

Rotary Club of Hobart

NINETY SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT & STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 30 June 2021



Charter no. 1802 District 9830

Founded 26 February 1924 Chartered 2 August 1924

Board 2020-2021

President	Belinda Jefferies
President-Elect	David Berechree
Vice President	Matt Drake
Immediate Past President	Alicia Pelham
Secretary	Alicia Pelham
Treasurer	Susan Morford

Membership Director	Mark Roberts/Ben Singline
Rotary Foundation Director	Peter Murfett
Public Relations Director	David Berechree
Service - Fundraising Director	Scott Knuckey
Service - Youth & International Director	Stephen Porter
Service - Funding Director	Greg Cooper
Club Administration	David Berechree



Presidential Report 2020-21

President Belinda Jefferies

When I became the 96th President of the Rotary Club of Hobart just 11 short months ago, I took the chain of office and reflected on the heavy weight of responsibility that I owed this club. I have since learned that I don't bear this weight alone - it is lightened by the wonderful members who make this club what it is.

I had goals of increasing impact, expanding our reach, enhancing participation and engagement and increasing our ability to adapt and I feel that we have done well in all of these areas.

At Christmas I reflected on how much our lives had changed and we continue to adapt to our "new normal".

Thank you to the wonderful members who have worked so hard this year. I have loved our weekly meetings, our hard working and creative volunteers, our committees and the culture at our club of honest and transparent feedback, advice and assistance I have received.

I have been so proud of the club's resilience as we were able to run our three major fundraisers: our Art Show and Magic Show and Sail Day and this fundraising has meant we have been able to continue to support our community particularly our youth programs.

We were able to volunteer at events such as Science & Engineering Challenge and RYDA, and inducted four wonderful new members. We also began a new relationship with Hobart Football Club and the opportunity to assist on the gate at their home games.

We further progressed two legacy projects - Our Major project fund - Hobart Community Shed and the Royal Hobart Hospital Playground Project, which the other southern clubs got behind and pledged to join us to celebrate 100 years of Rotary in Australia.

Our support of Rotary Foundation has never been higher, we were unable to beat the fantastic donation by Sandy Bay but we gave it a red hot crack!

As I hand over to David I would tell him - wearing this chain is such a privilege - the year goes fast and it really doesn't weigh as much as it feels at the beginning.

Committee Reports

1. Membership

Director - Mark Roberts/Ben Singline

We reintroduced a more regular Behind the Badge presentation series with a number of both new and longer term members sharing their stories. This was warmly received by members.

We inducted a number of new members, thanks to Mel Knuckey, Tom Allen and Luke Smith for joining us.

Robert Brand introduced fellowship drinks after meetings which a small number regularly attended and also hosted drinks at his new home.

Thanks to everyone who brought guests along to meetings and made visiting Rotarians feel welcome.

Our annual membership survey produced some excellent feedback once again on what the club can do to continue to shine in the future.

2. Rotary Foundation

Director - Peter Murfett

2020-21 Contributions:

Foundation - \$12,509

Polio - \$5,101

The Club continues to support the Foundation Annual Fund by contributing the equivalent of \$US100 per member. In addition, we have several members who make personal contributions during the Rotary year, either as a Paul Harris Society, Centurion Member or simply a contributor.

Total contributions in 2020-21 were \$US8,284 (\$AUD12,509 at June 2020 exchange rates).

In addition, there were contributions to Polio Plus of \$US3,378 (\$AUD5,101), a fantastic effort overall.

The Club did not participate this year in the Foundation District Grant process and has not been involved for some years in a Global Grant.

3. Public Relations

Director - Matt Drake

There was a focus this year to lift our public image activities, particularly through increased use of Facebook, in addition to our regular support from traditional media.

There was also coordination with the Funding Committee to ensure grant recipients were invited to speak at meetings and our support acknowledged.

We received excellent profile in The Mercury when we launched our Major Project Grant Program

4. Service - Fundraising

4.2 Art Show

Director - Scott Knuckey

The 2020 Art show, held 13-15 November 2020 at Wrest Point, was a continuing success with great participation and results, despite the threat of COVID-19 and the difficulties from construction occurring at Wrest Point. We had 264 works on display over the weekend.

A committee, comprising Renate Huf, Mark Roberts, Tim McDougall, Susan Morford, Stephen Porter, Scott and Mel Knuckey, Endalk Alamneh, William Coats, Matthew Drake, Ben Singline, Duguld McDougall, Kate Domeney and Chaired by Alicia, worked well together. Having experienced hands plus some fresh faces was a good mix and we enjoyed some new initiatives while sticking with a proven formula.

Her Excellency Professor Kate Warner (Governor of Tasmania) opened the show on Friday night and we enjoyed an enthusiastic crowd, managed by MC Kate Domeney. Once again, to Colin Miller (Auctioneer) ran the auction and all items were sold either at auction or privately shortly thereafter. There were a number of Phil-Art-Thropic works auctioned on Friday night. Many works from the display were also sold on the night and more over the course of the weekend. Many thanks to all Rotarians who assisted in hanging, managing the show, and pack-up, including ensuring all patrons were COVID-safe.

Auction items were donated by – Tom Samek, Patricia Giles, Jefferson's Tea, Gasworks Cellar Door, Pennicott Wilderness Tours, Ratho Farm, and Bream Creek wines.

The show was well supported by Sponsors, many regulars -

- Event Partner – Wrest Point
- Gold Sponsor and Traditional - Blundstone
- Watercolour – Scanlon Richardson
- Modern – Insurance Masters
- Abstract - King Street Meats
- Drawing and Painting - Phillip Stephens Funerals
- 3D and Woodwork - Mornington Park Waste Transfer Station
- Miniatures – Salamanca Wool Shop
- Photography - Total Instrument Control

Other Sponsors and Supporters include the Hood/Young Family, the Angus Family, Artery, Peacock Family, UTAS, and Patricia Giles.

We again provide recognition to artist through a number of awards. These were-

- Viewer's Choice Award First Place - Artery \$300 product voucher, Lauren McLennon - "Tesselated Night Shine"
- Viewer's Choice Award Second Place - Artery \$200 product voucher, Kaye Volkman - "Light and Quiet Reflections, Franklin."
- Viewer's Choice Award Third Place - Artery \$100 product voucher, Karen Marlowe - "Midlands Lean-To"
- Artery, Emerging Artist award - \$500 product voucher, Georgia Morgan
- Fred Peacock Memorial 'Packer's' Award - \$250, Grant Lennox - "Bigger than Ben-Hur - Entertainment at the State Cinema since 1913"
- Robin Hood encouragement award - \$250, Lauren McLennon - "Tesselated Night Shine"

Financial results

Net profit from the event was \$16,733.92, derived from \$39,233.92 in profit and expenses of \$22,500.00. This was a fantastic financial result in light of the difficult circumstances of 2020.

4.2 *Magic Show*

Chair – Greg Cooper

The Magic Show was held once again on 6 December 2020, with a lower attendance due to COVID restrictions, but with the event streamed online.

Support from ticket sponsors was still very good, with the outcome this year of:

Total raised: \$102,490.00

Tickets sold: 1708

RCH Share: \$17,040.68

16.62%

4.3 *Sail Day*

Chair - David Berechree

We were again down at the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania nice and early on Friday, 26th February for the 30th Rotary Club of Hobart Charity Sail Day. Forty five boats enjoyed the cruise down to the Channel this year and with some challenging weather on the way down the Derwent River, the sun came out, we sheltered from the wind and a great day was had on the water. Nearly \$40,000 was again raised this year, including over \$13,500 from the two raffles, to support the Rotary100 project of a Playground at the Royal Hobart Hospital, bringing the total raised over the 30 years of the event to over \$1 million.

We were again well supported by the skippers who donated their services and boats for the day, the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania who assisted with logistics and preparation for the event, and the crew of the Egeria who again hosted the Sail Day Committee on the day. It was great to have the classic wooden boats STV Windward Bound and the SV Rhona H again adding some style on the day. A big thanks again to the Carlton Park Surf Life Saving Club for their support on the day.

We again had fantastic support from our provisioning sponsors Tasmanian Bakeries, PFD Food Services, Cascade Breweries, Coca-Cola, Robert Oatley Wines and Salamanca Fresh, and with the promotional support from Southern Cross Austereo and the Mercury. And special mention to the providers of our great raffle prizes this year, including Federal Group for Saffire, Joan Humble, Spirit of Tasmania, Avalon Blue @ Derby, Hydro Tasmania Blundstone Boots, Bream Creek Vineyard, Hotel Grand Chancellor and Heather Chong for re-gifting her Bonorong Experience.

This year we had a small team that organised the Sail Day, (David Berechree, Heather Berechree, Jeff Bester, Robert Brand, Jillian Freeman, Chris Jones, Rowena Larsson, Mark Manning) which coped well with the usual last minute challenges, and we supplemented the team with a number of members for the preparation work and logistical support on the morning (Sue Morford, Tim McDougall, Belinda Jefferies, Matt Drake), and kept our Treasurers (Sue Morford, Dugald McDougall) busy processing all the invoices and payments. And thanks again to Brian Medwin for the loan of the van.

After a well deserved break, we will be back to organising the 31st Rotary Club of Hobart Charity Sail Day on Friday, 4th March 2022.

5. Service - Youth & International *Director - Stephen Porter*

Covid19 had a major impact on a number of programs, some being cancelled for the year and others run under restrictions. On the whole, Chairs and team members have done well this year in difficult circumstances.

This year, the Youth Committee covered 10 service areas with 7 programs being run -

- National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) (Year 11) – Ian Shuey
- Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN) (Year 9-10) – Tom Allen
- Science and Engineering Challenge (SEC) (Year 10) - Matthew Drake/ Ian Shuey.
- Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) (Young adults 18-30 age) – Stephen Porter
- Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) (Year 10/11) -Ian Shuey.
- Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) (Year 10). -Geoff Squibb.
- Science and Engineering Investigation awards (SEIA) - Stephen Porter
- Youth Exchange Program (YEP) – Matthew Drake. Did not occur
- Rotary Adventure in Citizenship (RAIC) and Civics for Citizenship (C4C) - Geoff Squibb. Did not occur
- Windward Bound – Planning for 2021 10 day voyage in December, but no dates as yet.

6. Service - Funding

Director - Greg Cooper

The funding contributions throughout the year were again significant, at nearly \$65,000 committed throughout the year. Direct Funding income was more consistent with earlier years with fewer additional income generation opportunities than occurred in last year's very high commitments.

This year \$64,829 was donated to 15 causes. 4 requests were declined across the year requests, two due to projects not proceeding due to COVID19 and two others not aligning with the Club's funding principles.

The major donation for the year was the Club's commitment of \$35,000 towards the construction of the new Royal Hobart Hospital Playground. Other significant donations were made towards:

- Rotary Foundation – End Polio now \$5,000;
- AMWU women's forum for \$3,080;
- Bicycle network Tasmania for \$3,000 for a bike repair station on the inter-city bike path;
- Homely Retreats for \$5,000;
- Warrane Neighbourhood Centre – \$5,000; and
- The Food Plant Solutions program for \$2,500.

Local vs International support ratio saw an approximate 87% local allocation this year. This is above the Club's nominated split of 60/40 between Local and International allocation of funds, in part due to the difficulties in COVID19 and identification of worthy projects for the Club to commit to internationally at this time.

The Committee has been chaired by Greg Cooper, for the past 12 months who was ably supported by the Committee during the past 12 months. The Committee of Brian Gallagher; Tim Short, Alicia Pelham, Greg Cooper, Richard Herr, Tony Steven, Noel Hunt, Matthew Drake, Renzo D'Orazio, Paul Swifte and Michael Driessen provided excellent support and advice on support or otherwise of the various applications throughout the year. In particular the sage advice from Brian Gallagher is always greatly appreciated.

7. Club Administration

Director - David Berechree

We returned to face-to-face with a hybrid Zoom meeting in July, with Tasmania successfully managing to keep Covid-19 at bay, and we continue to offer Zoom dial in for those who cannot make it to the Grand Chancellor.

The front desk team have continued to be a wonderful part of our weekly meetings. Thank you to Geoff Haward, Dugald McDougall, Peter Sykes and Bruce Maddock for greeting us with a smile each and every week.

We again had a range of interesting speakers at our meetings throughout the year, including some Rotary speakers over Zoom. We were pleased to have Speaker of the House PP Sue Hickey, The Lord Mayor Councillor Anna Reynolds, Josh Willie MLC and Kristie Johnston Member for Clark speak at our meetings throughout the year.

Thanks to Tim McDougall for our upgraded website using Google Sites, which is easy to maintain and a minimal cost.

The Family of Rotary continues to be a strong part of the club, helping keep members connected with fellowship activities and thankyou to Renate Huf for all our birthday card wishes.

8. Major Project

Director - Greg Cooper

As a key project for 2020 the Board created a sub-committee to focus on the planning for the Clubs Major project. The Major Project concept being created from the significant funding in the region of \$600,000 that the Club had generated from a number of fund raising projects including Hug House. Following discussion with Club members the resounding majority decision was for the funds be targeted to support a single major project that would be of benefit to the local Hobart community.

The sub-committee membership consisted of Peter Murfett, David Berechree, Sue Morford, Matt Drake and was chaired by Greg Cooper. The key criteria for the sub-committee being to put in place and complete a process to seek submission from the community and assess the project that was believed best aligned with the Club's values and the available funds. To facilitate this the sub-committee developed a set of criteria for proposals to submit and be assessed against, developed an application form, a specific website and a marketing campaign to gain as wide a potential range of proposals as was possible.

The Major Project official launch occurred on the 19th November 2020 and submissions closed on the 15th January 2021. At the close of submissions, the Club had received 7 submissions, these being:

- RHH children's playground
- Phyllis Dwyer Respite Centre on Bruny Island
- Creation of a "Ross House" facility for non-for-profit organisations to operate out of
- Creation of a Hobart Community Shed
- Construction of a supported accommodation facility for the Greater Hobart community
- Construction of an emergency food relief kitchen and warehouse for the Grace Community Centre in Clarence Plains
- Hobart City Mission Community House in Rokeby.

All submissions were scored against the selection criteria of:

- Proponents to be not for profit
- Project to be major in nature – the available funding was communicated as being in region of \$500,000
- Organisation to contribute their own funds or have additional funds to contribute
- Project to be located in Hobart
- Had significant community benefit
- Would acknowledge Rotary

- Would not require ongoing funding support from the Club
- Project is sustainable; and
- Project was suitable for third party funding such as the Tasmanian Community Fund

The Committee assessed the Hobart Community Shed as put forward by the Channel Men's Shed as being the proposal that best aligned with the Club's criteria for the funds to go towards. This recommendation was taken to the Club members in March 2021 to seek its endorsement to further progress negotiations with the Channel Men's Shed and key concerns raised to be resolved with the proponent.

The Channel Men's Shed proposal was for a nominal 1000m² shed located on surplus land adjacent to the C3 Church in South Hobart. The shed would operate in a similar manner to the Men's Shed program, but be a Community Shed open to both male and female patrons, running a broad range of programs for unemployed men and women in the central Hobart region, homeless people and general mental health support programs to the local community. The concept also provides opportunities for retired skilled people in the local community to mentor and pass on their specialised skills to a new generation. The project had a total estimated budget cost of \$1.0M, but was only seeking \$435,600 from the Rotary Club of Hobart.

At the Club's March Board meeting the Board resolved to enter into detailed negotiations with the Channel Men's Shed for the development of the planned Hobart Community Shed. Subsequently a number of meetings occurred between both organisations and a Major project Committee was formed consisting of:

- Peter Shelley,
- Greg Cooper
- Kathryn Thomas,
- Kym Goodes
- Nick Heath
- Peter Norris,
- Richard Warner
- Therese Taylor, and
- Tony Ferrier

To the end of June 2021, the Proponent, with the support of the Major Project Committee had sourced additional \$260,000 in funds from the Tasmanian Liberal Government, support from the Fairbrother Foundation for in-kind support towards the construction of the new shed and consulted with key stakeholders including the Commonwealth Liberal and Labor parties, Hobart City Council, the C3 Church and neighbouring schools. In addition a planning consultant has been appointed to progress the project for a formal Development Application

Financial Reports

Treasurer Susan Morford

Enclosed in the Annual Report is a Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss for the year ended 30 June 2021. The 2020-21 financial year has been challenging but also a very successful year:

1. Taroona Trust. As at the date of the audit, we have not received an annual statement from Tas Perpetual Trustees. This does not affect the accounts in that we show the asset and an equivalent liability but does not show the true value.
2. In May 2021, we transferred the Club financial accounting records from MYOB to XERO. Our XERO accounting package is provided by Scanlon Richardson.
3. We provided funding to a large number of organisations through the year, which are detailed in the funding report.
4. After conducting a rigorous selection process to choose our Major Funding Project, the application for assistance to build The City of Hobart Community Shed in South Hobart was finally selected. The club will provide \$435,600 to construct the building.
5. Our Rotary Club of Hobart 100th Anniversary Project also came from the Major Funding Project Application process. This year we provided \$35,000 to assist the construction of the Royal Hobart Hospital Playground. This project is in partnership with Southern Rotary Clubs, The Tasmanian Community Fund and the Royal Hobart Hospital Auxiliary.
6. The Covid-19 situation made it difficult during the 2020-21 year, however it didn't stop us from conducting our usual fundraising and major events.
7. In a space of seven months we held the Art Show, Magic Show, Sail Day and two Science and Engineering Challenges, one in September 2020 and the second in March 2021.

Thank you all very much for your support during my first year as Treasurer. In many ways it has been a very difficult year and taking on the Treasurer role, a very steep learning curve.

I have been very lucky to have fantastic support from Heather Chong in taking over the role.

I would particularly like to thank Dugald McDougall for his support and ongoing mentoring. Dugald's unwavering support and commitment to the club is exceptional and inspiring.

Profit and Loss

ROTARY CLUB OF HOBART INCORPORATED

For the year ended 30 June 2021

Cash Basis

2021

Trading Income

Art Show - Art Sales Revenue	39,881
Art Show - Entries, Auction, Raffle, Catalogues etc - Revenue	602
Cocktail party	400
Foundation Bowls - Revenue	3,113
Group 1 Dinner	41
Interest - Revenue	1,653
Magic Show - Revenue	93,118
Sail Day - Revenue	51,218
Science and Engineering - Revenue	141,227
Subscriptions - Revenue	15,075
Sundry Income - Revenue	435
Wheel - Net Income after costs - Revenue	765
Total Trading Income	347,528

Gross Profit

347,528

Operating Expenses

Administration - Expenses	276
Art Show - Expenses	31,219
Audit - Expense	910
Bank and Merchant Fees - Expense	2,754
Board Costs - Expense	525
Christmas Dinner - Expense	1,149
Citizenship Essay Comp - Expense	1,064
District Conference - Expense	342
District Guests - Expense	124
Domestic Funding - Expense	8,726
Group One Dinner - Expense	118
Guest Speakers - Expense	532
International Funding - Expense	5,455
Internet- Expense	254
Lunches - Expense	54
Magic Show - Expenses	77,679
Member - Expenses	585
Member Insurance - Expense	2,049
New Members - Expense	18
NYSF - Expense	1,816
Postage - Expense	20
Rotary District Dues - Expense	2,823
Rotary Downunder - Expense	1,860

2021

Rotary Foundation - Expense	11,433
Rotary International Dues - Expense	5,288
Rotary Supplies - Expense	40
RYLA - Expense	864
Sail Day - Expense	13,033
Science and Engineering - Expense	102,760
Youth Exchange - Expense	102
Total Operating Expenses	273,870
Net Profit	73,657

Balance Sheet

ROTARY CLUB OF HOBART INCORPORATED

As at 30 June 2021

Cash Basis

30 JUN 2021

Assets

Bank

Cash on Hand	200
District Conference Bank Account [11250]	77
General Cheque Account	86,366
Magic Show Bank Account	210
Term Deposit	600,000
Total Bank	686,853

Current Assets

Trade Debtors	(40)
Total Current Assets	(40)

Non-current Assets

Acc Depn Trailer	(7,908)
Investments - Taroona Trust	225,192
Trailer - Science & Eng	9,885
Total Non-current Assets	227,169

Total Assets	913,982
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Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Conversion clearing account	(1,327)
GST	(707)
Rounding	-
Total Current Liabilities	(2,034)

Non-current Liabilities

District Conference Liability [22060]	362
Fresh Food for Families	2,595
Robin Hood Art Show	4,750
Taroona Trust Liability	225,192
Total Non-current Liabilities	232,900

Total Liabilities	230,866
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Net Assets	683,116
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Equity

Current Year Earnings	73,657
Retained Earnings	609,458
Total Equity	683,116

**Independent auditor's report
To members of Rotary Club of Hobart Inc.**

I have audited the special purpose financial report of Rotary Club of Hobart Inc for the year ended 30 June 2021.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion, the special purpose financial report of Rotary Club of Hobart Inc presents fairly in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia the financial position of the Association as at 30 June 2021 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended.

Management Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Management Committee is responsible for preparation and fair presentation of the special purpose financial report and information contained therein. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal controls relevant to preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on my audit. I have conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the accounts are free of material misstatement. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting amounts and other disclosures in the accounts, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting Concepts and Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements (Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views) (where applicable), and statutory requirements so as to present a view which is consistent with my understanding of the Association's financial position and the results of its operations and cash flows.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Independence

To the best of my knowledge and belief, there has been no contravention of auditor independence and any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Limitation of Scope

As is common for organisations of this type, it is not practicable to establish complete accounting control over cash received from all of its activities. Verification therefore has been limited to the receipt of funds recorded in the Association's financial records.

MAX PECK & ASSOCIATES



Rendell W. RIDGE
2 December 2021