



## ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023



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## **THE ROTARY CLUB OF BAYSIDE GEELONG INC.**

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## **PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023**

President: Jo White

**2022-23:** With our first female international President Jennifer Jones, this year we Imagined what could be and we made a difference where difference was needed.

Some time I can't determine this year from the two previous one. When did we do that, what year did we do this?

Apart from that, it has been a fabulous journey and I hope you have enjoyed it as much as I have. Targets were set and most achieved. I have always tried to live by the "The What if's" they can make life more interesting and exciting. As they say, shoot for the moon if you miss you are still in orbit, but if you shoot for the barn door and you miss you know what you're in.

The lovely thing about having a small club is that I have the pleasure of naming everyone in my report this year - not about what but about who, because each of you are like part of the puzzle, put it all together and we create a wonderful picture.

We are a Quality not a Quantity team, with everyone putting time, energy, and a little passion into the mix. Passion is like that pinch of salt or that squeeze of lemon juice that brings a recipe to life. You just need it!

**PE Ian Aranyosi's** passion for his work with the Amber community, how he has turned his grief into a positive and has shared the damaging ripple effect of road trauma, it has been simply inspiring to see. Speaking to those that cause the damage on our roads and showing them the results of their actions plus, how that has taken him down the path of Rotary District Chair for Organ Donation. Really admire how you have worked so hard this year to learn all you can about Rotary in preparation for your year to come.

**Judy Beasley** has taken the club into new areas of International Service. Developing from the Lucy Project it grew into a joint project with other Rotary clubs, a new toilet block in Lese Oalai in the Gulf Province in PNG and the continuation of the project with a new school for the children in the village. Bayside has become more involved with our International programs and the understanding of grants.

And with her commitment to Cancer research, her "at home" biggest morning tea, that we all looked forward to each year, grew this year into the Elegant High Tea, reaching more people, informing more about the need for cancer research and raising more money. Wonderful to see all members had an input into this day in some way. The Dr John Birrell Awards continues to be a highlight each year leading us to discover what fabulous programs there are in our city to support and make a difference.

**Rick Berry:** our Sargent, always with his eye on the time, and reminding us about our phone, but also giving me the nod when I have forgotten something on the agenda.

**Aileen Brown:** you have to have passion for our environment with those very large amounts of plastic that are collected, sorted and delivered to GT Recycling each month.

It's been remarkable the amount you have collected. And you have moved the team closer to understanding the importance of recycling. Also of bees, plus with Rick's help, building and selling so many bee houses, with all the money going to Ukraine. Wonderful job.

**Mr Burch:** you keep me on my toes. Thank you, BB, for the positive comments, always appreciate them and as I know there have been so many changes in your 46 years of Rotary, and change can sometimes be frustrating, but please know I understand and take onboard all comments good and bad. And whatever would Bayside do without your donation of flowers from your beautiful garden for every occasion. Whether to decorate a room or say thank you for a job well done, they always make an impact.

To our special **Miss Judy** who always brings laughter into the meeting room, and with her yearly Trivia Challenge project, has made a difference to who and what we can support financially each year. Plus thank you for your weekly laughter pages you send to us all to put smiles on our faces.

**Dan Furlan:** our BBQ man, we all appreciate that final check, just to make sure all is right, and with the help of Peter K, Peter H and Andrea, has made sure we were ready for action each time we needed our trailer, so we are able to raise funds and support Kids with Cancer, Ukraine, and other International and community projects like helping our friends at Christ Church. Looking back over the year, every single member has been involved in the Bunnings BBQ apart from Jane, who lives interstate so little difficult to help, but I know she would if she could.

**Peter Hynes:** thank you for your 20 years contribution to Bayside, over that time holding every position of the Board including President of the club in 2018-19 and 2019-20.

**Peter Kavenagh:** our passionate Clubrunner man, thank you for all the hours of work you have put into collating boxes and boxes of Bayside History and information over the last year. Now safely stored for the future, and I might add, giving me so much more cupboard space as I am sure Telsa and Brian would agree. Thank you for keeping us informed with the how to's of Clubrunner, not too sure how we would manage without your computer skills. But also for your passion to Shelterbox, keeping us informed with the great work that is done in times of need.

And then let's talk about Budgets, our Money Guru **Shirley Marendaz** has made a huge difference to the running of the club with her continuing gentle nudge to us all regarding budgets. This year Shirley has created such a simple working plan to follow. With our new Budget document, the up-sizing of our Square devise and a new accounting program, I feel has made a great impact on the club and will certainly make a difference to all future Treasurers: Great Job!

Our traveling member **Jane Myers:** Thank you for starting us on the right track with Instagram and reaching more people through social media about the world of Rotary.

**Andrea Patterson** with her teaching background and passion for working with children has taken the Quiet Achiever project to include schools in Bannockburn. Also for the first time we will have a participant in the Defying the Drift program.

Our newest member, **Susan Paulley**, such a pleasure having you join the club. Your contribution to our Friday Bunnings BBQ is always appreciated and wonderful to see the Bayside average age drop so suddenly, thank you.

**Telsa Stubna** has that pinch of passion with her commitment to the monthly Days for Girls workshops. Working with her team, made up of friends, past and present members and partners of members. Sewing the bags and all that goes into them to make a difference to young girls nationally and Internationally. Giving them the opportunity to **imagine** what life can be with a full education. And this year going a step further with organising those treadle sewing machines for the ladies of PNG through DIK. Plus well done for your work with the less fortunate in our community, organising the Christ Church BBQ twice a year to give Jan's team a little relief. I think the ladies enjoy a night off and I know all that attend do as well.

My secretary & backstop **Daryll Webb**, how many times over the last 3 years have I asked, and you have delivered. My *"Sorry to bother you Daryll but can you"* comment, always has a positive outcome. Thank you for giving me that extra year. We all appreciate your commitment to the club, passing on information, sorting out issues, and always following up on that email I have misplaced, or giving me conformation that, yes Jo you have completed that. Cheers.

Must mention after such a long pause because of Covid, how great it was to finalize the Christ Church toilet block project, many thanks to everyone who contributed, but extra thanks to Peter Hynes, Ian Aranyosi, & Shirley Marendaz. I lost count of the hours that those 3 put into this project. Thank you.

I would also like to recognise our wonderful partners & friends of the club, to those volunteers that help us on so many occasions, thank you.

To the Board for your support and encouragement this year, what a team! Please feel happy with what you have all achieved this year, it has been a pleasure working with you all.

And lastly to PE Ian, congratulations and well done on accepting the challenge, I know that we are all in good hands with you leading the team. Have a wonderful year and enjoy all the achievements, and I feel you will be kicking some goals this year to Create Hope In The World.



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Jo White  
President 2022-23

## FUNDRAISING REPORT

Director: Dan Furlan

### *Bunnings BBQ's*

There have been Fifteen BBQ's at Bunnings WP this Rotary year with a **Total of \$15,699.19 raised.**

### *BBQ Dates with Total \$\$\$ raised.*

July 2022 \$858.25

Aug 2022 \$615.51

Sep 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022 \$904.70 22<sup>nd</sup> \$3,133.20 24<sup>th</sup> \$200.75

Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> Cancelled due to Bunnings double booking error. I have since accepted Bunnings offer of Gift Vouchers to value of \$340. Shirley now has the vouchers so they are accounted for. We were also allocated an extra weekend date which ended up being 23/04/23.

Oct 7/10/2022 \$ 397.06

Nov 3/11/2022 \$ 897.92

Dec 2/12/2022 \$ 791.90

Jan 6/01/2023 \$1,354.06

Feb 3/02/2023 \$ 618.40

Mar 3/03/2023 \$ 386.79

Apr 10/04/2023 \$2,833.05 Easter Monday

Apr 23/04/2023 \$2,098.46 Extra Sunday Date

May 5/05/2023 \$ -212.56

June 2/06/2023 \$ 821.70

**Total from Bunnings \$15,699.19**

### *Other Fundraising BBQ's for 2022/2023*

Oct 02/10/22 Bunnings Vouchers (provided as compensation) \$340.00

Dec 16/02/22 BBQ Ariston City Childcare Centre Xmas Party. \$599.56

(A Yearly Event)



Feb 26/02/23. BBQ The Heights with RC of Geelong	<u>\$530.00</u>
	<b>\$1,129.56</b>
June 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Geelong Mazda BBQ. (Ian & Shirley with volunteers)	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
To Operating Account.	<b>\$2,469.56</b>

### *Trivia Night*

Our Judy Eyles and Anne Cotsell from the Salvation Army were the organisers of this event and it was well supported by Rotarians from other Clubs. At least 80 people were in attendance with Geelong Rotary Club being named the Trivia Champions for the 2022 year.

The silent Auction was also very popular with approximately 100 items for sale. The work started at least 6 months prior in canvassing businesses for donations.

Over \$4000 was donated to the Salvation Army from the proceeds by way of Coles gift vouchers with approx. \$2,606 allocated to the Rotary Club of Bayside Geelong.

Thank you Judy and Anne for all the work in making this event the success it was.

### *Rotary Club of Ballarat South Car Raffle.*

This year we supported the Ballarat South Car Raffle again and managed to sell 500 tickets to the total value of \$1,000.00. Thank you to all who took a book (10 Tickets) and returned them sold. Eighty percent being \$800.00 Rotary Club of Bayside Geelong's share.

### **In Summary**

The BBQ's at Bunnings over the Year 2022-2023 were very successful with \$15,699.19 being raised for many needy projects. The other fundraising BBQ's also helped to add to our bank balance by \$2,469.56, as did the Ballarat South Car raffle by \$800.00 giving a total of \$18,968.75. (Not including funds raised by the Trivia Night.

My thanks to all the Bayside members who volunteered over the year and it was great to see all having fun while serving the Community.

Special thanks to Peter Kavenagh for your ongoing help with the Rotary Trailer and your advice on all Bunnings BBQ matters was invaluable. To Peter Hynes for delivering the sausages, bread and ice for most BBQ's; your effort was much appreciated. As with Judy Eyles who always made sure that the onions were ordered and delivered in good time & gave me a reminder when I had forgotten to place an order. Thank you Judy Eyles.

I must also mention non-Bayside members who helped out at the BBQ over the year. These were:



David White (our chef for most BBQ's), Brian Mundy, Leanne Gore, David Patterson, Bev Burch, Mark Furlan, Rick Brown, Ray Barr and John Spiteri. We really appreciate your efforts in often stepping in at short notice to fill the roster.

A big thank you to Rotarians from other clubs, being Deb Furlan from RC of Corio Bay (many times) and Sue Marshman and Beryl McMillan from the Geelong Rotary Club, who also stepped in at late notice to fill our roster.

## MEMBERSHIP PLUS REPORT

Director: Ian Aranyosi

Hello all,

*Well, another year done and dusted.*

Unfortunately, again we have struggled with attracting new members this year. This is not only a problem for our club, but Rotary in general.

Unfortunately, from the outside, our name sort of suggests we are a club that is for people from just around the bay. I know this is not the case but maybe in the future it could be worth considering a name change to a specific suburb or area, eg. South Geelong or Golden Plains, only a thought!!

We are proud to welcome Susan Paulley to our club this year. Susan has been active in a lot of our activities since joining Bayside while balancing work and family. Thank you for your support and commitment to Bayside Susan.

Unfortunately, we lost past Treasurer David Fisher and long-time member and servant to our club John Virgona to declining health.

I wish both past members the best for their future and thank them for their service to the Rotary Club of Bayside Geelong.

We have been fortunate to welcome some friends of Rotary to our club this year. Barb and Phillip Vallance from Bannockburn also Russel Vaughan, a friend of Daryll Webb, Leanne Gore and just call me Robbo (Gary Robertson) among others.

We had a get together at Eastern Gardens after Christmas and all friends of Rotary are invited to guest speaker nights, and also receive The Bollard thanks to President Jo.

I hope this coming year may be more fruitful with the help of the advertising that comes with the Rotary International Convention in Melbourne at the end of May 2023.



## **DONATELIFE**

We have had a good year with Donatelife starting with a table at Waurm Ponds shopping centre July 28<sup>th</sup>. It was a hard day, but we still managed to sign up a few donors and checked quite a few others. Thanks to Shirley and Telsa for their help.



- We were invited to do a presentation at Geelong Central's breakfast meeting.
- In October we did a stall at Lara Rotary Clubs Volunteers night which was great until the power went out.
- District Conference in Ballarat was a great place to showcase our cause.
- Lastly, we had a table at District Assemble in Halls Gap.

Thank you to everyone for your help throughout the year.

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Ian Aranyosi

District Donatelife Chair

## **COMMUNITY AND VOCATIONAL REPORT**

Director: Telsa Stubna

### **COMMUNITY:**

**Story Dogs in Schools:** we have been allocated Baxter the Cocker Spaniel, who with his handler Sally will work at Christ the King School in Newcomb. Proudly adorned with his jacket bearing the Bayside logo, Baxter will listen to students read, without comment or correction. This is a proven method of improving student's grasp of the English language in written form, and we look forward to meeting with Baxter in July.

**Christchurch Community Meals Program:** Bayside members and friends once again provided BBQ evenings in October and March for the patrons, staff members and volunteers at Christchurch. A special warm and fuzzy thankyou to all who helped with catering, serving and clean up afterwards. Patrons are extremely appreciative, as are the regular staff.

**Christmas Gift:** Once again we packed Xmas carry bags of goodies to be given to CCCMP patrons. We included coffee, tea, milk, sugar, instant cappuccino, chocolates, biscuits, savoury snacks and a gift pack of sample toiletries.

**Literacy Award:** 6 x \$50 Dimmock's book vouchers were delivered to high schools, as our annual gift to enhance/encourage/reward student literacy skills. Staff and recipients have been very appreciative with this on-going award.

**End Trachoma:** This is a joint project by Andrea from Youth committee and myself from Community. Families as First Teachers (FaFT) is the second stage of the program we

supported last year, and involves a parent attending the playgroup centre with their pre-schooler and receiving a 'family of 4' sized kit. These include individual washers and hand towels, soap with container, shampoo/conditioner, toothbrush and paste with container, combs, bandaids, deodorant, tissues, water bottles and a 'special gift' all within cloth carry bags, along with printed material about good hygiene. Our allocated centre is Kalkarindji, which is south west of Katherine. The Gurindji people are the traditional owners of the land and the main language spoken is Gurindji Kriol. We put together 20 kits at the club rooms; results from the Program last year were outstanding, with far less occurrence of eye disease.

## VOCATIONAL:

**Fyansford Paper Mills:** Club members visited the mills for an historical, informative tour around the site, with bluestone warehouses and plant machinery along with several artisan shops; foods, crafts, art and jewellery, and a small museum on Button Hill surrounded by plenty of old machinery. The host was a wealth of information especially regarding war storage sites and historical artifacts. We enjoyed a tasty lunch in one of the restaurants.

**Charles Brownlow Retirement Village:** We were given an in-depth tour of these facilities, which included inspecting a self-contained unit, the shared public dining area and bar, movie house, gymnasium, pool, hobby and woodwork areas. The community were knitting teddies to send 10,000 to Ukraine by the end of September, and we managed to add four to their quota, so that will make 4 kiddies a little happier.

**Druro St Transfer Station:** this visit was an interesting exercise, and the facility has had a major overhaul since 'the tip' days. Most sorted items are collected or sent to various recycling agents, and there is also a large resaleable shop, much like an op shop. Tour guide Greg Price was extremely informative and pointed out how many items can be dropped off free of charge, and the importance of rinsing or cleaning items for recycling. We were delayed in getting to our coffee morning across the road at Seasons, but it was well worth the wait.

**Days for Girls:** sewing group continues to produce hygiene kits and were able to send 411 to PNG in the shipping container supplying Leise Olei in the Gulf area. There is no electrical power there and so through PP Ken Wilkes, I received 3 donated treadle sewing machines. These we



refurbished and varnished and stocked with plenty of extra sewing equipment and haberdashery, and sent along for use in setting up their own DfG

sewing enterprise in PNG. A last-minute muster hauled in over 300 pairs of bras, which the ladies will also love. Now our small group is packing 100 kits to distribute to refugees. 47,000 kits have been sent through World Vision to refugees in Afghanistan, Burundi, Iraq, Somalia and South Sudan over the last 3 years. This year the aim is to donate 17,000 to refugee projects. Celeste Mergens, the American founder of DfG, spoke at the Rotary Convention in Melbourne. The support of our club and other benefactors has enabled DfG worldwide to provide more than 2.7 million washable menstrual health kits to girls and women in over 140 countries.

**Abervale Village:** we are soon to visit this facility under a Lendlease Community Connect Sponsorship Program and will be given a guided tour as well as morning tea and lunch. It will make a good comparison to Charles Brownlow Village. The sponsors then make a generous donation to our club for use in a community project.

**Behind the Badge/member talks:** these are an interesting way of learning more about our members and PHF friend's vocations. This year we have enjoyed listening to Brian Burch, Ian Aranyosi, Shirley Marendaz, Ann Cotsell, Daryll Webb, Susan Paulley and hopefully Jane Myers soon.

In closing, I would like to thank my committee members, all club members and their partners and special friends from the community, for the support given me in my role as Director, but especially as Team Leader of Geelong Bayside Days for Girls. We've had a great year.

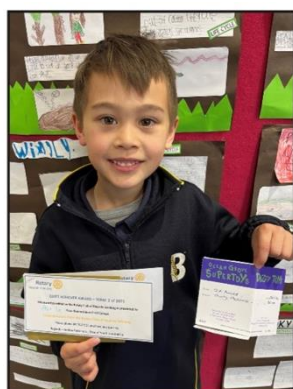
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Telsa Stubna

## YOUTH REPORT

Director: Andrea Patterson

### *The Quiet Achiever Award*



We have continued with our three local Primary Schools this year. St Mary's PS, Tate Street PS and South Geelong PS. These schools appreciate receiving these awards for children who go quietly about their school day and tend to fly under the radar in the classroom.

We have now added two extra schools at the beginning of 2023. St Mary MacKillop P-6 Bannockburn and Bannockburn P-12. Both these schools were keen to be included in our award program.

The award is a \$30 educational book /toy voucher from Dizzy Toys in Pakington St Geelong West. Dizzy Toys continue to give Bayside Rotary a discount.

Budget ; \$320 Dizzy Toys (\$480 value )

### ***RYLA***

Unfortunately we did not have a participant this year.

We have decided to seek someone every second year to attend this program.

Larissa our past participant enthusiastically joined our “Drone” committee to help us with our Facebook and Instagram page.

### ***Defying the Drift***

This is an ongoing Rotary program that Bayside has not been involved with and hopefully we will alternate with RYLA and offer this as an ongoing program.

This is a residential program at Longerenong Agricultural College Horsham. It is a Youth Service Program of District 9780. It is open to students in Year 10 & 11

Since its inception in 2010 this program has helped young people discover pathways through further education and work experience leading to great careers in agriculture.

We have a student interested in participating in the program in September.

Budget \$250 –(student to pay \$100)

### ***Mock Interviews***

These were conducted at Belmont High School quite successfully.

Susan has offered to participate in the program in the future.

### ***You Just Never Know***

Ian, Shirley and Andrea attended the “You Just Never Know” road safety awareness program. This amazing program is offered to students in Year 11 and 12 in the Colac and Geelong regions.

### ***Rotary Youth Exchange.***

We attempted to find a student interested in travelling overseas in 2024. We were not successful.

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Andrea Patterson

## **ENVIRONMENT REPORT**

Director: Aileen Brown

### ***Supporting The Environment***

We have had a busy year this year and below are our achievements.



### *Lids4Kids*

As with last year our major Environment project would have to be our association with Lids4Kids and our collection and sorting of lids. Although we do not have sorting days this work continues in the background.

We had a change of leadership in our local area in July '22 with Jennifer Jarrard stepping down. Lids4Kids was in a bit of chaos for a while until 2 local ladies Deborah Gould and Wendy Smith took over. We are now able to drop unwashed common lids to GT recycling for use in road surfaces.

Lids4Kids has also partnered with SOEL – Southern Ocean Environmental Link in Queenscliffe.

I will be visiting SOEL on June 30<sup>th</sup> with other Lid collectors to find out more about this partnership.

I sent a very large quantity of special sorted coloured lids to Precious Plastics in February and have made monthly drop offs to GT Recycling.



### *McKellar Centre*

Unfortunately, there has been no progress in the garden development at the McKellar Centre. We have been waiting all year for Barwon Health to undertake some engineering works so we can then go in and create our garden.

I spoke to Sue Ritter last week and nothing has started, and she can't predict when it will start.

Perhaps we need to discuss the viability of this project going forward.

### *Fundraising For Ukraine – Sunflower Seeds and Bee Hotels.*

Between selling packets of sunflower seeds, donations at BBQ's and selling bee hotels we have raised in total \$821.50 this financial year, for Ukraine. This is a fantastic outcome.

\$512.20 was sent to the RAWCS Seeds for Ukraine and \$309.30 to RAWCS Ukraine Support.

This change occurred because the Seeds for Ukraine appeal ended. Thanks to everyone who helped out with seed packing and collecting donations.



Also, a huge thank you to Rick Brown who helped make the Bee Hotels.

It has been great to help the people of Ukraine who are suffering terribly currently.

### ***City of Greater Geelong Environment Grant***

In September last year 5 local Rotary Club; Highton, Geelong, East Geelong, Central and Bayside formed an Environmental Committee. We applied for a COGG Environment Grant and were successful in our application.

Many zoom meetings have been held to discuss and organise what we should do with this grant.

The grant has been and continues to be used to raise awareness of Environmental issues, run workshops and organise educational visits.

So far, we have had:

- A Bee Hotel Workshop in March
- A tour of the COGG composting site in Lara in April
- A tour of the Sparrowvale Wetlands Project in June
- In August there will be a Meatless family meals workshop
- In September a Q & A night.



These past events have been very successful and fully booked. Thank you to the Bayside members who attended these events, to Murrells who donated a bus for 2 of them and to David White and Ian A for donating their time to drive.

From my observations, all who have attended these events have thoroughly enjoyed them and have been amazed at what is going on in the background in the environmental sphere, in our local area.

The August meals workshop is sold out and I would encourage all members to attend the Q&A night in September.

We are busily organising speakers for the event, and it should be a great night at the Naval Association

## **Education and Memberships**

I have renewed my membership of ESRAG and receive monthly newsletters and free Zoom workshops.

The creation of a local environment committee with Highton, East Geelong, Geelong, Central and Bayside has been a fantastic opportunity to share idea and knowledge.

It is wonderful to see Barb Sheehan taking on the District Environment Chair, she is very passionate about all things environmental.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for their support, and I encourage all of you to think of the environment in your everyday lives. There is much we can do as individuals to keep plastic out of our environment and every little bit helps.



YIR

Aileen Brown

## INTERNATIONAL SERVICE & FOUNDATION REPORT

Director: Judy Beasley

### International Service

The Rotary Club of Bayside Geelong has been actively supporting a number of International projects this year.

#### *Donations in Kind*

***The club has continued its support of DIK Geelong (now called RARE – Rotary Australia Repurposing Equipment) - with donations of supplies to international communities in need, particularly PNG and Pacific regions. The club also supported the “Bras for PNG Project”. The club collected over 400 bras from family, friends and other rotary clubs in the local Geelong area. These were taken to DIK Geelong where they were loaded into a container and shipped to PNG supporting the local women in need.***



**Bra Muster - Bras for PNG**

#### *Operation Cleft*

***This year the club has chosen to support “Operation Cleft” with a donation of \$1,000.***

Operation Cleft is a unique Rotary project that offers free cleft repair surgery to underprivileged children in Bangladesh. With this important surgery we provide them the opportunity to lead a normal life, obtain an education and acceptance in their community. The club also hopes to join with other clubs in the Geelong area to support a mother and child who are travelling to Geelong for surgery, in the near future.

#### *Days for Girls*

The Days for Girls project helps girls gain access to quality sustainable feminine hygiene and awareness by direct distribution of feminine hygiene kits. Thanks to a global network of 1,000s of volunteers and supporters, Days for Girls has reached women and girls in 75



countries on 6 continents. At a local level the Days for Girls project is capably led by PP Telsa Stubna, who coordinates the project on behalf of our **rotary club, which gives annual financial support of \$1500**. Telsa and her team of volunteers, source materials and attend regular working bees which has led to the successful completion of 400+ kits this year, many of which have been sent to PNG as part of the continuing “Lucy Project”.

### ***PNG Lese Oalai School Development Project***

The RC Bayside Geelong continues to partner with Torquay RC and the Peter Nathan Loko Foundation to develop a project to provide improved education and sanitation to the village of Lese Oalai in the Gulf Province of PNG. I have been working with Rotarian John Oswald, Rotarian Lucy Loko and a number of interested Rotarians to develop a Business Case. Once completed we will be able to approach rotary clubs, districts, businesses and government agencies to help raise the \$1,000,000+ to provide materials to build the classrooms.

The project is divided into three parts – the building of 14 classrooms, provision of toilets at the school and the supply of fresh water to the school and the Lese Oalai villagers and wider communities. The RC Manly in NSW has taken on the Toilet project and has applied for a Global Grant to help finance this part of the project. It is hoped that the building of the toilets will commence in August. The RC of Taylors Bridge in Queensland, has taken up the Water project. This project will take much perseverance and continued effort to bring it to fruition. Its success will see hundreds of children benefitting with a better standard of health and quality of education and 1,000s of villagers will be able to access clean fresh water.

A container loaded with educational materials, books, stationery, desks, chairs, sewing machines, Days for Girls kits, bras etc. was recently sent to PNG and will be transported to Lese Oalai Village. The container will then be converted into a school library. The Deputy High Commission in PNG has generously supported this project with a donation of \$30,000.

***This year the RC Bayside Geelong has pledged \$2,500 towards the classroom project.***

***A stall, promoting the Lese Oalai School Development Project, was set up in the House of Friendship at the recent RI World Convention held in Melbourne.*** There was a lot of interest in the project and Lucy has been invited to speak at a number of rotary clubs around Australia and overseas.



### **Lese Oalai School Development Project**

**The Lese Oalai School Development Program Stall  
at the House of Friendship at the RI World  
Convention in Melbourne**

## Foundation

### *The Rotary Foundation*

The Rotary Foundation is Rotary International's Charity. **Thank you to all Club members who have contributed to the Centurion Program this year. Your annual donation of AUD\$100** will be forwarded to RI and will come back in the form of District and Global Grants. With your support the Foundation has been able to fund projects in communities that need our help the most. The Rotary Foundation helps Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment and alleviating poverty.

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*Your Centurion donation along with the club's \$1,000 contribution will make "Doing good in the World" possible. Thankyou!!!*

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### *End Polio Now*

Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for 35 years. During that time rotarians have contributed more than USD\$2.1Billion and countless volunteer hours to protect nearly 3 billion children in 122 countries from this paralysing disease. Today, Polio remains endemic only in Afghanistan and Pakistan. But it is crucial to continue working to keep other countries polio-free. If all eradication stopped today, within 10 years Polio could paralyse as many as 200,00 children each year.

**The RC Bayside Geelong continues to support the RI End Polio Now Campaign with a donation of \$1,000.** The campaign to eradicate polio continues... we are so close but just not there 'yet'. Rotary is working hard to vaccinate as many children as possible to put an end to Polio for good.

## Vocational Service

### *DR. John Birrell Road Safety Practitioner of the Award 2023*

The Dr. John Birrell Road Safety Practitioner of the Year Award is an annual project supported jointly between RC Bayside Geelong and RC Bellarine North, in conjunction with Victoria Police Western Region Division 1.

The Award night was held at the Portarlington Golf Club on Monday April 24<sup>th</sup>. This year the Rotary Club of Bellarine North hosted the evening. Around 60 guests attended. District 9780 Governor, Kathy Rivett and David, joined us. DG Kathy gave the Toast to Rotary International and Victoria Police. Geelong Superintendent Peter Ward spoke



**Award Winner Shane Dignan and recipient of the prize money Margaret Markovic along with Victoria Police and the organisers Terry Baker and Judy Beasley**

about current Road Policing and last year's recipient of the award money, Kelly Taylor, from Geelong Youth Engagement, spoke about how the money has benefitted their "You Just Never Know Program" for senior secondary students embarking on their learner driver training and getting on the roads as licenced drivers. Senior Sergeant Sean Drew gave an interesting background to Dr. John Birrell and how the award came about.

**BGRC President Jo White, presented the winning plaque to Senior Constable Shane**

**Dignan, from Geelong Highway Patrol.** Shane was humbled to receive the award and spoke about his work in making Trucks safer on our roads around the Geelong area. Shane then announced the recipient of the **\$3,000 donated by Bayside Geelong and Bellarine North RCs**, as the Road Trauma Families of Victoria for their program **"RAW2ROAR"**. This program is a free camp for youth coping with trauma, grief and loss. CEO, Margaret Markovic, graciously accepted the donation from BNRC President Andrew Jeffery. Margaret spoke from the heart, as she outlined how the program came about through her family's tragic loss of their son in a



President Jo White presenting the plaque to the Winner Shane Dignan

car accident. Margaret explained how much good the money was going to do for young people suffering from loss due to road trauma.

The evening concluded with a raffle, which raised funds for "Operation Cleft". All in all, it was a very special and thought provoking evening, enjoyed by all who attended. **We should feel very proud that we are making a real difference in our community.**

## COMMUNITY REPORT

### *Elegant High Tea*

On Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> the RC Bayside Geelong hosted an **"Elegant High Tea"** at the Christ Church Community Hall. Although we didn't get the numbers we were hoping for, the afternoon was a great success and raised over \$2,000. Members, family and friends all chipped in to donate the food, coffee, tea, wine, glasses, crockery, raffle prizes, flowers and plants, bunting and tablecloths. The hall looked wonderful and the guests were treated to a lovely afternoon tea and fun activities.



Workers preparing the food



*A HUGE THANK YOU must go to everyone who helped to make the afternoon a great success!!!*



**The Bayside Geelong RC Team celebrating a successful event**



**Three Generations helping on the day**



**The yummy Food Plates**



**Our Coffee & Tea Barristers Daryll & Rick**



**Elegant High Tea Bartenders Ian & Shirley**

- \$1,000 was donated to the Cancer Council and \$1,000 was donated to purchase the products to go into the FAFT (Families as First Teachers) "Family Hygiene Bags" Project to End Trachoma.

**YIR**

**Judy Beasley**

## PROGRAMS – TELSA STUBNA

DATE	SPEAKER	TOPIC/ACTIVITY
5 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	P. Jo White	Board meeting
12 <sup>th</sup>		No meeting
19 <sup>th</sup>		Social event
26 <sup>th</sup>	AG David Sykes	Update on Regionalisation Pilot
2 <sup>nd</sup> August	P. Jo White	Board meeting
9 <sup>th</sup>	DG Kathy Rivett	Annual visit, dinner to follow
16 <sup>th</sup>	Jody Keating-Gorton	Charles Brownlow Retirement Tour
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Shirley Marendaz	Behind the Badge
30 <sup>th</sup>	DGN Lesley Sheddon	Regionalisation Pilot
6 <sup>th</sup> September	P. Jo White	Board meeting
13 <sup>th</sup>		Social event
20 <sup>th</sup>	PP. Don Shields	Club Insurance
27 <sup>th</sup>	Greg Price	Transfer Station Tour, Druro St
4 <sup>th</sup> October	P. Jo White	Board meeting
11 <sup>th</sup>	Karen Knuckey	Story Dogs program in schools
18 <sup>th</sup>		Social event
25 <sup>th</sup>	Madonna Morton	Released prisoner housing
6 <sup>th</sup> November	P. Jo White	Board meeting
13 <sup>th</sup>	Judy Eyles	Prep for Trivia night
18 <sup>th</sup>	Judy E., P. Jo White	Trivia at Geelong West Town Hall
22 <sup>nd</sup>	P. Jo White	AGM, P&P reports
29 <sup>th</sup>	Peter Kavenagh	Cyber Security, BBQ at club rooms
5 <sup>th</sup> December	P. Jo White	Board meeting
13 <sup>th</sup>	P. Jo White	Club Xmas Wind-up
14 <sup>th</sup>	P. Jo White	Ariston House Xmas BBQ Dinner
17 <sup>th</sup> January 23	P. Jo White	Members, friends BBQ Eastern Park
24 <sup>th</sup>	John Oswald	Operation Cleft Palate
31 <sup>st</sup>	PE Ian Aranyosi	Highton Bowls Club, Cucina 21
7 <sup>th</sup> February	P. Jo White	Board w'pizza, White House
14 <sup>th</sup>	P. Jo White & Telsa	P&P, pancakes on the clubroom BBQ
21 <sup>st</sup>	P. Jo White	Social, Malt & Shovel Taphouse
28 <sup>th</sup>	Lauren Salajan, Clinical Psych.	Where do the problems start?
5 <sup>th</sup> March		Fyansford Paper Mills, tour & lunch
7 <sup>th</sup>	P. Jo White	Board meeting
14 <sup>th</sup>	P. Jo White	Project & Planning
18 <sup>th</sup>	Aileen & Rick Brown	Bee Hotel Workshop
20 <sup>th</sup>	Telsa & Jan McGowan	CCCMP BBQ for patrons
28 <sup>th</sup>	Anne Cotsell, Salvos Chaplain	Helping the homeless
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	P. Jo White	Board meeting

DATE	SPEAKER	TOPIC/ACTIVITY
11 <sup>th</sup>	Judy Beasley	High Tea prep meeting
15 <sup>th</sup>	Elaine Brown	Enviro W/shop Lara Compost Farm
18 <sup>th</sup>	Judy B, P. Jo White	High Tea and P&P meeting
24 <sup>th</sup>	Judy B, P. Jo White	Dr John Birrell Road Safety Awards
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	P. Jo White	Board meeting
9 <sup>th</sup>	P. Jo White	Club planning for the future
13 <sup>th</sup>	Judy Beasley	Elegant High Tea
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Margaret Markovic	Raw to Roar (R2R)
27th-31st	RI Committee members	RI Convention Melbourne
6 <sup>th</sup> June	P. Jo White	Board meeting
13 <sup>th</sup>	Administration	Abervale Village & Windsor Park
20 <sup>th</sup>	Freda Wright	ROMAC child to sponsor
27 <sup>th</sup>	Telsa and Andrea	Pack FaFT kits for End Trachoma
30 <sup>th</sup>	P. Jo and PE Ian Aranyosi	Changeover Dinner, Batesford Hotel

## **TREASURERS REPORT**

### **Financial Report 2022-2023**

This is the final Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 for the Rotary Club of Bayside Geelong for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

On 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 the Treasurer upgraded from MS Excel bookkeeping and began using Xero software to record all transactions. This has been useful in tracking income and expenditure as well as obtaining accurate reports for club activities when required. It has worked well overall and with more exposure to its features reporting will improve over the coming short term.



During the year members of the Board completed an Action Plan and Budget for each respective Board portfolio. This allowed expenditure to be tracked in accordance with anticipated revenue, to allow sufficient funds to meet our goals, and finish the year with a healthy bank balance:

Operations Account: \$2,837.78      Fundraising Account: \$16,701.63

The Profit & Loss report is presented as a consolidated report incorporating both the Operations Account and the Fundraising Account. A net profit of \$2,264.45 across the Bayside Geelong entity. It is hoped in 2023/2024 to present as two separate Profit & Loss reports, as in the past.

The Balance Sheet has two additional Asset items to record electronic gift cards that were donated to Bayside Geelong - \$340 of Bunnings gift cards (17 x \$20 cards), and \$1,000 of EFTPOS cards (2 x \$500) from Abervale Retirement Village. It is intended to spend down or convert to cash by selling off to members.



Below is a breakdown of two expense items that may be of interest to members:

**Donations to service activities**

29/08/22	Luke Elliott - Donation: Airfares for Road Safety Conf Scholarship	500.00
12/09/22	ShelterBox Australia - Donation to Pakistan Flood Appeal. Approved at Board Mtg 6/9/22	1,000.00
18/10/22	Telsa Stubna - CCMP BBQ 10/10/22, supplies	144.29
18/10/22	Telsa Stubna - Literacy Awards - 6 x Dymocks vouchers	300.00
08/11/22	Dizzy Toys - Youth - Quiet Achiever Awards	260.00
25/02/23	Story Dogs Pty Ltd - Story Dogs - 1 year support for Baxter, Story Dog at local primary school	500.00
24/04/23	Bellarine North Rotary Club - John Birrell Award 24/4/23 - 1/2 share (J Beasley)	1,500.00
19/05/23	Days for Girls Australia - Donation: DfG Stall at RI Convention	150.00
14/06/23	Christchurch Community Program - Christchurch Meals Program	1,500.00
14/06/23	The Rotary Foundation - Annual RI Foundation donation	1,000.00
14/06/23	The Rotary Foundation - End Polio Now	1,000.00
14/06/23	Operation Cleft Australia - Operation Cleft	1,000.00
14/06/23	Geelong Youth Engagement - Geelong Youth Engagement	500.00
14/06/23	Naval Association - Naval Association	1,000.00
19/06/23	RAWCS - Lese Olai donation (Pt 2 of \$5,000 pledge)	2,500.00
28/06/23	Road Trauma Raw2Roar - Raw 2 Roar donation	500.00
<b>Total Donations to service activities</b>		<b>13,354.29</b>

**Subscriptions**

27/07/22	Rotary DownUnder	RDU	378.25
27/07/22	Rotary International	RI Dues No 1	1,028.08
15/08/22	Rotary International District 9780 Inc	RI Dues District	1,530.00
15/08/22	ClubRunner	CR 01Nov22-31Oct23.	416.31
18/10/22	Aileen Brown - ESRAG membership	Reimb: ESRAG m'ship	30.00
10/11/22	ClubRunner	Domain renewal	373.22
20/01/23	Rotary International	RI Dues No 2	1,053.04
25/02/23	Rotary Down Under Digital subscription Jan-Jun23	RDU Digital Jan-Jun23	335.75
<b>Total Subscriptions</b>			<b>5,144.65</b>



## Profit and Loss

### ROTARY CLUB OF BAYSIDE GEELONG

For the year ended 30 June 2023



Account	2023
<b>Trading Income</b>	
BBQ Activities - funds raised	24,806.30
Car Raffle, Ballarat South RC (Operations)	800.00
Donations Received	2,707.25
High Tea	1,023.05
Meeting Attendance (Operations)	780.00
Member Dues (Operations)	3,958.00
Nestle Milo Tins project	410.00
Other Revenue	5,676.59
Presidents Raffle	71.00
Raffle - Meeting (Operations)	332.50
Trivia Night	7,046.37
<b>Total Trading Income</b>	<b>47,611.06</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>47,611.06</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	
Bank Fees	274.14
BBQ Expenses	8,199.18
C/church toilet reno	3,191.45
Christchurch Xmas Gift Bags	261.33
Consulting & Accounting	450.00
Days for Girls	1,500.00
Donations to service activities	13,354.29
End Trachoma	1,166.35
General Expenses	256.69
Office Expenses	329.00
Other Expenses	5,676.10
Printing & Stationery	30.24
Repairs & Maintenance - BBQ Trailer	182.51
Sponsorship	250.00
Subscriptions	5,144.65
Training Activities	373.17
Trivia Night expenses	4,440.35
Xero monthly fee	267.16
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>45,346.61</b>
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>2,264.45</b>

*NB: On the Profit & Loss Statement, the accounts titled "Other Revenue" and "Other Expenses" are basically used for In/Out transactions such as collecting funds for Changeover Dinner, then immediate payment to the venue for the Changeover Dinner.*

## Balance Sheet

As at 30 June 2023

### Assets

#### Bank

Operating Account ..... \$2,837.78  
 Fundraising Account..... \$16,701.63  
 Total Bank.....\$19,539.41

#### Current Assets

Abervale EFTPOS Cards ..... \$1,000.00  
 Bunnings Gift Cards..... \$340.00  
 Cash Float ..... \$361.50  
 Total Current Assets .....\$1701.50

#### Fixed Assets

BBQ Trailer ..... \$10,000.00  
 Total Fixed Assets .....\$10,000.00

**Total Assets.....\$31,240.91**

**Net Assets .....\$31,240.91**

### Equity

Current Year Earnings .....\$2,264.45  
 Retained Earnings .....\$28,976.46

**Total Equity.....\$31,240.91**

It was another busy and productive year for the Rotary club with many successful fundraising activities that were well-supported by all members of Bayside Geelong Rotary Club.

Shirley Marendaz  
 Treasurer

