele
1996	Eddie Beer	2010	Terry Dalwood	2022	George Ellis
1997	Geoff Holland	2011	Ian Ellis	2022	Tony Plant (S)
1997	Trevor Phillips	2011	Peter Kilpatrick (S)	2022	Robert Simpson
1998	Laurie O'Farrell	2013	Greg Noonan (S)	2023	Bernard Young
1999	Ron Devereaux	2013	Greg Penno	2023	Rod Spitty (S)
1999	Margaret Roberts	2013	Maggie Merigan-James	2023	Paul Gibbons (S)
2000	Rob Hunt	2013	Paul Gibbons	2023	Dr Leo Donnan
2001	Ken Briggs OAM	2014	Erma Hoare	2023	Merlyn Quaife
2002	Gary Pinner	2014	Bill Ashman (S2)	2024	Gary Pinner (S3)
2002	Lindsay Jolley	2014	Verna Ashman	2024	Greg Noonan (S2)
2003	Max Ellis	2014	Peter Kilpatrick (S2)		
2004	Graham Neivandt	2016	Lynette Comer		

[(S) indicates award of PHF Sapphire. (S2) PHF Double Sapphire. (S3) Triple Sapphire]

The Rotary movement was founded in February 1905, by Paul Harris, a lawyer from Chicago, who recognized the potential of an association of like-minded professional and business people who could meet and share common interests on a regular basis.

In 1957, the Rotary Foundation introduced a recognition known as a Paul Harris Fellow in memory of the founder as an expression of appreciation for a contribution of US\$1,000.00 or more to the Foundation's humanitarian and educational programs. The recipients receive a pin, medallion and certificates that identify them as advocates of the Rotary Foundation's goals of world peace and understanding.

In Australia and New Zealand it has become a tradition that a club may determine to recognise a Club Member or community member as a Paul Harris Fellow for meritorious service, where the club contributes US\$1,000.00 to the Rotary Foundation from club funds. Recognition as a Paul Harris Fellow remains a respected and prestigious honour for Rotarians and non-Rotarians alike.

MAX ELLIS AWARDS

The Presidential award 'For dedicated and selfless service by a Non-Board member'.

This award was introduced by Past President Max Ellis during his term of office. In his words "It is the honour of the incumbent President to choose a Club member who is the 'Best and Fairest' for the Rotary Year".

1974-75	Jim Porter	1999-2000	Marilyn Botwood
1975-76	Bill Rodd	2000-01	Gerald Kavanagh
1976-77	George Symons	2001-02	Graham Neivandt
1977-78	Alan Williams	2002-03	Ken Gittins
1978-79	John Parsons	2003-04	Bev Ormerod
1979-80	Graeme Norris	2004-05	Ruth O'Connell
1980-81	Les Pascoe	2005-06	Ken Briggs OAM
1981-82	Gordon Hellyer	2006-07	David Carbury
1982-83	Don Allen	2007-08	Andrew Palmer
1983-84	Frank Monti	2008-09	Wendy Learmount
1984-85	Vic Wodetski	2009-10	Ian Ellis
1985-86	Graham Neivandt	2010-11	Elaine Harrington
1986-87	Bill Hoare	2011-12	Greg Noonan
1987-88	Darrel Walker	2012 -13	Tony Plant
1988-89	Bob Forbes	2013-14	Bernie Young
1989-90	Ken Gittins	2014-15	Anne Peace
1990-91	Laurie O'Farrell	2015-16	Sue and Trevor Hawking
1991-92	John Grylls	2016-17	Jennie and Clive Hughes
1992-93	John Vercoe	2017-18	Heather Nixon
1993-94	Tony Britt	2018-19	Merlyn Quaife AM
1994-95	Keith Inglis	2019-20	Graham Neivandt
1995-96	Gerald Kavanagh	2020-21	Clive and Jennie Hughes
1996-97	Jenni Hillman	2021-22	Susan Duncan
1997-98	Bill Ashman	2022-23	Maureen Plant
1998-99	Tony Plant	2023-24	Shireen Yeoh

PAST CLUB PRESIDENTS

1959-60	Les Harris	1992-93	Geoff McKinna
1960-61	Alan Fraser	1993-94	Neil Zantuck
1961-62	John Corbett	1994-95	Eddie Beer
1962-63	Ian McHardy	1995-96	Geoff Holland
1963-64	Bill Ashman	1996-97	Gary Pinner
1964-65	Jack Bright	1997-98	Kay Branson
1965-66	Len Knox	1998-99	Jenni Hillman
1966-67	Alex Fraser	1999-00	Dean Shirley
1967-68	George Ellis	2000-01	Paul Blacker
1968-69	Harold MacDonald (dec)	2001-02	David Cotton
	George Ellis	2002-03	Ian Ellis
1969-70	Neville Howell	2003-04	Ken Briggs OAM
1970-71	Don Allen	2004-05	John Steele
1971-72	Colin Scheumack	2005-06	Terry Dalwood
1972-73	Jim Osborne	2006-07	Bev Ormerod
1973-74	Bill Rodd	2007-08	Greg Noonan
1974-75	Max Ellis	2008-09	Frank Cinquegrana
1975-76	Ron Twitt	2009-10	Philip Jan
1976-77	Bryan Milne	2010-11	Geoff McKinna
1977-78	Bob Johns	2011-12	Ruth O'Connell
1978-79	Ray Foley	2012-13	Wendy Learmount
1979-80	Brian Thomas	2013-14	Helene Brown
1980-81	Tom Johnson	2014-15	Rod Spitty
1981-82	Graeme Elvey	2015-16	Tony Plant
1982-83	John Parsons	2016-17	Tony Plant
1983-84	George Dawson	2017-18	Bernie Young
1984-85	Bill Hoare	2018-19	Rod Spitty
1985-86	Laurie O'Farrell	2019-20	Glenn Madden
1986-87	Ralph Birrell	2020-21	Paul Gibbons
1987-88	John Hewitson	2021-22	Merlyn Quaife AM
1988-89	Rod McLeod	2022-23	Merlyn Quaife AM
1989-90	Rob Aitken	2023-24	Rod Spitty
1990-91	Brian Thomas		
1991-92	Colin Walton		

CLUB MEMBERS 2023-24 (at 30 June 2024)

Elizabeth Bell	Nursing	Heather Nixon	Nursing
Lyn Comer	Silo Manufacturing	Greg Noonan	Management Accounting
Ron Deveraux	Bread Manufacture	Jan Pagliaro	Disability Services
Sue Duncan	Property Management	Anne Peace	Primary Education
George Ellis	Emergency Services	Greg Penno	Police Services
Ian Ellis	Sign Writing	Gary Pinner	Automotive Repairs
Max Ellis	Sign Writing	Tony Plant	Catering
Cora Fuentes-Mahnic	Ethnic Management	Maureen Plant	Retail Sales
Paul Gibbons	Education	Merlyn Quaife AM	Music Education
Trevor Hawking	Building Supplies Sales	Matthew Scott	Education
Clive Hughes	Carpet Laying	Paul Sherwood¹	Procurement
Lindsay Jolley	Environmental Mgt	Bob Simpson	Police Services
Margaret Kelly	Sales Professional	Rod Spitty	Local Gov't Engineering
Peter Kilpatrick	Project Engineer	John Stewart	Public Accounting
Philip Lethbridge	Law	Mark Tracy	Secondary Education
Glenn Madden	Primary Education	Dorje Tsering	Translator
Kerri-Ann Maybury	Health Case Manager	Craig Wright	Retirement Village Mgt
Geoff McKinna	Police Service	Shireen Yeoh	Migration Agent
Emily Mudge	Civil Engineering	Bernie Young	Public Land Management
Graham Neivandt	Waste Water Disposal		
Honorary Members			
David Cotton	Genealogy	Wendy Learmount	Banking Management
Ken Gittins	Sheep Grazing	Laurie O'Farrell	Law
Tom Glazebrook AM	Highway Construction	Trevor Phillips	Engineering Consultant
Lindsay Jackson	Tertiary Education	Peter Simmons	State Emergency Services

Name¹ indicates Member joined in 2023-24.

Friends of Rotary			
Richard Epskamp	Katie Kim	Zoe Pocock	Daniel Giles
Fabiana Schreiner	Brock Pinner	Val Payne	