



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Rotary Club of Hobart

**NINETY EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT & STATEMENT OF
ACCOUNTS**

For the year ended 30 June 2022



Charter no. 1802 District 9830

Founded 26 February 1924 Chartered 2 August 1924

Board 2021-22

President	David Berechree
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Service – Youth Director	Stephen Porter
Service – Funding Director	Greg Cooper
Service – International Director	Heather Berechree
Service – Vocational Director	Scott Knuckey
Club Administration Director	Matt Drake



President Report 2021-22

President David Berechree

It has been a great honour and privilege to be the President of this Club, and I thank you all for supporting me in what has been a challenging, but very rewarding year as we “Served to Change Lives”.

I took over the Presidency following the leadership of Noel Hunt, Alicia Pelham and Belinda Jefferies, who worked hard to make some necessary changes to the Club, and engage with all our members, and the passion Matt Drake brings to Rotary stands the Club in good stead.

We have stabilised our membership this year and have provided many opportunities for our members to serve our community and I have been very proud of our support for the Vaccination Clinics, where our Club lead the way. Our skills as gate attendants and parking maestros are much in demand!

As a District we were asked to support the homeless, which we did through Short of Sheet and also to work with other clubs collaboratively, which we have done through the support of Sandy Bay’s Loaves and Fishes kitchen and smaller contributions to North Hobart’s medical service and Salamanca’s ARH research project. And we were able to provide support to the displaced Ukrainian families in Tasmania. And we had the honour of being the “home of the District Governor” – congratulations to Heather Chong for a successful year.

We are very lucky as a Club to have three major fund raising projects, being the Art Show, Magic Show and Sail Day, which again set the Club up for success, with a challenging year for the Sail Day offset by a booming result with the Art Show. A big thanks to Scott & Mel Knuckey and the Art Show Committee, Greg Cooper on the Magic Show, and all the old and new hands on the Sail Day Committee. And I should note at this time our hard working Treasurer Sue Morford who supports all these fundraising activities.

We again supported Youth through the Club's leading role with the Science and Engineering Challenge, NYSF and all the other programs like RYDA, RYLA and Rostrum/Eisteddfod. Thanks to Stephen Porter for leading this once again and the perseverance of Matt Drake and Sue Morford with a challenging year for the Challenge.

We supported Food Plant Solutions as our international project this year, made a donation to RAWCS for flood relief, and helped Carlton Park Surf Club get a new rescue boat.

We were also able to support the Foundation strongly again this year, with additional support for End Polio and Ukraine disaster relief. But we will need to try harder next year if we are to top the Foundation Cup!!

And the Club has started planning for the 100 Year birthday to jointly celebrate the key dates in 2024 with the Rotary Club of Launceston by laying down three barrels of whisky.

Finally, I would note the great progress made on the Special Project this year, with the Hobart Community Shed getting through all the preliminaries needed to begin construction and establishing such a special community asset for our city. A big thanks to Greg Cooper and Belinda Jefferies for their work on this.

And a big thanks to everyone in the Club for all their hard work this year.

Committee Reports

Membership

Director – Ben Singline

We inducted a number of new members, with Damian Mackey, Hayden Collins, Graham O'Meagher, Philippa Chong, Shaun Thomas, Nick Sault and Sunny Drury joining the Club. And we recognised the significant contribution to Rotary and our Club by granting honorary membership to Joan and John Humble.

We continued the popular Behind the Badge presentation series at our meetings with a number of both new and longer term members sharing their stories.

We continued the fellowship drinks after meetings (hosted by Robert Brand) which a small number regularly attended and continued to have barbeque social gatherings at our local parks, hosted by Renata Huf.

We unfortunately lost our long serving member Dugald McDougall, a member for nearly 30 years, who was a fixture on the front desk, answered every call to put his name on a roster and was generous not only with his time, but financially to many Rotary causes.

We also acknowledged the passing of Norm Deane, one of the founding members of the Sail Day.

Rotary Foundation

Director – Paul Swifte

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 2021-22 were \$US15,602 (\$AU23,000).

In addition, there were contributions to Polio Plus of \$US3,698 (\$AU5,500), a fantastic effort overall.

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

Public Image

Director – Belinda Jefferies

We continued to lift our public image activities, particularly through continued 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 worked hard at adopting the "official" Rotary branding in all our promotional materials, and proudly wore our Rotary kit when serving the community.

Service - Fundraising

Art Show

Committee Chair – Scott Knuckey

The 2021 Art Show was the 32nd show held by the Club, held on the weekend of 17th to 19th September at the Wrest Point Boardwalk Gallery. There were 357 hung works and 10 table/3D pieces from approximately 130 artists, with 71 items sold (19% clearance rate), representing \$27,510 of artist works, and \$1,200 of phil-art-thropic donated works. Between 800-1,000 members of the public attended the event over the weekend representing a significant increase on recent years.

A relatively small committee was involved, as new co-chairs Scott & Mel Knuckey were looking to be hands on in many aspects of the event as they got their head around it. Stephen Porter, Renate Huf, Sue Morford and Kate Domeney filled the roles as needed.

The major change implemented in 2021 was the introduction of a new online booking system – Gravity Forms. This significantly streamlined the entry process through to the preparation of various reports and documents at the back end and should continue to drive efficiencies into the future. It is also much more adaptable to change. We were also much stricter with entrants around accepting manual entries, non-credit card payments, late entry changes etc. This should make for a much more sustainable show in future.

Governor of Tasmania Her Excellency Barbara Baker attended the cocktail event on the 17th September and formally opened the show, which was an honour for the Club. We also held a special VIP event prior to the main event with a select group given the opportunity to hear intimately from Glover prize winner Sebastian Galloway and renowned local artist Joan Humble. MC Alex Johnston and Auctioneer Alison Rogers put together a great evening, which was well supported financially with all auction items being sold.

Auction items were donated by Michael Weitnauer, Loic le Guilly, Helen Johnston and Rachel Howell (first time contributors), Peter Angus, Joan Humble, Ratho Farm, Joe Nahas, Renate Huf, Gasworks Bottleshop, Bream Creek Wines, Pennicott Wilderness Journeys and Robert Brand.

We had a huge number of sponsors, including politicians acting as prize sponsors across all categories, and also for the first time the City of Hobart prize: Blundstone and Wrest Point were again the major sponsors of the event. Category sponsors were:

- Scanlon Richardson Financial Group
- Salamanca Wool Shop
- Butler McIntyre & Butler
- Insurance Masters
- The Wilderness Society
- Searson Buck
- King Street Butcher
- SeconD Chance Reuse Shop
- Phillip Stephens Funerals

Other major supporters included:

- Hobart Cleaning Services – City of Hobart Prize
- Before Creative – creation of the new entry form and website
- Sian Williams – Sunrise Binalong Bay
- Hayes Flooring
- Hood/Young Family

And there were numerous other raffle and support sponsors. In total, over \$22,000 worth of auction/raffle items were donated.

Prize winners were:

- City of Hobart Prize - David Nunn – Wrest Point Jetty
- Robin Hood prize - Sally James – Above the Falls, Mt Field National Park
- Max Angus Prize - Jenny Mays – Colours of Kimberley, WA
- Fred Peacock Packers' Prize - Deb Stephens - Raw
- People's Choice Award – 1st Place - Lauren McLennan – Last Light Richmond
- People's Choice Award – 2nd Place - Sally James – Above the Falls, Mt Field National Park
- People's Choice Award – 3rd Place - Miriam Rule – Sky Dream

Financially, it was one of the most successful shows in recent memory. Total funds raised were \$28,516.

The main learning from the show is that there are two clear and distinct activities. Rotary is putting on an Art Show largely for emerging and smaller artists. This is an important community event, but does not make much money. This event gives us the legitimacy though to raise significant funds for Rotary projects. Clarity on these two components allows us to focus on the show itself without major financial concerns, and also to drive focus on external fundraising as being crucial to the financial success of the show itself.

Magic Show

Chair – Greg Cooper

The 32nd edition of the Magic Show was held once again on for 14 November 2021, with less restrictions this year, at the Hotel Grand Chancellor. Two performances were held this year.

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

Total raised: \$105,720

Tickets sold: 1680

Club Share: \$12,500

Sail Day

Chair - David Berechree

After the challenges of COVID-19, it was great to be back down at the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania on Friday, 4th March for the 31st Rotary Club of Hobart Charity Sail Day. Twenty nine boats enjoyed the cruise down to the Channel this year, with numbers down by a third, to enjoy a warm day on the water. Just over \$21,000 was raised this year, including \$7,500 from the raffle, continuing the extraordinary contribution of funds being raised by the event, which now total over \$1 million. The funds this year were allocated to a new “rubber ducky” for the Carlton Park SLSC and support for Short of a Sheet and Blind Cricket Tasmania.

We were again well supported by the skippers who donated their services and boats for the day, the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania who provided the base to prepare 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 boat SV Rhona H again adding some style on the day. A big thanks again to the Carlton Park SLSC for their support on the day.

We again had fantastic support from our provisioning sponsors Tasmanian Bakeries, PFD Food Services, Salamanca Fresh, Cascade Breweries, Coca-Cola, Robert Oatley Wines and Strapmark, with the promotional support from the Mercury and Before Creative for our new online entry form. And special mention to the providers of our great raffle prizes this year, including Joan Humble, Miena Village Guiding, Spirit of Tasmania, Pedder Wilderness Lodge, Callington Mill Distillery, Spring Bay Distillery, Petrichor Vineyard, Bright Night Gin, Section 44 Distillery and Hotel Grand Chancellor.

This year we had a small team that organised the Sail Day, (David Berechree, Heather Berechree, Jeff Bester, Robert Brand, Hayden Collins, Jillian Freeman, Chris Jones, Damian Mackey, Mark Manning, Graham O’Meagher) which coped well with the uncertainty about whether the event would go ahead this year, and we supplemented the team with a number of members for the preparation work and logistical support on the morning (Ian Shuey, Paige Xu, Tony Steven, Steven Porter, Matt Drake), and kept our Treasurer (Sue Morford) busy processing all the invoices and payments.

With some new Committee members this year, we will be back to organising the 32nd Rotary Club of Hobart Charity Sail Day on Friday, 3rd March 2023.

Service - Youth

Director - Stephen Porter

Covid19 continued to have a major impact on a number of programs, some being cancelled for the year and others run under restrictions. This year, the Youth Committee covered 8 service areas with 6 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

Unfortunately there was no Windeward Bound voyage this year, and Youth Exchange continues to be on hold due to COVID-19.

Service - International

Director – Heather Berechree

International activities were again hampered this year with the disruption to international programs, but a number of opportunities for service projects were considered.

We provided support to Ukrainian displaced persons in Tasmania of kids toys, clothing and food vouchers for 6 family groups here in Tasmania, to the value of \$1500 and building the relationship with Rotary for support of the displaced Ukrainians here in Tasmania.

The Club supported the Food Plant Solutions Rotary Action Group to expand on a pilot program in Vietnam.

Service - Funding

Director - Greg Cooper

The funding contributions throughout the year were again significant, at over \$60,000 committed throughout the year. The Funding Committee was again ably chaired by Greg Cooper, and consisted of Brian Gallagher; Tim Short, Alicia Pelham, Greg Cooper, Richard Herr, Tony Steven, Noel Hunt, Matthew Drake and Michael Driessen, who provided excellent advice on support or otherwise of the various applications throughout the year.

The Committee diligently reviewed and recommended support to the many community needs, particularly those that the Club has supported for many years, such as the Hobart Eisteddfod, who have struggled during the past 2 years of COVID-19.

The main contributions this year were for:

- Carlton Park Surf Lifesaving Club - new fully kitted IRB - \$11,800,
- Loaves and Fishes kitchen RAWCS project (RC Sandy Bay) - \$10,000.

Other donations were made to:

- Rotary Foundation Disaster Response Fund for Ukraine - \$5,000,
- RAWCS National Flood Appeal - \$5,000,
- Food Plant Solutions Rotary Action Group program in Vietnam - \$6,000,
- End Polio Funding - \$5,000,
- Annual contribution to the Foundation of USD100 per member - approx \$8,200
- Taroona High School - SRC Scholarships - \$500
- Peregrine School Nicholls Rivulet - STEM Program robot kits - \$1235
- Hobart Eisteddfod (2021) - \$500
- Hobart Football Club - Jarrod Smith Family support - \$800
- Drill Arts Performance - TasDance 40th Year performance in Launceston - \$2860.
- ARH Yoga and PTSD research project (RC Salamanca) - \$1500
- Short of a Sheet for storage solutions - \$4000
- Blind Cricket Association - Lockers - \$2200
- Medical van project RAWCS project (RC North Hobart) - \$1500
- Rostrum Voice of Youth - \$750
- Hobart Eisteddfod (2022) - \$500
- Embroiderers Guild - \$200
- Australian Rotary Health - \$250 (parking from Mind Games)

Club Administration

Director – Matt Drake

We continued to face the challenges of COVID-19 during the year, which did cause some disruption to our meetings as Tasmania “opened up” in December 2021, and we continue to conduct a hybrid meeting via Zoom 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, Peter Sykes and Dugald McDougall for greeting us with a smile each and every week.

We again had a range of interesting speakers at our meetings throughout the year. We were pleased to have Kristy Lark, Kim Smith, Dr Mark Harrison, Mary Massina, James Vickers, Andrew Hillier and Professor Mark Hunt speak at our meetings throughout the year. And we had a fantastic performance on piano by Sheng-Yuan Lynch.

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.

Major Project

Director - Greg Cooper

In 2020 the Board created a sub-committee to focus on the planning for a Major project, the concept being created from the significant funding in the region of \$600,000 that the Club had generated from fundraising over the years. In early 2021, the Hobart Community Shed was endorsed as the preferred project, 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 project had a total estimated budget cost of over \$1 million, with a contribution of \$435,600 from the Club.

A not for profit company limited by guarantee was established in 2021 to progress the project, with a Rotary Club of Hobart nominated Director (Belinda Jefferies) and the initial Committee as Directors lead by Peter Shelley, including Greg Cooper.

The project has progressed well with development and planning approvals from the Hobart City Council and funding commitments from the Federal Government matching similar State Government funding providing the funds necessary to construct the shed. However, negotiations over a lease for the land with the C3 Church has stalled and the Community Shed Board is currently considering alternative sites for the project. A formal funding agreement between the Club and the Community Shed has not been finalised and funds continue to be held on investment by the Club.

COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic Support

President David Berechree

Starting in late August 2021 following a “call to arms” from District Governor Heather Chong, Rotarians from the Hobart area put in a huge effort of support for the COVID-19 Vaccination drive up until the end of March 2022. A total of 89 Rotarians, from 15 Clubs, doing 404 shifts, totalling 859 hours. And the Hobart Club lead the way, with 22 members doing 149 shifts, totalling 319 hours.

There were 8 weekends of Clinics across MAC02 and PW1, from late August 2021 through to early November 2021, with on average 1000 bookings each day - although this varied considerably and created the challenges for Rotarians in supporting the smooth operation of the clinics on the day. But we rose to the challenge and handed out consent forms and masks, ensured everyone checked-in, and directed them on their way to the Admins to get them booked in and underway.

Then in late December 2021 the Booster rollout commenced, along with Child clinics, all the way through to March - in the end a total of 55 clinics supported by Rotarians.

A great opportunity to provide service to the community, in a way that provided a good profile to Tasmanians who may not see Rotarians in Action in other forums.

Financial Reports

Treasurer Susan Morford

Enclosed is the audited Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss for the year ended 30 June 2022.