



The Rotary Club  
of Bacchus Marsh

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## 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

As the Rotary year draws to a close it gives me time to reflect on the year gone by.

I wonder if our very first President, PP Tom Staughton could envision what a strong, diverse and resilient club he presided over back in 1955 would become. I am certain he would be proud of the dedication, service above, self-attitude and fellowship our club enjoys today.

The year was full of wonderful highlights including some new projects and events not on our usual Rotary calendar and for our club members support on these I thank you.

The success of any club is about being open to new opportunities, new events and projects, expanding networks and widening our collaboration with other local and international organisations.

With over 20 events and projects completed in this Rotary year I hope it has been a truly full filling year for our club members. On top of these events, we have continued with some fundraising BBQ's and members social nights. With over 20 guest speakers invited to speak to our club and Industry visits it certainly was a busy time.

Some highlights this year included.

Christmas in July

Tree planting day

Annual Car Rally

Moto GP in Philip Island

Our support of the Flower & Garden Show

Bacchus Marsh Police Station flag raising event.

Australia Day event

Our Rotary weekend away.

WynSpeak participation

Women's Health night

Cluster Night – hosting the Westside Cluster, DG Amanda, AG Michael and 70 Rotary members. We packed over 100 Soup parcels to be distributed to our local community.

Clean up Australia Day

Student Awards

Soiree

The Rotary End Trachoma Project hampers.

Christmas Tree Sales

Rochester Flood appeal donation

Our support of the book launch of Moorabool Healthy Hectares.

Art Show

Our financial support and hands on help of the restoration of the Bacchus Marsh Chicory Kiln.

None of these projects and events could have been possible without the tireless efforts and hours put in behind-the-scenes from all our Rotarians, Friends of Rotary and partners. Thank you.

We celebrated 2 Rotarians achieving milestones of 20- and 25-years club membership. Noelene Watson and PP Geoff Camm. Congratulations.

We acknowledged PP Geoff Camm for his mentoring role to our youngest member Reg.

We inducted Rotarian Trudy Binks to the Club and look forward to the induction of 2 more new members over the coming weeks.

Additionally, we continued our ongoing financial support for our local and international organisations and projects. We had a busy year with grant applications, the Rotary Regionalisation Project, our application for the Victorian Government Volunteer Grant was successful and enabled us to purchase new equipment to enhance our volunteering ability and as recently as last week the acknowledgement of our support of the Bacchus Marsh Flower & Garden Show recognised with a District Award. We have also submitted an outstanding community leader application for the Rotary Emergency Services Award.

The installation of remote-control doors at our Rotary Shed finally makes life a bit easier for us all to access our trailers and bigger items stored at the Rotary shed.

Our clubs Alf Wignall award was passed on numerous times throughout the year acknowledging Rotarians for their “service above self”. We congratulate:

Kathy Cairns

Peter Shilton

Peter Ellerton

Alan Morton

Ian & Davina Cabrie

I extend my thanks to our outgoing DG Amanda Wendt for her leadership, her hands on initiatives and support.

Amanda worked tirelessly throughout the entire Rotary year. Thank you to our now DGE and outgoing AG Michael Lapina for his continuous support of the Westside Cluster clubs, particularly his support of Club Presidents.

A sincere thank you to all the Rotary Club of Bacchus Marsh Board and Chairs for their continuous support and contribution during the 2022/2023 Rotary year.

A club President is only as good as the club members he or she has behind them. Take a bow members of the Bacchus Marsh Rotary Club; you have been outstanding.

Your professionalism, enthusiasm and willingness to help others is amazing.

On behalf of the outgoing Board and club members we wish President Elect Keith Currie and his incoming Board every success for the coming 2023/2024 Rotary year. May the momentum continue with an exciting year ahead for the club.

Kindest regards

Donna

## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT 2022-2023**

The Bacchus Marsh Rotary Club ends the year 2022-2023 year with 27 Members.

We say farewell to;

**Past President Glenys Kay** (8/6/2011 to 27/1/2023).

Glenys was President in the years 2013/14 and 2014/15 and also Secretary in 2021/22. Glenys along with her husband Peter manned the bar each week at the Avenue Bowling Club allowing our Club to enjoy the comfortable and private surroundings of the Bowling Club for our weekly meetings.

Glenys also held our Annual Christmas in July function at her home. The contribution Glenys has made to our Club over the past 12 years has been invaluable.

**Past President Helen Davies** (29/3/2017 to 6/12/2022) also resigned from the club as her family are relocating to the warmer parts of Victoria, Helen was President in 2021/22. Helen had the difficult task of keeping our Club connected and teaching the members about Zoom during Covid. We wish Helen and her family all the best in their relocation.

**Past President Lita Foot** (13/3/2013 to 19/6/2023) resigned on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023. Lita was President in the 2018/19. Lita was a very active President of our club and oversaw the inaugural VT&T fair and was inspirational in Fundraising for Farmers suffering drought conditions. Lita also served as Bar attendant with Glenys Kay at the Avenue Bowling Club.

**Neil McDonald** (17/3/1990 to 23/06/2023 ) Neil has been a great support to the RCBM over his 33 years of membership. His business in the Main Street has been a drop off/collection point for many members over the years. Neil was heavily involved in the environment committee and organised many tree plantings around the area. He was also Chair of the Art Show for many years.

**Simon Davies** (5/04/2017 to 1/7/2022) Simon was a valued member in the background of the club, always there when called upon.

**New Member Mrs Trudy Binks** We were delighted, to have Trudy inducted into our Club on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023.



We welcome Trudy and her family to the Rotary Family. Trudy has a deep connection to Rotary; her Grandfather Mr Ted Shelly was a founding member of Bacchus Marsh Rotary Club in 1955.

Vale to our **Past President Denis Murphy** who passed away in 2022. Denis was Club President in the 1990-91 years.

In September 2022 the Membership Committee held a Club Legends Night and named three Club Legends, Alan Morton, Lindsay Arnold, and Russell Gilbert. It was a fun night hearing Rotary stories from years ago from our Legends.

At Australia Day celebrations held at Village Green in January 2023, Rotary distributed newly designed Rotary flyers to everyone who attended hoping to interest residents in our Club.

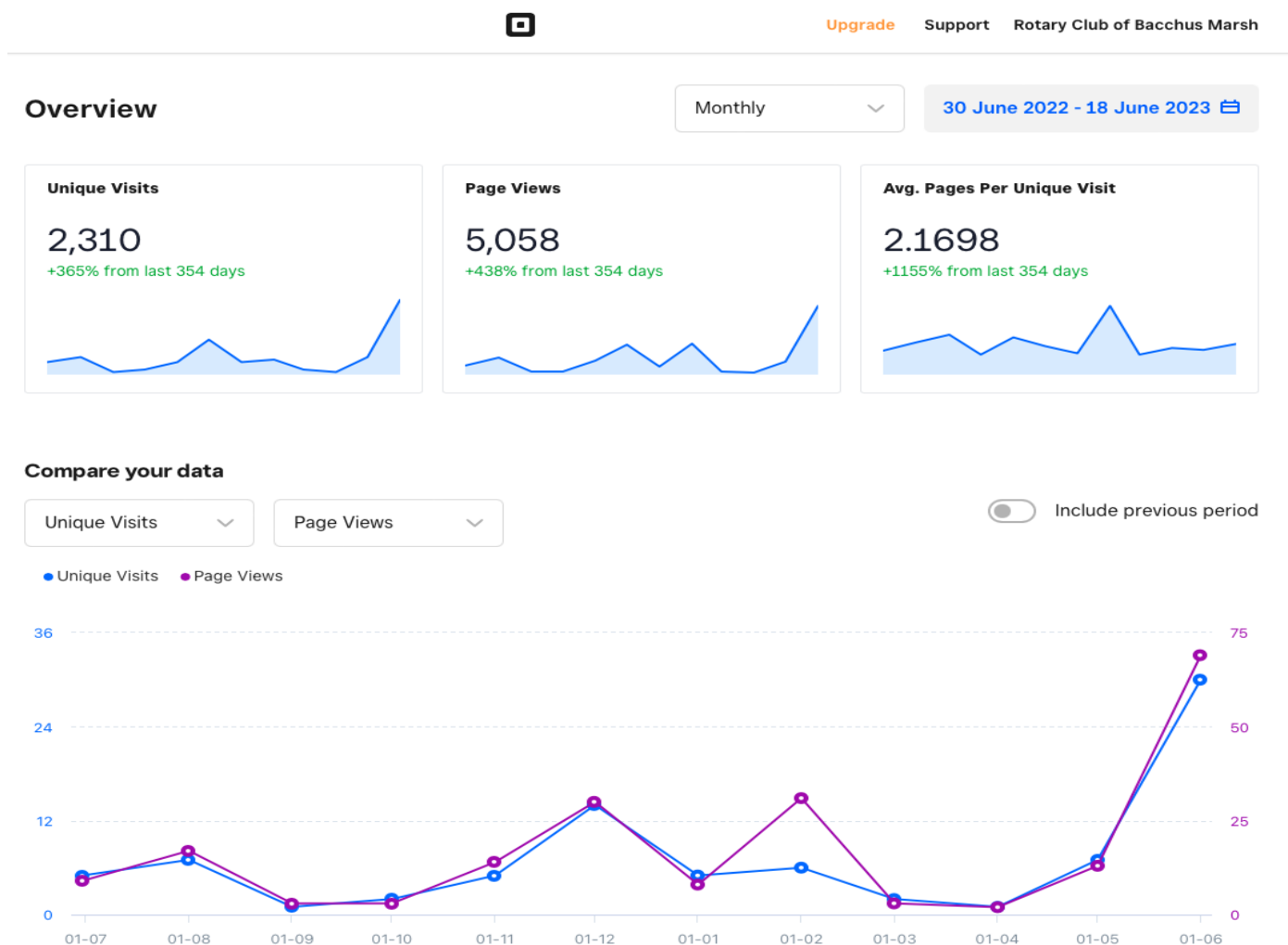
In February Bacchus Marsh Rotary Club joined Dr Rav Sadhai in promoting a Women's Health Night at Baby Black. The event was sold out with over 60 women attending, Rotary was front and centre with Dr Sadhai promoting our club to all those who attended.

In June our Club welcomed two visiting Ugandan Rotarians who had travelled to Australia to attend the International Conference being held in Melbourne.



Noelene Watson

The Rotary Club of Bacchus Marsh maintains an internet presence at [www.Bacchusmarshrotary.org.au](http://www.Bacchusmarshrotary.org.au) and organised by Ian Cabrie



## Soiree 2023

A soiree was held at 'Benwerrin' Holts Lane with hosts Helen and Peter Shilton on St Patrick's Day. Fifty guests attended; food was provided by Neale's Spit Roast Catering, and music was provided by the "Baccbeat Jazz Band", with the usual suspects plus Keith Hoffman on keyboards and Joel Cabrie on bass. We were very lucky with the weather – no wind and reasonably warm.

The evening wasn't intended to be a fundraiser but takings exceeded costs by about \$200, so the evening was successful at every level. In the past soirees have been catered for by Rotarians but this year we decided to keep it simple by using outside caterers. I didn't hear a single complaint about the food, and it is certainly much easier to have it delivered, on time, hot and ready to serve. This could be a model for future years. Once again, Peter and Maxine Lawford kindly offered their home as a contingency against bad weather.

## 2023 Art Show

Our 51<sup>st</sup> Art Exhibition and Sale was held over the King's Birthday weekend and proved to be successful in every respect. The return of the traditional Gala Opening was enthusiastically welcomed by local residents and several visitors from further afield.

Our judge for 2023 was Sophie Prince, Curator with the Australian and First Nations Art Curatorial Team at the National Gallery of Victoria (NGV) and we were delighted that she was able to attend the prize presentation and meet with many of the successful artists to discuss their work.

Sales achieved our second highest ever result in terms of numbers (111) and percentage (21.7%) of artworks sold, but importantly, it was clear that this is still a much-anticipated cultural event widely appreciated by local and interstate artists and visitors from all over Victoria.



The committee was pleased to welcome many new artists to the show this year and so continue to provide an exhibition that is always fresh and sometimes challenging. Visitor numbers almost equalled those of most years and compliments upon, and letters of appreciation of, the organisation and presentation of the show were received from both visitors and participating artists.

The 2023 committee was headed by Ian Cabrie and Davina Cabrie as Co-Chair and Secretary. Russell Gilbert was our able Treasurer, Phil McBean our sponsorship guru, Melanie Currie, Peter Shilton and Alan Morton, our catering and beverage coordinators, Alan Morton also our promotional board organiser and Ian Cabrie, Russell Dodemaide, Peter Shilton, Bob Levy, Kyan Cabrie, Campbell Fethers, Peter Lawford, Lindsay Arnold and John Lucas our incredibly hard-working organisers of hall set-up, take-down and large painting hanging. Packing up and cleaning tasks were cheerfully performed by the whole club team.

As always, a myriad other labour-intensive tasks were performed by the committee over the many months prior to the show and the weeks immediately before and after the event. The popularity and success of Peter and Helen Shilton's Barista Café Bar reached new heights and is a testament to their tireless work and effort. Visitors extolled the warm ambience of the "coffee corner", a space where visitors can relax, ponder their artwork favourites and catch up with friends.



Our judge, Sophie Prince, was impressed by the quality of the show and spent five hours in deliberation over her selection of prizewinners.

She was particularly fascinated by the imaginative and innovative approaches to traditional subjects, particularly in terms of the stories told by the artwork.

Janice Webster was our popular Artist in Residence this year. She was celebrating 40 years of art in Bacchus Marsh, as both artist and teacher.



Visitors were intrigued by her amazing ability to rapidly create high-quality work in watercolour and clustered around to observe and ask questions.

The Children's Quiz, the brainchild of Friend of Rotary, Campbell Fethers, achieved an all-time success, with about 70 children, paper and pen in hand, closely examining each artwork to discover the answers to yet another set of ingenious questions. Parents inevitably became involved and came to appreciate many details of the artwork that they might otherwise have missed.

At the Gala Opening night 199 guests enjoyed the artwork, wine, beer and delicious finger food, all to the lively jazz music provided by our enthusiastic musical group, "The



BaccBeat Jazz Band". Group members were Peter Shilton on saxophone, Ian Cabrié on drums, Keith Currie on bass guitar, Keith Hoffman on piano and Chris Levy as singer.

Members of the CPNS group, ably headed by Norma Trotter prepared and served the food with the assistance of 11 Bacchus Marsh Grammar Hospitality students as wait staff.

The committee would like to thank the SES Bacchus Marsh, the Guides and Scouts Association and Kerryn Marsden from Bacchus Marsh Florist and Nursery for their dedicated contribution to the organisation of the event and to especially thank all the Rotarians who stepped forward to assist at desks, the receipt and collection of artworks sessions and to the final clean-up of the hall.

All profits will be dispersed into Bacchus Marsh Rotary's local, national and international projects.

Co-Chair/Secretary  
Davina Cabrié and Ian Cabrié



## Youth

After Covid it has been hard to make new contacts with all the schools. We are working on this and have been able to make some progress.

John did a great job on organizing the School awards at the end of 2022. Awards were presented to 17 students attending local school. Rotarians attended to make the presentation. Well done again John.

Phil organized our Clubs participation in WYNSPEAK this year and one of the rounds was held at the Bacchus Marsh Grammar. A great night was had by all who attended.

Youth Exchange has started again. Hopefully, our Club will look to having a Student from Overseas next year.

We hope to have Students participate in RYPEN and RYLA later this year.

Thanks to all those who assisted the Youth Committee this Year.

Joanne



# WESTERN EMERGENCY RELIEF NETWORK ( W.E.R.N. )

## The Story to Date – March 2023:

	<u>2015-2022</u>	<u>2022- 2023</u>
Number of Families assisted	2,631	322
Nominal Value of Goods	\$1,756,480.00	\$248,775.00
Number of Items	67,563	11,867
No. Volunteer Hours	21,234	3,602
No. Collections	2,678	384

### WERN Facts to share with our Partners:

WERN assisted over 9,000 people since commencement;

### To Date:

- ★ Over \$2,000,000 worth of goods donated;
- ★ 80,000 items provided to families in need;
- ★ Almost 26,000 Volunteer Hours provided; &
- ★ Over 3,100 collections completed.

## Municipal Usage

	<u>2020-2021 Full Year</u>		<u>Approx. Nominal Value</u>	<u>2021-2022 Full Year</u>		<u>Approx. Nominal Value</u>	<u>2022-2023 Year to Date</u>		<u>Approx. Nominal Value</u>
	#	%	\$	#	%	\$	#	%	\$
Brimbank	82	21	\$55,135	68	18	\$42,987	62	19	\$48,343.00
Hobsons Bay	25	6	\$16,809	17	4	\$ 9,553	20	6	\$15,594.00
Hume	8	2	\$5,379	9	2	\$ 4,776	18	6	\$14,035.00
Maribyrnong	60	15	\$40,342	66	17	\$40,599	43	13	\$33,528.00
Melton	52	13	\$34,963	60	16	\$38,210	67	21	\$52,242.00
Moonee Valley	26	7	\$17,482	44	12	\$28,658	14	4	\$10,916.00
Moorabool	6	2	\$4,034	0	0	-	1	0	\$780.00
Moreland	14	4	\$9,413	12	3	\$ 7,164	4	1	\$3,119.00
Wyndham	97	24	\$65,220	76	20	\$47,763	84	26	\$65,497.00
Other	28	7	\$18,826	30	8	\$19,105	8	3	\$6,238.00
Unidentified/TBA	31			0	0	-	1	1	\$780.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>\$267,605</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>\$238,815</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>\$251,070.00</b>

## Current Partner Agencies

59 Partner Support Agencies &

Current Accredited Caseworkers – 386

## 14 Member Rotary Clubs of WERN:

Bacchus Marsh; Caroline Springs; East Keilor, Essendon North; Eynesbury; Flemington-Kensington; Hoppers Crossing; Melton Valley; Pt. Gellibrand; Werribee; West Footscray, Williamstown, Wyndham & Yarraville – with room for more!

## From the WERN Administrator:

I would like to take the opportunity to pass on WERN's thanks to the Club for its outstanding support as one of the four Foundation Clubs who saw the opportunity to make a real difference in people's lives across the west of Melbourne. I also wish to acknowledge Keith's, Glenys's, and Noelene's personal contributions towards WERN, all in different ways make a huge impact in support of the clients we assist.

Some points:

1. We moved into our purpose-built \$3.5 Million warehouse in May 2022;
2. We have received \$200,000.00 towards our Lift Installation Project in May 2023;
3. Due to growth of the program WERN is currently looking to employ a part-time Manager;
4. Currently supporting 12 – 15 families per week through the warehouse with an average of 35 to 40 items valued at a nominal \$775.00 per order.



## Foundation

### Secondary School Scholarships

As we recently emerged out of the restrictions of COVID lockdowns and other activity limitations, the school system has over the year 2022/2023 slowly moved back into more open operations. We are now poised to re-introduce some Rotary support funds into schools and will do so in the year 2023/2024.

### Rotary International Foundation Donations

Our Club continues to make sizeable annual donations in Rotary International's Foundation. Foundation funds are subsequently used to fund certain local and overseas humanitarian projects, scholarships and other related activities.

One prime example is the magnificent work undertaken by Rotary International, and others in stemming the growth of Polio.

Chair of Foundation

Phil McBean



## Vocation

For the first time our Club has become an active supporter of the well-established Rotary Public Speaking Competition **WynSpeak**. Our desire to become involved arose because, for the first time, Bacchus Marsh Grammar was to host a round of the event. The Grammar has participated in the completion for many a year and has previously had success at the finals competition.



## **WynSpeak Preliminary round 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2023**

The Rotary Club of Bacchus Marsh would like to congratulate all the students who participated in the above public speaking competition hosted by Bacchus Marsh Grammar. This round was a success not only because of the talent of the competing students, but because of the highly professional organising by the Grammar under the expert guidance of the Rotary WynSpeak team.



The winner of the Junior Prepared Speech was Ishnoor Dhillon from Bacchus Marsh Grammar - Maddingley Campus who spoke about how the number 13 isn't unlucky.

The winner of the Senior Prepared speech was Ian Hassan-Llusala who explained his struggles with being a Jack of all trades but a master of none.

The winner of the Junior Short Notice Competition was Michael Apps from Heathdale Christian College - Melton Campus talking about lollies versus chocolate.

The winner of the Senior Short Competition was Roshyna Attwal from Bacchus Marsh Grammar - Maddingley Campus who spoke about "Are cats are better than dogs."

## MotoGP Philip Island

Once again in October 2022 Bacchus Marsh Rotary Club were given the opportunity to volunteer at the MotoGP in Philip Island to raise much needed funds.

15 Rotarians and non-Rotarians headed down to the Island to



volunteer on the stands. Bacchus Marsh had done this before but this time we were pleased to have invited 4 Caroline Springs members to join us in the adventure.

Although the weather conditions were far from ideal, the rain and mud made working that little bit more challenging, in true Rotarian style we soldiered on.

Although a long 3 days of working were involved you soon forgot how tired you are when you have Rotarian humour to entertain you of an evening,

accompanied by a glass or two of wine. We thank everyone who attended and to those who took time off their work commitments to volunteer we especially thank you. We thank Dome for the opportunity to have participated in the event.



## Environment

It wasn't all that long ago RCBM didn't have an Environment Committee but all through the Rotary organization from RI to local Clubs it has gained focus. I started the year a little uncertain of projects to suit Rotary but luckily, we had Alan Morton on the committee. Given Alan's experience in the field locally he had many ideas for projects to support the environment that Rotary could achieve.



The first activity through the year was a planting day at Roberta and Alan Morton's property along their Korkuperrimul Creek frontage filling in gaps and bulking up the understory

of a planting the Morton's did years ago under the Melbourne Water Stream Frontage scheme.

The day was enjoyed by many Rotarians and partners as a social day with a positive outcome. In hindsight we could have planted more with the same numbers of people.

We had one Wednesday Meeting as a barbecue at the YMCA Lake Dewar Lodge site. It was a pleasant meeting with a difference and gave many their first look at the Lake Dewar facility sitting right on our doorstep.

We also participated again in the Clean Up Australia Day campaign at





Federation Avenue and surrounds in Darley.

We have also commissioned an upgrade to make the sign legible in the 1990's tree planting projects along the Bacchus Marsh – Geelong Rd to remind people of the diversity of Rotary projects.

Clearly the biggest project we have achieved is the adaption to a Moorabool Shire relevant version and the publication and distribution of “Moorabool Healthy Hectares”.



It's an 85 page booklet that can be used as “A guide to small landholders to create productive and environmentally sustainable properties in the Moorabool Shire. A successful launch was held on the 25<sup>th</sup> May attended by Councillors, Council Officers, many in the surrounding districts Landcare scene and local business’. The ongoing task is to get it as widely distributed as possible.

Thanks to the committee of Alan, Reg and John, President Donna, the RCBM Board and all Club members for practical support and financial backing.

Russell Dodemaide

## Community

### Australia Day - a great day out



More than 500 Moorabool residents turned out to join in the Australia Day activities in the Bacchus Marsh Public Hall. Hosted and organised by the Rotary Club of Bacchus Marsh, the day was an opportunity to get to know our dedicated community volunteer groups, while at the same time enjoying the taste and sound of all things local.

Residents of all ages were able to fill their locally made bags with free delights and gifts such as delicious, locally grown strawberries, potted plants, children's toys, sweets and flags. Music and dance lovers were entertained by a popular local jazz band and singer, while aspiring swing dancers aged from seven years old to ninety were able to refine their footwork with personalised Lindy Hop lessons by professional dance teachers. Lunch was on hand, with hot sausages in bread





cooked on site by the Lions Club of Bacchus Marsh and freshly baked scones, jam and cream served up by busy CWA members.

As if that was not enough, chocolates made right there as you watched were an additional treat.

The youngest members of our community waited excitedly in line to receive a customised balloon-tied creation and a unique face-painting design, before heading on out to spend some time with the animals in the pet farm, take a ride on the Lions' train, don a CFA fireman's helmet or practise some CPR with the Ambulance crew.

In the meantime, the adults were keen to have a chat with the many different volunteer groups, who were able to explain their roles and activities in the community.

Many residents were able to enquire as to how they might join in with some of the varied activities of these groups.

Rotary Bacchus Marsh would like to thank all those community groups who volunteered their services on this holiday. These included the Lions' Club, the Country Women's Association (CWA), the Neighbours Place (Food Bank), Darley Community Art Garden, the BaccBeat Jazz Band, U3A, Darley Neighbourhood House, the SES, CFA and Ambulance crews, the Probus Club, Apple FM and the Historical Society.

Other contributors included the Destine Dance Group and the businesses who supplied the floral arrangements, local goods and produce.

## Chicory Kiln



In April 2022, RCBM joined with the Lions Club of Bacchus Marsh in an energetic and enthusiastic working bee to clear the surrounds of the Bacchus Marsh Chicory Kiln to provide a clean

and safe area for assessment of the condition of this historic structure. RCBM and the Lions Club plan to collaborate, with the support and guidance of Heritage Victoria, in a project to restore the building.

## The Neighbours Place

Our financial contributions assist this organisation to meet its worthy objectives of assisting the fantastic volunteer staff serve the disadvantaged in our community via the provision of emergency food relief.

Heinz Martin and Bob Levy responded to a call to carry out some urgent repairs.



## Current Membership

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

## HONORARY MEMBERS

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

## 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
2023-24	Keith Currie				

## 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
2023	John Lucas (Sapphire x 3)	2023	Joanne Allen



## **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**

## **Club Champion 2022~23**

Alan Morton

## **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?

In 1932, Herbert J. Taylor set out to save the Club Aluminum Products distribution company from bankruptcy. His recovery plan started with changing the ethical climate of the company. He explained: The first job was to set policies for the company that would reflect the high ethics and morals God would want in any business. If the people who worked for Club Aluminum were to think right, He knew they would do right.

What was needed was a simple, easily remembered guide to right conduct - a sort of ethical yardstick- which all of us in the company could memorize and apply to what we thought, said and did. He searched through many books for the answer to his need, but the right phrases eluded him.

Eventually, he wrote down the twenty-four words that changed the history and became synonyms for Rotary evolution.

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

It is called "The Four-Way Test of the things we think, say or do."

Eloquently simple, stunning in its power, undeniable in its results, The Four-Way Test offers a fresh and positive vision in the midst of a world full of tension, confusion and uncertainty.

R O T A R Y

# Rotary



## 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.*

I N T E R N A T I O N A L

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The plaque, imbedded in a large stone at the left of the entrance reads:

The Centenary of Federation plaque was jointly unveiled on Saturday 5th May 2001 by the Federal Member for Burke, the Hon. Neil O'Keefe M.H.R. and the State Member for Gisborne, Joanne Duncan MLA in the presence of the Mayor, Shire of Moorabool, Cr. Margaret Card and the President, Rotary Club of Bacchus Marsh, Mr Ian Morris.



To celebrate the Centenary of Federation the Rotary Club of Bacchus Marsh applied for and received a grant to plant trees along Gisborne Road, to be known as Federation Avenue. Red flowering gums, native to Western Australia, were chosen, and to accelerate their growth, they were grafted onto red spotted gums. In conjunction with the Work for the Dole Scheme, Rotarian Byron Guthrie arranged and assisted in the preparation of the planting beds. Former Rotarian, Frank Ruffo formed the mounds and provided valuable assistance in preparing the various garden beds that were an adjunct to the avenue of trees.

Over 500 people attended the dedication of the Avenue, including local member Joanne Duncan MP. On a prearranged signal, namely the sounding of a siren on a local CFA truck, citizen of Bacchus Marsh planted 162 red flowering gums. The Rotary Club of Bacchus Marsh has continued to maintain the Avenue, and has replaced many trees destroyed by vandalism or the drought.

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