



ANNUAL REPORT 2021 – 2022

President
Peter Read
District Governor:
Daryl Moran
District 9810



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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PAST PRESIDENTS

YEAR	PRESIDENT	ROTARY THEME
2021/2022	Peter Read	Serve to Change Lives
2020/2021	Amanda Hill	Rotary Opens Opportunities
2019/2020	Stuart Le Gros	Rotary Connects the World
2018/2019	Stuart Le Gros	Be the Inspiration
2017/2018	Liz Ware & Jenny Fox	Rotary Making a Difference
2016/2017	Helen Wragg	Rotary Serving Humanity
2015/2016	Kylie McMillan	Be a Gift to the World
2014/2015	John Basarin	Light Up Rotary
2013/2014	Lance Blackley	Engage Rotary Change Lives
2012/2013	Richard Garner	Peace Through Service
2011/2012	Liz Ware	Reach Within to Embrace Humanity
2010/2011	Jennifer Newton	Building Communities - Bridging Continents
2009/2010	Phil Heath	The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands
2008/2009	Marie Arendsen	Make Dreams Real
2007/2008	Lorraine Huddle	Rotary Shares
2006/2007	Kim Visek-Johnson	Lead the Way
2005/2006	Beverlea Blackley	Service Above Self
2004/2005	Jenny Fox	Celebrate Rotary
2003/2004	Greg Wragg	Lend a Hand
2002/2003	Dick Garner	Sow the Seeds of Love
2001/2002	Tricia Rhodes	Mankind is Our Business
2000/2001	Geoffrey Tickner	Create Awareness - Take Action
1999/2000	Helen Wragg	Act with Consistency, Credibility, Continuity
1998/1999	Lindsay Morgan	Follow Your Rotary Dream
1997/1998	Helen Wragg	Show Rotary Cares
1996/1997	Andrew McGregor	Build the Future with Action and Vision
1995/1996	Juliet Riseley	Act with Integrity - Serve with Love -Work for Peace

BOARD & TEAM MEMBERS

PRESIDENT	PETER READ
PAST PRESIDENT	AMANDA HILL
PRESIDENT ELECT	AMANDA HILL
SECRETARY	LIZ WARE
TREASURER	ROS BODLEY
PROGRAM	LIZ WARE
FARMERS MARKET	AMANDA HILL
COMMUNITY	GEOFF TICKNER
INTERNATIONAL	PETER READ
FOUNDATION	LINDSAY MORGAN
MARKETING	CHRISTINE LINDSEY
YOUTH	CHRISTINE LINDSEY
PROJECTS	GEOFF TICKNER
WEBMASTER & BULLETIN EDITOR	LOU RODRIQUEZ
SOCIAL MEDIA	CHRISTINE LINDSEY
MEMBERSHIP & SOCIAL ACTIVITIES	ANNETTE GRIME
FUNDRAISING	ANNETTE GRIME

COMMITTEES

FARMERS MARKET	AMANDA HILL JENNY FOX, ROS BODLEY, CHRISTINE LINDSEY
COMMUNITY	GEOFF TICKNER
MEMBERSHIP/SOCIAL	ANNETTE GRIME, LANCE BLACKLEY, BEV BLACKLEY, MARIE ARENSEN, JULIET RISELEY, LIZ WARE, ROS BODLEY
INTERNATIONAL	PETER READ, HANS STAHL, ANNETTE GRIME, LINDSAY MORGAN
YOUTH/EDUCATION	CHRISTINE LINDSEY, MARIE ARENSEN, GEOFF TICKNER

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Peter Read

President

As we embarked on the Rotary 2021-2022 year, there was some hope that the constraints imposed on our activities in 2020-2021 would be behind us. Unfortunately, this was not to be, as we still had to face Lockdowns 5 and 6 here in Victoria which impacted on our ability to arrange and participate in face-to-face activities through to October. We still managed to maintain contact between members virtually via Zoom until Government restrictions progressively eased and our Pre Covid routine resumed.

One of my first activities was to revisit, through a club Forum, our Vision (To make a difference), Mission (Working together and partnering with our local and international community for impact), which were established 2020-2021. These objectives were reinforced through the Forum by our members. At the same Club Forum our Specific Goals for 2021-2022 were discussed and it was agreed that they should include:

- The enhancement of member engagement in projects
- Ensuring the success of our signature International Project in Tonga and
- To make a significant effort to increase membership

Overall, these goals have been pursued and positive progress towards achieving them noted, against constraints. However more work is still needed, and our efforts will continue.

We maintained member engagement by ensuring that activities pursued were genuinely of interest to them. The committee structure established in 2020- 2021 which included Social, Membership, Program, Youth, Education, Community, Market and International were maintained although due to limited numbers in a small club participation in the various committees was shared and essentially all club members contributed.

I would like to thank all members who contributed to ensure that our year was successful.

A number of changes were introduced to meeting procedures during the year – the themed approach adopted in 2020-2021 was maintained with 4 weekly meetings held each month however with our main external meeting venue established at the Hampton Community Centre

(HCC) where we are able to conduct Hybrid Meetings (attendees participating either face to face or virtually via zoom), we have been able to restructure to hold two meetings each month (weeks 2 and 4) at HCC, one meeting as a social function at an external venue and the final meeting for Board activities held virtually. This change has provided greater flexibility and greater opportunity for social contact and fellowship.

An outline of some specific club activities during the year is provided below, however we should acknowledge special efforts by club members who led the process and are responsible for the success of the relevant activities:

Liz Ware – our club Secretary who tirelessly recorded and documented our meetings, scheduled, and followed up on guest speakers, arranged functions and venues and was always a participant in club project activities.

Christine Lindsey – who was responsible for all our marketing and publicity, designed and drafted flyers and brochures, planned and arranged our major projects in mental health.

Ros Bodley – our Treasurer for her work in maintaining the club’s financial systems, keeping accounts including receipts and expenditure.

Jenny Fox, Lance and Bev Blackley and Amanda Hill for their work in the organisation and management of our very successful Farmers Market.

Annette Grime – for her work in planning and organising our social activities and providing a continuous program of interesting and innovative activities for members and supporting fund raising.

Geoff Tickner -for his ongoing work with schools and organisation and management of Environmental activities which demonstrates our support of Rotary’s newest Area of Focus.

Marie Arendsen – for providing support to many of the club’s activities and arranging and managing the annual successful pre-school hearing screening project.

Lou Rodriguez – for maintaining our website and many other tasks including publishing our monthly newsletter and this Annual Report.

Hans Stahl and Lindsey Morgan for working with me on our signature international project in Tonga to implement a hearing screening program for primary age school children.

There are other club members who provided support across projects and committees and multiple activities undertaken by those listed above – thank you all for helping to make our year successful.

We were pleased to have a number of interesting guest speakers at our meetings:

- D9810 District Governor Daryl Moran and Assistant Governor Ian Ballantine. DG Daryl presented on his 4 challenges for clubs in 2021-2022 - Club Excellence, Club Innovation, Rotary Family and Rotary Support.
- Phil Heath Kardinia Rotary Club on Fundraising project Ideas
- Sandi Sieger, Director of Camp Awakenings

- Graeme Woolacott Rotary Club of Glen Waverley on toilet project in Indonesia
- Hannah Bierre on Movember
- Donovan Smith, from Amalocal
- Jillian Riseley CEO - Metropolitan Waste and Resource Recovery Group on Australia's Sustainability
- D9810 Assistant Governor Ian Ballantine and District D9810 2022 Conference Chairman Steve Macdonald on the D9810 Annual Conference
- PDG Alma Reynolds, Membership Chair District 9810 – supporting club member recruitment
- Faina Levin Waste Minimisation officer - Bayside City Council on Bayside Kerbside Bin Collection
- PDG Tony Monley Rotary Club of Manningham - Vice Chair/Secretary/Treasurer of the Host Organising Committee on Rotary International Conference 2023

We also had two very successful club forums/planning sessions and half a dozen very enjoyable social events details of which are shown later in this report.

We ran **eleven** well-attended Farmers Markets providing us with funds to enable us to continue with our important community, youth, environmental projects, both local and international, which are described in later sections of this report. In addition, we also ran a number of social and fundraising events.

We made much-needed donations to support people affected by

- Storm Damage Dandenong Ranges
- Earthquake and Tsunami Damage Tonga
- Flooding Northern New South Wales

We were successful with the following Grant Applications

- Rotary Foundation District 9810 Grant – supporting Youth Mental Health First Aid Training Project
- Government of Australia grant – Defibrillator - First Aid Bayside Farmers Market

Conferences/Seminars Attended

- District 9810 2022 Annual Conference
- Foundation Grant Management Seminar

This is a formidable list of activities and achievements accomplished by Hampton Rotary in 2021-2022 which could not have been achieved without the dedication and support of all members – thank you all.

SECRETARY'S REPORT



Liz Ware

Secretary

The 2021-22 Rotary year continued to provide many challenges. Our Board meetings were conducted via Zoom which worked well and enabled Amanda to join in Canberra on occasion. My personal thanks go to President Peter Read and Board members, PE Amanda Hill, Ros Bodley and Annette Grime for their continued support throughout the year. This support enabled Board meetings to run smoothly. Board Reports were always submitted in a timely manner.

Our thanks and compliments must go again to Lou Rodriguez who has managed the website, keeping it up to date and interesting. He is always on hand to help with any technical issues I may have. Lou continues to track and update our member details and data base for the club. We acknowledge and thank him for keeping these details accurate.

The club Board convened for 11 meetings. Numerous electronic motions and other topics requiring comments were organised during the past 12 months and I thank Board members for their quick responses which has meant the tracking of such items was very straight forward.

Our club meetings have been conducted via Zoom or Hybrid meetings at Hampton Community Centre. The Hybrid meetings have been invaluable in enabling members to join meetings remotely.

I congratulate President Peter for his year at the helm and I am looking forward to working with President Elect Amanda in 2022-23.

TREASURER'S REPORT



ROSALIND BODLEY F.C.P.A.

Treasurer

As Covid pandemic restrictions have been eased we have been able to resume some of our activities.

Our Farmers Market fund raising resumed in July 2021. We held 11 markets in conjunction with Sandringham Rotary Club, at Trey Bit Reserve every fourth Saturday in the month. We share the gate donations with various community groups who volunteer to assist at the market. The proceeds are allocated according to the number of volunteers from each organisation. In this way we directly support local community groups.

Our members have continued to fund raise whenever possible. Market patrons made contributions to the NSW flood appeal. We enjoyed a theatre night at the Brighton Theatre company.

We have continued to support our Fiji student studying veterinary science. This is his final year. We also made contributions to the Dandenong Ranges storms, computers for a school in Fiji, NSW flood relief, Tonga disaster recovery, RYLA, an extensive training program for Youth Mental Health with the Rotary Club of North Brighton and our local school awards. Our membership fees and some club income almost covered our Club operations, administrative costs and District and International fees this year.

Liz Ware our assistant treasurer is my understudy and I thank her for stepping in whenever I am unavailable.

We are all looking forward to the year ahead when we can resume more of our activities and fund raising.

COMMUNITY



Geoff Tickner

Chair – Community

Christmas Hampers for The Salvos.



Hampton Rotarians have been making their own Christmas hamper donations to The Salvos for at least 20 years.

Our first connection with The Salvation Army at Bentleigh was via Merle Hedges who with husband Henry provided assistance to many disadvantaged families.

The Club normally invite The Salvos to a Club meeting prior to Christmas where they outline what their current situation in Bentleigh is and in return, receive our hampers.

This year, due to Covid, this was not possible. Club members delivered their hampers to Geoff Tickner who delivered them to the Salvos Bentleigh office

BayCISS Men's Toiletries Packs



The impact of COVID increased the challenges faced by community support groups. The Club learned from BayCISS, a local support organisation, that men in particular were struggling to fund their basic hygiene needs and were often overlooked in donations by support groups.

The Club assembled 50 presentation packs and delivered them to BayCISS. The photos show Geoff Tickner & Liz Ware making the presentation to Karyn Doyle, Manager of BayCISS and also the collection of products prior to packing

Stamp Garbology – Recycling of Used Stamps

Philatelic Garbology is the simple act of saving and recycling used stamps. It is a Rotary District 9810 project which co-ordinates the collecting and selling of used stamps to dealers that generates funds which bring major changes to the lives of others. Commencing in 1991, the project has raised over \$120,000.00. District funds raised this year are in excess of \$5,000 with the funds supporting the 'End Trachoma' project.

Our Club is a regular contributor to this project and we encourage members and friends to collect their used stamps and bring them to the Club.

Each year, Geoff Tickner delivers our contributions to the District Stamp Recycler.

ENVIRONMENT

Bayside Tree Planting



Hampton Rotarians were joined by Rotarians & friends from Beaumaris, Cheltenham & Sandringham Rotary Clubs for our annual tree planting day on the foreshore above Hampton Beach.

We were guided in our plantings by Aaron of Citywide who are the Bayside Council horticultural service providers. We planted 300 trees, bushes and succulents, watered them in and protected them with stakes and protective sleeves.

Past RI President Ian Riseley would have been delighted with our efforts as it was his challenge some years ago for every Rotarian to plant at least one tree a year. Hampton Rotary has endeavoured to maintain this challenge.

Beach Cleaning



Hampton Rotarians have joined **Hampton Beach Patrol 3188** in helping to keep our beaches clean. Once a month a number of volunteers head to one of three destinations in the local area for an hour of beach cleaning. During the year we experienced all kinds of weather from gorgeous still sunny mornings to rain and gales. Despite the weather conditions, volunteers collected a mammoth amount of rubbish from micro plastics, recyclables, cigarette butts, syringes, PPE, Nangs (also known as nozzies, bulbs, whippets) along with the more unusual such as a vintage tyre. The **LARGEST** haul was over 40kg of rubbish collected in April. Its always an amazing effort team.

YOUTH & EDUCATION



Christine Lindsey

Chair – Youth

The Youth Committee for 2021-2022 focused on project initiatives which develop youth leadership and resilience, promote educational opportunities and support the mental health of young people.

Here is a summary of the projects undertaken this year:

Pre-School Screening Project



This Rotary year we were delighted to be able to hold screenings in both September 2021 and May 2022.

This project was first piloted in 2015, and is a joint initiative between Hampton Rotary, Bayside City Council, the University of Melbourne and Hampton Primary School. Pre-school children are tested to identify any hearing issues, which can have the potential to impact both their short-term and long-term speech and language development. Students from the Master of Clinical Audiology at the University of Melbourne conducted the tests, under the supervision of a qualified audiologist.

In May 2022, we widened the scope of the screening by adding Physiotherapy testing of paediatric gross motor skills to the usual Audiology hearing checking. These screenings were carried out by Melbourne University's Physiotherapy doctoral students, who were looking to discover any changes in the ball handling skills of children due to the lack of socialisation during the COVID lockdowns.

Attendee numbers were kept low in May deliberately, so as to determine the management of the two modalities during the combined screening sessions. We were very happy with the results and plan to extend the bookings for the next screening later this year.

Hampton Rotary's job is to co-ordinate all the arrangements for these sessions. Many thanks to all the Club members who volunteered to support this project and helped out at the registration table during the day. We also want to extend our thanks to the University of Melbourne who are committed to having their students involved in community projects and to their Audiology and Physiotherapy teams who do an amazing job testing all the children.

We also would not be able to have such a successful day without the very generous help from both the Bayside City Council who manage the bookings and advertising, and Hampton Primary School who provide the excellent premises. We are very appreciative of the wonderful support from all those involved to enable such a great community project. The dates for the next testing session will be announced in due course.

Thanks to Marie Arendsen for leading this vital Club project which delivers such a valuable service to the Bayside community.

Friendship Captains' Awards Promoting Youth Leadership



The Club presents these awards to two local primary schools –
Hampton Primary School
St Mary's Primary School

The Award was first presented at Hampton Primary School in 1997 and is the longest standing award presented by the Club.

The Award was first presented at St Mary's Primary School in 2000.

To receive the Awards, students are elected by their peers.

They are considered to best meet the criteria of kindness, responsibility, fairness, friendship and acceptance. In addition, staff consider they uphold the school principles.

Paige Ward and Stevie Moragiannis were elected at Hampton Primary School.

Amelie Everett and Jack Maslen were elected at St Mary's.

Each receives a congratulatory certificate and a book voucher from Hampton Rotary.

Their names have been added to the Honour Boards for all to see in their final year at school.

Berendale School Resilience Award (Image #4)



The Resilience Award was first presented by the Rotary Club of Hampton in 2010. The Award is presented to a 'Year 11' student who has impressed the Head and staff by their ability to work through problems and learn how to apply themselves to realise true and improved outcomes for both themselves and those around them.

The Award is presented to a student who will be entering their final year at Berendale so that the student and their peers can see the student's name on the Honour Board throughout their final year.

It is a significant achievement and the winner should be extremely proud of their effort in gaining this Award.

The Club presents the winner with a congratulatory letter and a gift voucher from JB HiFi. The 2021 winner is **Leila Geidemann**.

Geoff Tickner is responsible for leading both of these schools' awards projects which promote leadership and resilience in local school communities. Thanks to Geoff for all his hard work.

RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards)



Rotary 

This year, the Club agreed to financially support a student to participate at RYLA.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an intensive leadership experience organized by Rotary where students develop skills as a leader. This leadership program helps students to:

- Build communication and problem-solving skills
- Discover strategies for becoming a dynamic leader in their school or community
- Learn from community leaders, inspirational speakers, and peer mentors
- Unlock their potential to turn motivation into action
- Have fun and form lasting friendships

Hampton Rotary is pleased to support a local student to benefit from the RYLA program and looks forward to hearing from them at a future Club meeting to share their experiences.

Youth Mental Health First Aid Training



The Youth Committee identified youth mental health as a key area of focus during the year. A project was initiated in 2020-2021 to partner with the Rotary Club of Brighton North to deliver Youth Mental Health First Aid training to adults in Bayside. Adults working or living with adolescents learn how to assist adolescents who are developing a mental health problem or in a mental health crisis.

This project commenced in 2021 when the first training course was held, and a further two subsequent courses were then held in November/December 2021 and May 2022. The courses this year have been supported by the generous donation of a grant from the Rotary Foundation, which has been instrumental in enabling the roll-out of this hugely popular and in-demand course across Bayside this year.

All training sessions were fully booked, with participants from a cross-section of organizations, from primary and secondary schools, mental health service providers, community service groups, police and education consultancies. The adult course participants learnt about:

- adolescent development,
- the signs and symptoms of the common and disabling mental health problems in young people,
- where and how to get help when a young person is developing a mental illness,
- what sort of help has been shown by research to be effective, and
- how to provide first aid in a crisis situation.

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Everyone came away with a better understanding of what signs to recognize when youth are struggling with their mental health, and strategies for how best to assist them. This collaborative project with Rotary Club of Brighton North was a huge success and plans are now underway to run more courses over the next year.

A big thank you to this past year's hard working youth team: Marie Arendsen and Geoff Tickner. Their commitment to the development of this year's initiatives to support youth in the Bayside area has been crucial to the success of all of these projects.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE



Peter Read

Chair International Service and Foundation

Signature International Project – Screening the Hearing of Year 1 and 2 Primary School Students in Tonga

In November 2019 the Rotary Club of Hampton in association with the Rotary Club of Nuku'alofa, sought approval to investigate the possibility of providing assistance to Tonga, to assess, and if a need is established, design and implement a project to examine the hearing of younger school age children in Tonga.

Preparation for the project commenced soon after with a planning visit to Tonga by myself to confirm the need and scope and hold discussions with stakeholders including Government Officers, Community Members and the Rotary Club of Nuku'alofa.

Unfortunately, due to the COVID 19 pandemic which developed and spread in late 2020 and 2021, we were not able to revisit Tonga to finalise the project details and secure the necessary approvals to proceed.

Despite this constraint, we have continued with our planning to the extent possible, via electronic communication which involved regular meetings with the Rotary Club of Nuku'alofa.

We have also taken action to identify and approach various donors and prepare a submission for supplementary funding from a Global Grant from the Rotary Foundation. An amount of almost \$57,000 USD has been pledged from Rotary Clubs in Victoria, New South Wales, South Australia and Germany to support the project.

Due to the spread of the Corona Virus, the Government's policy has restricted travel to Tonga and we are waiting approval from the government to visit Tonga to finalise project preparation, gain final approval from the Rotary Foundation and subsequently mobilise our project team.

A major volcanic eruption and tsunami impacting Tonga in early 2022 has also caused significant disruption to the country and compounded the delays caused by the pandemic.

We are anticipating clearance from the Tongan Government in late 2022 to enable us to visit, complete the project documentation and proceed with the project.



Donation to Rotary Club of Nuku'alofa, Tonga for distribution to Communities and Organisations Impacted by the Volcanic Eruption and Tsunami in early 2022.

A strong relationship has been established through our Hearing Project preparation in Tonga with the Rotary Club of Nuku'alofa (RCN). Our club contributed \$5000 AUD to RCN for distribution to communities impacted by this disaster.

Example of damage caused by the Tonga tsunami to health facilities developed initially with funding from Rotary is shown in the photograph below.



Support for Schools in Fiji

Recently, Hampton Rotary members, Bev and Lance Blackley travelled to and visited schools which the Club has supported for many years:

Books for Nambukeru Primary School



The school was presented with a variety of books selected for students from Kindergarten to Year 8 including picture storybooks, non-fiction books focusing on Science, Technology, Environment and Sustainability. The Head teacher was very much appreciative of the receiving the books and was impressed with the type of books that were delivered

Computers for Lautoka Andhra Sangam College



The Club has donated AU\$ 5,000 to the school to purchase computer equipment and principal, Mrs Aruna Singh, in thanking the club, has said the students are so happy and satisfied with the new computers and how indebted they are to us.

Tertiary Scholarships



The Club has been helping two Andhra Sangam College students with financial assistance towards their university courses. Neigha Devi completed a degree in Physiotherapy last year and Onesimo Vasutava completed a degree in Animal Husbandry and will complete his Veterinary Science degree in June this year.

Nabukeru Village Farewells PP Greg Wragg



Recently, the Ratu (Village Chief) and villagers of Nabukeru paid tribute to Past President, Greg Wragg with a church service with Greg's wife, Past President Helen Wragg accompanied by some of her family, close friends followed by laying some of Greg's ashes as he had wished. Greg had been greatly respected in Nabukeru over many years.

MARKETING, COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS



Christine Lindsey

Christine Lindsey

Chair – Marketing and Public Relations

The Club's marketing strategy has been to promote and support Club events and membership development, introduce the Club and its projects to new audiences, as well as raise awareness and communicate the Club's role as a key service organization in the local community. A variety of marketing communication channels are used: website, email database, and social media. Below is a summary of marketing activities undertaken over the past year.

Website Promotion

The Club website continues to provide a public relations face for the Rotary Club of Hampton providing:

- Overview of the Club, its activities and contact points for new membership enquiries;
- Club projects are featured – local, community, youth and international – with regular updates on activities Club members are involved with;
- The calendar of upcoming events features the weekly meeting schedule, with details on guest speakers and other features of each upcoming meeting;
- Fundraising events, such as the Bayside Farmers' Market, are also promoted on the website;
- The Club's monthly newsletter is also available to the public on the website.

Social Media

The Club maintains a social media presence with Facebook and Instagram, with accounts for both the Rotary Club of Hampton and the Bayside Farmers Market, the main fundraising event for the Club. Posts on the Club's page are made on average twice weekly, and include updates on Club projects, fundraising promotion, events promotion and other general Rotary news. The Club also promotes its events and activities on local community social media hubs, which extends our reach and profile to those in the broader community.

Monthly Newsletter

The Club's monthly newsletter, the Hampton Herald, continues to be a well-read publication delivered electronically to members and other contacts of the Club, such as past members, and local community groups. The newsletter includes articles each month covering past and upcoming meetings, project updates, details on upcoming fundraising events, as well as District and Rotary International news items. The monthly Hampton Herald is a vital communication channel for members and community to be engaged and kept updated on Club and Rotary news.

Bayside Farmers' Market Promotion

The principal fundraising event for the Club is the monthly Bayside Farmers' Market. The marketing team support this event with extensive promotion through street signage, brochure production, web and email marketing, web portal listings and extensive social media campaigns, including paid ads, throughout the year.

With average attendance each month throughout the year of 1500 visitors, the market also offers a unique opportunity to promote the Club's profile and brand to a diverse local community. Promotional posters are displayed at the market, showcasing the range of projects undertaken by the Club. The Club's Rotary stall at the market has also become a focus for new membership enquiries, and a number of membership enquiries to the Club this year first connected with us at the market.

MEMBERSHIP & SOCIAL



Annette Grime

Chair – Membership & Social

Membership

Continuing to build the database of potential membership prospects from Club events, projects and activities, and developing appropriate follow-up membership marketing strategies, is an ongoing priority for the Club. A Club promotional brochure is updated annually and provided to all membership enquiries, which are then followed up by the Club membership co-ordinator.

Membership has remained static during difficult times, including lockdowns but, since the rules have been eased and we are now meeting in person on a regular basis again, things are becoming more normal and there will be more opportunities from now on.

Many thanks to Marie Arendsen for all her work as Club membership co-ordinator.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Throughout the year the membership and social committee organised events for club members to stay engaged, and importantly connected as we came to terms with much less face-to-face interaction.

Tuesday 28th September - Spring, Flowers and Stories

The club's virtual September social evening was inspired by Canberra's Floriade festival with members showing pictures of flowers and telling the story behind the bulb. What an amazing group of storytellers! We had stories about bouquets from weddings through the generations, flowers given as gifts in different countries, unusual flowers that have been in garden throughout a person's life and flowers that have survived under harsh circumstances.

Tuesday 3rd November - Melbourne Cup Night

Rhonda Pincott joined us from Palm Island via Zoom to call RC Hampton Melbourne Cup. As usual, race caller Rhonda was in fine form.

The theme was COVID, and Rhonda managed to include member activities and foibles! No one escaped everybody enjoyed it.

After the race, Rhonda shared insights into her work teaching indigenous prep students on Palm Island and this turned out to be a very interesting discussion.

Tuesday November 23rd – Dinner at Cilantro Restaurant

Members were excited to meet socially, and enjoyed the fellowship at the Cilantro Restaurant, a hospitality training venue for students from Holmesglen College. The students and staff produced a beautiful meal once again.

Saturday December 4th, Christmas Dinner at Amanda Hill and John Skerritt's home.

Thank you, Amanda, and John, for hosting our Christmas party once again. The food, all prepared by Amanda was superb! The Kris Kringle provided much hilarity, gifts of books and wine were popular. A hangover from COVID perhaps?

Tuesday 15th February – Virtual Scattergories

What a terrific evening of Scattergories. An experiment converting the game into an online format was a great success. There was the highly anticipated fierce competition amongst the members with lots of laughter for unexpected answers and the disappointment of losing points with some not so original answers. The surprising winner was not a native English speaker much to the chagrin of the Aussie members. Well done, Hans!

March and April - Club Social Evenings at Hampton Street restaurants

March –Urchin Bar

April – Yummy Bar

Many members and partners enjoyed good food and each other's company at these Hampton St restaurants. We will continue to support local restaurants in the future.

Thursday May 19th - Theatre Night - Brighton Theatre Company

Rotarians, families and friends were treated to a marvellous performance of Torch Song by the Brighton Theatre Company. It was a gripping, edgy and poignant play although it was not without its very funny moments.

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The audience was raving about the show, with some wanting to see it again and bring along others. The cast were superb, especially the lead and the theatre's front of house team was very welcoming and helpful.

Our thanks and congratulations to the entire theatre company. Many thanks to those who supported our fundraiser and made it such a terrific night and made it a very successful fundraiser for Flood Relief.

Rotary Sunday Chats

We are now in our third year of 5pm Sunday catchups on Zoom. These were instigated during the COVID lock downs and proved so popular they have continued. They enabled us to keep in contact with those members who are travelling, in Canberra, or unable to attend meetings. We also have past members join us from Germany, New Zealand, country Victoria, NSW and Queensland. They also have been useful for tossing around some ideas and debating if any were worth pursuing. But the greatest benefit has been the laughs and friendship these chats generate.

BAYSIDE FARMERS' MARKET



Amanda Hill

Market Manager



The Bayside Farmers' Market is the main fundraising event for Hampton Rotary and has grown to become a much-loved major community event for the Bayside area. Now running for more than 10 years, it is also rated as one of the best farmers' markets in Melbourne.

The market is held monthly on the 4th Saturday every month, however, due to soaring COVID-19 cases in August, the market was not held that month but re-opened again in September, with a bumper turnout. We continue to maintain a COVID-Safe market even now and thank our partner Regional Farmers Markets for their support and operational diligence in this regard.

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Our special Christmas market this year was held in December, (our last market before Christmas) and we again had a special visit from Santa and his helpers, who distributed treats for children, and proved to be a big hit with everyone. We also had the local scouts on hand to take orders for real Christmas trees as well, which was a great feature of this year's market. We want to thank all members who helped in the lead-up to this market to get gift bags packed and ready for distribution by Santa and for their help on the day to ensure this market was a great success.

Thank you to all the Club members who get up early to set-up and volunteer at the market each month, as well as our partners, Regional Farmers Markets, who all work so hard to make this market such a fantastic event. We also extend thanks to the Rotary Clubs of Brighton North and Sandringham, for supporting the market each month too. Finally, a big thank you to this past year's Market Committee – Amanda Hill, Ros Bodley, Jenny Fox, Christine Lindsey – who all worked incredibly hard to address the changing landscape posed this past year by COVID, and ensuring the market continues to be a wonderful event for the local Bayside community

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The following statements are to the end of May 2022. Final statements will be subject to Board approval and presented to the Club's Annual General Meeting.

BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST MAY 2022

ASSETS

Current Assets

Bank Accounts	
Westpac - Cash Reserve	29,269
Westpac - Cheque Account	7,945
Westpac - Tonga account	<u>4,500</u>

Total Bank **41,714**

Other Current Assets

Sundry Debtors	<u>5,200</u>
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Total Other Current Assets **5,200**

Total Current Assets **46,914**

Fixed Assets

Computer Trailer	1,000
Market Canopies	935
Market Trailer	<u>662</u>

Total Fixed Assets **2,597**

TOTAL ASSETS **49,510**

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities

Provision Market Expenses	1,019
Volunteers Provision	1,130
Tonga Hearing Project	<u>4,500</u>

Total Current Liabilities **6,649**

TOTAL LIABILITIES **6,649**

NET ASSETS **42,861**

EQUITY

Opening Bal Equity	20,779
Retained Earnings	29,694
Net Income	<u>-\$7,611</u>

TOTAL EQUITY **42,861**

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE - 1 JULY 2020 - 31ST MAY 2022

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Club Income		Club Expenses	
Meetings & Meals	900	Administration	990
Interest	3	Bank Fees	391
Membership Dues	5,515	Fees and permits	60
Total Club Income	6,418	Meetings & Meals	881
		Rotary Dues & Magazines	3,806
Fundraising		Supplies	69
Barbeques	-61	Trailer Expenses	61
Theatre Night	1,179	Website & Internet Expenses	713
Farmers' Market	12,029	Total Club Expenses	6,972
Total Fundraising	13,147		
		Donations & Grants	
Donations, Grants & Sponsorship		BAYCISS	1,155
Rotary Grant	400	Berendale School	110
Other Donations	1,554	Dandenong Ranges Storms	3,000
Donation Regional Farmers Markets	10,000	DG Partner Program	500
Total Donations & Sponsorship	11,954	Fiji Scholarship Fund	3,359
		Fiji School Project	5,527
Total Fundraising & Donations	25,101	Flood Relief	5,000
		Foundation Annual Giving	2,502
TOTAL INCOME	31,519	Fund Raising Insurance	540
		Hearing Tests	27
		Indonesia Water Project	500
		Mental Health Project	3,500
		RYLA	949
		School Awards Expenses	470
		Tonga Disaster Recovery	5,020
		Total Donations & Grants	32,159
		TOTAL EXPENSES	39,130
		NET INCOME	-7,611

Finally, to President Amanda Hill

Enjoy your term as President of the club



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