



ANNUAL REPORT 2024 – 2025

Co-Presidents
Bev Blackley & Gill
Merzvinskis
District Governor:
Colin Byron
District 9815



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PAST PRESIDENTS

YEAR	PRESIDENT	ROTARY THEME
2024/2025	Beverley Blackley & Gill Merzvinskis	The Magic of Rotary
2023/2024	Beverley Blackley & Amanda Hill	Create Hope in the World
2022/2023	Amanda Hill	Imagine Rotary
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

PRESIDENTS	BEVERLEA BLACKLEY & GILLIAN MERZVINSKIS
PAST PRESIDENTS	AMANDA HILL & BEVERLEA BLACKLEY
PRESIDENT ELECT	AMANDA HILL
SECRETARY	LIZ WARE
TREASURER	ROS BODLEY
PROGRAM	LIZ WARE, GILL MERZVINSKIS, BEV BLACKLEY
FARMERS MARKET	LANCE BLACKLEY
COMMUNITY	ANNETTE GRIME
INTERNATIONAL	PETER READ
FOUNDATION	LINDSAY MORGAN
MARKETING	CHRISTINE LINDSEY (July-Dec), LANCE BLACKLEY, ANNETTE GRIME
YOUTH	CHRISTINE LINDSEY (July-Dec), JILL WOOLACOTT (Jan-June)
SOCIAL ACTIVITIES	BEVERLEA BLACKLEY, LIZ WARE & ANNETTE GRIME
WEBMASTER & BULLETIN EDITOR	LOU RODRIQUEZ
SOCIAL MEDIA	CHRISTINE LINDSEY (July-Dec), ANNETTE GRIME, AMANDA HILL, LANCE BLACKLEY (Jan-June)
MEMBERSHIP	MARIE ARENSEN
ON-TO-CONFERENCE	BEVERLEA BLACKLEY

COMMITTEES

FARMERS MARKET	LANCE BLACKLEY, BEVERLEA BLACKLEY, ROS BODLEY, CHRISTINE LINDSEY (July-Dec), JILL WOOLACOTT
COMMUNITY	ANNETTE GRIME, GEOFF TICKNER, AMANDA HILL, JOHN SKERRITT, JENNY FOX, LIZ WARE
MEMBERSHIP/SOCIAL	ANNETTE GRIME, BEVERLEA BLACKLEY, MARIE ARENSEN, LIZ WARE, AMANDA HILL
INTERNATIONAL	PETER READ, LINDSAY MORGAN, ROS BODLEY, ANNETTE GRIME
YOUTH/EDUCATION	CHRISTINE LINDSEY (July-Dec), JILL WOOLACOTT, MARIE ARENSEN, GEOFF TICKNER, GILL MERZVINSKI

PRESIDENTS' REPORT



**Beverley Blackley
and
Gill Merzvinskis**

Co-Presidents

This 2024/2025 year ended with the passing of my dear Co-president and our much beloved fellow Rotarian Bev Blackley. I feel I must acknowledge her and all the wonderful work she did for Rotary over the 27 years she was a Rotarian. Bev made an outstanding contribution to Rotary in all areas of operation and she is going to be greatly missed.

Now for the report.

This year marked a significant transition in Rotary, with the merger of Districts 9810 and 9820 into the new District 9815, effective from July 1, 2024. This merger has opened up exciting opportunities to broaden our Rotary family and expand our impact across the community. Our new District now includes 2,067 members and 267 honorary members, spread across 87 Rotary, Rotaract, and Satellite Clubs.

In the spirit of collaboration, our Club began holding joint meetings with the Rotary Club of Sandringham once a month, with each club taking turns to host and organise a guest speaker. This initiative not only enhances our speaker program but also lays the groundwork for potential future joint projects.

The Bayside Farmers Market remains a vibrant and much-loved community event — and importantly, our major fundraising initiative. The Market Committee, led by Lance Blackley, has worked tirelessly to ensure its success and sustainability. We've been grateful to have assistance from youth groups for setup and pack-down, strengthening the market's long-term viability. A heartfelt thank you goes to the Rotary Clubs of Sandringham and Brighton North for their continued support each month, and to all of our Club members who generously give their time and energy. Thanks to this collective effort, we've been able to support critical causes, including the Moorabbin SES, helping their volunteers respond to local emergencies and flood relief efforts in Queensland and New South Wales, providing aid to families and communities in need.

We extend our sincere thanks to Christine Lindsey, who left our Club at the end of last year. Christine made a lasting impact through her leadership in communications and as Chair of the

Youth Committee. She initiated our Bayside Teen Mental Health First Aid project in partnership with the Rotary Club of Brighton North, delivering vital training on mental health awareness and support to students from Brighton, Sandringham, and Beaumaris Secondary Colleges.

Our Community and Youth initiatives led by Annette Grime and Jill Woolacott respectively have continued with great success this year. A standout program was the Hearing and Gross Motor Skills Screening for Bayside preschoolers, conducted in collaboration with University of Melbourne Audiology and Physiotherapy teams. This project not only helps prepare children for school but also provides valuable hands-on experience for university students. We extended our partnership with Melbourne University through Intergenerational Interview sessions, where Physiotherapy students practised client communication skills with community members.

The Community and Youth Committees continued partnerships with Books for Babies, the Holland Foundation, BayCISS, Team Sports 4 All, Wheelchairs for Kids, the SES. A new initiative is supporting the expansion of Hampton Primary School 's Kitchen Garden Project. Thanks to Geoff Tickner, our Friendship Awards program once again recognised values-driven behaviour in local primary schools. Club members also participated in the Hampton East Primary School Mini Woolies, helping students gain hands-on experience in retail skills.

In true Rotary spirit, we helped bring the magic of Christmas to Bayside families. In joyful collaboration with Brighton Rotary, Hampton RSL, Bayside Council, Victoria Police, BayCISS, Family Life, TeamSports4All, the Country Women's Association, and St Leonards College, we helped create a memorable and meaningful event for the community.

Under the leadership of Peter Read, our Tonga Ear Health Project has progressed well. This year, the team developed and distributed new bilingual (English and Tongan) educational posters and pamphlets and commissioned a video featuring children and teachers reflecting on the program for Tongan television, amplifying the message of ear health to a wider audience.

We are proud of all that we have achieved together this year. Every project, meeting, event and market is a testament to the dedication, compassion and community-minded spirit of our members.

Thank you to each and every one of you for your support, expertise, and unwavering commitment to creating real change — both locally and globally.

Once again, many thanks to our dear friend Bev, may you rest in peace.

Gill

SECRETARY'S REPORT



Liz Ware

Secretary

Our Board meetings continue to be conducted via Zoom. This enabled Board members who were away on occasion to participate. My personal thanks go to Presidents Beverlea Blackley and Gill Merzvinskis and Board members, Amanda Hill, Ros Bodley, Peter Read, Lance Blackley, Jill Woolacott 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.

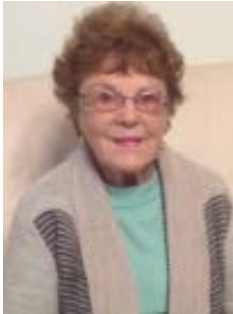
Our thanks and compliments must go again to Lou Rodriguez who manages the website, keeping it up to date and interesting. Lou continues to track and update our member details and data base for the club. We acknowledge and thank him for keeping these details accurate.

I would also like to thank Marie Arendsen for looking after Membership as this provides the lifeblood of the Club. Membership is a large part of the Secretary's portfolio and Marie relieves me of this role.

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.

I congratulate Presidents Bev and Gill for their year at the helm and I am looking forward to working with President Amanda in 2025-26.

TREASURER'S REPORT



ROSALIND BODLEY OAM FCPA.

Treasurer

Our Farmers Market fund raising continues to be our main source of funds. We continue to hold a market every month with the help of Sandringham Rotary Club, the 1/14th Brighton Rovers, and Brighton North Rotary Club, at Trey Bit Reserve.

We have continued to provide the funds for an extensive training program for Youth Mental Health with the Rotary Club of Brighton North and we have also continued supporting our local school awards. Another worthwhile community activity is Teams Sports 4 all.

We have assisted Hampton East special school with the purchase of a defibrillator and given BayCISS gifts for special events such as Mothers' Day for deprived families. We were proud to volunteer and contribute gifts to bring joy to children at the Bayside Community Christmas party. We have resumed our donation to the Books for Babies, contributed to the establishment of an outdoor garden for Hampton Primary School and the helped the local SES with some equipment.

Another worthwhile donation was to the Rotary clubs in Queensland and NSW to help with the devastation caused by the floods

Our membership fees and some club income has not quite covered our Club operations, administrative costs and District and International fees this year.

Our Club is looking forward to the year ahead when we can continue our activities and fundraising.

Thanks to Liz Ware for stepping in whenever I am unavailable.

COMMUNITY



Annette Grime

Chair – Community

Mothers' Day Packs Presented to BayCISS



Members of the Club's Community Services Team assembled 50 healthcare packs and presented them to Rose Paduano CEO of BayCISS for distribution to clients in celebration of Mothers' Day. BayCISS (Bayside Community and Information Support Services) provides services to clients experiencing life challenges. The products were sourced from a local pharmacy, Simon Kenny which in turn assists our Club. The club also donated \$3000 to BayCISS to fund Christmas hampers for their clients.

Delivering Neighbourhood Watch Newsletters

Several of our members have supported Neighbourhood Watch Bayside delivering their newsletters throughout the year. The new name became Neighbourhood Watch Bayside as the newsletter now covers all Bayside. Each member participating receives a map, bag, and some newsletters to deliver in their local area, typically taking 1-2 hours. To assist getting the newsletters to a larger area members are delivering to multiple allocations. It's a great way of seeing the local area and getting some passive exercise.

Getting into the Christmas Spirit



In the spirit of Christmas Hampton Rotary Members enjoyed participating in various events and community projects.

For our Christmas Farmers Market the club spent an evening packing an assortment of sweets for Santa to distribute. Santa was driven around the market in his sleigh, a Ute, which we adorned with festive decorations.

Members of the Club's Community Services Team assembled 50 Christmas packs for distribution to male clients of BayCISS (Bayside Community Information and Support Services). The packs contained the essentials of soap, shampoo, conditioner, shavers, shaving soap, nail clippers, comb, toothbrush, toothpaste and a hand towel.

Bayside Family Christmas Event



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Once again, the Club enthusiastically participated in this beloved annual event for Bayside families in collaboration with Brighton Rotary (led by Jo Kwok), Hampton RSL, Bayside Council, Victoria Police, BayCISS, Family Life, TeamSports4All, Country Women's Association, and St Leonards College.

Our dedicated police and volunteers orchestrated a delightful array of outdoor games, spreading cheer and laughter among the attendees. Many children were thrilled to have their faces painted with holiday designs, adding to the festive atmosphere.

After relishing a sumptuous Christmas feast Santa Claus arrived and handed out presents to around 70 delighted children.

Santas helpers and volunteers contributed tireless effort organising the activities leading up to the event, sorting and packing of presents and managing the activities on the day.

ENVIRONMENT

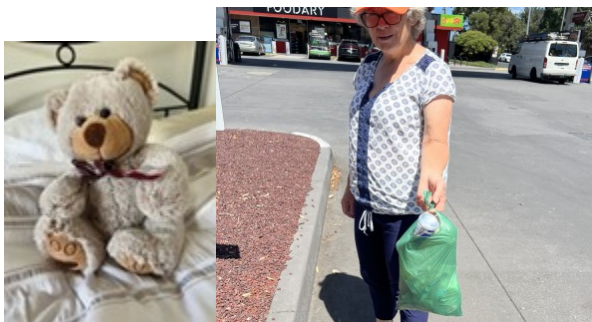


3188 Hampton – Beach Patrol

During the year, each month, members and friends have continued to support **Hampton Beach Patrol 3188** at 1 of our 3 nominated local beaches. It's a small team who do incredible work in the community. This year the amount of rubbish varied from 1-2 kg collected to a whopping 45kg. We continue to see cigarette butts at Green Point, and collect coffee cups, glass & plastic bottles, poly/foam, straws, and soft plastics. This year we've also noticed a lot of building litter, from electrical wire, an electrical rod, insulation to plaster. Strange objects to find their way to our beaches.

When we can't make it on nominated date, we often do an impromptu clean whilst we're at the beach walking our dogs.

Our most unusual item found this year was a very bedraggled teddy bear. The good news for 'Sandy' is that he's feeling much better after a wash and some love.



YOUTH & EDUCATION



Jill Woolacott

Chair – Youth

The Youth Committee for 2024-2025 has worked on many ideas. I have only had the helm since January 2025 and here is a summary of the projects undertaken this year:



BOOKS FOR BABIES

With Board approval we have again, after many years, started handing out the book by Mem Fox, Ten Little Fingers Ten Little Toes, to new mothers and their babies at Sandringham Hospital. This program was initiated by P.D.G. Dick Garner, formally from the Rotary Club of Hampton.

We delivered one hundred books to the Maternity ward and arrangements were made for the staff to hand out the books prior to mothers departing the hospital. Two days a week President Gill and I went to the hospital and were able to hand the books out ourselves. They were greatly appreciated and the insert in the front of each book allowed people to see that they had been given to them from the Rotary Club of Hampton, during the month of September, as this is the month allocated by Rotary International for Literacy month.



Some of the mothers did not receive their copy of the book before departing the hospital but Fay, the lady in Charge, made sure that the book was delivered to them on their home visit. The mid wives at the hospital were extremely impressed by this gesture from the Rotary Club of Hampton and thought it was a great service for very young people and their families. This picture is of myself, President Gill and Fay, the charge nurse at the Maternity ward.

Hampton Rotarians at Hampton East School's Mini-Woolies Store



Thursday 15 May, saw a number of Hampton Rotarians visit the Hampton East School and become shoppers at the school's mini-Woolies store with the students acting as store employees.

Supermarket company Woolworths has set up a number of these stores throughout Australia at special schools. Each store is a mirror image of a normal Woolworths supermarket. Students perform all the functions of a standard supermarket – stacking, ordering, removal of out-of-date stock, customer guidance, scanning with real-time machines, packing, paying and giving change using monopoly style money. Only credit/ debit card operations are not available.

The object of these stores is to provide students with the skills required should they seek employment at a Woolworths supermarket. Following our shopping experience, students asked us to join them for coffee which they in turn produced at the school's kitchen.

We took the opportunity to make a ceremonial cheque presentation to the school for the defibrillator unit we have funded for the school.

The attached photos show Hampton Rotarians selecting and paying for their purchases and also the ceremonial cheque presentation.

We were all extremely impressed with all students involved during our visit.

Hampton East School Art Show.



Berendale School (Yr 7 - 12) and Katandra School (P - 6) were combined this year and are located on one site in Hampton East. The combined school is known as Hampton East School. Geoff Tickner attended the school's inaugural art show, which featured student artworks inspired by the Olympic Games. Other displays were of their cooking skills, jewellery creations and skateboard art. A most impressive display of the students' ability for all age groups

Friendship Award Presentation at Hampton Primary School



The Club has been presenting the Friendship Award at Hampton Primary School since 1997. Students in years 4 & 5 vote to select a male & female student in year 5 to be their Friendship Leaders for the coming year. Staff are not involved in this activity.

Students are asked to vote for a person who they believe best meets the requirements of kindness, responsibility, fairness, friendship and acceptance by their peers. Geoff Tickner represented the Club and presented the 2025

award to Lily Compson and Bryce Darby at the school on 20 December. Each student receives a congratulatory letter, book label and a \$50 book voucher to a local bookshop.

St Mary's Friendship Leaders Award Presentation



This Award is presented to year 6 students who in the opinion of their peers, best represent the skills of kindness, responsibility, fairness, friendship and acceptance by their peers. The Club has made this presentation to two year 6 students at St Mary's Primary School since 2000.

This year's recipients were Remy Fernando and Max Cornish. Each receives a congratulatory letter from the Club, a presentation bookplate and a \$50.00 gift voucher to a local bookstore and their names are inscribed on the Honour

Board (a new one this year as the previous one is full).

Pre-School Screening for Hearing & Large Motor Skills



A huge thank you to the team from the University of Melbourne Audiology and Physiotherapy who conducted hearing and large motor skills screening of pre-school age children from across the Bayside area on the 14th of September. The hearing screening project, organised by Hampton Rotary with the support of Bayside City Council and held at Hampton Primary School, has been very popular and running for a number of years, and now also includes Large Motor Skills Screening as well.

The results indicate how important projects such as this are, with 37% of the children screened for hearing at this latest session now referred to have follow-ups with their family doctor or specialist audiologist. Physiotherapy assessments showed that 98% of the children demonstrated gross motor skills at or above the expected developmental standard. It was great for parents of children soon to start school to get feedback on their hearing and large motor skills development, ensuring they are ready to start school.

Unfortunately, we were unable to repeat this project in the first half of 2025, as usual. Our allotted date was election day, and the school was a venue for voting.

However, we will be running the program in October.

This project also provides valuable clinical practice experience for the audiology and physiotherapy students from University of Melbourne as well, who are supported onsite by their clinical managers - thank you to all the University of Melbourne teams who participated in this project. We'd also like to thank Bayside City Council for their support, and Hampton Primary for making available their school premises for the day. Finally, a special thanks to Hampton Rotary Club members who volunteered and helped out on the day as well

Marie Arendsen - Project manager



Intergenerational Interviews for University of Melbourne Physiotherapy Students. Intergenerational Interviews for University of Melbourne Physiotherapy Students

We once again ran these interviews on Zoom in July 2024. The Physiotherapy School provided First and second year students the opportunity to practice initial consultations on a range of volunteers over the age of 65 years. These students were about to start their first contact with the older general public.

The University reported it was very useful, and we will repeat this project next Rotary year. There is a suggestion that the Speech Pathologists may also take up this opportunity.

Members of Hampton volunteered their time - about 1/2 an hour on Zoom and enjoyed the experience. Extra volunteers also came from various friends and Bayside U3A

Marie Arendsen - Project Manager

I wish to thank Committee members for their support and their fantastic work during the year.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE



Peter Read

Chair International Service and Foundation

International Project – Tonga Hearing Screening Year 1 and 2 Primary Students – Tongatapu Island - Tonga



The hearing screening project for Year 1 and 2 students at schools on the island of Tongatapu in Tonga being Implemented under Global Grant GG2124424 continued during 2024-25 and raw data for the 63 schools screened was recorded. A total of 2744 students from primary years 1 and 2 were screened.

There have been some minor delays to the screening program, due to the significant workload of the nursing resources from the Hospital who were involved in conducting the screening activities, and have been extremely busy their regular commitments, in addition to supporting our project. However, the work has progressed well – we express our appreciation to the Ministry of Health, Department of Education and particularly Viola Hospital, who enthusiastically supported the project.

A visit to Tonga was made between 12-23 November 2024 by Peter Read Project Manager accompanied Mr Tim Klar, Audiologist, to undertake an initial review of the results, prepare a

summary and group the findings under the various categories of hearing impediment identified. Mr Phillip Luey, our Tongan based Audiologist, who has managed the total screening program, was also involved in the review and categorization of the data.

The data analysis, due to the volume collected, will take some time to be finalised however, we have been able to establish that 572 (21%) of the 2744 students screened, were found to have normal hearing and require no further follow-up action at this time. The results have initially been grouped into 6 categories (including normal hearing) with the main impediments identified as wax occlusion 1344 (49%) of students, and middle ear effusion 621 (23%). The majority of problems identified is expected to be able to be addressed by the resources at the ENT clinic at Viola hospital.

Some savings have been made to the project budget through support being provided by the Ministry of Health for budgeted activities and our team is currently reviewing whether it will be possible to expand the program to screen additional schools. The schools to be considered under the expanded project would be schools not included under the screenings completed to date and possibly include schools at an adjacent island.

A short video of the project activities was shown at the club's Changeover last year and this has since been expanded to include activities filmed during the project commencement including the training programs with nurses attending the lecture programs and their initial practice with the use of equipment in the schools.

During the screening activities, the extensive data collected for the Tongatapu schools is being analysed and entered in a database for future reference by the staff at the ENT clinic and for more broad reference under the Hospital Management System. The data is also recorded on a form which is issued to parents with the result of the student's hearing screening. If required, the student will make an appointment to go to the ENT clinic for a follow up visit. The data will be reviewed and categorized by audiologists Phillip Luey and Tim Klar which will provide the basis for a report on the status of ear health for the year 1 and 2 students who were screened under the current project.

The results of our initial Community education program associated with the project have been very encouraging as demonstrated in the quality and content of the short videos children were invited to prepare, for a competition to demonstrate their understanding of the ear health message. We are expanding this program, with the approval of a Tongan Department of Education, and have engaged a Tongan based videographer to interview the winning student teams and their teachers and prepare a video which will widely distributed to the participating and other schools and shown on the local social media network and on local Tongan TV.

The success of this component of the project has also led to our team, with the help of Tongan medical specialists, preparing a wider range of bilingual posters explaining aspects of ear health Action is also being taken to arrange the printing of additional copies of previously printed documents for distribution to schools. and with the assistance of Tongan medical specialists, the new material will be translated and printed in Tongan and English.

MARKETING, COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS



Amanda Hill

Chair – Marketing, Communications and Public Relations

This year, our marketing and communications efforts have played a vital role in increasing the visibility of the Rotary Club of Hampton, promoting our events and projects, and supporting membership growth. Our strategy has focused on three key objectives:

- Promoting Club initiatives and events
- Reaching new audiences
- Reinforcing Rotary's role as a leading community service organisation

We've used a combination of digital platforms and in-person engagement to share the Rotary message and strengthen community ties.

Website & Social Media

Our website continues to be the public face of the Club — providing essential information about our activities, membership, and events calendar. Meanwhile, our presence on Facebook and Instagram has grown, allowing us to connect with wider audiences and highlight both the Rotary Club of Hampton and our signature fundraising event, the Bayside Farmers' Market.

Special thanks to Annette Grime, Lance Blackley, Lou Rodriquez and Graeme Woolacott for their creativity and commitment to keeping our channels fresh and engaging.

Monthly Newsletter

Our monthly newsletter remains an essential communication tool, providing timely updates on projects, upcoming events, and member achievements. It nurtures connection and pride within the Club and among supporters. Thank you to Lou Rodriquez for his outstanding coordination and publishing work throughout the year.

Bayside Farmers' Market Promotion

With over 1,500 visitors attending each month, the Bayside Farmers' Market continues to be a powerful platform to raise the Club's profile in the community. Promotion spans street signage, flyers, email campaigns, online event portals, and social media.

This year we strengthened our market storytelling efforts by featuring our projects and causes via visual displays and donation-focused campaigns. We also launched a new initiative spotlighting our stallholders — sharing their personal journeys and highlighting the value of supporting local. A standout feature was “Meet Lisa – The Baker Bringing Tradition to Life”, celebrating a vendor who turned her passion for baking into a community-loved business.

Membership Outreach

Attracting new members remains a key focus. This year, we introduced letterbox drops promoting our Club's values and impact. Our message? Rotary offers a chance to make a difference locally and globally, while also fostering connection through a calendar of enjoyable social events.

Together, our communications have not only told our story — they've helped amplify our impact.

BAYSIDE FARMERS' MARKET



Lance Blackley

Market Co-ordinator



The **Bayside Farmers' Market** remains the primary fundraising initiative for the **Rotary Club of Hampton** and has grown into one of the most beloved community events in the Bayside area. Now in its twelfth year, the market continues to be recognized as one of Melbourne's premier farmers' markets, attracting visitors from across the region.

Held on the **fourth Saturday of every month**, the event provides a vibrant atmosphere where locals can connect, support local producers, and contribute to meaningful community projects.

Our **special Christmas market**, held in November—our final market before the festive season—was a tremendous success. We once again welcomed **Santa and his helpers**, who delighted children with sweet treats, creating joyful memories for families. A heartfelt **thank you to Santa and his elves** for their generosity and festive spirit, which added to the market's holiday charm.

The success of the market is made possible by the dedication of our **Rotary Club of Hampton members**, who rise early each month to set up and volunteer. We also extend our appreciation to our valued partners, **Regional Farmers' Markets**, who work tirelessly to ensure that each event is an exceptional experience for vendors and attendees alike.

Additionally, we acknowledge the steadfast support of the **Rotary Clubs of Brighton North, Sandringham, and Surry Rovers**, whose volunteers contribute to the smooth running of the market. Your commitment to this initiative is truly appreciated.

We continue to promote our club's activities and projects through monthly display boards, featuring important community initiatives such as the **Christmas Raffle, BayCISS Christmas Dinner, Polio Awareness Campaign, Bayside Theatre Fundraiser, Tonga Hearing Project Progress, and Schools' Mental Health First Aid Training Project**. In addition, we expanded our support this year to **northern Queensland flood relief efforts** and provided funding for **new**

equipment for the Moorabbin State Emergency Services unit, reinforcing our commitment to assisting communities in need.

We have strengthened our market promotion through social media. In addition to creating a monthly event via the Bayside Farmers Market and our club website, we now spotlight store holders with featured reviews and incorporate special monthly fundraising events.

This year, we encountered challenges related to Traffic Management due to legislative changes requiring the engagement of an external traffic management company. In response, Bev and I engaged in extensive discussions with the Bayside Council to seek a resolution. After several rounds of negotiations, Council formally recognized that traffic management falls outside our scope of responsibilities, relieving us of this financial burden. This decision has had a significant positive impact on our fundraising capacity, allowing us to redirect resources toward community initiatives.

We are facing another challenge as we move forward, having operated our Market without a formal permit from Bayside Council. This oversight on their part now requires us to prepare and submit an application for the necessary permit. Going forward, this will be an annual process that we will need to manage.

Finally, we extend our **deepest gratitude** to this year's **Market Committee—Bev Blackley, Amanda Hill, Ros Bodley, Gill Woolacott, and Annette Grime**—who worked diligently to address challenges and enhance the market's impact. Your dedication has helped solidify the **Bayside Farmers' Market as one of Melbourne's best.**

Thank you to all who contributed to another successful year. We look forward to continued growth and success in the year ahead!

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The following statements are subject to finalisation and approval.

BALANCE SHEET AT 30TH JUNE 2025

ASSETS

Current Assets

Bank Accounts	
Westpac - Cash Reserve	20129
Westpac - Cheque Account	7867
Westpac - Tonga account	14857
Total Bank	42853

Other Current Assets

Sundry Debtors	2000
Total Other Current Assets	2000

Total Current Assets 44853

Fixed Assets

Market Canopies	682
Market Trailer	700
Total Fixed Assets	1382

TOTAL ASSETS 46235

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities

Income Received in Advance	1495
Provision Market Expenses	832
Volunteers Provision	730
Tonga Hearing Project	14857
Total Current Liabilities	17914

TOTAL LIABILITIES 17914

NET ASSETS 28321

EQUITY

Opening Bal Equity	20779
Retained Earnings	15260
Net Income	-7717
TOTAL EQUITY	28321

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STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE - 1 JULY 2024 - 30th JUNE 2025

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Club Income		Club Expenses	
Changeover Dinner	241	Administration	221
Interest	307	Badges, Regalia & Supplies	146
Membership Dues	5,750	Bank Fees	317
Total Club Income	6,298	Computer and Software	675
		Conference Levy	216
Fundraising		Fees and permits	49
Farmers' Market	9,304	Meetings & Meals	408
Total Fundraising	9,304	Rotary Dues & Magazines	4,042
		Website & Internet Expenses	976
Donations, Grants & Sponsorship		Total Club Expenses	7,050
District 9810 Mental Health Gra	4,770		
Regional Farmers Markets	10,000	Donations & Grants	
Total Donations & Sponsorship	14,770	Australian Rotary Health	1,000
		BAYCISS	5,583
Total Fundraising & Donations	24,074	Bayside Family Christmas	828
		Books for Babies	680
TOTAL INCOME	30,372	Foundation Annual Giving	2,544
		Fund Raising Insurance	900
		Hampton East School	2,000
		Hampton Primary School	3,000
		Holland Foundation	3,000
		NSW Floods	1,000
		Queensland Floods	2,000
		RYLA	1,650
		School Awards	1,755
		SES Moorabbin	2,000
		Team Sports for All	2,000
		Wheelchairs for Kids	1,100
		Total Donations & Grants	31,039
		TOTAL EXPENSES	38089.77
		NET INCOME	-7717.57

Finally, to Incoming President

Amanda Hill

Enjoy your term as President of the Club



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