



## Annual Report 2022 – 2023

### Our Vision Statement:

*“Service through action; a respected, dynamic, proactive club making a difference in the community”.*

### Meetings

Every Friday  
7.00am for 7.30am start  
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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### OVERVIEW

It has been a privilege to have held the position of your President during 2022-2023. It is a position which I have thoroughly enjoyed and thank each one of you for your tremendous support and encouragement. This is not a one-man (or woman) effort. Our directors have worked tirelessly to maintain our status and sustainability, and our members have (again) pulled together to ensure we remain viable. This is YOUR club and would not survive without you.

In the aftermath of Covid-19 we endured, reinstating many of our programs and projects, we have continued to be of service (above self) to our community.

I'm thrilled to see the BulldustNBack approaching its fifth (5<sup>TH</sup>) year and that it has raised \$282,063 over the last four years. Since its inception in 2019 in memory of Jon (Lawrance), kids cancer and youth mental health have received the majority of the proceeds. Jon would be as thrilled as I am and I'm so grateful that the Club took it on board and supported the concept. My heartfelt thanks to Mark Horwood and Russell Lanyon who brought the idea to the table and honoring Jon's memory.

Some of our most successful and enjoyable projects as well as the BulldustNBack Trial, were Dial-a-Santa, Parking management and Duck Derby fundraisers. You will be able to refresh your memories of our support for other worthwhile projects benefitting many community organisations in each Director's report, and how we have encouraged, built, and maintained relationships and collaborations, sharing events and activities with other Rotary Clubs in our District.

We said farewell to Districts 9465 and 9455 but welcomed the new District 9423 where we will continue to build Rotary Western Australia through combined projects, activities, and alliances.

My thanks to you all for your continued faith and support, I look forward to another successful year for Mill Point and will do my best to ensure our standards remain high.

### 2022-23 Club Board Members

My sincere thanks to the 2022-23 Club Board Members for their unfaltering support, initiatives, advice, enthusiasm, and hard work throughout the year.

Vice President	<b>Brian Johnson</b>
Secretary	<b>John O'Sullivan</b>
Treasurer	<b>Astrid Mitchell</b>
Club Service	<b>Kelly Gillen</b>
Community Service	<b>Ian Kremmer</b>
Fundraising	<b>Dietmar Mazanetz</b>
International Service	<b>Raelene George</b>
Membership	<b>Roger Davey/Lew Thomas</b>
Vocational Service	<b>Gerry McGann</b>
Youth Service	<b>Joy Burnett</b>



## 2022-23 Club Office Bearers

What would we do without our Office Bearers? The Club Service Report shows their diligence and hard work to ensure our meetings ran like a Swiss Watch - combining Fellowship and administration to a level of precision. The high calibre and variety of our guest speakers, upgrade of electronic fee payments and collaboration as a team guaranteed our weekly meetings were continuously interesting, well attended, and FUN meetings. My sincere thanks to Mike Collett, Ken Pittman, Gerry McGann, Raelene George and Rick Sneeuwjagt for their dedication to their weekly duties.

I still blush with pride at our Sargent's warm weekly welcome and relish the way in which everyone made my weekly facilitation so easy! Thank you.

## 2022-23 - Paul Harris Fellow Awards

The **Paul Harris Fellow Awards** are presented each year by the **Rotary Foundation** in appreciation of tangible and significant assistance for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations among peoples of the world.

This year it was my absolute pleasure to award the following five very worthy recipients a Paul Harris Fellow award:

### Astrid Mitchel – Sapphire level

For the last five years Astrid has kept us together, facing challenges some of us cannot imagine and through it all, we have known that the club was in good hands. She has simplified processes and procedures, taken succession planning to the next level and was always on the lookout for a bargain to assist the club leading us into the 21<sup>st</sup> century of technology. Astrid has dragged me into the world of finance – yes kicking and screaming - BUT I've surfaced with a better understanding of the machinations of banks and interest rates. Astrid has shown her true mettle in the face of diversity and always comes up smiling.

### Brian Johnson – Two Sapphire level

I've never known anyone who is more accessible to members than Brian – whether it's technology, databases, the best places to eat in nearly every Asian country or just their general bonhomie. Brian exemplifies Rotary in every sense, he's a Rotarian whose hand is always one of the first up for any task going, who participates in all club activities and chores, a "can't-say-no" person, a highflyer (in more ways than one), and a high achiever - but a real "down-to-earth" driver of Mill Point. Brian taught me everything I know today about being a Rotary President and has always had my back - Mr Nice Guy himself.

### Kelly Gillen – Sapphire level

They say the quiet ones are always the worst, but this quiet one has nothing but good said about him. It's been a challenging year for Kelly, but as a Rotarian, he has never (literally) dropped the ball, instead he has taken his role even more seriously and with a calmness that many would envy, particularly in

times of stress. The four-way test would bear great testimony to his values, strength, and commitment to Mill Point. Not only do I consider Kelly a great Rotarian, but also a friend and as close to a sibling as I could wish for. For the last year he has been my partner in all sorts of crime, fun, hard work and all things Rotary.

### **Lyn Metcalf – Sapphire level**

A stalwart of this club, yet often slips under the radar. Lyn's support of the club since 2017, through fellowship, friendship, and significant monetary value – weighed not by grammes but by 'milliliter's' - is 'treasured' beyond all expectations. His willingness to 'help' and offer advice knows no bounds, needs no nudging - nor even a subtle hint. Lyn may tell you that he was 'press-ganged' or misled into his future position as Treasurer, but I know his motivation was from the heart and his unwavering commitment to Rotary. We are indeed fortunate to have Lyn (and Margaret) back in the Rotary fold full time

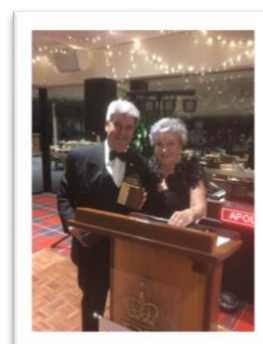
### **2022-23 CLUB ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR and three Sapphire level – Rick Sneeuwjagt**

They say *save the best to last* and for once I'm doing what I've been told. There is so much I could say about Rick – but if I did, he'd have to kill me!

Seriously, he's a charmer, a real quiet achiever - although from experience I've found him to be a trifle loud where and when it counts. Rick is a highly talented person and a charter member of the club! He is always front of the queue when a job needs to be done; he has fingers in a lot of pies and has a lot of heart.

Charismatic without being vain; helpful without being overbearing; compassionate without being condescending. I wish I had Rick's energy, charisma,

'gorgeousness' and humanity. To say I'm one of his biggest fans would be an understatement. Often dubbed 'the Peter Pan of Mill Point' and our own Silver Fox - cheeky, handsome, and ever-young, Rick deserved the standing ovation by members at Handover.



## Project and Events

BulldustNBack  
 Dial A Santa  
 Duck Derby (Partnership with Heirisson RC)  
 WA Bushfire Relief  
 Global Hand Charity (Cambodian Eye Care)  
 Sewing Sisters (PNG women's support)  
 Perth Inner City Youth Service (PICYS) meals  
 Ronald McDonald House dinners SouthCare Christmas Hampers  
 South Perth Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch  
 Tree planting  
 Peace Pole (Como Primary School)  
 Camp Inspiration (Formerly HandiCamp)  
 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)  
 Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN)  
 TAFE Endeavour Awards (Bentley Pines Restaurant)  
 Unsung Hero awards  
 Pride of Workmanship Awards  
 The Rotary Foundation  
 Rotary Australia World Community  
 Service (RAWCS)  
 Club Birthday picnic  
 Wongan Hills bus tour  
 Perth Mint tour  
 Old Mill Theatre Night  
 "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?"  
 Perth Observatory Tour  
 Fundraising dinners at Members' homes

## Beneficiaries

During 2022-2023 RCMP raised over **\$125,000** for our Charity Account.

Our Beneficiaries were:

- ✓ Kids Cancer Support Group (KCSG)
- ✓ Kid's Cancer Project
- ✓ Neuroblastoma Australia
- ✓ 12 Buckets
- ✓ Bridging Communities
- ✓ The Smith Family

- ✓ Perth Inner City Youth Service (PICYS)
- ✓ Cystic Fibrosis WA
- ✓ Edmund Rice Camp for Kids Hannah's House
- ✓ Kensington Senior School Awards
- ✓ Lions Club of Kingsley/Woodvale
- ✓ The Smith Family
- ✓ St Vincent de Paul Foundation

### Donations of goods, services, or money

ShelterBox (Haiti earthquake relief)

QLD/NSW Flood Relief Appeal

The Haven Refuge

### President's Acknowledgment

Mill Point continues to be a very strong Rotary Club, testimony to our well laid foundations back in 1986. That strength comes from our friendships with each other, the support and inclusion of our partners and our shared belief in 'Service Above Self'.

We more than achieved our **Vision Statement** - *Service through action; a respected, dynamic, proactive club making a difference in the community* – and each one of us has contributed to this vibrant, healthy club.

Our strategic plan ensured our vision was carried out, and again all thanks to YOU our members, for your input and commitment.

I inherited a healthy and sustainable club from **President Brian Johnson** and along with him will continue to work towards building and maintaining RCMPs reputation, good-will and inclusion during 2023-2024, and continue to foster partnerships with other Rotary clubs in our District.

It would be remiss of me not to acknowledge Brian's mentorship and assistance, or my Board directors for their hard work and support in 2022-2023 and I look forward to working with many of them again, as well as our new Directors in the coming Rotary Year.

For now, my best wishes to all Mill Point Rotarians and partners, past and present, for the Rotary Year of 2023-2024, and I wish you health and happiness in your days.

**Veronica Lawrance**

**President 2022-2023**



## CLUB SERVICE

**Director : Kelly Gillen**

**Committee : Veronica Lawrance (Deputy Director), Brian Johnson, John O'Sullivan, Mike Collett, Raelene George, Ross La Rosa, Astrid Mitchell, Owen Ferguson, Lyn Metcalf, Kim Payne, Ken Pittman, Graham Rennie**

## OVERVIEW

A total of 10 meetings were held during the year with an average of 70% attendance which allowed for all business to be conducted efficiently with good input from members.

### Club Officers

#### Astrid Mitchell - Treasurer

This was Astrid's fifth year as Club Treasurer during which the high standard of analysis and reporting that has been a feature of her tenure in this role was maintained. Astrid also strongly advocated for a robust succession strategy for the position of Treasurer as this was her last year in the role. Under her guidance, Lyn Metcalf accepted the position of Assistant Treasurer and over the year developed a thorough understanding of the responsibilities and requirements of the function through active involvement in a number of Club projects. Astrid has also had a key role in diversifying our use of the credit card terminal to facilitate payments for an ever-increasing range of events, enabling us to collect both at the club and at other venues, the Duck Derby being a recent example.

Astrid's contribution to the smooth and efficient running of the club, it's adherence to financial standards and our solid financial position has been greatly appreciated. Many thanks Astrid for a truly exceptional effort!

#### Ross La Rosa

Ross moved from the role of Assistant Treasurer to take on the audit function for the Club. This meant we did not have to outsource this activity, both a financial and time saving outcome. Thanks Ross!

#### John O'Sullivan - Secretary

Nothing escapes John's eagle eye whether it be outstanding correspondence, unresolved meeting actions or matters of meeting protocol. Club business rolls along very efficiently in an otherwise chaotic world. Your attention to detail is very much appreciated John.

#### Mike Collett – Sergeant at Arms

As always Mike has overseen the reliable weekly update on birthdays/anniversaries and the rosters for Attendance and Welcome at Friday's breakfast meetings. With the introduction of the Square and shift to card payments our roster for this function has expanded considerably, involving more club members. Mike and his team of Warren McCamey and Geoff Longshore have continued to ensure that the club is always well dressed in ample time for each weekly meeting. Some changes have been effected to make dressing of the club easier including replacement of the flag display with a portable miniature display.



During Mike's absence on holiday overseas the role of Sergeant was admirably filled by Debbie Sills, who lost no time in handing back the baton on Mike's return. Excellent footwork Debbie!

#### Gerry McGann - Speaker Program

The exceptional line up of guest speakers has continued this year with a cast of varied personalities delivering an entertaining and enlightening range of topics. There is no doubt that this program has frequently provided the highlight of our Friday meetings. Our thanks to Gerry for this outstanding effort whilst he has also fulfilled the role of Director Vocational.

#### Raelene George – Attendance Officer

Keeping track of who is away and dealing with last minute changes is an ongoing challenge to ensure we confirm our numbers for catering with RPGC each week. Raelene is there on Friday with the list of paying / non-paying guests and name tags. We would be sunk without her and quite possibly hungry.

#### Ken Pittman - Bulletin Editor, Photographer and Historian

Come rain, hail, or shine Ken has the Bulletin out to members in a very short time after meetings and continues to be our reliable photographer for events that are held at RPGC and elsewhere.

#### Michelle Lovkis – Pastoral Care

Acting on behalf of the Club, Michelle ensures that any members/partners that are experiencing loss, health or other issues receive support, sympathy, and encouragement through provision of cards, flowers, and kind words. This is an important role that is greatly appreciated by all recipients. Thank you, Michelle.

#### David Rowell - Risk and Insurance Officer

Risk and insurance have become an increasingly complex matter for the world at large and Rotary is no different. David has ensured that we are conducting adequate risk assessment for all our activities and is actively involved in the provision of advice and preparation of risk management plans. BulldustNBack is a good example.

David's quote of the week, always fresh, relevant, and insightful makes for a good finish to our meetings.

#### Graham Rennie – Web Manager

Our webmaster extraordinaire who continues to upload, refresh, and ensure our website is up to date with current shenanigans of Rotary.

#### Fines

Our rotating Fines Masters have entertained us whilst extracting the maximum from us in a web of reported misdeeds. Accuracy has continued to be a minor issue. Our thanks to Owen Ferguson, Joy Burnett, Jenny Maclean, and of course Wayne (the elder) Muller.

#### Assistant treasurer

This year we introduced a more active role for the Club position of Assistant Treasurer to strengthen succession planning. Lyn provided great support to Astrid and contributed significantly to the management of business throughout the year. Your efforts have been particularly appreciated Lyn!

The Metcalf wine legacy continues to be celebrated each week. Thanks Lyn and Margaret for your generous contribution.



### Brian Johnson – District Conference and Youth Protection

2023 saw a return to a District Conference after the gap associated with Covid -19. A small number of members attended what was a reduced but still worthwhile agenda and opportunity to catch up with other Rotarians. Brian ensured we were up to date with information about the conference and encouraged involvement in manning a stall to promote BulldustNBack during the event.

Management of Working with Children Cards is an important function for the club in a number of our activities. Brian has kept us apprised of changes in the relevant legislation and how we need to apply this in our day-to-day activities.

### Guest Speakers

The speakers this year retained the high calibre of previous years, with assistance from members. Gerry would like to thank Alison Thair, Michael Gottschalk, Brian Johnson and Lew Thomas and other members of the club for identifying and inviting interesting speakers.

Gerry's objective was to Educate, Entertain and Inspire and he certainly did that!

Date	Guest Speaker	Speaker Topic
July 1	Antoine Bloemer	My life as a Magistrate in the wild Northwest
8	Carrick Robinson	WA Children's hospice
15	Darren Reynolds	Destiny Rescue: Rescuing trafficked children
22	Bob Kucera	From the beat to the front bench: Musings of a minister of the Crown
29	John Karasinski	The WA sandalwood industry
Aug 5	David Fardon	Diamond are forever AND a girl's best friend!
12	Matt Woods	Perth Observatory
19	Michelle Greenwood	Invisible illness
26	Dr Phil Watts	How to find love and not a psychopath
Sept 2	Joshua Tan	From hooves to highways – the history of mobility in WA
9	Peter Kraj-Krajewski	My 19 months in Saudi Arabia
16	Martin Loney	Prison chaplain, Hakea prison

23	Ric McDonald	District Governor
30	Geoff Martin	How I conquered stuttering
Oct 7	Matthew Granger	Legacy
14	No Meeting	
21	John Mansfield	Global Hands visit to Cambodia
28	Prof Ralph Martin AO	Exciting new advances in detection and treatment of Alzheimers
Nov 4	Michael Wilson	Who build the pyramids
11	Phil Bianchi	Harvesting 25 million tons of wood from the woodlines of the Goldfields
18	Paul Daley	A senior policeman's life during the Covid pandemic
25	Bulldust Beneficiaries	
Dec 2	Ken Macleay	From cricket balls to bulls....
9	Penny Webb	Starting Over Support: Life begins with a home
16	Gerry McGann	Microcredit, dragging a million out of poverty in Turkey
23	Kelly Gillen & Brian Johnson	Christmas Past, Christmas Present and Christmas Future
30	No Meeting	
Jan 6	Club Picnic - No Meeting	
13	Mark Jones	Riding the Camino de Santiago on a bike
20	Jerry Pilcher & John Dodman	Australian Rotary Health
27	Rachel Dwyer OAM	How I won two gold medals and became a doctor
Feb 3	John Longley AO	Building Captain Cook's Endeavour
10	Michael Seifert-Weiss	Everything you wanted to know about Pearls
17	John Burrridge	50 years of collecting Military Antiques
24	Michelle Blakely	Building homes for the homeless
Mar 3	Pushpa Pushpalinga	The work of the Rotary Foundation
10	Anthea Harris	The fascinating story of Ozzie Wattle

17	<i>Club Birthday picnic around the pool – Hawaiian night</i>	
24	Anil Srivatsa	Organ donation advocate
31	Dr Raelene Endersby	The Kids Cancer Research project
Apr 7	<i>Easter No Meeting</i>	
14	Maddie Filippou, Simon McHugh, Alison, and Dana “Rotary Youth showcase”	
21	Shane Saltmarsh	Life of a serving SAS soldier
28	Phil Bianchi OAM	Murder on the rabbit proof fence
May 5	Lyn Metcalf & Margaret Walton	Dial a Santa and Pride of Workmanship Awards
12	Dr Robin Cook	The wonderful James Webb space telescope
19	Global Hands	Restoring sight to thousands
26	Ian Kremmer	My exotic Iranian adventure
June 2	<i>Club Forum/Unsung Hero</i>	
9	Dr Phil Watts	All about gambling and addiction
16	David Rowell	The story of my father’s WWII fighter plane
23	<i>Changeover Night</i>	
30	Laura Craig	12 Buckets

### **Club Changeover Dinner June 2023 - *The Changeover that wasn’t!***

Outgoing President Veronica handed over to herself as the incoming President for 2023 – 24, the first time that a President’s tenure has extended beyond one year in the club’s history.

Three new members joined the Board for 2023/24 - Lyn Metcalf (Treasurer), Rick Sneeuwjagt (Director Youth Services) and Lew Thomas (Director Membership).

Numbers were down from our 2021-22 event, but members made up for this with a lively night encouraged by some excellent costumes, the usual good humour and enthusiastic dancing to some great music supplied by DJ Mike Dutton.

Highlights of the night included:

- ❖ Farewell to **Astrid Mitchell** from the role of Treasurer after 6 years of exceptional service to the club.
- ❖ Farewell to **Joy Burnett**, Director Youth Services and **Roger Davey**, Director Membership.

- ❖ **Paul Harris Fellow Awards** – Astrid Mitchell, Lyn Metcalf, Brian Johnson, Rick Sneeuwjagt and Kelly Gillen
- ❖ **Club Rotarian of the Year** – Rick Sneeuwjagt

**Kelly Gillen**

**Club Service Director 2022-2023**



## COMMUNITY SERVICE

**Director : Ian Kremmer**

**Committee : Rick Sneeuwjagt, Peta Charles, Brian Conway, Phil Doyle, Margaret Evans, Owen Ferguson, Michael Gottschalk, Margaret Hyatt, Mark Jones, Rosie Macdonald, John McGrath, Howard Nelson, Debbie-Jane Sills, Dean Sims, Ross Smith, Tricia Smith, Vic Stoyanoff, David Thomas and Ian Walker.**

## OVERVIEW

The Rotary Club of Mill Point Community Service Committee met monthly during the 2022/2023 Rotary year to organise and implement the following major community projects:

### **Ronald McDonald House “Home for Dinner”**

Ross Smith again led the organisation and arrangements for two “Home for Dinner” events that RCMP participated in September 2022 and March 2023.

A team of eight prepares and serves a full roast dinner with roast lamb and vegetables, pasta bake, salad, fruit salad, chocolate mousse and bread & butter pudding complete with gravy and custard for approximately 120 people.

After serving the residents, team members had the opportunity to sample our own efforts. Residents thanked us for volunteering and expressed appreciation for the meal.



Our club also received a **“Certificate of Appreciation”** award from Ronald McDonald House for our efforts. Special thanks to **Ross Smith** for his personal contribution and organisation skills over many years to making this such a successful and enjoyable event for our members and for RMDH.



### **Jazz Night – Fundraiser**

The Community Service Committee organised and ran a very successful Jazz music night which was attended by around 80 people. In addition to having a great night of fun and entertainment, we also raised \$3900 from the raffle and a secret auction which was donated to Alzheimer's WA.

Many thanks to everyone who attended and organised the event, especially to Peta Charles (Silent Auction), Rosie Macdonald, Margaret Evans and Kelly Gillen for organising the night.

Due to the success of this event, the Committee is organising a Rock and Roll Night for this current year.



### **South Perth Hospital Beds – Como Rotary Club Container**

Ross Smith arranged for hospital beds that were no longer required to be provided to the Como Rotary Club to be included with their East Timor container shipments.

Ross liaised with Como Club and the beds have now been shipped to Timor-Leste. Well done Ross!

### **PICYS Meals**

This is an ongoing project that is run by Rick and supported by a large number of club members. Our club is providing on average around 40-50 meals per month. Great effort to everyone and especially to Rick for making this happen.

### **Hampers**

Very successful contribution to the community, Christmas hampers for 80 people were prepared and distributed for both PICYS and South Care.

### **Housing for Homeless**

The site visit organised by Michael Gottschalk in Fremantle was very informative and a follow up visit later in the year was extremely impressive.

### **Kids Cancer Support Group Christmas BBQ – 3rd December 2022**

Committee organised the Christmas BBQ for KCSG with Russell Lanyon attending as Santa.

### **The Haven Well**

The Community Service Committee has arranged a grant application to purchase outside furniture for the Haven Well which will be welcomed by the Haven Well.

### **Unsung Hero Award 2023**

The Unsung Hero Community Service Award was initiated in 2012 as an acknowledgement of the vital role that volunteers play in our community, and the need to recognise and celebrate their contributions. Volunteers are the life blood of our community but are often not well recognised for their valuable and selfless commitments.

Nominations for this award in 2022-2023 were sought from local community-based organisations in South Perth, with the successful awardee expected to have provided a noteworthy and unrecognised contribution to the community over a period of years.



Rick worked with the Club to introduce the Local Hero Awards some 12 years ago and noted the importance of volunteering. Rick again led the search for suitable candidates and found three very deserving candidates who were presented with their awards at the “Unsung Hero Awards” Club Meeting on 2 June 2023 which was chaired by Wayne Muller.

The first awardee, **Agnes Zurhaar**, arrived as a young lady from the Netherlands in the latter half of the 1950s, so can claim to be local. She has been an energetic and active citizen ever since, and still shows no sign of slowing down.

Agnes works at the South Perth Senior Citizens Centre to arrange Meals on Wheels in the City of South Perth. While the office staff handle the financials, Agnes is up every weekday morning and up to the Centre where she packs, labels and records every meal. She organises the drivers as necessary. If someone phones in with a problem it is generally Agnes who sorts it out, maybe delivering it herself.

Meals are delivered for all days of the week, Friday's load is generally 3 meals, long weekends 4 meals and across Christmas and Easter can be more. Every Tuesday when Senior Citizens provides a sit-down lunch, Agnes is leading a team of Volunteers serving meals and cleaning up at the tables. This handles as many as 50 people, though more likely around 20. Agnes, for many years has volunteered for Telethon in and around the telephone setup.

Telethon Institute is her choice to receive her cheque. Many thanks Agnes.

The second awardee, **Joan Sutherland**, and her husband Gordon from the Haven Well were so touched by the large number of desperate and homeless people in the Victoria Park and surrounding areas that they felt the need to help these people through the provision of food.

In 2015, they began their incredible journey of community support simply by making basic food packs consisting of fresh bread rolls, fruit and drink and distributing this directly to those who were in need on the street. Later, without any Government financial support and relying on community contributions, sponsorship and their own savings, the Sutherlands acquired the building they named the Haven in Victoria Park.

This building houses the food kitchen and distribution centre as well as the second-hand furniture shop from where the profits go towards the purchase of the kitchen facilities and the preparation of the large volume of food for cooking and distribution. More than 200 food items are prepared and distributed each day to help those in need. The demand for help and the volume and complexities of food preparation and furniture storage





have outgrown the Vic Park Haven Well centre, so that a second large warehouse and distribution centre has recently been acquired without Government support at 25 Frederick St in Belmont.

From these humble beginnings the Haven (now renamed The Haven Well) has helped hundreds of individuals and families from all walks of life including those living rough, those coming out from the penal system, those suffering from domestic violence, drug and alcohol addiction, mental health issues and physical disabilities. Joan and her team of volunteers have made the Haven Well a home base for many people experiencing hardship where they can share their stories and problems without unfair judgements and with sympathy and dignity.

The third awardee, **Nicki Wilkie**, received her award for her tireless, dedicated and long-term contribution as the leading hand at the Haven Well organisation.

Nicki is Joan's 'right-hand person' who can be relied on to competently undertake all the management and operational roles required at the Haven Well centre. These tasks include management of the staff, customer needs, pick-up of fresh vegetables from sources, preparation of food hampers, food cooking and distribution, and pick-up, storage and sale of second-hand furniture.



Before joining the team at The Haven, Nicki volunteered at several other charity organisations including Cahoots and St Vincent de Paul Society. Cahoots (formerly known as Kids' Camps) provides opportunities for children and young people living with disability and other challenges to develop friendships, skills and confidence through day programs and weekend camps. Nicki can proudly say that she has given her life to those who need and accept her help in any way she can. She is a most worthy awardee of the Rotary Club of Mill Point Unsung Hero Award for 2023.

### **South Perth Senior Citizens Club**

The Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch was again supported by RCMP and attended by Director Ian Kremmer and Michael Gottschalk. Father Christmas also dropped into the delight of the crowd. RCMP made a donation to the event covering the cost of entertainment and dessert.

### **Community Services Acknowledgement**

I would like to extend my thanks to the members of the Community Services Committee, for their support and active involvement in projects throughout the year.

**Ian Kremmer**

**Community Services Director 2022-2023**



## FUNDRAISING

**Director : Dietmar Mazanetz**

**Committee : Angus Florence (Deputy Director), Scott Dwyer, Adriana Filippou, John Hardwick, Wayne Muller, David Rowell, Alison Thair, Margaret Walton, Lew Thomas (Rotary Charity Trust)**

## OVERVIEW

This year has seen a flurry of activity as always, with a variety of fundraiser events taking place throughout the year. The main events have been (in chronological order):

- BullDustNBack
- Dial-a-Santa
- Australia Day Parking
- South Perth Foreshore Parking
- Duck Derby

with additional ongoing fundraiser initiatives e.g. Greenbatch Recycling, Entertainment Books, etc.

Following the practices from previous years, some of the fundraising projects / events were organised and run by committees other than the Fundraising Committee. I am extremely proud to report that the collective fundraising projects undertaken by the numerous committees in this Rotary year have raised in excess of a massive \$125,000. This was a fantastic effort by all concerned.

### **BullDustNBack**

The BullDustNBack fourth outing was held at the end of the third week of October 2022. The event was even bigger and better than the previous years and was again great fun and a huge success. Local towns-people provided fantastic support with meals, supplies and entertainment.

The 2022 BullDustNBack Motoring Adventure ran from Thursday 13th to Sunday 16th October with great success.



Supported by a team of Officials, Scouts, Medics, Mechanics, Sweep and a roaming

vehicle that appeared wherever it was required, 19 vehicles completed the 1494 km course.



Starting east of Perth, the course began at Merredin College, before running via Bullfinch into Southern Cross, then to Koolyanobbing and back again to Southern Cross. The adventure continued to Wave Rock and then ended at Quairading before returning to Perth. In addition to three cars from Mill Point, Rotary Clubs of Heirisson, Hillarys and Como were represented. In all 19 participants were in the 2022 BullDustNBack. Feedback showed everyone enjoyed themselves immensely. In total the BullDustNBack has raised \$282,063 since the first one in 2019.



The Duck Derby Event took place on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023. This was the second time Mill Point Rotary Club has actively been involved in the Duck Derby.

Participants / beneficiaries this year were:

- Heirisson Rotary Club
- Mill Point Rotary Club
- Hillarys Rotary Club
- Kids Cancer Support Group
- 12 Buckets and
- Shelterbox.

The Duck Derby 2023 event was run as a raffle, was widely promoted in social media, and run as a live event with public activities throughout the day. The public turn out this year was very good, given the ideal weather conditions.

The event turned out to be a very labor-intensive exercise and the financial return was less than expected. It is unknown whether the Duck Derby will continue to a further year.

### **Dial-A-Santa**

This project was run by the Fundraising Committee with the bookings and Santa / Mrs Santa / Elves appointments again being expertly coordinated by Margaret Walton.

Margaret as always did a magnificent job in keeping the visits and billing running smoothly. Many thanks go to Margaret and also to all the Santas, Mrs Santas and Elves who gave up their time to make this once more a very successful fundraising initiative.



In all we had 16 Santas visiting clients this year including 10 from Mill Point and 6 external Santas. The Santas were assisted by Elves (10) or Mrs Claus (2).

Many new events were booked via the website as well as repeat bookings from previous years. Multiple events were booked for the Elizabeth Quay Fun Fair (10), and Good Grocer/IGA supermarkets (20).

Suburbs covered were from Rockingham to Ashby and Wooroloo – family day at the Prison.

Our Santas were represented at a wide variety of events starting with Christmas in July, then through November and December to early January, plus an Easter Bunny at a shopping centre – many thanks to member Debbie Sills.

The total number of visits for 2022 was 120 visits which raised in excess of \$23,000. This was a similar sum to that raised in 2021.

Many thanks once again to all our willing Santas and helpers and especially to our external Santas for their invaluable assistance in making another successful year for Dial-a-Santa

**Australia Day Parking**

Once again, RCMP members were on hand to organise the parking area on the South Perth foreshore for the City of South Perth Australia Day festivities. Our members arrived early and were present throughout the day. For our participation in this activity the Club received \$2,000 from the City of South Perth.

**South Perth Event Parking**

A new initiative was realised by approaching City of South Perth to organise the parking on the South Perth foreshore at various other events throughout the year. Many members gave their time and assisted in organising the parking for these events. In all 3 parking events were organised and a very creditable \$3,148.00 was raised.

**Greenbatch Recycling**

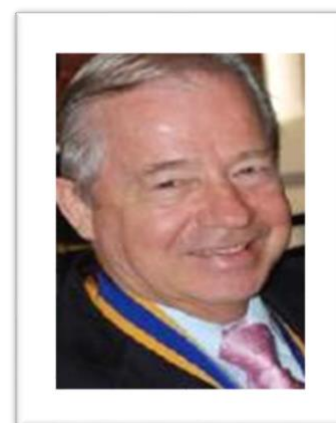
Club Members have continued to collect cans and bottles for recycling. Tricia Smith has taken bags to a collection point after they have been given to her on Friday mornings after the breakfast meetings. Many thanks to Tricia for her time and dedication.

**Fund Raising Committee Acknowledgment**

My thanks go to the members of the Fundraising Committee and all Club members who have helped with each project and who have volunteered to assist in the projects to come. There has been no shortage of volunteers with any of our fundraising activities which helped us greatly in our effort to raise funds for the charities which we support.

**Dietmar Mazanetz**

**Fund Raising Director 2022 – 2023**



## INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

**Director : Raelene George**

**Committee : David Tyler (Deputy Director), Lorrie Gray, Andrew King, Regina Lau, Jenny McLean, Jaclyn Stapleton**

## OVERVIEW

The International Committee has continued to support the various international programs which have been identified by the RCMP in recent years. Focus has been to provide assistance to as many people as possible and directly involve as many Mills Point Rotarians as possible. Our two main projects continue to be:

- The Sewing Sisters (TSS)
- Global Hand Charity (GHC) eye camp project to Sri Lanka.

## OTHER PROJECTS:

**Midwifery:** The sponsorship of a four-year University Midwifery course in Tanzania in conjunction with the Rotary Clubs of Melville and Kalgoolie, has come to an end. Aluseta Asseri will graduate this year with a Bachelor of Midwifery. This has been an excellent example of sustainability as now Aluseta will work towards better midwifery standards in her country.

**Amerta Bhuana Water Project – Bali:** This is a joint project with the Rotary Club of Como, Moora, and the Rotary Club of Bali Taman. We have pledged \$5000 towards the venture and are now awaiting advise that the Grant has been approved.

**Shelter box:** \$3,000 was donated to the Türkiye and Syria Earthquakes Emergency Appeal.

## The Sewing Sisters Annual Report 2022-23

The Sewing Sisters have had a busy year, both in terms of the production of feminine hygiene kits and fundraising. Our cohort of regular sewers remains steady at around 15. We have also been very fortunate to receive many donations of cotton fabric and used flannelette which have kept our costs down.

At this point in the financial year The Sewing Sisters have produced 221

completed feminine hygiene kits, which is roughly in line with previous years and in view of COVID lockdowns in 2021-22 (2020-21 284 kits; 2021-22 123 kits).

3 boxes containing 77 kits were dispatched on 24/6/22 to our contact Dorothy Smolu-Kenneth in the Education Department in Buka, remote PNG. Although it was planned for the kits to arrive in time for





the start of the new mid-year term, they only arrived in late August due largely to disruption caused by COVID.

4 boxes were packed with 104 completed kits and dispatched on 24/2/23 to coincide with the start of the new school year.

As of 28/5/23 we have 1.5 boxes filled with 40 completed kits. Production is continuing in earnest. Once we have enough completed kits to fill several boxes, we will dispatch these to Buka (anticipated around end July). Hopefully their arrival will coincide with the start of the middle of the school year.

In terms of fundraising The Sewing Sisters have made a concerted effort to raise their own funds. Since the start of the financial year, we have made 632 scrunchies (girls' hair ties) raising \$1408. With the wonderful support and guidance of Rotary members we set up a MyCause web page last year and entered a virtual car in the Bulldust and Back rally. We raised \$574 from generous "sponsors" and this, together with a generous personal donation of \$250 from a Rotarian, amounts to sufficient funds to cover the postage to Buka of approximately 125 kits in 5 boxes. The copper kettle from RCMP has provided some \$1400 to assist The Sewing Sisters with our expenses of some \$2150.00 to date. We are very grateful indeed for the very generous ongoing financial assistance given by RCMP.

In March TSS were invited to lunch by RCMP at the South Perth Senior Citizens' Centre and it was a real treat. The Sewing Sisters thoroughly enjoyed meeting members of RCMP, and the food was delicious. A big thank you for this generous invitation.

As always, TSS are most grateful to the Rotary Club of Mill Point members for their continued encouragement and enthusiastic support. We look forward to another productive year! - **Jennie McLean**

### **GLOBAL HAND CHARITY - Eye Camp Sri Lanka March 2023**

#### **OBJECTIVES:**

To provide ocular health to marginalised communities where access to Eye Care is limited or non-existent.  
To provide dignity to the recipients with vision impairment and those lives can be improved upon with better vision.

To provide comprehensive care to our recipients, whose vision can be corrected with either a surgical intervention e.g., cataract or pterygium surgery or a pair of spectacles.

To strengthen local optician's knowledge/skills through professional development opportunities.

#### **REPORT**

We had the privilege to work with several organizations, to provide vision screening in Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu and various regions of Trincomalee. A team of 15 Australian/local volunteers had joined



forces with the Rotary Club of Colombo, RC of Kilinochchi and RC of Trincomalee, Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu Hospitals.

Sri Lanka is currently experiencing its worst economic crisis since its independence in 1948.

The poverty rate has escalated, and many are currently living below the poverty line. This is an immense setback.

Our goal is to service the marginalised segment of the population, where access to ocular health is limited. Many of the recipients are farmers and fishermen who lead a simple life.

During the one-week period, 4 screening sites were visited and approximately 2000 people were screened for vision impairment, with thousands of pairs of free spectacles being provided. Of these 250 people required cataract surgery.

Mill Point Rotary Team Members consisted of Reggie Wan-Chin-Lau, Manager, Raelene George, (Visual Acuity), Jaclyn Stapleton (Dispenser & Social media personnel), and Gordon Smith, (crowd controller). We also had 5 Optometrists from Melbourne, 2 Sri Lankan Optometrists, one interpreter and one Optometrist/Academic from UWA. We also had local volunteers and translators from Red Cross, hospital staff, teachers, and students.

A range of spectacles were used at the camps. Refurbished, ready-made readers, bifocals, ready-made minuses and 70 pair of glasses which were made in Colombo for distribution when completed.

We hired an autorefractor and two transit vans, and three drivers for the duration of the trip.

### **Cataract surgery**

Global Hand Charity facilitated this surgery through a partnership with two international agencies (RR & IMHO). The sponsors agreed to fund the lenses, and surgical disposable for these patients. The Kilinochchi Hospital Medical Director (a Rotarian) and the RC of Trincomalee will help with follow-up care.

Further trips are planned to Sri Lanka due to the high need and the excellent relations with our Rotary partners and other agencies. **Reggie Lau**

### **International Committee funding.**

BulldustNBack participants in Car 31, (the Marvelous Medics) and the Virtual car entered by TSS.

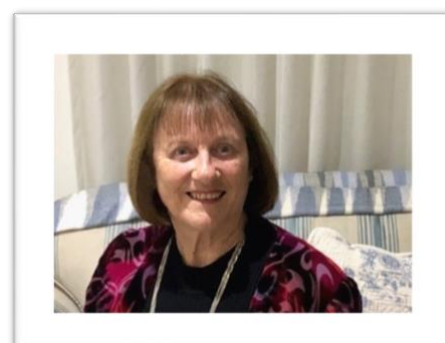
TSS continue to make scrunchies which has been beneficial in covering the cost of postage to PNG.

### **Acknowledgement**

I wish to thank the International Committee for their support for the international projects which we undertook. I'm sure we have help improve the lives of many people who live in very different circumstances to those in Australia.

**Raelene George**

**International Director 2022-2023**





## MEMBERSHIP

**Director : Roger Davey**

**Committee : Lew Thomas (Deputy Director), Peter Dowling, Warren McCamey, Peter Stevens.**

## OVERVIEW

The year commenced with the final Covid-19 restrictions being relaxed and the State officially ended the emergency provisions in September 2022. Recruitment of new Corporate or individual members has been difficult over the last year, possibly a reflection of people shaking off the covid shackles and the enthusiastic return to travel by many. At the same time, I personally was unable to attend to Rotary business on a regular basis due to ill health.

### Membership

During the year we welcomed new member Kim Payne and partner Colin. Kim was assigned to Club Service and has put her hand up for the role of Assistant Treasurer. It is great to have her on the team. A number of people resigned from the club by the end of the year. We acknowledge and thank them for their friendship, contribution to Rotary and to our club. They were:

**Margaret Evans:** A member of the club since 2006 and a member of the South Perth Club before that. Always ready with a laugh, Margaret will be missed for her lively contribution and interest in a variety of club projects. A member of the Community Services committee Margaret provided a valuable link to South Perth Senior Citizens through her role with that organisation over the years.

**Nicolee Collica:** Joined the club in 2022. Unfortunately, family, and other commitments made it difficult for Nicolee to continue her membership with the club. We wish her well and hope that there may be a time in the future when she may be able to join us again.

**Peta Charles - O'Dwyer:** Also joined the club in 2022 and brought with her boundless energy and fresh ideas. Peta was a recipient of the Unsung Hero Award in 2022. She has been an enthusiastic instigator and contributor to a number of successful club events over the last year including the art show held at her business premises and the jazz night where her efforts in attracting sponsorship added significantly to the success of a fun musical night. Business and personal matters have meant that Peta has had to leave the club, but she continues to be involved in projects as a volunteer.

**Adriana Filippou:** A member since 2016, Adriana was passionate about fundraising for Rotary and other charity organisations in which she was involved. Andriana also initiated and ran a number of Vocational events. In particular, members appreciated the visits to Brightwater facilities in Victoria Park. We will certainly miss her contribution, sense of humour and her infectious laugh.

**Madison Filippou:** Adriana's daughter has been a member since 2022 and served on the Youth Committee. Madison brought an engaging, youthful dynamic to the club and we wish her well in whatever she undertakes in the future.

## Summary

Club membership stats for the year was:

New members	1
Retiring Members	5
Corporate	3
Total Membership	57
Honorary Members	7

I would like to thank my committee members for their support during a difficult year , especially Lew Thomas who took over during my illnesses, and wish the incoming membership team every success for 2023/24.

**Roger Davey**

**Membership Director 2022-2023**



## VOCATIONAL SERVICE

**Director : Gerry McGann**

**Committee : Geoff Longshaw (Deputy Director), Wayne Duke, Lyn Metcalf, John McGrath, David Rowell**

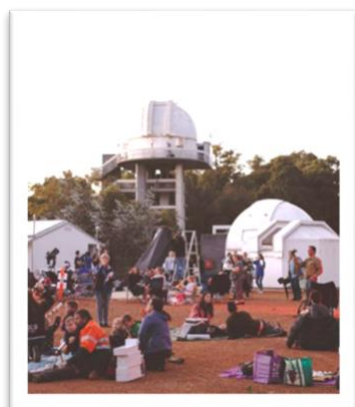
### **MyHome, Fremantle:**

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 13 members visited the “My Home” project in North Fremantle. This ground-breaking project will house 18 homeless women in secure accommodation on land donated by the WA Railways. The project initiator and architect Michelle Blakely hosted our visitors. Michelle was a speaker at the club in February.



### **Observatory evening:**

35 members and friends enjoyed a wonderful night on 29<sup>th</sup> November at the historic Perth Observatory in the Perth Hills, initiated with a great meal in Kalamunda. We were introduced to both historical and ultra-modern telescopes and were privileged to spy the moon in all its glory plus the rings of Saturn.



### **Mandurah excursion:**

On March 8<sup>th</sup>, 17 members and friends visited Mandurah. First stop was the wonderful Giant from Nordic folklore constructed out of recycled timber by Danish artist Thomas Dambo. This is one of five such “Giants” currently in the Mandurah area. At 11:30 we joined a cruise around the canals of the estuary. We were ‘guaranteed’ to see dolphins and we were not disappointed, with two playing under the bow of the vessel, plus ospreys and swans aplenty. The day finished with a great lunch at the “Stage door” restaurant, with even some welcome rain driving us all indoors.



### **Burswood Gardens tour:**

On 17<sup>th</sup> April, your committee organised a tour of one of the iconic gardens of Perth, Burswood Gardens. Only 5 members from RCMP made it along, but that was enhanced by 9 others from various sources, including Como Rotary. Communications director Mel and head gardener (and many other roles!) Sam took us through the checkered history of the site, including the issues dealing with living on an old rubbish tip. This was followed by a short tour of the gardens. A great outing.



### Pines Restaurant awards:

As usual, the annual Pines awards night was sold out. A wonderful dinner was provided to 40 RCMP members and guests on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Two budding hospitality superstars were honoured during the evening: **Hadi Ahmad Hoolash**, after just 12 months in Australia has embraced the hospitality industry and **Felybeth (Fely) Alarcio** arrived from the Philippines 10 years ago. The quiet, shy Fely has blossomed since starting the 18-month course.

### Pride of workmanship awards:



The “pride of Workmanship” awards is one of the highlights of our Rotary Year. This year we honoured four workers who have laboured ‘above and beyond’.

**Josh Demczuk:** Worked his way through the ranks at LD Total to now be lead estimator.

**Kim Horne:** Inspirational Shed manager at the Manning Men’s Shed.

**Noelle O’Callaghan:** A wonderful waitress at the Stage

Door in Mandurah. Served the Vocational visit and moved us out of the unseasonal downpour with wonderful grace and humour.

**Charlie Salerno:** A top quality welder and initiator at Jimmal Bolts.

### Bushfire and BlazeAid update – from D9423 Board & WA Rotary Relief Team

*Welcome to Rotary Western Australia!*

*I wanted to introduce you to what has always been a wonderful Statewide Rotary Community Service, that was recognised formally by the City of Swan yesterday.*

*David and Pauline Uhe, and I were privileged to receive our Certificate of Appreciation (enclosed) from the City at a recognition morning tea for all volunteer groups post 2021 Wooroloo-Gidgegannup fires.*

*The function was beautifully presented and sensitively managed. A couple of points behind this email:*

- *The email below between the Gidgegannup Mens Shed and the Department of Communities is testament to our continued involvement some 2.5 years after the event – natural disasters leave their affects forever.*
- *The Gidgegannup Mens Shed (GMS) now boasts a membership of 90 with 40% Ladies and they are making a significant difference to the Community from which their genesis comes and with whom Rotary was the primary support. They are now flying on their own and the email below is a perfect example.*
- *Funding through WA Rotary Relief has enabled the building of their own Fencing Trailer along the lines of Blazeaid assets. However, this group modified the Blazeaid design to achieve a multi-purpose asset, the fencing Pod can be set up off the trailer for fencing work and the trailer used for many other*

tasks during the fencing work. An asset now available for the Community to support their own in need, well into the future as per the email below (examples also enclosed)

- Funding through WA Rotary Relief has also provided a Milling machine to turn fallen trees, destined to be burnt, into fence posts – a lesson from the Eastern States, where Lions & Rotary are also working together following other fire events – we have learnt so much with no need to put energy into reinventing something that already exists and works well – a real strength of the Rotary family.
- The milling of fallen timber will also produce beautiful tables for those affected by the fire and who lost so much – a real labour of love through GMS.

It is now my intention to close off FY23 with our next set of audited accounts and an annual report of WA Rotary Relief activities and the plan.

Also, it is time to create some stories for the Rotary fraternity and our Clubs to understand what is, a most essential service for our State of Western Australia.

**Peter Durrant**

Chair WA Rotary Relief

### **Vocations Acknowledgement**

I would like to thank all members who make our events and charity programs lively and fun and keeping us relevant in a changing world.

**Gerry McGann**

Vocational Service Director 2022-2023





## YOUTH SERVICE

**Director : Joy Burnett**

**Committee : Michelle Lovkis, Brian Adams, Alan Jameson, Maddie Filippou, Garrick McCamey, Nicolee Collica**

## OVERVIEW

During the Rotary Year 2022-2023, the Youth Services Committee continued to support our usual key Rotary Youth projects. We endeavoured to seek out new partnerships that were in alignment with the Rotary Club of Mill Point and Youth Committee's principles. The Committee was basically reduced to 2 to 3 active members, and we continued to support our main youth activities as and when possible. The Committee met as often as possible this year with some meetings held via email updates again.

This year, as part of imparting the experience of our Youth Projects, we presented to the Club Members at one of our regular Friday morning meetings, a Youth



Showcase. This was on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April, and we had great pleasure in presenting the participants who enjoyed 3 of our Youth projects this year. These were RYLA, Camp Inspiration and NYSF. The Youth Showcase was in fact the highlight for our committee this year.

### **Camp Inspiration (formerly known as Handicamp)**

Run from 8<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

This is a week-long live-in camp for 18 to 35 year old people with disabilities, who are teamed with an able bodied "buddy" for a week of fun and adventure (which Pres Veronica and other Club members can attest to). This program started in WA in 1982 and is designed for all participants to live, learn, and participate. It develops personal growth, relationship, and teamwork skills. The buddies are Volunteers and willing to attend and stay on the camp the entire week, plus be willing to participate in all camp activities. Our Sponsored Buddy liked it so much, he came back for a second year.... This year – our Camp Inspiration Buddy was Simon McHugh. Simon came along to share his experience from Camp Inspiration at our meeting on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April. This year our Club again provided Morning tea and assisted on the Tuesday of the Camp. The participants very much appreciated our attendance and support again this year

### **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)**

RYLA is a challenging eight-day program which provides a unique opportunity for leadership skills development of young people between the ages of 18 to 28 years of age. This year it was held from 7<sup>th</sup> to

14th January, and our candidate was Maddie Filippou.

Rotary Club Sponsorship for a RYLA participant is \$900, and the participant contribution is \$250. This includes all activities, accommodation, and meals for the week. Maddie presented her experience of RYLA at our Youth Showcase on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April and below are some photos from her presentation. Maddie was also presented with her Certificate of Attendance following her presentation of her experiences on the program. another Rotary program that we will continue to support and encourage young people to participate in again next Rotary year.



## **RYPEN**

RYPEN is a weekend live-in seminar for up to 45 participants aged 14-17, which aims to create in young adults an awareness of their place in, and responsibility towards, society. It provides an opportunity to develop and challenge themselves, develop self-esteem and confidence, leadership skills, teamwork, communication, and goal setting. Participants also build a network of new friends.

Unfortunately this year we had no applicants. We are going to work tirelessly to encourage participants in the next Rotary Year, as this is run twice a year, and we have already started canvassing.

## **Kensington School Book Awards (Endeavour Awards)**

The RCMP donated \$200 to Kensington Secondary School for book awards. RCMP was invited to present



an award at the Schools Graduation on 9th December 2022. Pres Veronica and Kelly Gillon attended and presented the Horticulture Award this year. The award was presented to Cruz Coleman This was well received and a letter of thanks/ appreciation was received by the Club.

The Awards ceremony is a very rewarding and emotional experience and if anyone is interested in attending, they would be welcome (plus you get a great morning tea). We will promote this to our Club members this year.

### **National Youth Science Forum (NYSF)**

The NYSF this year was held from 10<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023 and was a hybrid program with digital and In Person content. The program is designed to give students a broader understanding of the diverse study and career options available in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) and to encourage continued studies in these fields. There were social events also held to provide networking opportunities with their fellow future leaders in STEM. This year the Rotary Club of Mill Point provided a Scholarship for 2 worthy individuals at \$650 each for 2 students from Willetton Senior High School and both of these wonderful young people presented about their experiences at NYSF at our Youth Showcase on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April. Alysha Picknoll and Daniel Marshall shared their inspirational and educational experience from the NYSF program. (Alysha has also expressed interest in our RYLA program and assisting at Camp Inspiration.... Note to incoming Director).

### **Rotary 4-Way Speech Contest**

Rotary 4 Way Test Speech Contest is a public speaking competition for Students in Year 10. Students are challenged to identify a topic they feel passionate about and to adopt a point of view from which they will seek to persuade others. The speech (which runs between 5 and 6 minutes) that they present MUST be based on an application of the Rotary 4 Way Test with the principles of the Four Way Test running thru the entire speech and adjudicators take that into account when judging the speech. The contest is open to students who are in Year 10 for the first round in September and in Year 11 by the time of the District final in the following year. This will need to be re-confirmed now with the change to Rotary WA. Local Secondary schools were approached, and a couple are already affiliated with other Rotary Clubs and the others unfortunately could not commit.

### **Rotary Interact Club**

Interact is Rotary International's service club for young people aged 12 to 18. Interact clubs are sponsored by individual Rotary clubs, which provide support and guidance, and they are self-governing and self-supporting.

The Club has previously provided support to the Penrhos Interact Club. Unfortunately we have not been successful in engaging the school to continue with the Interact Club. The Committee will continue to review this further during the 2023/2024 Rotary Year.

### **Rotary Youth Exchange Program (RYEA)**

This program has resumed with the previous District and now Rotary WA pushing for Host families within our area. I attended a Zoom meeting regarding the incoming Exchange students and hosting. I also raised

within our Club if there was any interest in Hosting an Inbound Exchange Student (which also means we have to reciprocate with an Outbound), and the Club expressed no interest in hosting. I advised District of this outcome.

### **Rotaract Club**

Rotaract is Rotary's youth service partner for young people aged between 18 and 30. It provides unique opportunities that assist its members in becoming the business and professional leaders of tomorrow. The South Perth Rotaract Club was disbanded, and its charter revoked in March 2020. We have been unable to foster any other Rotaract Clubs at this point in time.

However, we will be reviewing again in the new Rotary year.

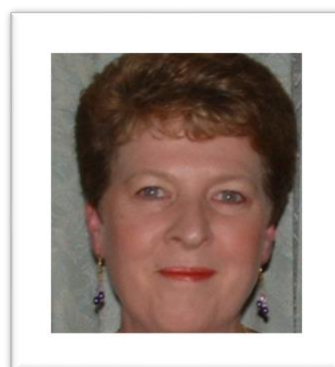
### **Youth Services Committee Acknowledgement**

Thanks to the members of the Youth Committee, in particular Michelle Lovkis, for their support and participation in ongoing Rotary Youth projects and also for openly considering new youth projects in our local community.

I have enjoyed my tenure as Youth Services Director for Rotary Club of Mill Point over the past 3 years. It has always been challenging for me working Full time and being part of the Board and the Youth Director, and I will look forward to continuing on this Committee to assist and support incoming Director Rick.

**Joy Burnett**

**Youth Services Director 2022-2023**



## FINANCIAL REPORT ROTARY CHARITY TRUST

### TRUSTEE - Rotary Ramble Pty Ltd

#### 2023 Board of Directors / Company Secretary

Rick Sneeuwjagt retired 2022	Lewis Thomas - appointed 2014
Brian Johnson - appointed 2022	Patricia Smith - appointed 2020
Gerard McGann - appointed 2018	Veronica Lawrance - appointed 2022
Ian Kremmer - appointed 2021	David Rowell (Sec) - appointed 2017

### Accountants and Auditors

TMA Advisory Pty Ltd - Accountants	PGA Advisory (Paul Gabrielson) – Auditors
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## OVERVIEW

The Rotary Charity Trust was established by the Rotary Club of Mill Point on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2011 by deed of Settlement and the founding Trustee being Rotary Ramble Pty Ltd to provide assistance to any worthy charity, provide financial assistance to any Project with the aims to the relief of sickness, poverty and the advancement of health and education in Australia.

Our Initial Project supported the annual Rotary Ramble events and continually supports fundraising events in its own right or those run by the club.

The Trust is a registered Australian Charities and NFP Commission organization and has been granted the ATO status of a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) which enable it to offer Tax Deductibility for any donations to the Trust for the purpose to “benefit funds, authorities, associations or institutions” as the Trustees determine.

In gaining and retaining this status the Trust must submit Annual Reports and audited Financial Statements whilst regularly demonstrating compliance with its sole purpose.

The Trustee Board consists of current and past Presidents of the Rotary Club of Mill Point. This is to enhance consistency and common “Rotary” ideals and principles when decisions are made on management and fund distribution.

In the period of operation, the Trust has distributed more than \$565,000 to 23 Charities. The 2022-23 Total Net Income amounted to \$119,585 and Charitable Distributions amounted to \$114,533 leaving a surplus of \$5,052. We have provided for future allocated distributions of \$28,453 in the Financial Report.

### Lew Thomas

#### Director

