

Rotary Club of Hobart

NINETY NINTH ANNUAL REPORT & STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 30 June 2023



Charter no. 1802 District 9830

Founded 26 February 1924 Chartered 2 August 1924

Board 2022-23

President	Matt Drake
President-Elect	
Vice President	
Immediate Past President	David Berechree
Secretary	Heather Chong
Treasurer	Susan Morford

Membership Director	Ben Singline
Rotary Foundation Director	Una Hobday
Public Image Director	David Berechree
Service - Fundraising Director	
Service - Youth Director	
Service – Funding Director	
Service – International Director	Heather Berechree
Service - Vocational Director	
Club Administration Director	



President Report 2022-23

President Matt Drake

Dear Members and Supporters,

I am delighted to present the annual report for the Rotary Club of Hobart, and my time as President 2022-23.

This report is a testament to the collective efforts, commitment, and achievements of our dedicated members.

Community Impact and Fundraising Success

Throughout the year, our club achieved significant milestones across various community funding initiatives. We directed our efforts towards supporting initiatives such as End Polio Now, Food Plant Solutions, the Hobart Eisteddfod, and the inauguration of the Grace Centre at Rokeby. Further, our successful collaboration with the Hobart Football Club added a sporting triumph to our list of accomplishments. The Annual Art Show, our Sail Day Fundraiser, and the captivating Magic Show were all resounding successes, contributing to the continued success of our fundraising endeavors.

Expansion of Impact

In our commitment to expanding our impact, we have embarked on a new community funding initiative through a car raffle project, the details of which will be announced shortly. We aspire to build on our achievements and make a positive impact in these new areas during the upcoming year.

Support for Vital Programs

Special recognition goes to our steadfast support for programs such as STV Windward Bound, Youth Challenge, and the National Science and Engineering Challenge. These initiatives have played a crucial role in shaping the future leaders of our community, a responsibility we carry with pride alongside our involvement in various youth events.

Gratitude and Looking Ahead

As we reflect on the past year, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our Board, Club Members, and supporters for their unwavering dedication to the ideals of Rotary. While we look back at our achievements, there are still major projects and the culmination of our flagship Major Project on the horizon. Your continued support will be instrumental in bringing these endeavors to fruition, and I encourage you to stay tuned for updates in the coming year.

Rotary International Conference and Convention

A highlight of the past year was the Rotary International Conference and Convention in Melbourne. Attended by over 14,000 Rotarians worldwide, this gathering showcased the incredible global impact of Rotary. The Rotary Club of Hobart was well-represented, with five members actively participating in workshops, networking sessions, and keynote speeches. Notably, the convention featured Nobel Peace Prize laureate Malala Yousafzai, whose inspirational story of courage and dedication to girls' education left an indelible mark on all attendees.

Attending the Rotary International Conference and Convention was a transformative experience for me personally. The insights gained, connections forged, and the shared spirit of Rotary's mission have enriched my understanding of our organization. I eagerly anticipate sharing these learnings with our club, reinforcing our collective commitment to creating a positive impact on our community and the world.

Acknowledgment and Transition

In closing, I extend my sincere thanks to the outstanding members of the Board for their invaluable support during my presidency. I pass the torch to Michael Haynes, confident that the Rotary Club of Hobart is in capable hands for the promising year ahead in 2023-24.

Yours in Rotary,

Matthew Drake President 2022-23 Rotary Club of Hobart

Committee Reports

Membership

Director - Ben Singline

We inducted two new members this year, with Michael Haynes and Vera Qing Zhang joining the Club.

We held an enjoyable social event at the Hunter Island Distillery, hosted by Damian Mackey, and have allocated the 5th Thursday of the month as a social event. We held an enjoyable Christmas BBQ function at Heather Chong's new rural enclave in Richmond, and we look forward to seeing the completed renovations.

We unfortunately lost our long serving member Peter Sykes, and acknowledged his services with a Paul Harris Fellow during the year with his family. PDG Geoff Haward continues to be a stalwart on the front desk, making sure people are greeted and registered.

Rotary Foundation

Director - Una Hobday

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 this year were A\$21,440: A\$8,940 for membership (US\$6,000) and A\$12,500 from the Gala Dinner.

In addition, there was a general contribution to Polio Plus of \$US1,000 (A\$1,300).

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.

Club Administration

Director - Vacant

We continue to conduct a hybrid meeting via Zoom for those who cannot make it to the Grand Chancellor, one of the benefits from the pandemic, enabling members to engage with our meetings from anywhere. We continue to get fantastic support from the Hotel Grand Chancellor and Scene Change with our meetings, and have the best meal in the District.

The front desk team continues to be led by Geoff Haward and our Assistant Treasurer Kate Domeney and our Treasurer Sue Morford.

We again had a range of interesting speakers at our meetings throughout the year. We were pleased to have Jay Chipman (Homely Retreats), Steven Burgess (Complete Streets), Patricia Ayers (Hobart Embroiderers' Guild), Sam McLennan (Project Interrupt), Noel Hunt (Ten Lives), David Aston (Renewable Energy), Brian Stafford (Great Wind Ships).

The Family of Rotary continues to be a support of the club, and thank you to Renate Huf for all our birthday card wishes.

Service - Fundraising

Art Show

Committee Chairs – Mel & Scott Knuckey

The 2022 Art Show was the 33rd show held by the Club, held on the weekend of 10th to 12th September 2022 at the Wrest Point Boardwalk Gallery.

Show highlights included:

- ★170 artist displaying 479 works
- ★83 hung works & 3 table works sold
- ★17.95% clearance rate
- ★\$43,708 of artist works sold
- ★\$2,225 of phil-art-thropic works sold
- ★Up to 1,500 attendees
- ★170 votes counted
- ★\$10,550 major auction items sold
- ★\$1,990 silent auction items sold

A relatively small committee was involved, with co-chairs Scott & Mel Knuckey taking on the build of the work with also assistance from Renate Huf, Stephen Porter, Sue Morford, Kate Domeny, Pip Chong, looking to be hands on in many aspects of the event as they got their head around it. Stephen Porter, Renate Huf, Sue Morford, Shaun Thomas, Nick Sault and Kate Domeney filled roles as needed.

The major change implemented in 2022 was the introduction of the kids section which was a very successful addition to the event.

Governor of Tasmania, Her Excellency Barbara Baker, attended the cocktail event on the 10th September and formally opened the show, which was an honour for the Club as well as Elise Archer MP being guest speaker. MC Mark Thomas and Auctioneer Hank Petrusma Rogers put together a great evening, which was well supported financially with all auction items being sold.

Auction items were donated by Michael Weitnauer, Gary Draper, Fred Fullerton, Margaret Coombes, Bream Creek Wines, Ratho Farm, Mel & Scott Knuckey, Vantage Group.

We had a huge number of sponsors, including politicians acting as prize sponsors across all categories, and also for the first time the Tom Samek & Indigenous Art 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 Indigenous Art Prize
- Total Instrument Controls Tom Samek Memorial Prize
- GDA City of Hobart Prize
- Maria Brown Hearing People & Nature Prize
- Before Creative creation of the new entry form and website
- Peacock Family
- 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 Lauren McLennan Solstice Sunset
- Indigenous Art Prize Gary Draper Yellow Tail Black Cockatoo
- Tom Samek Prize Peppa Hawkins Stretched Too Far
- Robin Hood prize Sally James Above the Falls, Mt Field National Park
- Max Angus Prize Nola Parsons Reflections, Stewart Bay
- Peacock Family Packers' Prize Heather Crisp, Bubblegum
- People & Nature Prize Sally James, Morning Journey, Corrina
- People's Choice Award 1st Place David Jones the Aeronauts

Total funds raised were over \$15,500.

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. However, this event gives us the legitimacy 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 33rd edition of the Magic Show was held once again on Sunday 27th November 2022, at the Hotel Grand Chancellor. Tickets were set at \$60.00 each, with the Club then receiving 20% of proceeds with a portion of expenses then deducted.

Two performances were held this year with a big thankyou to those members who offered up their time to help with the ushering of the patrons to the events.

Support from ticket sponsors dropped from previous years and remains below pre-covid levels, with the outcome this year of:

Total raised: \$70,485

Club Share: \$9,082

Sail Day

Chair - David Berechree

The 32nd Sail Day was held on the first Friday in March, and another successful day was achieved, with good weather and over \$26,000 raised from the day. With 39 boats along for the day, including the Windeward Bound, the numbers were back up on the covid impacted prior year, and hopefully we will be able to get this back to our previous levels. We had 31 paid sponsors and the 2 raffles raised nearly \$10,000 proving that the fundraising side of the event can continue to be successful for the club. It is estimated that approx \$10,000 of in kind support was received, and over \$7,000 in raffle prizes were donated, again with the generous support of Joan Humble, and local distillers.

This year we partnered with the Rotary Club of Kingston, who had a very successful day with the Mustique bringing along 55 paying guests on the day, raising over \$6,000 from the day. Hopefully they will do something similar in future years.

We again had fantastic support from our provisioning sponsors Tasmanian Bakeries, PFD Food Services, Salamanca Fresh, Coca-Cola, Robert Oatley Wines and Strapmark, with T-Bone Brewers and Frank's Cider coming on board as our beer and cider sponsor. Promotional support was provided from the Mercury as usual and Before Creative for our online entry form. And special mention to the providers of our great raffle prizes this year, including Joan Humble, Miena Village Guiding, Avalon Blue @ Derby, Hydro Tasmania, Pennicott Wilderness Tours, Hotel Grand Chancellor, Petrichor Wines. And our Distillers raffle prizes from Transportation Whiskey, Knocklofty Spirits + Captain Bligh's, Derwent Distillery, Spring Bay Distillery, Hunter Island Distillery, Knocklofty Distillery, Bright Night Gin, Section 44 Distillery and McHenry Distillery.

We had great support for the preparation day with many members joining in, but we were short handed on the day but everything went well. It was good to see the newer members on the committee (Jillian Freeman, Damian Mackey, Graham O'Meagher) take active roles this year, and an introduction for Sunny Drury, but the chase is on to get some more as it does take time to get an understanding of how the event works, and how to speak with sponsors/skippers/etc about supporting Sail Day. Heather Berechree again sorted out logistics, and Mark Manning once again stepped up to find boats, which was again a challenge. I haven't found a new Chair, and it looks like I may be doing this for a while longer!

And we have locked in Friday, 1st March 2024 for the 33rd Sail Day - the Egeria is booked!!

Service - Youth

Director - Vacant

We again supported Rotary youth service across 7 programs:

- 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) Hayden Collins
- Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) (Year 10) Matthew Drake
- Windeward Bound 3 participants: Romney Anderson, Tilla Haddow, Sophia Powis
- Youth Exchange Program Layla Halliwell to France.

It was great to see the Windeward Bound and Youth Exchange programs return this year after disruptions due to COVID-19.

Service - International

Director - Heather Berechree

A number of opportunities for service projects were considered during the year, and it is hoped that engagement with an overseas service project will be available to members in the future.

The Club again supported Disaster Aid Australia with a general donation, and also supported Sky Hydrants with the Tasmanian Vanuatu Fruit Pickers Project.

A highlight this year was the hosting, with the Rotary Club of Sandy Bay, of a gala dinner to raise funds for international projects, with \$50,000 raised from the event. Our share was donated equally to End Polio and Food Plant Solutions. Well done to the organising committee of joint chair Una Hobday, and Kate Domeney, Heather Berechree and Colleen Howell.

Service - Funding

Director - Vacant

The funding contributions throughout the year were well down on previous years, at just under \$40,000 committed, from a limited range of requests. This left a surplus from the approximate \$60,000 budget for the year from the Club's fundraising activities. The Funding Committee continued to be chaired by Greg Cooper, and consisted of Brian Gallagher; 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. In particular Brian Gallagher's sage advice was always welcomed by the Committee.

The Committee diligently reviewed and recommended support to the many community needs, particularly those that the Club has supported for many years.

The main contributions this year were for:

- Rotary Foundation \$21,440 (includes annual contribution and funds from Gala Dinner)
- Food Plant Solution \$25,000

- Disaster Aid \$7,500
- End Polio \$1,304
- Windeward Bound program \$3,125
- Dark Fringe Hobart \$2,500.
- Fresh Food for Families \$2,595

Other donations were made to:

- Outward Bound support for Nikki Miller \$1,000
- Primary School educational materials by Francis Mackay \$600
- True Trails Equine educational program facility upgrade \$1,500
- Heritage Sailing Tasmania Young Endeavour \$1,500
- Carolyn Whitfield Wildlife rehabilitation program facilities \$1,288
- Bel Canto Young Choir \$230
- Blind Cricket Association Uniforms \$500
- Marine Debris Raft environmental education project \$1,500
- Under One Rainbow Kyesha to attend Music Academy in Los Angeles \$500
- Bicycle network \$600
- Rostrum Voice of Youth \$500.

Public Image

Director - David Berechree

Our public image activities were limited during the year to the promotion of our major fundraising events, the Art Show, Magic Show and Sail Day, and have refreshed some of our banners and promotional materials in the more modern Rotary branding.

We continue to promote our community service work via Facebook, proudly wearing our Rotary kit.

Major Project

Director - David Berechree

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 and the initial Committee as Directors lead by Peter Shelley, including Greg Cooper, Richard Warner, Nick Heath, Theresa Taylor, Peter Norris, Kathryn Thomas and Tony Ferrier. This Board met 9 times through the course of the year to work through funding commitments, design needs and lease negotiations with the initially proposed site owners the C3 Church. This year David Berechree replaced Belinda Jefferies as the Rotary Club of Hobart Director.

In November 2022, the Board came to the unfortunate position that it was unable to proceed with a lease on the C3 land, as originally proposed due to a number of untenable lease terms that were being proposed for the Hobart Community Shed.

Subsequently a new site investigation and assessment process was undertaken in partnership with the City of Hobart. After investigating a number of sites that were put forward by Council as potential opportunities to construct the Hobart Community Shed, the Board settled on vacant Council owned land that is adjacent to the Tasmanian Hockey Centre. On resolution of the preferred site, this decision was to be taken to the Hobart Council for approval later in 2023. On confirmation with the City of Hobart that this land could be leased to the Hobart Community Shed Ltd, the Board would then progress new planning documentation and lease terms, confirm Federal Government grant funding and finalise the Funding Agreement with the Rotary Club of Hobart in early 2024.

Financial Reports

Treasurer Susan Morford

We have had a reasonably successful year fundraising despite the continuing challenges of raising funds. The Magic Show continues although the amount raised is declining. Sail Day and the Art Show continue to raise a good income while also, in the case of the Art Show, providing a valuable outlet for emerging artists.

There have been fewer requests for fund from the community and we have chosen to support a number of Rotary projects - as well as our usually donation of US\$100 per member, we also sent allocated money to End Polio from our car parking work and split the amazing \$25,000 raised by the Gala Dinner between the Foundation and Food Plant Solutions.

We have continued to support youth as a priority, providing assistance with a range of programs including NYSF to Windeward Bound, Young Endeavour, Science and Engineering Challenge and Youth Exchange.

We received an unqualified audit report (attached) and also enclosed is the audited Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss for the year ended 30 June 2023. One difference in the Balance Sheet is that we have split out the club reserves from general reserves, ensuring we have transparency over what we can spend on the club and members and what we can spend funding programs and work in the community.

Principal: Rendell W Ridge B.Ec Registered Company Auditor #161503

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 2023.

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 2023 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 30 November 2023

Balance Sheet

ROTARY CLUB OF HOBART INCORPORATED

As at 30 June 2023

	30 JUN 2023
Assets	
Bank	
Cash on Hand	200.00
General Cheque Account	30,770.00
Magic Show Bank Account	14,827.34
Term Deposit 12 months	500,000.00
Term deposit 6 months	108,740.49
Total Bank	654,537.83
Current Assets	
Trade Debtors	24,110.12
Total Current Assets	24,110.12
Non-current Assets	
Term Deposit - Taroona Trust	225,192.25
Trailer - Science & Eng	9,885.00
Trailer - Science and Eng Acc Depn	(9,885.00)
Total Non-current Assets	225,192.25
Total Assets	903,840.20
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Art Show 2024	9,416.22
GST	(2,427.95)
Trade Creditors	6,381.14
Total Current Liabilities	13,369.41
Non-current Liabilities	
Community Shed	465,000.00
FPS Ethiopia	10,000.00
Robin Hood Art Show	4,250.00
Taroona Trust Liability	225,192.25
Total Non-current Liabilities	704,442.25
Total Liabilities	717,811.66
Net Assets	186,028.54
Equity	
Current Year Earnings	28,367.03
RC Hobart Club Fund reserve	14,814.62
Retained Earnings	142,846.89
Total Equity	186,028.54

Balance Sheet ROTARY CLUB OF HOBART INCORPORATED 5 Dec 2023

Profit and Loss

ROTARY CLUB OF HOBART INCORPORATED For the year ended 30 June 2023

Income	
Total Income	
Fundraising Income	
Art Show Revenue	
Art Show - Art Sales Revenue	7,750.74
Art Show - Entries, Auction, Raffle, Catalogues etc - Revenue	27,480.26
Art Show - Sponsorship Revenue	16,413.62
Total Art Show Revenue	51,644.62
Sail Day - Revenue	40,308.11
Magic Show - Revenue	70,485.69
General Fundraising Income	7,390.25
Total Fundraising Income	169,828.67
Club Revenue	
Christmas Dinner	409.06
Interest - Revenue	10,848.02
Subscriptions - Revenue	13,262.05
Raffle - Net Income after costs - Revenue	1,930.25
Total Club Revenue	26,449.38
Youth Income Science and Engineering Povenue	57,072.56
Science and Engineering - Revenue	
Taroona Trust Income Total Youth Income	1,243.61 58,316.17
Total Total Micome	30,310.17
District Conference - Revenue	(6,231.72)
Total Income	248,362.50
Operating Expenses	
Fundraising Expenses	
Art Show Expenses	
Art Show - Expenses	36,118.52
Total Art Show Expenses	36,118.52
Magic Show - Expenses	61,403.53
Sail Day Expenses	
Sail Day - Expense	13,595.24
Total Sail Day Expenses	13,595.24
Community Funding Expenses	
Domestic Funding - Expense	15,189.00
International Funding - Expense	28,244.00
Total Community Funding Expenses	43,433.00
Total Fundraising Expenses	154,550.29

Net Profit

2023
1,294.51
980.00
409.86
469.26
1,977.00
90.91
173.18
261.14
418.61
1,274.77
156.33
4,196.50
1,064.66
5,864.74
656.10
19,287.57
46,157.61
46,157.61
219,995.47

28,367.03

For the Year ended 30 June 2023

	2023
Art Show	
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Art Show - Sponsorship Revenue	16,413.62
Art Show - Entries, Auction, Raffle, Catalogues etc - Revenue	27,480.26
Total Art Show Income	51,644.62
Art Show Expenses	
Art Show - Expenses	(36,118.52)
Total Art Show Expenses	(36,118.52)
Total Art Show	15,526.10

2023 Sail Day Sail Day - Revenue 40,308.11 Sail Day - Expense (13,595.24) 26,712.87 Total Sail Day

come	
Subscriptions - Revenue	13,262.0
Raffle - Net Income after costs - Revenue	1,930.2
Interest - Revenue	10,848.02
Christmas Dinner	409.06
Total Income	26,449.38
kpenses	
Member - Expenses	(1,274.77
Rotary International Dues - Expense	(5,864.74
District Conference - Expense	(156.33
Rotary District Dues - Expense	(4,196.50)
Rotary Downunder - Expense	(1,064.66)
Administration - Expenses	(1,294.51)
Bank and Merchant Fees - Expense	(409.86)
Board Costs - Expense	(261.14)
Audit - Expense	(980.00)
Lunches - Expense	(418.61)
Guest Speakers - Expense	(173.18)
Christmas Dinner - Expense	(469.26)
Group One Dinner - Expense	(90.91)
Raffle Expense	(656.10)
Total Expenses	(17,310.57
otal Club Income and Expenses	9,138.81

2023 **Magic Show** Magic Show - Revenue 70,485.69 Magic Show - Expenses (61,403.53) 9,082.16 **Total Magic Show**