

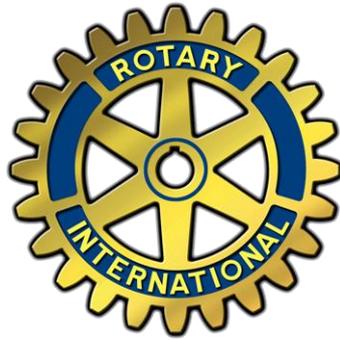


# The Rotary Club of Bacchus Marsh ANNUAL REPORT

2021 - 2022



Bacchus Marsh Railway Station c.1915



## About Rotary

**Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world. Approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 32,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas.**

**The main objective of Rotary is service — in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world. Rotarians develop community service projects that address many of today's most critical issues, such as children at risk, poverty and hunger, the environment, illiteracy, and violence. They also support programs for youth, educational opportunities and international exchanges for students, teachers, and other professionals, and vocational and career development.**

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## President's Report

## Helen Davies



It is safe to say “this year has not gone to plan” would be an understatement. Having thought that we would be coming out of the seemingly endless cycle of covid lockdowns, we had high hopes but covid had a lingering effect. This has led us not to be able to achieve all that we had wanted to, from event planned to fundraising functions. Many

things were postponed including the Strawberry and Cherry festival, Australia Day and Werribee Gorge Fun Run... twice. Which is just as well because, let's be honest, it's an oxymoron to have fun and run in the same sentence.

I didn't include Clean up Australia Day as cancelled because there were some dedicated Rotarians who still collected rubbish in the rain. I cannot let it pass without stating that Reg Holloway did an amazing job of not only organising the event but came back a few days later and did a clean-up by himself.

That being said we did have some good wins along the way which not only strengthened our relationships in the community but raised and distributed some funds to worthwhile causes. Some of the highlights have been:

- \*Celebrating the Pioneering Women of Bacchus Marsh with CWA.
- \*The working Bee for the Chicory Kiln with the Lions Club
- \*Collaboration with Moorabool Shire on recycled Wood Bird boxes (Report from Reg Holloway)



- \* Christmas Hampers at Neighbours place with Moorabool Council
- \* Laying of a wreath at the Dawn Service.
- \* Reconciliation week
- \* Christmas trees Sale with SES (Report from Scott Pepin provided)
- \* ROCAN
- \* ROMAC
- \* Interplast
- \* Myrniong Bio-link with Landcare (Report from Alan Morton)
- \* Cocktail night at Levy's
- \* Harvest Festival Barbecue
- \* Nepal Medical Centre
- \* Student Award... just to name a few.



The Art Show should probably get a special mention (Report provided by Keith Currie) The event was flawless as always and the Art Show Committee is to be commended.



They make it look so easy but in reality it is not. It takes a village to make this event happen so an extra special thank you to all involved. The fact that we surpassed our own previous record and managed to sell over \$50,000 of artwork is amazing.

I can honestly say I had no idea what I was embarking on when I put my hand up and accepted the role of President. The one piece of advice I gratefully received from the more experienced Rotarians was: "delegate, delegate, delegate".

Often, I admitted to feeling a bit obsolete - but in a good way. I thank all the members for their contributions big and small.

## Art Exhibition and Sales

## Peter Kay



After three attempts over the past two years to hold our 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Show, Covid finally allowed us to do so over the Queen's Birthday long weekend this year. It was a great success with record sales of \$53,000 and approx. 125 paintings sold, which was 22% of the total exhibits of 570.

The previous record was \$45,000 quite a few years ago.

We had a steady stream of approx. 250 visitors /day over the three days. Combined with over 120 attendees at the Friday opening night, this totalled over 870 who attended. Door takings were ~ \$4000 and raffle sales were ~ \$1600.



Our judge, Beckett Rozentals, a Curator at the National Gallery of Victoria, praised the high standard of exhibits. She commented on the quality of the smaller paintings, saying a good painting does not have to be a big painting. Half the award winning artworks were smaller paintings.



Our 50<sup>th</sup> year Special prize for Best in Show, sponsored by Diana Gibson, was won by Gregory Smith for “Copper Porcelain and Red Sari” – a most outstanding piece of art.



A display of articles highlighting the fifty years of the Rotary Art show.

## **Bacchus Marsh College Collage      Alan Morton**

Way back in 2020 before our lives were changed due to Covid, a collage, created by the students from Bacchus Marsh College, was presented to the Rotary Club of Bacchus Marsh to help celebrate 50 years of this great community event.

As we now know, the Art Show had to be cancelled that year and subsequently twice due to the pandemic.

We have chosen not to update the year shown even though we held the event in 2022, as the students involved deserved the recognition to see their piece displayed.

The Club is enormously grateful that they and their teachers chose to join us to celebrate this momentous occasion and we thank them so much for their time and effort.



## Media and Marketing

## Helen Davies

As usual Media and Marketing worked hand in hand with Membership. I would like to thank Emma, Bob and Nicki for all their help and support.

At the start of the year we were still meeting on Zoom and longing to meet face to face. We had spent over two years on and off meeting on Zoom.

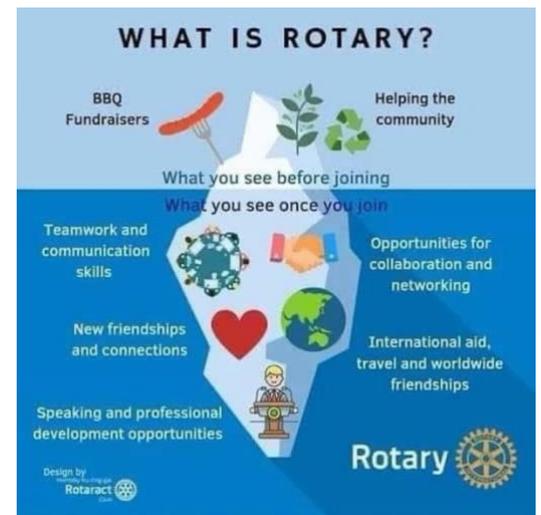
With the assistance of Nicki Paull (and I mean she completely designed them), we created new posters to be rotated in the Money spinner, which is a much underused advertising space. These posters will also be used to promote our Club at events.

We have picked a range of images to depict what we think represents us. We have also designed a new streamlined tri-fold pamphlet which hopefully is a bit more reader friendly.

Of course, we have been posting up a storm on Facebook -

with over 15,000 engagements over the year.

We are still trying to work out how to do a hybrid version. Plus we will be launching our own Youtube channel in order for people to have a snapshot of our club and re-watch some of our amazing guest speakers.



Date	Post	Engagements
21/06/2022 13:00	 Want to make a difference? Locally, nationally or internationally? Feel free to find out more. Posted by Rotary Club of Bacchus Marsh	1 comment, 6 likes, 112 views
21/06/2022 12:47	 Rotary Club of Bacchus Marsh. Have your say and let's create something amazing that's functional yet screams we love BM. Posted by Helen Schmidt Davies	0 comments, 4 likes, 151 views
20/06/2022 23:05	 We need you! WERN stands for Western Emergency Relief Network. Located Ravenshall. This service provides help to people that hav... Posted by Rotary Club of Bacchus Marsh	7 comments, 34 likes, 7,026 views
16/06/2022 22:45	 Posted by Helen Schmidt Davies	0 comments, 5 likes, 81 views
12/06/2022 11:06	 So we are back at it today with the Art Show celebrating 50 years of talented artists and an outpouring of community spirit. Our profits... Posted by Rotary Club of Bacchus Marsh	0 comments, 7 likes, 1,997 views

## Fundraising Glenys Kay

This portfolio has been quite frustrating over the past year with so many cancellations of events as outlined by President Helen. Activities which went ahead include the Bunnings Barbeque ably co-ordinated by Peter Shilton and the Christmas Tree sales that Scot Pepin and Peter Ellerton organise so well. This joint operation with the Bacchus Marsh SES continues to grow and be more streamlined each year making better profits for both organisations.

Thanks must go to Ian and Davina Cabrie for again having a lavender sale in the Main Street in front of the old post office. Not only did they pick the lavender and arrange the bunches of varying sizes but set up the stall when masks were mandatory, and the



weather was not at its best. Thanks go to all who helped on the days of sale. Linenhouse generously donated some of their goods for a raffle, which bolstered the profit of around \$1400.00.



This year saw the club get on board with the Flower and Garden Show group. This has been done because the annual event is becoming too large for the original organisers to do on their own. Unfortunately, the October 2021 event was one of the casualties of Covid lockdowns. A

stall was held at the Darley Market, which did very well netting almost \$600.00 for the morning.

The barbeque trailer was used again for the Harvest Festival, which was held out at the racecourse grounds. It was a busy day making \$600.00 profit.

The one constant of our fundraising continues to be the Spinner situated in The Village Shopping Centre. People are very generous with monetary contributions, including foreign currency. The odd toy is also very kindly donated as well.

## **Pentland Hills Landcare Group Inc. Alan Morton**

The Rotary Club of Bacchus Marsh Inc donated \$5,000 towards the on going support of the biolink.



Two acoustic sound recorders have been purchased to enable monitoring of birds and other fauna in the *Nature Corridor* (biolink). This is being supported with the help of members of the Moorabool Environment Group, which is also working with similar devices.



The data collected will hopefully be of value in supporting evidence of the presence of the endangered Swift Parrot.

This data will be submitted to the Environment Effects Statement process associated with the

proposed Western Victorian Transmission Line project, which is expected to run through several sections of the *Myrniong and Korkuperrimul Creeks Nature Corridor*. In addition there is a project with the Myrniong Recreation Reserve Committee to have a planting day on 5<sup>th</sup> August where students from the Myrniong Primary School will doing the planting of ground covers and small shrubs.



# Youth Simon Davies.

Many of our very successful youth programs had to be cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions. These included RYPEN, RYLA, International Women’s Day Breakfast and MUNA. We have not been able to conduct an International Student Exchange Program for three years.

## Awards for young samaritans

By Lachlan Ellis

There are 15 local children and teenagers who have been awarded by Rotary, receiving a certificate and \$100 cash for their good deeds.

One of those recipients was 12-year-old Lachlan Bellette from Greendale, a member of the 1st Ballan Scouts who has supported a wide range of causes, both financially and through volunteer work.

From setting up hay bale displays for the Ballan Autumn Festival, to raising funds for Ballarat-based K.I.D.S Foundation and volunteering at the Blackwood Outdoor Specialist School, Lachlan hasn't been afraid to roll up his sleeves and help worthy causes.

Lachlan's father Tony said he was incredibly proud of Lachlan's efforts, and that Lachlan had always been the kind of person to look out for others.

"He was very surprised to receive the award, and was very happy when he got home. Unfortunately, I had to watch it online, so I didn't see his physical reaction at the time, but when he got home he was excited... he said 'Dad, Dad, look at this!'" Mr Bellette told the Moorabool News.

"I'm so proud of both our boys, the commitment they show to the community, that's humbling. He's always been a generous kid...I think it was probably when he was in Prep, we started talking to both our boys about when it comes to Christmas time, it's not just about receiving presents, it's about supporting others too.

Mr Bellette praised the Rotary Club of Bacchus Marsh not just for the Community Involvement Award initiative, but its contributions to local youth as a whole.

"It's a great contribution by the Rotary Club, into the local primary schools. It's fantastic, it gives kids different opportunities...this has

actually helped Lachie set himself up for Year 7, purchasing some equipment that he needs," he said.

Since 2015, Lachlan Bellette has donated \$990 of his pocket money to purchase toys for disadvantaged families and children, so they can have a merry Christmas too.

Also using his own pocket money, Lachlan has purchased a \$60 'World Festival of Magic' Ticket for the past 3 years, to enable a child with special needs to experience the World Festival of Magic Show annually organised by the Lions Club of Ballarat.

Last year he donated \$25 of his pocket money to purchase a virtual stadium seat at the Tokyo Paralympics, and encouraged his family to do the same.

This money went towards supporting the Australian Paralympic team, and the next generation of para-athletes.

Fellow recipients of a Community Involvement Award were:

- Bacchus Marsh Primary School
- Abby Honig and Oscar Hwawiside
- Darley Primary School
- Meleah Hodges and Scarlet Hanley-Woolbridge
- St Bernard's Primary School
- Remi O'Reilly and Nicholas Ibrahim
- Pentland Primary School
- Lachie Hunter and Aiden Weaver
- Balliang East Primary School
- Kaylee Power
- Coimadai Primary School
- Freya Fox
- Bacchus Marsh College
- Cheng Hue and Jessica Peixoto
- Bacchus Marsh Grammar
- Emily Slimmon and Akshara Rajesh



Lachlan Bellette with his Bacchus Marsh Rotary Club award.  
Photo - submitted

However, our club was able to continue our very successful Student Award Program. 15 Students, drawn from the neighbouring schools, received an award for their contribution to their local community.

One notable student attending Myrning Primary School received a Rotary Award and was later featured in the Moorabool News in February this year. We also collaborated with the Moorabool Shire FReeZA committee to sponsor their Youth Art Competition. The winning entries were displayed at the Rotary Art Exhibition.

## Rotary Club of Bacchus Marsh – 2022 50<sup>th</sup> Art Exhibition and Sale

Freeza and the Moorabool Shire Council Youth Action Group (YAG), held a separate art exhibition and competition for 12-25 year olds.

### WINNERS

- 12-15 years – Olivia Baumann (13 years old)
- 16-18 years – Bailey McLean (absent)
- 19-21 years – Robyn Murphy
- 22-25 years – Quilby Nelson

### Moorabool Shire Council

#### Mayor's Selection Acquisitive Prize

- Helen Fogarty (Night Lights)
- Helen Fogarty (Autumn's Aura)
- Beverly Harris (Carousel 1)
- Yvonne Bradford (Foxy Lady)
- Jessica Illichmann (Rainbow Bagel)



12-15 years – Olivia Baumann



Digital Painting - Robin & Steve – Stranger Things



19-21 years – Robyn Murphy



22-25 years – Quilby Nelson. Photos Helen Tatchell



Helen Fogarty (Night Lights)



## **International Scott Pepin**

The “new” Rotary year started with a glimmer of hope after the previous Covid19 year where most International activities had been curtailed - only to be dashed by continued international border closures and a series of local lock-downs. However, RCBM’s International programs continued in Vietnam and Tanzania, with the addition of a new project in remote Nepal.

### **Vietnam**

In the previous Rotary year, RCBM along with our four other D9800 partners had been successful in obtaining a D9800 District Foundation International grant to assist the funding of our Phu Tho Province Dental Hygiene and Education program.

The basis of the program is for the training of local Vietnamese dentists and technicians in the application of a fluoride gel which protects against decay by the Head of Melbourne University Dental School. However, like all good plans, Covid19 had its say. Unfortunately, due to Foundation guidelines, a further grant extension could not be granted, and reapplication will occur later this year, for completion in 2022/23.

In the interim, Project Manager, Rowan McClean of RC North Balwyn had been forging ahead with developing our Optometry pilot program (sponsored by RC Bacchus Marsh and North Balwyn) with the assistance of the Vietnam National University in Hanoi.

This project will allow for local Vietnamese optometrists and students to visit our communities of Yen Luat and Minh Hac to assess and screen the local population for eye conditions. This will be the first time this type of health care will be provided.

The pilot field trip is scheduled for September 2022 with the resumption of the northern hemisphere tertiary year, and later spread across the other three communities in coming years. One of the most urgent needs in our Yen Luat community is the need for a toilet facility in their high school. Plans have been afoot for several years, to be implemented with the assistance by the Head of the Hydrology department, Vietnam National University, to provide technical assistance in the most appropriate use of limited water supply and the latest in sanitation techniques. A pilot fieldtrip to collect technical data was scheduled for 2020, 2021 and now reasonably expected to occur in early 2023. Our student sponsorship continues and looks to expand in 22/23. We have had several students leave the educational program seeking employment to assist supporting their families during Covid19, whilst we have been encouraged by the continuing university studies of two of our female students in Hanoi. Either way, the support and encouragement our program gives allows our kids to get a brighter start to their lives.

## **Nepal**

Late 2021 I was approached by PP Sam Turner from RC Macedon Ranges to join a consortia of local and international clubs in the refurbishment and extension of a very remote medical clinic in Bareng Rural Municipality, Ward No-4, Thaplung, Baglung, Gandaki Province, Nepal. Previously this clinic provided only basic first aid to the local people. With the completion of this project, health services will now extend to maternal health and maternal education, and more advanced clinical interventions.

This project was instigated by Raj Gautam of RC Kathmandu, Nepal, who had a previous relationship with the people of this region and saw the need that Rotary could help this most needy community.

Thanks : RC Kathmandu, Nepal; RC Timaru, NZ; Rotary District D9980-DGI grant; RC Waimate, NZ; RC Temuka-Geraldine, NZ; RC Bacchus Marsh, Aust; RC Macedon Ranges, Aust.



We look forward to further supporting our new Nepalese friends by providing reading glasses for the elderly. We have several hundred pairs of new glasses to be sent via Australia Post to Nepal, however due to Covid, all parcels incoming to Nepal have been suspended. We hopefully will be able to post them later in 2022.

## Tanzania



Congratulations to our graduating student, Gloria Edward Mwendo from the School of St. Judes, Tanzania. Gloria and her fellow students of Year 12 graduated in May 2022 after several difficult “Covid” years of home study. RCBM has been supporting Gloria since primary school, and through her regular letters we have seen her develop into a mature young woman

ready to be one of Tanzania young leaders. Gloria hopes to attend university to study..... We wish her the very best.



## Donations In Kind, West Footscray

RCBM has been supporting one of the best Rotary International (and local) programs, “Donations in Kind”. In 2021 our club visited the large facility in West Footscray for an inspection tour and an explanation of operations.

Over the years RCBM had made an annual donation. However, on this tour it was noted that many D9800 clubs were represented by sponsoring a storage rackin.

RCBM is pleased to announce that our club will now have a “Bacchus Marsh” row, joining with the many other clubs in this most worthy of projects.

### Future projects

The world is a better place due to Rotary International. Besides our optometry and water project in Vietnam (due to commence in 22/23), reading glasses to Nepal (22/23), RCBM is exploring new relationships with more international clubs to assist with people in southern Uganda.



Who would have thought this time last year, June 2021, that Covid could get any worse? Would the Christmas tree sales go ahead for 2021? Simple answer- “Yes” and a “shaky, who knows?” YES?

Covid has a lot to answer for but generally it has been good for Christmas tree sales. After implementing new sales strategies in 2020 to make RCBM-SES Covid compliant, we experienced a modest sales year, at least we were able to turn up, but we still had an underlying problem of an increasingly inferior quality of trees from our supplier.

This prompted me to seek out a new supplier, which by chance was almost on our doorstep. A local supplier, great looking trees, reasonable price, co-operative, but no delivery. Time to rethink how we do things.



Buoyed by an increasing chance of being able to pull off our second Covid Christmas tree sales, we set to work remodelling our procedures. A new social media campaign including “where’s Santa” drone videos, newly rebuilt promotional signs, new sign

locations (requiring Council approval and permits) and finally a few favours from local trucking companies, Spargo’s and Lawford and Company. We now had a formula to make a few bucks- that we did.





Commencing pre-order phone sales on Cup Day weekend, and continuing strongly until early December, these sales accounted for approximately 40% of all sales, whereby 90% of these sales were pre-paid. We were potentially going to have a good year.....cross fingers for Covid.

With better than expected pre-sales, late November/early December saw the arrival of the Delta variant of Covid. Within weeks the country would be paralysed with this strain, but as luck would have it, Rotary-SES Christmas Tree Sales dodged a bullet-just.

The first weekend we loaded Spargo's truck with as many trees as we could carry (180). We had a lots of selling to do.



As each sales day went by, we would have late nights/early mornings collecting and loading of

our trees, finally, selling out on our last Sunday at lunchtime. With better margins, better quality trees and the ability to control when and how we received trees, Rotary-SES Christmas Tree Sales achieved an increase of approximately 40% in profit by selling less than a third more trees.

Shortly after, RCBM was able to present to Bacchus Marsh Controller, Bill Robson, a cheque for eight thousand dollars, being RCBM's donation to BM SES for half of the profits (\$16,000) from the 2021 Rotary-SES Christmas Tree Sales.

The 2021/2022 Community Committee comprised the Chair, Davina Cabrié, and committee members Joanne Allen, Lindsay Arnold and Peter Lawford.

Like its preceding year, 2021 to 2022 was marked by the COVID-19 pandemic. Great ideas and enthusiastic plans were contained by COVID constraints and Rotary's obligation to be "fair to all concerned". However, the time was well spent in communication and refining plans and particularly so in building communication lines with Moorabool Shire Council (MSC) officers who have taken on new roles this year. Community projects that require collaboration with MSC and/or Lions Club/RSL are:

- Rotary Park enhancement
  - RCBM submission placed with MSC
    - emphasises recognition of RCBM in the form of artwork, plaques/engravings, signage, seating, history boards and child bicycle education trail
- Telford Park All-Abilities Sculpture Trail
  - RCBM submission and response placed with MSC
    - offers contribution or sponsorship towards seating, shelter and sculpture
- Aquatic Centre
  - RCBM submission placed with MSC
    - offers sponsorship of mechanical chair lift for disabled access to pool (with recognition of tireless advocate Joce Williams) and swim lessons for disadvantaged children

- 1000+ Steps (Bald Hill)
  - RCBM submission placed with MSC
    - Offers sponsorship of seating, shelter and possibly information boards
- Chicory Kiln
  - Working bee with the Lions club to clear the surrounds completed
- Resting Poppy Memorial
  - RCBM's role yet to be defined



Of ongoing projects, the Community Pantry at Darley Neighbourhood House continues, while the Rotary CFA Smoke Alarm Battery Replacement Day has been taken on for the present by MSC due to COVID-19 constraints in terms of Rotarians entering people's homes.

## **Environment    Reg Holloway**

### **Clean Up Australia Day**

Clean up Australia Day Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022 turned miserable just before our 10am meeting. With risks of slipping, breaking a hip and catching a chill an executive decision was made to enjoy coffee and Noelene's Sandwiches.

Unfortunately, but fortunately for us there was some dumped rubbish along Lerderderg Park Road which made filling up all the Clean Australia Day bags a quick task.

## Nesting Boxes



In late February Rory Thomson-Ball of the Moorabool Shire Council contacted Rotary to see if we would be interested in a habitat recovery project. This project



involved using timber from the recent storm events and making 150 bird nest boxes for the community.

After a discussion at the club's weekly meeting, it was agreed the club would make 75 nesting boxes. Rotary had the equipment, the know-how, and the time to make it happen and were keen to participate.

Thanks, Peter Shilton, for your knowledge, interest in the cause and collaboration skills that made this project a reality. Thanks to everyone including President Helen, Donna Martin, Ian and Davina Cabrie, Bob Levy, Russell Dodemaide, Phill McBean and John Lucas for your input on this project.



Conveniently for me and fortunately for everyone else with my non-existent woodwork skills I headed overseas and escaped the hard work.

## **Alf Wignell Award**

Several times a year Rotarians are recognised for their contribution to the success of our club. Past President Geoff Camm introduced the Award to recognise the significant contribution to Rotary and the Bacchus Marsh community by former Rotary President Alf Wignell.

The most recent recipients of the Award were Alan Morton and Kathy Cairns presented with their awards by Emma Young ; the previous recipient.



This year: Scott Pepin, Nicki Paull, Emma Young, Alan Morton, Kathy Cairns.

## **Membership**

## **Emma Young**

Whoever thought the pandemic would continue through 2021-2022 as we endured Lockdowns and Industry Shutdowns.

At first, we embraced "Zoom". However, over time, we grew tired and weary of this, as the realisation that technology will never replace the warmth of seeing each other in person, a better engagement and gauge of each other that way.

For most of the times when we were able to meet in person, we had to meet face-to-face wearing masks, replacing a quiet word, with raised voices so others can hear us through the mask.

Whilst our President's and Programming plans had to be scrapped or put to the side, members still managed to serve our community.

Our Membership Team regularly met and would put plans in place or ideas which were delayed by lockdowns. A casualty was the "Plug in" Event with CWA.

During the Christmas period of 2021, members gathered at the Neighbour's Place to put together food hampers for the struggling families in our community, later that day delivering the hampers to the Council offices.

Nicki has been kept busy using her skills redesigning a new membership brochure which has since been utilised and used at various barbecues, Christmas Tree Sales and at the Club Spinner Wheel in our local shopping centre.

Nicki and Helen have also been working closely together on Marketing and Media to get the name of our Club out there to encourage growth in membership.

Recently, we lost our "Honorary Member" Denis Murphy.

We shared a toast to his contribution in his honour following a very moving presentation to Denis by Lindsay. Many of us were able to attend the funeral in person or online via livestream.

Former long serving member, Jock Taylor, has been granted "Honorary Membership".

More recently we have been able to add Connor Allen as a "Friend of Rotary", who has hit the ground running by helping us at barbecues and the recent Art Show. It is lovely to see the younger generation getting involved in the community. Connor has had a long relationship with our Rotary Club through the Student Rotary Exchange Program a few years ago and through his mum, Joanne Allen, a member of our Club. We look forward to having a long friendship with Connor.

We have also re-inducted former Rotarian Peter Ellerton back into our Club. He was formerly a member, then a “Friend of Rotary” and now has decided to return as a member.

Our team also met to work on amending the current “Friends of Rotary” Policy. Nicki and I presented this recently at a Club meeting, further changes were suggested, and this is currently being revised.

The Committee has been busy updating lists, checking “Friends of Rotary” Membership, checking up on former members if they would like to transition to become a “Friend of Rotary” and following up inquiries for potential membership.

I thank Helen for choosing me to serve on her Board and look forward to serving Donna as her programming co-ordinator. I congratulate Noelene Watson as incoming Membership Chair. I am sure she will do a fabulous job.

## Current Membership

Joanne	Allen	Peter	Lawford
Lindsay	Arnold PP	Bob	Levy PP
Ian	Cabrie	John	Lucas PP
Davina	Cabrie	Donna	Martin PP
Kathy	Cairns	Phil	McBean PP
Geoff	Camm PP	Neil	McDonald
Keith	Currie PP	Alan	Morton PP
Helen	Davies PP	Nicki	Paull
Simon	Davies	Scott	Pepin PP
Russell	Dodemaide	John	Righetti
Lita	Foot PP	Peter	Shilton PP
Russell	Gilbert PP	Peter	Ellerton
Reg	Holloway	Noelene	Watson
Simon	Hookey PP	Paul	Wittick
Glenys	Kay PP	Emma	Young
Peter	Kay PP		

## HONORARY MEMBERS

Frank Ruffo	David Stewart (PP)
Ken Claringbold (PP)	Joclyn Taylor

## VALE MEMBERS

Denis Murphy      Honorary Member

## FRIENDS OF ROTARY

Chris Levy	Melanie Currie
Jennifer Hine	Barry McKercher
Mel Wyatt	Sally Blackwell
Campbell Fethers	Jenni Coombs
Liane Brkic	Connor Allen

# Club Presidents

1955-56	Tom Staughton	1956-57	Ern Oliver	1957-58	Alf Wignell
1958-59	Phil McBride	1959-60	Ted Shelley	1960-61	Viv Taylor
1961-62	Bob Butler	1962-63	Bert Rowe	1983-64	Mick Nolan
1964-65	John Bird	1965-66	Ted Ludowici	1966-67	Gordon Lyle
1967-68	Jack Arnott	1968-69	Tom McMahon	1960-70	Stuart Bond
1970 -71	Jack Watts	1971-72	Stuart Bond	1972-73	Frank Benallack
1972-73	Doug Wilson	1973-74	Nick Atanasoff	1974-75	Ray Allen
1975-76	Ken Stork	1976-77	Len Peters	1977-78	Andy Arnold
1978-79	Stuart Bond	1979-80	Brian Gaffney	1980-81	Keith Bullen
1981 -82	Ian Closter	1982-83	Ian Wardell	1983-84	Lindsay Arnold
1984-85	Eddie Beer	1985-86	Ken Claringbold	1986-87	Ken Thibou
1987-88	Paul Jones	1988-89	Ian McDonald	1989-90	Ken Sheehan
1990-91	Dennis Murphy	1991-92	Errol Healy	1992-93	Peter Shilton
1993-94	John Reid	1994-95	Alan Morton	1995-96	Russell Gilbert
1996-97	Carolyn Seager	1997-98	Richard Thompson	1998-99	John Lucas
1999-00	Sandy McClintock	2000-01	Ian Morris	2001-02	Daryl Cox
2002-03	Digby Thackeray	2003-04	Peter Kay	2004-05	Simon Hookey
2005-06	Russell Gilbert	2006-07	Bob Levy	2007-08	Jocelyn Williams
2008-09	Beverley Barnes	2009-10	David Stewart	2010-11	Geoff Camm
2011-12	Brian Gaffney	2012-13	Keith Currie	2013-14	Glenys Kay
2014-15	Glenys Kay Keith Currie	2015-16	Geoff Camm Bob Levy	2016-17	Scott Pepin
2017-18	Phil McBean	2018-19	Lita Foot	2019-20	Russell Gilbert
2020-21	Donna Martin	2021-22	Helen Davies	2022-23	Donna Martin

## Paul Harris Fellows

1974	Ernest Oliver	1982	Tom McMahon
1985	Bob Butler	1987	Andy Arnold
1990	Stuart Bond	1991	Nick Atanasoff
1992	Doug Wilson	1993	Ian Wardell
1994	Don Watson	1995	Nat White
1995	Ken Sheehan	1996	Ian Closter
1996	Keith Bullen	1996	Margaret Closter
1996	Margaret Wardell	1997	Noel Bond
1998	Sylvia Kirwan	2000	Brian Gaffney
2000	Lindsay Arnold	2000	Domenic Ambrogio
2001	Dennis Murphy	2002	Errol Healy
2003	Peter Shilton	2003	Russell Gilbert
2003	Alan Morton	2004	Ian Morris
2004	Ian Wardell (Sapphire)	2005	John Lucas
2005	Joce Williams	2005	Jean Bullen
2006	Helen Shilton	2006	Claire Arnold
2006	Ken Sheehan (Sapphire)	2006	Joan Sheehan
2008	Diana Gibson	2008	Hardy Pradhan
2009	Simon Hookey	2009	Peter Lawford
2009	Joce Williams (Sapphire)	2010	John Lucas (Sapphire)
2010	Miranda Brockman	2010	Neil McDonald
2010	Russell Dodemaide	2010	Russell Gilbert (Sapphire)
2011	Bob Levy	2011	Peter Shilton (Sapphire)
2011	Ian Morris (Sapphire)	2011	Alan Morton (Sapphire)
2011	Peter Kay	2012	Beverley Barnes (Sapphire)
2012	Geoff Camm	2012	Noelene Watson
2012	Ian Morris (Sapphire x 2)	2013	Alan Morton (Sapphire)
2013	Brian Gaffney (Sapphire)	2013	Bob Levy (Sapphire)
2014	Russell Dodemaide (Sapphire)	2014	Keith Currie
2015	Bob Levy (Sapphire x 2)	2015	Jocelyn Taylor (Sapphire)
2015	Kathy Cairns	2015	Russell Gilbert (Sapphire X2)
2016	Glenys Kay	2016	Noelene Watson (Sapphire)
2016	Keith Currie (Sapphire)	2017	Melanie Currie
2017	Jim Ross	2017	Davina Cabrie
2017	Lita Foot	2017	Keith Currie (Sapphire x 2)
2017	Geoff Camm (Sapphire)	2018	Joanne Allen
2018	Roberta Morton	2018	Scott Pepin
2018	Merilyn Annells	2019	Sue Hansen
2019	Glenys Kay (Sapphire x 2)	2019	John Lucas (Sapphire x 2 )
2019	Ian Cabrie	2019	Russell Gilbert (Sapphire x 3)
2019	Phil McBean	2020	Emma Young
2020	Lita Foot (Sapphire)	2020	Scott Pepin (Sapphire)
2020	Bob Levy (Sapphire x 3)	2020	Peter Shilton (Sapphire x 2)
2020	Alan Morton (Sapphire x 2)	2021	Russell Gilbert (Sapphire x 4)
2021	Kathy Cairns (Sapphire)	2022	Davina Cabrie
2022	David Hall	2022	Kathy Hall

# Royce Abbey Award

2004	John Lucas	2005	Byron Guthrie
2006	Simon Hookey	2008	Wendy stubbs
2009	Pieter Honig	2010	James Devenny
2011	Patriece Shelly	2012	Glenys Kay
2013	Dudley Raine	2014	Narelle Laing
2015	Lita Foot	2015	Scott Pepin
2016	Ian Cabrie	2016	Joanne Allen
2017	Peter Ellerton	2017	Phil McBean
2019	Donna Martin	2020	Helen Davies
2022	Emma Young		

## D9800 Champion of Change

2022 Donna Martin

## Paul Harris 711 Club

2007 Gab Csillag	2007 Russell Gilbert
2007 Jocelyn Williams	2007 Alan Morton
2010 Geoff Camm	2010 Jock Taylor
2010 Jenny Hine	2016 Davina Cabrie
2016 Peter Shilton	2016 Peter Kay
2016 Russell Dodemaide	2016 Marilyn Annells
2019 Helen Davies	2019 Simon Davies

### *The Rotary four-way test*

Of the things we think, say or do ...

- Is it the *Truth*?
- Is it *Fair* to all concerned?
- Will it build *Goodwill* and *Better Friendships*?
- Will it be *Beneficial* to all concerned?

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## Object of Rotary

*The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:*

- I. *The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;*
- II. *High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to service society;*
- III. *The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life;*
- IV. *The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.*

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## Bacchus Marsh Railway Station

The railway to Bacchus Marsh opened from Melbourne in 1887, the line being extended to Ballan station in 1889, which completed the "direct line" between Melbourne and Ballarat. The first railway link between these two cities was made in 1862, with the opening of the Geelong–Ballarat railway.

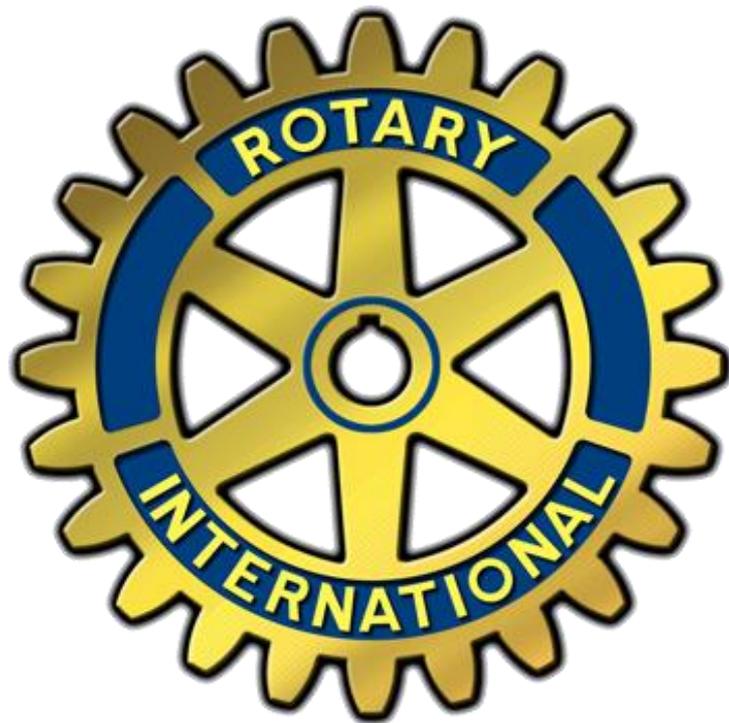


Bacchus Marsh Railway station 2022

The contract for the construction of the station building was awarded in 1889 for £1809/8/11. A 45 lever interlocking frame in a signal box was brought into use in 1890, by this time the station had a main platform with a dock platform at the Melbourne end, a main line and crossing loop, turntable, and a number of sidings. The station was provided with a 53' long turntable from opening, in 1957 it was replaced by a 70' long one.

In the late 1940s, brown coal mined at nearby Maddingley began to be transported in large quantities by rail, dedicated trains running between Bacchus Marsh and the APM Siding in the Melbourne suburb of Fairfield. The coal was used to fire the boilers at the Australian Paper Manufacturers paper mill, with 400 tonnes (440 short tons) of coal per day was transferred in two trains per day. This traffic continued until the late 1970s when the boilers were converted to natural gas firing.

Control of trains on the single track was controlled with the Electric Staff system until 1967, when the Automatic and Track Control (ATC) system was provided. At the same time remote control of the signals Bank Box Loop was provided, the same being done to the track towards Parwan Loop in 1987. Control of the signals at Rockbank station were moved into the signal box in 1990. As part of the Regional Fast Rail project the control of signals was relocated to Ballarat station, and the platform was extended towards Melbourne in order to increase the speed of trains passing through the curve at the Ballarat end of the station. In 2008, 160 additional car parks were opened at the station for the use of rail commuters.



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